



The Lighthouse

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WOW Factor Off The Scale

Absolutely the BEST New Year's Eve Party held at BYC in many, many years, according to everyone who attended. Here it is March, and they're still talking about it.



Beverly Dunlop and Brenda Cook deserve all the thanks and a huge round of applause for the time and creative effort they put into the planning and execution of this beautiful event. The band, the food, the decorations, everything was picture perfect.



Even the fireplace got the royal treatment. What a way to ring in the New Year. This has to be a good omen for 2011 at BYC.



A committee has already been struck to start organizing the New Year's party for next year. It's going to be tough to top this one. Thanks again to Beverly & Brenda for showing us what is possible.

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2011 AGM WELL ATTENDED

The Annual General Meeting of BYC was held February 19th in the lower hall with an excellent turnout.

The big news of course is the new bookkeeping system founded by **Allan MacDonald** and **Melanie Garland**, and managed by **Jeanette Layes** our in-house bookkeeper who is doing an excellent job with her new responsibilities.

Setting up the new bookkeeping system was an enormous task and well accomplished. All the information from our previous bookkeeper's records had to be entered piece by piece from 2010 into the new system so comparisons could be made going forward, as well as keeping up day to day with the new year as it progressed.

We would be remiss if we did not thank **Lois Patterson** for all the years she looked after the books for us, making sure the bills were paid, the staff was paid, statements were sent out, and generally keeping us on track. Her departure last spring brought about quite a change in the way we do things. Allan MacDonald, newly appointed as Treasurer, immediately set about putting the new system in place, ably assisted by Director Melanie Garland.

Melanie has retired from the Board this year and we shall miss her greatly. She has contributed so much to BYC during her tour of duty. Allan will be staying on as a Director and will be assisting our new Treasurer **Heather Harvey** as she takes over this demanding role.

Thanks also must go to **Sue Phelan, Ernest Roberts, Len Harvey, Ian MacKillop, and Cory Cox** for their excellent contributions to BYC, as they too step down from the Board of Governors.

And finally, we must say thank you to our excellent **Commodore David Dunlop**. Having reached the maximum of 3 years, the time allotted for Commodores, he now takes his well earned place as Past Commodore. Hopefully David will now be able to enjoy a more leisurely pace at the club. Maybe even do some sailing.

You can get a copy of the minutes of the meeting and financial statements at the Club Office.

Thank You Everyone



We Now Have Voice Mail

You don't have to guess anymore when the best time is to call. You can leave a message. Someone will call you back shortly. Don't forget to leave your number.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS 2011

With some new faces and some old ones here are your Officers and Directors for 2011

Commodore – Mona Anderson
Past Commodore – David Dunlop
Vice Commodore – Willie Reid
Rear Commodore – Tim Woodford
Learn To Sail Director – Kathy Anne Woodford
Bar Chair – To be Announced
Treasurer – Heather Harvey
Director – Wendy Burns-Morrison
Director – Arthur Coakley
Director – Jackie Hendricksen
Director - Allan MacDonald
Director – Peter Meisner

and our Staff

Fraser MacLeod – **Bar Manager**
Jeanette Layes – **Club Administrator**

Donald Green gives his regrets that he is not able to serve on the Board this year.

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If you haven't visited the BYC website in awhile, you're in for a treat. We've done some spring cleaning, given the place a face lift, and made information a whole lot easier to find.

A great new feature of the website is our bulletin board **NEWS & EVENTS** right on the home page. Who's playing Pub Night on Friday, Special Events, Racing Results, and anything newsworthy will be posted here.

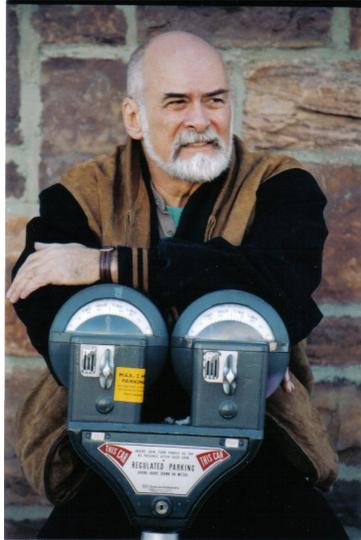
Check it out for yourself, and let us know what you think.



SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL YACHT CLUB

It's A

Kitchen Party



Bill Conall In Concert

Author, Storyteller, Truck Driver, Songwriter, Musician
Wood Cutter, Occasional Poet, Sgoilear Gaidhlig

Silver Medalist

Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour
for "The Rock In The Water"

Saturday, April 9th, 2011

8:00 to 10:30 PM

Cash Bar

Tickets \$10 @ The Door

Light Refreshments Will Be Served

50/50 Draw

All Proceeds To The BYC Kitchen Fund

The America's Cup

If you were thinking you might be interested in mounting a campaign for the next America's Cup Challenge, it was recently estimated you will need about \$140 Million to be competitive. The 34th Running of the fabled America's Cup is scheduled for Sept. 7 – 22, 2013 in San Francisco preceded by the challenger series, the Louis Vuitton Cup, which runs July 13 – Sept.1, 2013.

How did this all get started? In 1851, a boat named **America** won the 100 Guinea Cup, given to the winner of a race around the Isle of Wight. The winners, members of the New York Yacht Club, donated the trophy to their Club to be held as a challenge trophy. Thus was born the **America's Cup**, named after the boat, not the country.

CLEANING UP THE CLUB PARKING LOT

This year, the Board plans to undertake a big project by cleaning up the parking lot and setting up a **PAID PARKING** system for tourists and visitors to the club. The way the yard is right now it is difficult to tell where the club property starts and ends. And as we have all experienced, especially during the summer months, the yard is often full of tourists' cars, buses, trailers and campers, often left overnight, or for days at a time without identification, taking up valuable space. This is how we plan to proceed.

1. Define the club property.
2. Mark proper parking spaces on both sides of our lot, both paved and graveled areas.

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USED SAILS

Take a look in your sail locker and see if you have anything that won't fly anymore, but still looks good enough to hang in the clubhouse.

These sails will be used in the upstairs lounge to help buffer the sound and improve the acoustics.

Drop them off at the clubhouse marked
ATTENTION PETER MEISNER.

DID YOU KNOW?

This year July will have
5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays, and 5 Sundays.
This only occurs once every 823 years.

Nautical Roots of Common Phrases

SLUSH FUND

Most people think this term originated in the smoke-filled boardrooms of corporate America. Surprisingly, however, it can be traced back to some clever ship cooks who saved the slushy mix of fat and grease that was left over after every meal. The slush would be stowed away in a secret hiding place until the ship returned to port. The cooks would then sell the fat to candle makers and other merchants, earning themselves a tidy sum in the process. Thus, the term "slush fund" refers to an illicit cash reserve.

UNDER THE WEATHER

Keeping watch onboard sailing ships was a boring and tedious job, but the worst watch station was on the "weather" (windward) side of the bow. The sailor who was assigned to this station was subject to the constant pitching and rolling of the ship, while getting soaked from the waves crashing over the bow. A sailor who was assigned to this unpleasant duty was said to be "under the weather." Sometimes, these men fell ill and died as a result of the assignment, which is why today "under the weather" is used to refer to someone suffering from an illness.

BY AND LARGE

A sailing vessel was considered seaworthy if it could sail both "by" (into the wind) and "large" (with the wind). This term has come to mean "generally speaking" in modern parlance.

CLEANING UP THE CLUB PARKING LOT ...continued

3. **PAID PARKING** will apply to tourists, buses, guests, and non-members only.
4. Members will park for **FREE** and will be issued parking stickers for their cars so they are easily identified.
5. A green space will be left along the graveled area where we can set up picnic benches and planters to make a resting place.

Work will start in earnest once the boats start going in the water. Signage will be put in place to help direct traffic. We also plan to employ summer staff to look after the yard. This project will be coordinated with the Nova Scotia Job Creation Program so we will have assistance with wages for these new staffers. They will collect parking fees, launch ramp fees, and mooring fees. You can help by making sure your equipment is clearly marked with your name and your boat's name so members' property can be easily identified.

The overall plan is threefold: **a)** Get control of who parks what in our yard, **b)** Make our yard attractive and welcoming, and **c)** Earn some extra revenue for the club. We have been talking with a number of members already and so far have met with positive and helpful comments. We have also received a gift of a load of gravel, and a picnic bench. This is very encouraging that we seem to be heading in the right direction. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any of the Board Members who will be happy to discuss your ideas. **PAID PARKING** will be during the heavy traffic months of the summer only – June through September.

“Atlantic Boating News” At the Moncton Boat Show



March 25 – 27, 2011
Moncton Coliseum

Rod Stright (Stright-Mackay) sailed **Regatta Week** here in Baddeck last summer. His big blue boat **Equinox**, a Frers 33, was hard to miss on the race course. Rod was so impressed with our regatta that he wrote an article for **Atlantic Boating News** which will appear in the March issue which will also double as the Boat Show Guide for the Moncton Boat Show.

Sailor's Dictionary

Ketch: Disagreeable clause in boat-purchase contract.

Chart: A type of map which tells you exactly where you are aground.

Displacement: When you dock your boat and can't find it later.

Cruising: Fixing your boat in exotic locations.

Estimated Position: A place you have marked on the chart where you are sure you are not.

Latitude: The number of degrees off course allowed a guest.

Mizzen: Lozt.

Square Rigger: A rigger over 30.

Oil: Thick viscous substance poured by sailors on troubled waters in former times, but now more frequently on troubled beaches, troubled marshes and troubled seabirds.

2011 Memberships Now Available at BYC

Get Yours While Supplies Last

Application Forms on our website. Don't forget to mark **MEMBERSHIP** on your cheque.

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Recently seen on a T-Shirt

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday,
Saturday

See? There is no Someday.



2011 LEARN TO SAIL @ BYC

Beginners

Kingfisher pram sailing for those just starting to get their feet wet.

Intermediate

Advanced pram handling and beginner 420 sailing for our more seasoned juniors.

Advanced/Racers

Advanced 420 spinnaker sailing and boat handling for our advanced sailors.

Adult

Never too late to learn! One night a week Learn To Sail programs and a weekend Learn To Sail options for adults.

Complete Learn To Sail program with dates, rates, and registration forms on the BYC website now.

For More Information Contact
Kathy Anne Woodford – Director
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Course Information and registration forms also available at the Club.

**Board of Governors
2011**

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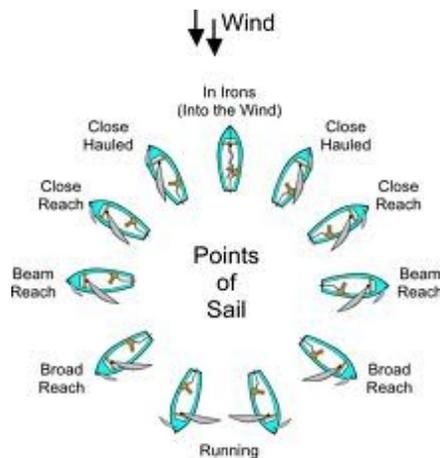
**SEEKING SOCIAL
COMMITTEE CHAIR**

BYC needs a Social Committee to put on a regular series of events for the Members.

If you have some fun ideas to share and can con your friends into helping you, this could be the job for you. Or if you would just like to help on this fun project, we need you too.

If you are interested, please contact the Commodore to discuss.
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**BYC CALENDAR
Spring 2011**

**Every Monday Night
Rose's Exercise Class**

Lower Hall @ BYC
Contact Rose Pino @ 295-2576
(The Outdoor Store)

**St. Patrick's Day Celebration
Friday, March 18, 2011**

**THE KITCHEN PARTY
Fund Raiser**

Bill Conall in Concert

Saturday, April 9, 2011
Lower Hall @ BYC
8:00 – 10:30 pm

RACING CALENDAR 2011

RACERS – Take Notice

July 23/24 Weekend – BYC West Bay Regatta @ Dundee Marina

July 30/31 Weekend – McCurdy Cup Regatta @ BYC

August 6 – McManus Cup Women's Seabird Regatta @ BYC

August 7-13 – BYC Regatta Week Sail Past on Sunday August 7

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June 1, 2011**



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