



Telltale

Lunenburg Yacht Club

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Message from Commodore Ron Whynacht

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of another season at LYC but the good news is that 2008 was another positive year. Some highlights are:

- New record in overall membership
- continued financial stability,
- many new boats in the mooring field and on the race course,
- new record for the number of LTS sailors in one session (85),
- the highest number of LTS kids attending regattas throughout the Maritimes, more paving in the

expanded parking lot and the top of the launch ramp, new deck furniture, new BBQ, new wood shed, new dinghy dock, lot's of painting and other general improvements in and around the Club.

LYC was fortunate to have been chosen to host the Canadian National Optimist Championship this year and special thanks to all the organizers, the many volunteers, sponsors and staff that made this event such a great success. The event saw 126 sailors competing from 7 different countries. The many positive reports we received from all participants led to LYC being nominated once again for "Regatta of the Year" by the Canadian Yachting Association. We won this prestigious award in 2002 for hosting the World Youth Sailing Championship.

On the big picture, we are several steps closer to being able to acquire the Tanner property next to

the Club. We have developed a rationale and property use plan that will not only see continued growth at LYC but that will also significantly improve the current services offered to members. More importantly it would add new services and infrastructure, such as:

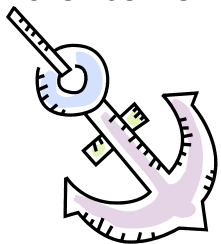
- a crane for launching and retrieving boats,
- winter boat storage and summer trailer storage,
- more efficient and safer parking space,
- major reconfiguration of the LTS boats and equipment to the east side of the LTS Center,
- more dinghy docks.

However the big win for LYC in acquiring the additional property is that we will not have to turn prospective members and sailors away. We will not have to worry about losing the use of the Tanner beach, which could result in a reduction of the current LTS program and the ability to host large events. Please visit our web site www.lyc.ns.ca to

view the entire Tanner property presentation made at the August 27 Semi-Annual Meeting.

Currently we are exploring all avenues to obtain Canadian income tax receipts for those members donating to the Capital Acquisition Fund. By now we expect that all members have received the non-binding pledge forms and have responded accordingly. Without your positive and generous support of this initiative, the LYC will certainly not be able to continue to grow and flourish. As it has been said many times by many of you, if we do not acquire that property, 5 to 10 years from now many of you will say "why didn't we acquire it when it was available"?

I would like to personally thank our Board, LYC staff and especially the many volunteers who unselfishly have gone the extra mile to make our yacht club so successful. Have a safe and healthy winter and I look forward to seeing you next year. Don't forget the Annual Meeting on November 15th.



Vice Commodore Karen Gordon

We had a great year in 2008 at LYC. We had a wonderful team of staff at the club this year to ensure we had great food, hospitality, song and good times, along with excellent boating! This was the 4th season for Linda Hatt as our club manager. Linda has decided to move on and sail onto a new venture but she will be welcome back at LYC as a guest at anytime! We will miss her wonderful customer service attitude. Best of luck in your future endeavors Linda! Linda will be missed by all.

This was our first year with our new Chef – Eddie O'Neill. We enjoyed Eddie's culinary treats week after week during the season. We hope to have Eddie at LYC again next year!

We also had many other excellent staff members, some of which returned from prior years. All staff, both inside and outside the club did their best to ensure we had the service at LYC that we have come to enjoy and appreciate.

Our numerous volunteers also assisted us with our

2008 season. A special thank you goes out to a new member, Catherine Crouse who cleaned facilities in the club and in the LTS building on a weekly basis during the season. We appreciate the help of Catherine and many other volunteers who assisted us during the year. Thanks to all!

We especially enjoyed our season this year on the deck with our new deck furniture – granite tables; cozy chairs and lovely red umbrellas. They added to making our dining experiences on the deck a great pleasure.

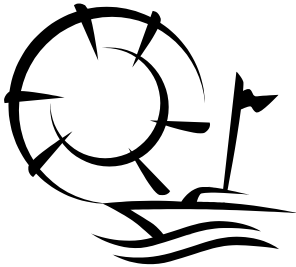
We also purchased a tent during the 2008 season. We will be able to use this tent at our rentals and large in house events. Also, we have been fortunate that we have been able to rent the tent out to other organizations within the local community so we have made back our initial investment.

Once the doors to LYC are closed on September 27th we will begin planning for another season. Please provide any comments or suggestions to us throughout the winter. Email at vice@lyc.ns.ca. Thanks for a great memorable 2008 season at

LYC. See you at the closing dinner on September 27th. This will also be our last day for gas and tender services.

As we close our doors for the season, a special thank you to all staff and volunteers that made 2008 a memorable year at LYC.

Marina Brian Barnes



It is again that time of the season again when we start thinking about wrapping it all up for another year. The season was good with no serious damages to the marina. The water for the marina will be shut-off and removed Sept 26th and the Electrical will be disconnected Sept 27th. The marina is schedule to be disconnected and removed on the week of Sept 29th. So all you late season boaters "out to the mooring you go". The contractor doing the removal will not be responsible for any damages to boats including dinghy's that are left on the system during the

procedure so please take note of the removal date. The system will be stored on-site at the upper portion of the parking lot off the payment and on the gravel side. Please ensure there are no boat trailers in that area. As usual there will be improvements and preventive maintenance done to the system during the off-season. A letter to marina members with the financial statements will be sent to all members shortly. I apologize for not having a marina meeting this season.

There have been some realignments to the moorings this season and most of you boaters notice we now have the water lot marked with dark green buoys. We will replace the green buoys next season so they are not confused with boat moorings. LYC added three more moorings this season but lost one during realignment operations. The club now owns eleven moorings for guests or visitors. A project to indentify all moorings at the club is in progress and a plan to better manage the mooring field will follow. For those of you who wish to have their moorings serviced for the season please do not hesitate to contact me. If any of you have questions

regarding the marina or mooring field you can contact me at 624-8084.

Rear Commodore John Suederick



This summer was a great season in senior racing at LYC. Race management was improved with an automatic race start timer, fully equipped with 2 air horns. The usual suspect (Ian Mann) behind the scenes kept handicaps and race results corrected to the second. There was a Racer's Forum held in May to help inform the fleet of LYC's senior racing program. Special thanks to the guest speaker Andreaus Hosenhans.

June racing kicked off the season with some great weather and competitive sailing.

July started with Race Week in a Day regatta. This regatta is held to challenge yacht clubs in the

area for the Mahone Bay Challenge Cup. The race was sponsored by Suttles and Seawinds. Chester Yacht Club entered 5 boats. LYC's racers managed to win the racing and maintain the cup. Special thanks to Colin Mann and the Poohsticks crew for holding a great day on the water. Many prizes were also donated by local companies.

Also, good news is that the July racing participation was well up this year. Let's try to get even more participants for 2009!

August race events had record numbers of yachts on the start line; especially for our Thursday night series. Sunday cup races had some great sails and distance racing. The Clausen Walter's J29 regatta was held this year with 15 J29s from as far away as New Brunswick that came to compete in the racing that is known as the best J29 regatta in Atlantic Canada. Our own Larry Creaser once again took first place. Thanks to Scott Covey and Andreaus Hosenhans for their great organization and race management. A hefty \$1,000 from the J29 regatta is donated to LYC's keel boat fund every year. Special thanks to Clausen

Walter's for their generous donation and support.

Racing did not slow down in September with good numbers that turned out for every race. There have been new sailors joining the fun every year. There were also three scheduled fun Friday races this year that turned out some keen rivalries while enjoying a sail around Bachman's Island. An old racers trophy called the Lunenburg Yacht Club Cruiser's Trophy will be awarded for the fun series.

It is sad to say but it's that time of year again. A must do is to attend the Closing Dinner and trophy awards on September 27th. There will be good food and over 30 awards given out. Please come and cheer the winners or just raise a glass to the end of another great sailing season.

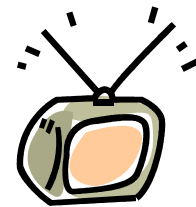
Membership Mary Atkins



Membership in 2008 was very positive, netting a total of 413 members, the

highest membership we have seen at LYC in the past few years! The open house was a success again this year and resulted in an addition of 9 new members. In 2008, we had 64 new members join the Club, gaining increases in almost every category. Unfortunately, we also had 32 members resign in 2008 generating a net gain of 32 members over the previous year. Membership is very important to the success of LYC so we need to continue to find ways to attract new members. A big shout out to all of you who have encouraged others to join LYC!

LCD TV Draw at LYC



LYC purchased a View Sonic flat screen LCD 37 inch television and we have been selling tickets on the TV during the season. The draw for the television will take place at the closing dinner on September 27th. Please buy your tickets before they are gone. Tickets are \$5.00 each and we are only selling 200 of them. Good luck to all!

Learn to Sail Michael O'Connor



In 2008 we saw continued growth in our Learn to Sail program. Over 130 kids registered for over 240 sessions this summer. In the second session we had 85 kids taking lessons including 40 in white sail, which is the beginner group. Unfortunately, even though we borrowed boats from other clubs we still had to turn some kids away. Those of you that were around the club during the 2nd session would have noticed that in addition to taking over the front lawn of the club we were working our way up the driveway!

In addition to the white sail program we had active race groups in Optis, 420's, Lasers and Bytes. Our Byte and Laser sailors participated in regattas locally and in Ontario. As well, they participated in the Canadian Youth Nationals and several of them are on the Provincial

Development Team, congratulations to them. I would also like to belatedly (my fault) congratulate Drew Mitchell on being named Youth Coach of the year in 2007. Our 420 team continued to grow this summer to the point where at the Canadian Youths we represented 8 of the 24 crews. Unfortunately we only have 6 boats and as we could only borrow 2 more boats we had to leave some kids at home that would have benefitted tremendously from the experience of sailing against and meeting kids from other parts of the country.

Our Opti sailors benefitted from the club hosting the 2008 Canadian Optimist Championships. This championship saw kids participate from France, Bermuda, Puerto Rico, Barbados, the east coast and Midwestern regions of the United States, as well as from all across Canada. We had over 120 kids racing in a Championship and Green (Beginner) fleet and over 20 from LYC. This was a great opportunity for the club, members and staff, to showcase their stuff and our guests were suitably impressed. Our team, including over 80 volunteers, put on a week to remember for the kids;

great racing, great entertainment (including a hypnotist, dunk tank and fireworks) and of course the popular "Lunenburg Wash". Everyone went home happy and indeed the kids from Bermuda wanted to know if they could stay another week. I understand some people were so impressed that LYC has been nominated for Regatta of the Year, an award which I'm proud to say LYC has already won twice! Please visit our website at www.lyc.ns.ca to see additional information and photos from the 2008 Canadian Optimist Championship.

In 2009 we plan to host a Learn to Sail reunion and will provide you with more details in the not too distant future.

As we look ahead we are faced with many challenges. We have a program that is once again outgrowing its physical facility. We have a keen group of older sailors that we would like to continue to support and need to figure out the best way to do that. As you know, Lisa Ross (LYC LTS alumni) represented Canada in the Olympics this summer and we could very well have another Olympian or more in the program at this very

moment. We lack sufficient sail boats, coach boats and trailers to move our race teams around to regattas (we are the largest race program in the province) and these teams present a lot of organizational issues we never faced in the past when the program was smaller. Having said that, the Advisory Committee is always looking for ideas and volunteers so please don't be shy, feel free to drop me an email at lts@lyc.ns.ca, all ideas and offers of help are welcome! A special thanks to our 2008 volunteers including Paul Ross, Lynn O'Callaghan and many more. We couldn't have done it without you!

Social Rosemary Ross



We are winding down another season at LYC. Social events have been well attended and Eddie has been a great addition, adding his professional touch providing delicious food for every occasion.

Thanks to our sponsors,

the TGIFs continue to be a favorite, a relaxed get together for members to kick off the weekend. Linda, as always, has been a most gracious hostess.

We were able to provide live music on two occasions this season. Members enjoyed the Clas Larson Quartet at the opening dinner. The Yacht Club took on a very tropical look for our Luau with the Commodore on August 2nd and we enjoyed Tailor Made's dance tunes.

In June we sailed into summer with our first Ladies Night. The food and fashions were wonderful. Definitely a "must do" for next season.

The turnout was great for July's Lobster Boil. We donned our bibs and dug into our favourite crustaceans although there were a couple of hamburger sightings. The following week the weather cooperated with a beautiful evening for the Backman's Raft Up. The Raft Up was "canceled" as a club event with bingo, fireworks, etc. due to lack of interest; however, the party continued and several boats showed up for the event. Margaritas were prepared on board Marita IV, and as usual, lots and lots of food. A

great time was had by all. We will continue to offer this event in future years since the raft up party continues to become more well attended and popular. Next season we will attempt to bring back the Bingo hosted by Peter Smith!

Although our August weather was a little disappointing we did wind up with a beautiful day for the Mahone Bay cruise and raft up. Enough boaters turned up to make it a very enjoyable afternoon.

This summer's production of "Glimpses" of Lunenburg during, our chowder night with excellent fun and entertainment received great reviews from those who attended. Whether a Lunenburger or not, most would have to appreciate this historical and comical production. Thank you to Barbara Zwicker for suggesting we bring it to the club. Also thank you to David Smith for sharing his wonderful around the world adventure with us.

Now heading into our final week, hope to see everyone at our "Last Hurrah" for the season, the closing dinner and awards on September 27th.