



DYC Breeze

DALHOUSIE YACHT CLUB

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Docks by D'Arcy Cashmore

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Well since my last Breeze article much in life has changed for me. Thanks to a very generous kidney donation from my daughter (Andrea/Mouse) I underwent a kidney transplant operation on the 6th of January 2010 and so far all is going well. A bit of difficulty with all the drugs but that should improve over time as the dosages get reduced or eliminated. It's great not to be tied to a dialysis machine anymore and great to be back on a regular diet. But enough about me.

The dock launch date has been set for Saturday the 24th of April '10 and as in past years we hope to see as many of you out to lend your support. In preparation for dock launch we will be organizing a couple of work parties in mid to late March to make repairs to the floating and fixed docks so please let me know your intent to lend a hand. My home phone number is 905-934-8294, E-mail address dcashmore@lhs.on.ca. All are welcome and remember it's a great opportunity to make new friends, reacquaint yourself with old friends and have some fun so don't be shy about volunteering. By the way if you know of any dock repairs that need attention please let me know

in advance of the work parties so they can be incorporated accordingly.

I will be meeting with John Brown on the 11th of March to review dock assignments so if you are looking for a change please indicate such on your dock application or give me a call and we will see what we can do.

A preliminary new dock layout for the East is well under way and it is my intent to obtain input from the Flag and the Board over the coming weeks, incorporate their ideas accordingly and present the layout to the membership at the next information night (yet to be scheduled) for member input. Once this phase is complete Eric and I will prepare a Budget estimate of capital required to execute the project. We expect it will take about 2 to 3 years before construction can commence as we need to pay down our bank loan significantly before we approach the bank for more funding.

It's great to be talking about spring projects and getting ready for dock & boat launch with winter nearly behind us. Hope all is well with all of you and see you in March.

Remember: Smile Be Happy.

The Dalhousie Yacht Club 2010 Cruise Schedule

22-May-10	24-May-10	OYS Outbound Cruise
1-Jul-10	4-Jul-10	Cruise to RCYC
24-Jul-10	25-Jul-10	ABYC - Jazz Festival
31-Jul-10	2-Aug-10	Cruise to PCYC
21-Aug-10	22-Aug-10	EYC - Outbound Cruise
28-Aug-10	29-Aug-10	Cruise to Highland

Cruise Sign Up sheets are now posted in the club.

Commodore's Comments by Chris McLaughlin



“On Saturday, March 13, we have invited the members of the NOLSC to join us for an evening of Trivial Pursuit. The night will begin with a buffet dinner, and will continue with Trivial Pursuit. There will be prizes for the three top tables. For this event, we hope you will invite fellow members and guests, and form tables of six. We will also accommodate those of you who would rather be placed at tables by our staff with others.

Price for the evening: dinner, games, and prizes, is a low \$20.00 per person, plus tax and gratuity—a grand total of \$25.00. Please call in with your reservation anytime now, since we anticipate a large crowd from NOLSC. “

It is always a great day when our club re-opens for the New Year. This year was no exception. On February 5, we held our ‘grand re-opening’ with a new, expanded menu, and with dinner music by excellent guitarist Timothy Phelan. (I

have had several requests from members to invite Tim back for some ‘at home’ Friday events, and I will pass these on to our new Entertainment committee).

Susan and I met and greeted many members and guests, a most congenial crowd!

We also thoroughly enjoyed the special Valentine’s Day dinner as created by chefs Edward and Derek. Again, there was a happy and friendly group of members whom we enjoyed speaking to.

One of the great things about a club like ours is the opportunities

to meet up with many friends, both from the boating member and

social member communities. If ever you get to feeling lonely, come on down to NYC and hang out with some of our terrific members!

Our Information Night for February drew a small, but again, congenial crowd. There were several presentations and then we opened the floor for questions. Past Commodore Mel was there with an inquiry about how we will handle the new HST when it takes effect. The Board will examine any opportunity we have of minimizing its effect on our members, but please keep in mind that the club will be paying the HST on all our purchases, including thousands of dollars in fuel annually as well as many other things

Looking forward, we have created two new events for March which will give you an exciting opportunity—to meet and spend time with not only our members, but with members of neighbouring clubs as well. On Saturday, March 13, we have invited the members of the NOLSC to join us for an evening of Trivial Pursuit. The night will begin with a buffet dinner, and will continue with Trivial Pursuit. There will be prizes

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March 27, (also a Saturday), you’re invited to join us and the members from Smuggler’s Cove Boat Club for a ‘Cabin Fever’ party! We’ll dress in summer attire, eat summertime food, sample summertime drinks and be entertained with the great music and fun of ‘Honest Frankie’! A special menu with pricing will follow in an all-member email.

By the time we’ve finished these events, it will be almost time to begin work on our boats to prepare for the May 7 launch! Time really DOES fly when you’re having fun!

All the best to you and your family, I hope we’ll see you at NYC .again soon.



Rear Commodore's Notes by Sharon Paris

Our Mission Statement

WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING SAFE AND AFFORDABLE BOATING PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES TO ALL OUR MEMBERS, BY SUCCESSFULLY MANAGING RESOURCES, BOATING FACILITIES AND VOLUNTEER WORK CONTRIBUTIONS BY CLUB MEMBERS.

Our Dalhousie Yacht Club is “a club”. Dalhousie Yacht Club is what it is today because of the efforts of volunteers. The way the club looks, the way the club runs and the way the club members interact are a direct result of the club’s volunteers. Not only does volunteerism provide an economical way to keep our club maintained and our events running, it creates the sense of community and builds friendships. That is what distinguishes a yacht club from a marina.

Last year we introduced the concept of membership hours. As a result, we had a renewed understanding of the responsibilities of membership. We saw an increase in the number of new members pitching in. This year we would like to take a step forward, and test a system for tracking membership hours.

Hour “chits” will be available in the lounge and the four exterior washrooms. We are asking that all members fill one out when they complete volunteer hours. We will have drop boxes available in or by the exterior washrooms and in the clubhouse.

For this year, the following targets would apply: 20 hours for Full Boating Member, 10 hours for Associate Members, 3 hours for Social Members.

The targets are on a **per membership** basis, so hours can be accumulated by either partner in a membership. Lifetime Members will be exempt from the Membership Hours. Time spent by boating members launching or hauling out their own boats does not count towards membership hours. Life members or members who have already met the target are asked to record their hours in order to get an accurate idea of hours contributed by members.

Members are free to choose how they would like to contribute their hours.

Yard, including out-buildings, maintenance, layout, etc.

Administration (to include office, communication and membership)

Restaurant; equipment maintenance and installation

Docks; maintenance, improvements, new projects

Entertainment/Cruising/Racing*

House; Club building, landscaping and entrance

If you are not sure of where, or how, to join in, please speak to me or contact any board member. Our club is steeped in a history of 'can-do' philosophy. Together, we have been able to achieve great things. That ability is still within us. This system encourages everyone to get involved, make a contribution and meet some new friends.

Sharon Paris

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Manager's Report by John Brown

The interminable last class of the day for the restless-legged student, pre-season football in August, water refusing to boil under the gaze of a starving man...

There are intersection of longing and monotony where time grinds to a halt, life force seeping out while absolutely nothing happens.

Welcome to the final months before boating season...

At least that's sometimes how March and April feel, but in REALITY there's LOTS happening around the club during March and April!

As the weather warms, we will be organizing work parties to tackle some maintenance projects in the yards (more details to follow by email) and with the docks as well as the annual work party for Docks In on April 24th! Invoices for docks will be sent out towards the end of March, (your dock fees are due prior to Launch) and your dock assignments will be available at the end of March as well!

DYC club clothing is available online at <http://dalhousieyachtclub.promoshop.com> Show your DYC pride in the yard, clubhouse and around the lake, place your order now to have your clothing in time for boating season!

The restaurant has two fantastic events planned with NOLSC and Smuggler's Cove during March and on March 17th come join your fellow members at the bar for a drink (green or not, it's up to you!) in honour of the Patron Saint of the Emerald Isle, St. Patrick! In April Derek and Edward will be hosting an Easter Brunch at the Club on the 4th and a Celtic Night on the 16th book early for these events as they are sure to be popular! If you're down

working on your boat as the weather improves I encourage you to make use of the restaurant for lunch or grab your friends at the end of the day for a drink in the Lounge! As always I'm more than happy to help with any questions or concerns you may have. Please email me at man-



Yacht Club, Port Dalhousie, Ontario.

The picture shows the original mooring barrels for DYC on the west side of the harbour. Dig around in that old box and find past Breezes and rosters. All pictures are also requested (excluding only the ones where Jackal II is being towed into the harbour). If you are friends with previous members, especially if they were packrats or avid picture takers, please prod them to do the same. We are discovering treasures in unlikely places...your contribution could be that next find.



Sunset Dining Room by Alan Crawley

Throughout February, DYC members have certainly enjoyed their return to the lounge and dining room, not to mention the culinary efforts of Chefs Edward and Derek together with the hospitality of Emily and the other members of staff.

Fifty members and guests took advantage of the special Valentine's Dinner menu, with rave reviews on the food, drink and hospitality on offer. Mardi Gras, in its fourth incarnation, has certainly developed into a perennial favourite at DYC. The food and beverage team did another great job at this event, as well.

For March, watch for delicious appetizers and a buffet on the 13th as DYC welcomes guests from Niagara on the Lake – a copy of that menu is included with this edition of the Breeze. Likewise, another special menu awaits members and guests alike as we welcome Smugglers Cove to DYC on March 27th.

In addition to those nights in March, guests are always welcome to join us for meals at the Club. Members are encouraged to ask for guest passes at either the bar or the office. Please take the time to encourage your friends and contacts to experience dining at DYC for themselves. Guest passes can be distributed on their own or with Gift Certificates if you so choose. And promoting DYC membership can be rewarding too. Not only does it add new people to the club and bring in more restaurant business, but thanks to the support of Edward and Derek, bringing in new social members now means that you'll qualify for a free dinner! That's right, bring in a new social member this season and 'win' dinner for two! Just see John in the office for all the details.

And remember, the Club is not just for dinners. Lunch is another great occasion for members, guests, business contacts etc. to enjoy the great new menus on offer. Throughout March and April the dining room and lounge will be open Wednesdays and Thursdays, 12 – 2 and 5 – 9 pm while on Fridays and Saturdays the opening hours will be from 12 – 10pm. Please be sure to reserve your table and enjoy.

Restaurant Hours

Wed & Thu:

12:00 – 2:00, 5:00 – 9:00 PM

Fri & Sat: 12 – 10 PM.

Trivia Night

Signature Pear Salad, Walnuts, Bosc Pears, Bleu Cheese, Cider Vinaigrette.

Yukon Potato Salad, Chives, Onions, Spiked Mayo Dressing.

Penne Pasta, Sausage, Meatballs, Roasted Tomato Marinara.

Oven Baked Flat Breads

Bruschetta and Feta

Mediterranean

Deli Meat Lovers

Vegetables and Assorted Dips.

Assorted Pastries.

\$20.00 Per Person

Taxes and Gratuities Included

Cabin Fever Reliever

First Course

Summer Garden Salad, Tomatoes, Red Onions, Carrots, Cucumber, Iceberg Lettuce, Poppy Seed Vinaigrette.

Or

Roasted Corn Chowder, Crustini, Lobster and Corn Hash.

Second Course

Grilled Mahi, Tropical Fruit Salsa, Rice Pilaf, Grilled Vegetables.

Or

Beer Brined Pork Loin Chops, Tank House BBQ. Sauce, Roasted Potatoes, Summer Slaw.

Or

AAA Canadian Sirloin Steak, Oven Baked Potato, Sautéed Onions, Peppers, Mushrooms.

Dessert

Summer Sundae, Vanilla Ice Cream, Chocolate Syrup, Crushed Nuts, Fresh Whipped Cream

\$32.50 Per Person Taxes and Gratuities Included



Minutes by Scott Wilson

Meeting of the Dalhousie Yacht Club Board of Governors

Location – 74 Lighthouse Road – St. Catharines Ontario

Date - Thursday, February 11, 2010

Attended By:

Commodore-- Chris McLaughlin
Rear-Commodore-- Sharon Paris
Dock Chair-- D'Arcy Cashmore
House Chair-- Barb McMullen
Food and Beverage-- Alan Crawley
Membership and Communication Chair-- Gwen Smith
Learn To Sail Chair-- Paul Haynes
Manager – John Brown

Regrets:

Vice-Commodore-- Jim White
Treasurer-- Rick Fleming
Secretary-- Scott Wilson
Yard Chair-- Dan Sundy
Fleet Captain-- Simon Krall
Past Commodore – John Krall
Special Events and Entertainment Chair—(vacancy)

It's a girl!
Congratulations to Shandi
and her partner, their
daughter Lauren was born
Dec. 15th weighing
8lbs 1 oz

Welcome and call to order – 7:25 PM **a quorum was NOT present**

Secretary Sharon Paris

Reading and approval of minutes from January 2010 (Sharon)

Motion to approve – Gwen 2nd – Paul Carried

Business arising from Minutes

Manager will follow-up with the city re: ferry service and west side city docks

Dock applications and member cards mailed in January have not been received by many members – John will re-state the Dock Deposit at the Information Meeting.

Manager's Report (John)

One new Full Boating membership to report – Scott Perdu

The LTS building has had locks changed after youths were caught attempting to break in

Dock applications will be followed up through email, since regular mail has failed

Will monitor mail status –membership cards may have to be reprinted

Dock applications and Membership cards were mailed to members, this included 2 guest passes

Renovation of the storage room is complete. The floor joist damage was worse than anticipated, but cost overruns were kept to minimum by reducing costs of office repairs. Combined, the two projects will be \$377 over budget.

Health Inspectors flagged both dishwashers for repair. Parts are on order for repair which should be completed next week.

DYC has requested a copy of the environmental assessment for the new generating station. John will continue to research who the communication contacts for the project.

Received a request from the Rankin Cancer Run for a DYC team.

Treasurer's Report (Rick Absent) (John Brown)

Our finances are improved over last year at this time

Yard Chair Report (Dan - Absent) (Sharon read)

Yard survey mailed has not been received by many members.

Rear-Commodore Report (Sharon)

Discussed the merits of tracking membership hours for the season through a “work chit” system, will re-state our volunteer hour targets at the Information Meeting

Cruises booked and will be posted at the Information Meeting

Asked for and Received an in kind membership donation for International Women's Day event

Minutes Continued

Food and Beverage Chair Report (Alan)

Had 1st meeting with committee, second meeting February 27th
 The menu has been expanded in flexibility
 Weekly specials planned
 Interested in expanded partnership with the entertainment committee
 Strategic planning is underway to define the club's food service

Commodore's Report (Chris)

Planned agenda for Information night discussed
 Re-iterated commitment to improve communications with the city and with the manager's help establish the city's view of its transient docks

Dock Chair report (D'Arcy)

Rough preliminary drawings are complete
 Plan to review with the flag, the board and the membership in that order
 A meeting is planned with Dave Pressley to discuss ongoing and new dock maintenance and repairs, work party will be scheduled
 Manager and Darcy to review dock allocations on March 11th

Vice-Commodore's Report (Absent)

Entertainment Chair Report (Jim - Absent) (Read by Chris)

In need of an entertainment committee
 Mardi-Gras is organized, decorating to be completed, with thanks to Susan McLaughlin and Michelle Gagnon
 Celtic Night is April 16, Irish Clovers are booked for entertainment
 March 27 is Cabin Fever Party with Smugglers' Cove
 March 13 is Trivia Night with NOLSC
 Rear Commodore has agreed to assist with the entertainment committee and has recruited a Graduate from Niagara College to assist.

House Chair Report (Barb)

Carpet to be installed in the office, office savings helped office budget overruns in storage room renovation.
 Club is need of a commercial vacuum, domestic vacuums are proving short lived, pricing has been completed, issue to be revisited when quorum is present

Membership and Communication Chair report (Gwen) – (Absent)

Web site – further review required before recommendations, quotes and revisions are coming.
 Our current website has greater capacities than believed. Websites, by nature, will always be evolving. We can expect the website work to be ongoing.
 Next communication and membership committee meeting Mar 4, 2010

Fleet Captain Report (Simon) – (Absent)

LTS Chair (Paul)

Advertisement post on OSA website for assistant head coach
 Still searching for LTS boats at a cost DYC can afford

Adjournment – 9:56 PM

Office Hours

Wed & Thursday 10AM-5PM

Friday 10AM-8PM

Saturday 8AM-12PM

Items can be left securely in mail slot located to the right of the main doors

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Hannah Gibbons on February 17th. Our sincere condolences to her family and friends.

MARCH 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	1	2	3	4 7PM Mem-Comm Cmt. Meeting	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 7PM Board Meeting	12	13 Trivia Night w NOTLSC
14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Night @ Lounge	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Cabin Fever w Smuggler's Cove
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4 Easter Brunch	5	6	7	8	9	10

Upcoming Events

- } March 13th — Trivia Night with NOLSC
- } March 17th — St. Patrick's Day Lounge Party
- } March 27th — Cabin Fever Party with Smuggler's Cove
- } April 4th — Easter Brunch
- } April 16th — Celtic Night
- } April 24th — Dock Launch

Our Winter Vacation by Allen Baird

In January Diane and I enjoyed a week of bare boating in the British Virgin Islands onboard a 50' Beneteau. The crew was four couples. On Sunday, we all arrived at the boat at 5:00 p.m.



We got settled in our berths then headed out on a short walk to have dinner at The Pub and afterward continued down the

road to Pusser's Pub for their famous "painkiller" cocktail. The evening was a perfect start to our week of rest and relaxation, in our bathing suits, enjoying the beautiful islands in the sun-

Channel to Norman Island to enjoy swimming and snorkeling at The Caves. We spent the night on a mooring ball in a beautiful bay called The Bight. The bay has a beautiful beach and two restaurants: the Pirate's Bight and a floating restaurant called Willie T.

Tuesday, after breakfast we sailed to Cooper Island for a swim and lunch onboard in Manchioneel Bay then headed back across Sir Francis Drake Channel to a beautiful tiny island called Marina Cay. That evening included great entertainment by Pirate, Michael Bean at the Robb White House Bar.



The next morning, we took off again after breakfast ... and that is how our week continued, each day with a new destination for lunch and a second stop for the evening.

Every day we explored new islands with beautiful bays and white sand

beaches. Our cruise started at Road Town, Tortola and we visited five other islands, they are: Norman, Marina Cay, Virgin Gorda, Anegada, and Jost Van Dyke. The islands are close-by each other and the navigation was by sight. Each day we were moored before 4:00 p.m.

On Monday we sailed across the Sir Francis Drake

Wreck Beach; we enjoyed swimming, snorkeling the shallow reefs, and relaxing on the white sand beach, followed by an evening at the Anegada Reef Hotel where we had a lobster dinner on the beach.

Winter has become a lot



shorter for us now, when we tell the stories of our sailing holiday around the beautiful British Virgin Islands. It's fun to remember the stops along our trip; and names like Leverick Bay Marina, The Baths, Little Harbour, Long Bay, The Soggy Dollar, Foxy's Taboo, Rhymer's Beach Bar, Bubbly Pool, Cane Garden Bay, and Village Cay Marina; and it's fun to remember the good times we shared with six friends. Writing this makes us want to go again!!

beaches. We ate good meals at the casual restaurants, and enjoyed cold beer and Pusser's Rum drinks at the colourful bars. Every stop gave us an enjoyable memory. One highlight was our day at Cow



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