MEMORABLE EVENTS

The Bras d'Or Yacht Club was founded July 26, 1904, at a meeting held in Gertude Hall. Present at the founding meeting were Charles Carruth, G.F. MacRae, Dr. J.A. MacIver, William Arnold, H. Percy Blanchard, G. Hollyfield, J. Campbell, P.L. MacFarlane, G. MacKay, D.A. MacRae, A.W. McCurdy and Gilbert Grosvenor.



Original Building 1913

The Club was named the Bras d'Or Yacht Club based on a motion amended by Mr. Gilbert Grosvenor, rather than Baddeck Yacht Club. Annual dues were set at 50 cents plus 50 cents initial fee and women were not allowed to become members.



Commencing on July 22, 1913, under the auspices of the Cape Breton Yacht Racing Association, the first Regatta was held at the Bras d'Or Yacht Club. In the 40s and 50s, Snipes were towed from North Sydney and Sydney to Baddeck and back again for annual Regattas.



Circa 1954, the very first sailing school was conducted by Sid Forsey from the Northern Yacht Club. This position was taken over by the first female member of the Bras d'Or Yacht Club, Angie MacCharles. Well respected by the membership and her students, Angie was a very competitive sailor. She often sailed snipes with her sister Frances as crew, and they were usually at the front of the pack, placing first or second.

BYC WAS NSTRUMENTAL IN FOUNDING THE CCA IN 1919

CANADIAN SNIPE CHAMPIONSHIPS HOSTED TWICE 1954, 1965

OK DINGHY CHAMPIONSHIP – 1977

NATIONAL LASER OPEN - 1979

NATIONAL LASER WOMEN – 1982

HOBIE NATIONALS – 1987, 1992

MATCH RACING TEAM IN BEDFORD – 2003

