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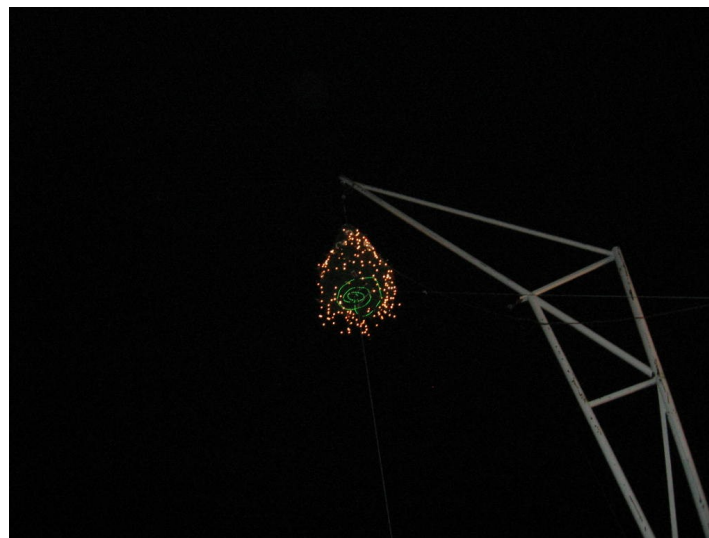
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Over 160 DYC members and guests enjoyed the 'spirit of Christmas' this season at our club. We held two seasonal parties in December—the first, a 'Welcome Christmas to DYC' event where members purchased and tied festive ribbons on our new, outdoor Christmas tree, which was then suspended on the mast crane for the entire community to see! We held a 'Grand Illumination' of the clubhouse and were treated to the song stylings of Honest Frankie.



One of the purposes of the December 4th event was to raise funds for a DYC Community Outreach event on New Years' Day: a festive dinner for 100 less-fortunate people in our community, selected by Community Care. Members and guests dug deeply into their pockets and the result was \$1,100 in donations! This really proves that 'DYC cares'! Any monies left over following the dinner will be given to Community Care for their important work in the community. We held our Traditional Adult Christmas Party on

Saturday, December 12, featuring a fabulous holiday buffet from Edward and Derek, dinner music by the James Brown Duo, keyboard music of the season from member John Butler, and our Carol Sing, led by Susan McLaughlin. Club members told us they always look forward to this annual event, which seems to really bring the club together!

Howie, Chris and Barry watch the tree being hoisted up the crane





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Commodore's Comments by Chris McLaughlin

For years, when our boat was at Niagara-on-the-Lake, I followed a New Year's ritual: I drove down to the boat and climbed up the ladder and sat in the cockpit every New Year's Day. Sitting there, I dreamed about the boating season to come and all the adventures we would have, sailing to new and favourite destinations.

Nowadays, I don't have to go far to get to the boat, but the ritual continues. Right now I'm thinking about the upcoming year at DYC and all the great things which will happen involving our great members!

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I hope to be able to give you concrete information during my term, for example, on when construction will begin on the next set of new docks. I know Dock Chair D'Arcy is in the process of designing new docks for the Harbour Office area which will not only be better, but more numerous.

We will need to accommodate an influx of larger boats which our newest members seem to be acquiring. For example, John Brown and I recently signed up a couple with a fifty-one foot power boat!

I also hope to be able to offer you a collection of

favourite and new events, in collaboration with Special Events and Entertainment Chair, Howie. It is my dream to host an evening to honour our Life Members—a group of people who, over the years, have made tremendous contributions to our club.

We also plan some inter-club events, where we invite members from Smuggler's Cove and Niagara-on-the-Lake to join us for a fun evening.

Now that it is January, our club is closed for the month, and John Brown is planning to renovate the storage room which is used by the restaurant and the club for equipment and important records and documents.

Speaking of John, we are cutting back his hours in the office in January. John will be in the office from 9am-5pm every Thursday. The office will be closed on all other days. The club is doing this for reasons of economy during this slower period of activity.

John will be available by email at manager@discoverdyc.com, and he promises he will attend to your requests within 24 hours. For urgent attention, you may call me at home and I will assist you by referring your issue to the proper Board member or John.

Our club will continue its Community Outreach, begun on January 1st with our New Year's Day Dinner. A

committee, chaired by Board member Barb McMullen, will plan additional outreach activities. Most of these will involve boats in one way or another—a suggestion from several Board members.

In 2010, we also hope to increase members' usage of the restaurant, both at lunch and dinner. We have two of the finest young chefs in the peninsula, and we will be seeking ways to encourage you to enjoy their fresh-food offerings more often.

We want to continue the excellent pattern of growth in our Learn to Sail program, chaired by Paul Haynes with Sailing School chief coach Andrew Graham.

I could go on and on, but I know you also have dreams for our club. I'd like to hear from you about some positive things we can do in 2010 to make the Dalhousie Yacht Club a better place for all our members. I am always available by email and most of the time by telephone. I'm hoping that this year, I'll hear more positive suggestions for change than complaints—although feel free to share those with me, too.

A very Happy New Year to you and yours, and in 2010, let's share in the grand dream for our yacht club—to continue to make it a better place in every way for our members!

MemComm Committee by Gwen Smith

A Membership & Communication committee has been formed and met three times. We have established some reference points and reviewed the club's current forms of communication. The process has identified our most efficient forms of communicating with all our 'markets'; Boating, Social, Assoc. Members, Management (Board and Manager), Boating Community, Community in general and potential New Members. Of those that were identified as most efficient, we chose three priorities for this year, the website, newsletter, and improving email lists requiring some database improvement.

Moving forward the committee will be meeting to review our website, identify its limitations, and strengths, build a wish list for developing its effectiveness further and develop a plan for implementation. This process will likely require 8-10 meetings for completion. We are looking for volunteers to participate in the project.

If you have any comments, suggestions or are willing to participate in the committee please contact me at gwen.smith@ymail.com or 905-371-0842.

Treasurer's Report by Rick Fleming

Happy New Year! By the time you read this it will be 2010 and I thought starting the New Year off with a little good news wouldn't hurt.

The club's finances continue to improve over last year. Net income is up compared to the same period last year and we are on track to meet our financial targets for the coming year. Accounts receivables are down substantially from last year which has certainly helped.

However, and there always seems to be a "however", January and February continue to be difficult from a cash flow perspective. Although the club will be closed for January, the bills continue to come in and need to be paid. With our bookkeeper on vacation for the next 2 months, there will not be any monthly statements sent out until early March. Please check

your December statement and, if you have an outstanding balance, make arrangements to pay it as soon as possible.

Dock applications will be due soon, and, if you are in a position to pay your dock deposit prior to the February 28 deadline, please do so.

Eileen and I will be away visiting friends in Australia for the month of February, so it will be March before we see many of you around the club. Hopefully the winter will be kind to you and spring comes early.



Members enjoying the Commodore's Charity Event

Restaurant *by Alan Crawley*

Chefs Derek and Edward have led the dining room team to a number of successes in the past two months! A sold-out crowd enjoyed a special menu at the Commodore's Charity Event on November 4th and at the Adult Christmas Party on the 12th, as well as at the New Year's Eve event.

Outside of the kitchen, Derek and Edward organised a full bus for the trip to the Bill's game on December 20th. By all reports, a fun time with even more great food and beverages on offer. The only downside was the result of the game, for which apparently neither of the Chefs are willing to take responsibility.

As per tradition here at DYC, the dining room and bar will be closed during the month of January. Watch for a new menu when the club reopens on February 3rd and a special dinner menu will be offered to celebrate that reopening on Friday February 5th. Please be sure to reserve your tables for the night. And for those DYC romantics, Derek and Edward are arranging a Valentine's Day dinner for Saturday February 13th. Now that should be another sell-out, as will the February 27th Mardi Gras event, for which the Chefs will lay on a Louisiana inspired menu.

Coming up in March – look forward to choosing from special menus and possibly spending an evening with guests from Smugglers Cove, and/or Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club. On April 17th the menu and entertainment will contribute to a great Celtic Night.

Please note that throughout February, March and April, the dining room and lounge hours will remain consistent, with the facilities open on Wednesdays and Thursdays, 12 – 2 and 5 – 9 pm while on Fridays and Saturdays the opening hours will be from 12 – 10pm. As an early 'heads-up' please note that the club will be closed on Saturday May 1st, as Edward will be supporting Derek on his wedding day in London, Ontario. Please join me in congratulating Derek and his fiancée Mandy!

In completing 2009, Edward and Derek also completed their first full year here with DYC. Both Chefs have asked that their thanks be extended to all club members for the support they have received throughout the year. DYC's Board is happy to announce that we have successfully concluded discussions with Chefs Derek and Edward about continuing their relationship with DYC. We're looking forward to at least the next two years with these dynamic, young chefs in our kitchen.

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Minutes

by Scott Wilson

Meeting of the Dalhousie Yacht Club Board of Governors

Location – 74 Lighthouse Road – St. Catharines Ontario

Date - Thursday, December 10, 2009

Attended By:

Commodore-- Chris McLaughlin

Past Commodore – John Krall

Rear-Commodore-- Sharon Paris

Treasurer-- Rick Fleming

Secretary-- Scott Wilson

Yard Chair-- Dan Sundy

House Chair-- Barb McMullen

Fleet Captain-- Simon Krall

Membership and Communication Chair-- Gwen Smith

Learn To Sail Chair-- Paul Haynes

Manager – John Brown

Regrets:

Special Events and Entertainment Chair-- Howie Paton

Dock Chair-- D'Arcy Cashmore

Vice-Commodore-- Jim White

Food and Beverage-- Alan Crawley

Agenda

Called to order Chris McLaughlin – Commodore – 7:05 PM

A quorum was present.

Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting (Scott)

Treasurer's Report (Rick)

Presentation of 2009/2010 Budget

Net income for the club up

Positive dollars in bank

Receivables are down from last year at this time

Manager's Report (John)

New Full Boating Members; Larry Hildebrandt, Ray McDougal

Trillium fund to be discussed further at next meeting as required Audit costs are high

Renewal of Restaurant Contract

Reviewed by board, Changes discussed, flag to meet and discuss contract for approval

Commodore's Report (Chris)

Attended council of commodores meeting at PC

Charity Dinner

Commodores party raised 1100 dollars for this event

Honor roll produced including members and business

After event surplus will be donated to community care

Volunteers needed to serve food

Committee discussed for future community outreach

Barb volunteered to Chair the committee

Members include Chris and Gwen

Clarification was made to some of the items discussed with the Mayor

House Chair Report (Barb)

Repairs to the club are on budget

Club to look to members for items required as well as expertise to assist with repairs

Yard Chair Report (Dan)

Discussed the possibility of purchasing a gas power washer, to be discussed again in the spring

Looking to members for additional club history items

Requesting a 200 dollars petty cash fund for incidentals

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Dock Chair (D'Arcy)

Date set for docks to go in – Saturday April 24th 2010

Very little repair work required on floating docks

Alternatives are being looked at for floatation of docks

Fleet Captain (Simon)

Committee boat has been winterized

Mechanic recommendation for repairs to boat

A new committee boat should be researched as the existing one is getting costly to keep afloat

Special Events/Entertainment Chair (Howie)

2010 new year's dinner for less fortunate set to go forward

February – re-opening of the club

Valentines dinner

Mardigras set for Feb 27, 2010

March dual club events

March 13 with Smugglers cove

March 27 with N.O.T.L sailing club – Trivia night

April

2nd Saturday – Celtic night

June

Jimmy buffet night to be held in combination with Kirby regatta

July

Life members night – date to be discussed

LTS Chair (Paul)

Researching city grants as alternatives are being looked at for new boats for junior sailors program

Membership and Communication Chair (Gwen)

First meeting of the Membership and Communications committee held

Strategic plan derived as to objectives and actions to take going forward

A plan to be created to set a clear vision going forward for the club

Timeline set for end of January 2010

Information

Night

Thu. Feb. 18th @ 7PM

JANUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6 7PM Mem- Comm Cmt. Meeting	7	8	9 Toronto Boat Show Starts
10	11	12	13	14 7PM Board Meeting	15	16
17 Toronto Boat Show Ends	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3 Restaurant Reopens	4	5	6

Upcoming Events

- } January 9th -17th — Toronto Boat Show
- } February 3rd— Restaurant Reopens
- } February 5th— Restaurant Grand Reopening Night
- } February 18th — Information Night
- } April 24th — Dock Launch
- } May 7th — Boat Launch

Tailgate Party

The first annual Sunset Dining Room 'Tailgate Trip' to the Buffalo Bills game was a resounding success!

41 members and guests enjoyed a great selection of tailgate food and beverages as served up by Derek and Edward (who are veterans of many years of tailgating) and then attended the contest against the New England Patriots... unfortunately, the ending was all too predictable.

There was tremendous camaraderie among those who made the trip and all were enthusiastic

about doing this again next year. The overwhelming opinion agreed on by everyone was, 'let's do this in warmer weather!' So, it is Ed's hope to have two buses next season, and to attend a game earlier in the season—possibly.



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