



DYC Breeze

The Dalhousie Yacht Club

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Commodore's Column



As most of you know I have experienced some personal health issues over the past couple of months and am still working toward recovery. I

have a good team of doctors and nurses as well as a great family and friend support structure. As the days turn into weeks and months, I am feeling optimistic about the future. It is at time like this that we begin to fully realize the importance of our relationships with our families, friends and the organizations we are involved with. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all who have extended their best wishes, cards, phone calls and gifts for their kindness. I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their patience and support by making themselves available to suit my schedule and in particular Murray Roland who gave so much of his time and energy through a difficult dinning room transition. DYC is truly lucky to have such a fine group

of people dedicated to the success of the club.

I am sure there are many rumours floating about regarding the dinning room situation so it is my intent to advise the membership accordingly. The dinning room operation, under the direction of Chef Domenic, had been moving in a very positive direction with respect to quality of food, service and income to the club. Comment cards received from the membership clearly indicated a level of membership satisfaction and revenue growth in 2006 was clearly identified. Unfortunately, lurking in the background from a previous business venture Domenic found himself in a financial situation that would make it impossible for him to obtain the liquor licence transfer, thus he could not fulfill the terms of his contract with DYC. Please be assured that his situation in no way impacts DYC business.

Faced with no services at the beginning of the boating season the Board was faced with the daunting task of what to do. If we were to begin a full search of opportunities to meet the many concerns and needs of the

Vision Statement-

The Dalhousie Yacht Club is a friendly, safe and affordable boating community dedicated to learning, respect for all, and enjoyment in all aspects of the sport of boating.

Membership the process would have consumed far too much time and the season would have been lost. A long and a short-term plan was needed. It was therefore the decision of the Board to investigate the availability of the runner up to the 2004 selection process – The Landing Restaurant to cover the short-term plan through year-end. This process was successfully concluded and we are pleased to announce the new service. As for the long-term plan the Board will be looking at various scenarios through the balance of the year and will report progress to the membership accordingly. The Board has every confidence in the new service and thus we ask for your full support.

“SAIL PAST” - MARK IT ON YOUR CALANDER – 10 June '06

This is one of the more important events of the year so please plan to support it. For boating members you are encouraged to join the competition for the best dressed boat, you will receive the customary salute from the Flag Officers, you will have the customary opportunity of dipping you're your flag as a sign of respect to the Flag Officers and you will receive the

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Vice- Commodore's Comments**By Murray Roland**

April has been a difficult month, relative to the operation of the Restaurant operation at DYC. On or about March 14, 2006, we were advised by the

Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), that the Caterer – Domenic Chirico – was operating under a “Contract Out” licence, or Transfer licence, and that it was still in the name of our previous Caterer. AGCO insisted that we cease using this licence on or before March 28, 2006, and that Domenic Chirico must secure a new Liquor licence.

The inability of Domenic Chirico to successfully achieve a transfer of the liquor licence from Country Style Home Style Catering placed him in contravention with the requirements of the Contract – an emergency Board meeting was called on Sunday April 2, 2006. The Board made the decision to cancel the Contract with Domenic Chirico, unless immediate action on his part would allow the transfer of the licence. Domenic advised us that he could not comply with the AGCO requirements – His Contract has been terminated.

An immediate search was initiated to obtain a qualified Restaurateur for DYC. We interviewed or talked to five separate candidates for the position. The Restaurateur that we selected is Richard Haja from “The Landing” restaurant at 50 Point, near Grimsby. Richard has operated “The

Landing” for 5 years – his references spoke highly of his operation and his background checks are clean (AGCO, PST & GST payments)

Start up dates for Richard Haja are dependent on the speed of the AGCO to process the liquor licence “Contract Out” documents. All the input has been completed, and we are awaiting timing of the procedure – anticipated issue date is about May 1, 2006. Staffing has been arranged, and the stocking & familiarization is occurring while we await the liquor paper work. Club start up is set for May 3, 2006 – any delays in the liquor licence will affect this date for alcohol sales, but the Restaurant will open in any case.

The Breeze has gone electronic – it went out by both e-mail & regular mail in April – feedback was positive, so we pushed the button & we will continue as follows; where possible we will send e-mail – the rest will receive a hard copy (Black & White) with their monthly statement. Please feel free to comment, criticize & suggest format,

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customary Blessing of your boat. All members are invited to enjoy the festivities following the formal part of the day. Boating members are encouraged to dock their boats along the pier in front of the club (rafting if required). Lets make this event a huge success.

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Rear Commodore Column **Al Baird**



On Saturday, April 22nd, a large work crew of members and crew turned out to float our docks. This year, everything came together without any major delays and the rain held off. It felt good to be back messing around on the water with so many boaters.

In June we have a busy schedule planned for “on the water activities” kicking off with the Wooden Dock Party on Saturday, June 3rd. If you haven’t been there, it pretty much centers around the dock area of the large boats, the music will be playing and the party goes till the last man is standing .

Saturday, June 10th is Sail Past. This celebration is on the water and at the club. At about noon, all of the DYC boats head onto the lake for the blessing of the fleet, followed by the parade of boats and sail past at the club where each boat is introduced and the Commodore takes the salute. Following the salute, the boats tie up at the club wall for an afternoon patio party. Decorate your boat and join all of the DYC members for an enjoyable day. Social members are welcome to join in the special day. If you want to have some fun on the water, tell Anne. We will arrange for a Skipper to include you on the boat.

Saturday, June 17th, the Verge Regatta is scheduled for the club racing boats. This is a fun day with on shore activity after the racing. Everyone is invited to check out the racing or come to the club for the dock activities.

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From The Board Room

Following are the decisions or motions passed at the April 12, 2006 Board meeting:

1. **Caterer**—Vice Commodore authorized to proceed with termination of present Caterer & Selection of new Caterer.
2. **Financial**
 - a. **Restaurant sales for March** was **\$15,676.00** (\$19,171.00 for 2005)
 - b. **Income YTD**
Budget \$199,350
Actual \$233,288
 - c. **Expenses YTD**
Budget \$171,876 Actual \$130,576
 - d. **Net Income YTD**
Budget \$ 27,474
Actual \$ **102,712**
 - e. **Purchase Kitchen** equipment, from Domenic, in the amount of \$5,691.75.
3. **New Members approved**—**Scott Hawkes & Claude Milne.**
4. **Summer Storage**—50% of Dock Rate.
5. **Membership Drive**—waive initiation fee for Boating members—from May 5 through June 3/06.

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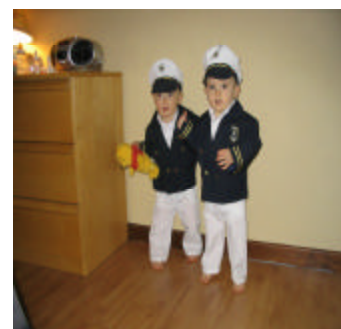
Welcome Richard Haja

Please meet Richard—following is a brief Biography of Richard—please make yourself known to him



Chef Richard Haja has experienced a long and varied career in the hospitality industry including eight years cooking for some of Toronto's best restaurants. Richard spent a year cooking in Europe and enjoyed a four year stint in the Bahamas where he had the experience of cooking for some of Hollywood's big names such as Sean Connery, and the Rolling Stones, among others. While in the Bahamas Richard also had the unique experience of catering Susan Sarandon's 50th Birthday party, having the opportunity to meet her, her husband Tim Robbins, and other guests such as Julia Roberts, and Robin Williams! Chef Haja has appeared on The Food Network as well as many other cooking programs. Richard has for five years, owned and operated The Landing Restaurant at

On a more personal note, Richard was born and raised in Niagara's Town of Grimsby and after all of his world travels, he's rested himself again back to his native Grimsby with his partner of four years, Cathy. When they met, Cathy already had two young children, Chelsea and Tysen, and since then, she and Richard have been blessed with lovely twin sons, Austin and Davin, now almost 17 months old. With Richard's work schedule busiest during the warm weather months, his new family spends quite a bit of time with him at his restaurant(s) throughout the summer months so the kids can enjoy the outdoors, and visit Dad! (They happen to quite enjoy his cooking too!)



**Two aspiring sailor types
Austin & Davin**



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Dining Room and Bar

Clubhouse Hours for May & June

Club Open

Wednesday through Saturday for Lunch and Dinner

Lunch

Wednesday – Saturday
11:30 AM

Dinner

Wednesday - Saturday
5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Bar

Open at 11:30 AM

Dining Room

Open at 11:30 AM

Reservations – call 905-934-3531

Mothers Day Brunch

At DYC

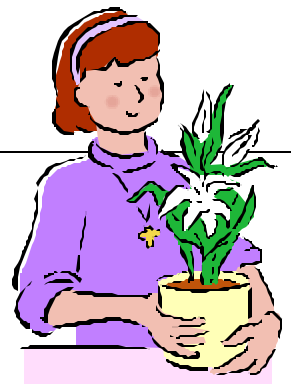
Sunday May 14, 2006

Price \$18.95 (under 10 yrs.
½ price)

First seating @ 11:30 AM-

Reservations Required

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Ian Bengler-Yard Chair

I would like to open by thanking all the volunteers that helped with this year's launch. Unfortunately, I am writing this

article two weeks before launch but I am confident that all will go smoothly. I am currently trying to ensure everyone has water and hydro at their docks. Although this winter was mild, and thankfully not too hard on the wooden dock, there was significant frost damage to some of the outdoor plumbing on both the east and west sides. We discovered this spring that the winterization performed on the water systems in the gas shack and the west side mainline was less than adequate. We did however pay for adequate; and therefore have switched to a nationally recognized plumbing repair company to ensure future service is more reliable and cost effective.

With respect to costs, I would like to direct the boating members' attention to some of the fees outlined in the May 2006 Breeze. Specifically, I would like to highlight the charges associated with the use of the Dry Hoist. The rates for the dry hoist this sea-

son have been set at **\$25 per use** or **\$425 for the season**. From what I have learned, collection of this fee has been problematic in the past. It is for this reason that I have made plans to correct the problem. My plan is relatively simple; to start the season the hoist controller will be located in the men's restroom as in previous years. However, should it become evident that payment for use of the crane is not finding its way to Anne or the Yard Staff the controller will be moved to inside either Anne's office or the gas shack. A sign-out sheet will be created and the controller will have to be signed out.

A second fee, which has been problematic to collect, is the trailer storage fee. In past years, the yard staff and/or club manager have spent the season trying to track down who owns which trailer and then trying to collect the trailer storage fee. This summer the system will be slightly different. **The fee for storing an empty trailer is \$70** and anyone wishing to store a trailer must register the license plate of the trailer with Anne PRIOR to the commencement of the storage period.

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Cornucopia Regatta

Labour day Weekend



September 1, 2, 3
Cornucopia
will be our best ever,
great racing. Satur-
day and Sunday,
great bands playing
Friday Saturday &
Sunday

Racing — by Tom Taylor



The racing season is finally here. **We start on Wednesday, May 10 at the regular time of 6:00 PM.** There are a few changes to take note of so please read your race instructions carefully.

The starting order has been reversed. Spinnaker C and White Sail fleets will be the first start. Spinnaker A & B will be the second start. We will sail windward-leeward courses this year. Depending on the wind conditions the Race Committee will choose either the long or short course.

We will have two series this year. The fun series will include the first two races in May and three races in the middle of the summer. The Championship series will include the other 16 Wednesday nights. The best 12 of 16 races will count in the scoring for each fleet's trophy. Each fleet will declare a winner.

If you missed the skippers' meeting don't worry, there's still plenty of time to register. There will be registration forms on the bulletin board and Anne will have spares. We intend to make use of the internet to keep everyone up to date so in order to be in the know please make sure I have your e-mail address.

I am happy to tell you that Bill Sullivan and Len McIntosh have volunteered to run the committee boat this season so we should be set for race management. We will still ask for volunteers from each boat for 1 night but they will be on stand-by for that race.

The first interclub event of the year is the Port Weller Long Distance race. It will be held on Sunday May 28. I will send NOR and details via direct e-mail closer to the event day.

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Moving on to a more upbeat topic. The renovation of the west side washrooms is now complete. The transformation is truly amazing. Thanks again to Wayne Cameron for all his hard work and to those that assisted Wayne on this project. The only unfortunate part of the renovation is now the east side looks really disheveled. I would be happy to talk to anyone interested in taking on the East side!!! Thanks everyone for your time and I would like to wish all the membership a wonderful new season. I hope everyone has fun this summer, after all, summer is really what a Yacht club is all about!



Dock Chair—Jeff Butt

The docks are in! Thank you to everyone who helped to make the day go quickly. The docks were in and the job completed by 1300 hrs. Great job. I'd like to personally thank Dale Jack for his help in letting me know what equipment was required and what

things that had to be done in preparation, leading up to Saturday morning. I would also like to thank Phil Gorchynski, who arranged for the equipment to put the "launch docks" in Friday evening, as well as attach the east side access ramps on Saturday.

A number of boating members have asked about changing their assigned dock. I have received the requests and filed them. Between now and May 5 when the boats go into the water, I will be contacting those members who have requested a dock change. If the possibility to change docks exists I will inform you of the new dock that is available. You can then accept or not accept the new dock space. If you do not accept the new dock space, your dock will remain the same as last year. If you have any comments or questions on this process, my phone number is 905.682.2352 and my e-mail address is jbutt@thordonbearings.com. The request for a change in dock space will be reviewed and assigned

based on available docks, points accumulated and with a view for the general best interest of the DYC.

Again, thank you to all those who helped make Docks In a success.



Learn To Sail Director—

Doug Hurd

The Trillium Foundation called a few days ago to arrange a meeting. Al Baird and myself are to

meet them Wednesday May 11th.

The youth pamphlets have been approved by the District School Board of Niagara for distribution. This year to save a zillion dollars and hold off on the colour. We will definitely get more out than we did last year. Have not hear from Niagara Catholic School Board yet but am optimistic that we will get a positive response. The instructors have been busy calling all last year students. They also have been working on D'Arcy's boat, washing, waxing and preparing the bottom. Thank you D'Arcy for the donation!



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**Dalhousie
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Saturday,
June 24, 6 pm**



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E-mail Address

Main Contact Number

Updated Boat Name
(if applicable.)

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please send any notes, com-
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mcroland@sympatico.ca



Three Senior
(hearing im-
paired) Sailors
were walking the Dalhousie Pier:
First Sailor—It's Windy
Second Sailor—No No—it's
Thursday
Third Sailor—So am I, let's go
to the Club for a beer.



Sail past—June 10, 2006—
Dress Up Day

Prizes For The Best Decorated Boats

Silent Auction
Entertainment
Food Specials

Canada Day Weekend

**The Party Starts—June
30, 2006 @ 7:00 PM**

**“More Bad News and The
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and again on Sunday**

UPCOMING EVENTS
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Friday, May 12, 2006 – MARTINI NIGHT

Featuring: The Will Rowe Trio
Food Specials



***Saturday, June 3, 2006 – WOODEN DOCK
PARTY***

BBQ
Entertainment
Wine Tasting
Potluck Dinner
Potluck Sign-up Sheet In The
Entrance To Club

UPCOMING EVENTS
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

***Friday, June 16, 2006 – JIMMY
BUFFET NIGHT***

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On Sunday, June 25th, the club is hosting
the Easter Seals Regatta. This has be-
come an annual event to provide an op-
portunity for people with special needs
and their families to enjoy an afternoon at
DYC. Everyone is encouraged to make
your boat a part of this special fund rais-
ing event. Call Anne, if you want more
information.

On the last weekend in June, we have the
DYC Canada Day Celebrations. Starting
on Friday evening and continuing for the
weekend, there will be live entertainment
and partying at the club. Come and join
the fun. Don't forget, the club patio and
docks are great for watching the fire-
works in Lakeside Park.

Whew, start to finish June is busy every
weekend, so plan your fun and enjoy
your club. Family and friends are always
welcome at our events.

We have docks available. To encourage
boaters to join DYC, the club will waive
the initiation fee for all new Full Boating
applications received before Sunday,
June 4th. If you know of anyone who is
considering a dock at DYC, tell her/him
to call and check us out before the great
savings end.

Don't forget to look at the notice board
for club cruises and all of our events for
the 2006 season. Anne Rosler is always
aware of who, what, where, when, and
will answer your questions.

Enjoy your club!

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May 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Closed	2 Closed	3 Race Seminar	4	5 Boats In	6 Race Seminar
7 Closed	8 Closed	9 Closed	10 First Race—6 PM	11	12 Martini Night	13
14 Mother's Day Brunch	15 Closed	16 Closed	17	18	19	20
21 Closed	22 Closed	23 Closed	24	25	26	27
28 Closed	29 Closed	30 Closed	31			

June 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Wooden Dock Party
4 Closed	5 Closed	6 Closed	7	8	9	10 Sail Past
11 Closed	12 Closed	13 Closed	14	15	16 Margarita Night	17
18 Verge Regatta	19 Closed	20 Closed	21	22	23	24 Jazz Night
25 Easter Seal Regretta	26 Closed	27 Closed	28	29	30	Canada Day Cele- bration

COMING EVENTS

Mark these dates on your calendar

Wed. May 3 & Sat. May 7, 2006, Learn to Sail Seminar

May 5th, 2006—Boats In.

May 10, 2006, Racing—First Race—6:00 PM Start

May 12th, 2006—Martini Night 50-50 Draw

May 16, 2006—Mother's Day Brunch

May 27th, 2006—Open House Membership Drive

June 3rd, 2006— Dock Party 50-50 Draw

June 10th, 2006 - Sail Past

June 17th, 2006—Verge Regatta

June 24, 2006—Jazz Night

Jun 25th, 2006—Easter Seal Regatta

June 30-July 1, 2006 Canada Day Celebration—Silent Auction.

September 1—4 Cornucopia Regatta

September 7, 2006—Junior Sailors Banquet

October 20, 2006—Haul Out