

Telltale



Lunenburg Yacht Club

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Message from Commodore Ron Whynacht

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish to welcome all our members to LYC for another exciting year for your Club. Thanks to everyone for supporting LYC in celebrating our 60th anniversary in 2007.

It was an outstanding year as a result of the following initiatives:

70 new members added, increased revenue by 27%, introduced the new "Deck Membership" category, great feedback from the Membership survey, expanded the parking lot, added & restored the dinghy docks, added a new wharf ramp, held a successful fund raiser,

increased volunteer support, large teams for our spring and fall clean up, completed painting and minor upgrades. A record number of kids participated in the Learn to Sail program, grew the race team, great results for the senior sailors at Chester Race Week. And most importantly, we have a sound financial picture going into 2008.

This year, several improvements – and it's a long list! - are already underway. They include repairs to the seawall at the NW corner of the front lawn, improvements where the walkway meets the wharf to prevent erosion improved boat launch slip, the Sr. race start platform & mast moved into better view for racers, new deck furniture, new sound system, new barbecue, paving of the parking lot, fencing around the dumpster, yard lights along the front lawn, necessary repairs to some of the docks, new wood shed, a new welcome sign at the entry to the Club, adding an adult Learn to

Sail program, new LTS trailer, set of guidelines for the mooring field and more painting.

The most challenging priority for the Club in 2008 is to make a decision regarding the Tanner property next to the Club. The Long Range Planning Committee is working on 2 initiatives –

- 1) Development of an economically feasible use plan
- 2) a funding plan to acquire the property next door

The Committee plans to make a recommendations at the Semi-annual meeting on August 27th.

We are delighted that Linda Hatt has returned as our Club manager. And we welcome our new chef, Eddie O'Neil who comes with an extensive background at familiar establishments, the Campbell House, the Captain's House and the Argyle Bar and Grill. We thank past chef, Faith Assaf for her years of service

and wish her well in the future. Gabe Braunert, will continue as Bookkeeper and Bartender and also assume the role of Assistant Manager.

On the Learn to Sail side, we welcome back Greg Blunden as head instructor with several of our senior staff and our race coach returning. Please see Michael O'Connor's report further on in this Telltale.

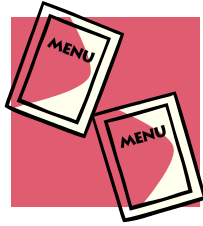
The 2008 Calendar is again packed with exciting events and important dates. So please check on news and updates via our website, E-hoy newsletters, bulletin board and the telephone committee reminders.

Your Board and the Staff look forward to seeing you at the Club. Have a safe and fun-filled summer.

Best regards,
Ron Whynacht,
Commodore



Vice Commodore Karen Gordon



NEW CLUB DINING RULES

You will notice this year when dining at LYC, that we will provide members with a bill each time dining and bar service are used. This bill will reflect the total charge including taxes and a gratuity of 15%.

We request each member before leaving the Club review their bill for accuracy and sign it. Once signed, it will be automatically charged against the member's food credit. Members will be supplied with a monthly statement to show the charges against your food credit and the remaining balance.

If no food credit is remaining, members must pay for purchases before leaving the Club unless you have a credit card on file. If one is on file, the Club will process the charge to your credit card the next day. If no credit card is on file, members must pay before leaving the Club.

This is due to past issues where members had no remaining credits and no credit card on file which has led to misunderstandings on bill payment.

All this is to ensure the Club gets paid and any issues are dealt with immediately.

Please see Linda Hatt or any of the Wait staff to add your credit card to the Club's file. If you do not get a bill for some reason, please see Linda or one of the Wait staff immediately.

The Club has also added a second terminal to the bar which should eliminate delays processing bills. This terminal will only be used for charges to the food credit. The "old" terminal will still be used for cash, debit and VISA/MasterCard payments.

LYC has upgraded its sound system which will enable the Club members to hear music inside and outside with better quality sound. The microphone system has also been upgraded.

Thanks to last year's Silent Auction, we have upgraded our deck furniture with high end granite deck tables & comfortable chairs with expected delivery by late June. Also, a new

Weber barbecue has been purchased with the Auctions funds. We all look forward to sitting on the deck under one of our umbrellas, sipping on a cold beverage and smelling the barbecue at work!!

Membership Mary Atkins



Membership growth and involvement are an important part of LYC's success. Membership in 2007 was very successful both in terms of renewals and new membership. We want this positive trend to continue. So we are once again having an Open House on June 21st to attract new members. Those who join during that day will receive a gift from LYC and the opportunity to partake in a cruise of our Bay, courtesy of the Club members. As well, the New Member's Night, popular last year, will be held on July 4th – the official welcome to new members.

For those whose membership is up for renewal please renew and encourage your friends to check out the Club, invite them as a guest, or contact me at 624-8153 or e-mail: membership@lyc.ns.ca

Mooring Update Ron Whynacht

IMPORTANT NEWS ON MOORINGS

For years, LYC has tried to improve the placement and management of its moorings. As many know, the Club has it's own approved water lot the boundaries of which project out from the LYC property lines and are currently marked with 2 green mooring balls. PLEASE NOTE THESE WILL BE CHANGED TO 2 YELLOW SPAR BUOYS. The terms of the Club's water lot give LYC the ownership of the bottom and authority to manage where moorings are placed. A map of the greater mooring field and the LYC water lot in front of the Club will be posted at LYC when complete. In January 2007, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) passed new regulations requiring a permit be obtained before

any mooring can be placed on crown land beneath the surface. All existing moorings are grandfathered as far as we can determine. If LYC determines that an existing mooring within the LYC water lot poses a danger by being too close to other moorings, we will meet with both mooring owners to resolve the situation. Failing to reach a compromise will leave LYC with no option but to correct the situation accordingly. No permits for new moorings in the LYC water lot are required since this is considered private property & LYC has the authority to manage moorings within the boundaries of its lot accordingly. HOW'EVER, there are to be no new moorings set within the LYC water lot unless with LYC approval. LYC has created the position of Harbour Master to manage moorings within the water lot and to provide assistance and advice on moorings outside the water lot. The Harbour Master will report to the LYC Board of Directors. Brian Barnes has agreed to assume this position and will also continue as Marina Director. New rules for placement of moorings from DNR can be accessed from

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/paal/dnr/paal063.asp> .

Thus, any new mooring placed on crown land must have an approved permit from DNR. The exceptions are within privately owned water lots. Moorings by non-property owners proposed to be placed in front of private properties will require permits and the property owner must sign off on the DNR permit if the location is within 60 metres from the owner's high water mark.

A property owner may place one mooring within 60 metres of their property high water mark without obtaining a permit. Managing moorings at LYC has been challenging in the past. Therefore, we are asking members for patience and cooperation with the ongoing management of LYC moorings.

First, we plan to map the entire mooring filed; we are requesting that all moorings be clearly marked with the owner's name or vessel name. These will appear on the mooring map. We also plan to record the longitude and latitude of each mooring. If any mooring owner wants to sell their mooring or if you have an abandoned

mooring, LYC is asking for first right of refusal to negotiate the purchase or assume ownership of these moorings.

The practice of individuals launching new moorings or retrieving moorings from the LYC beach must be approved by the Harbour Master. There are too many sunken & existing moorings on the bottom including the Marina moorings and this practice now needs to be managed. We are also asking all LYC members to contact the Harbour Master, Brian Barnes or through Linda Hatt, Club Manager, about any issues regarding mooring placement whether in or out of the LYC water lot.

These policies and instructions are for the benefit and safety of all. Thank you for your support and cooperation in this very important matter.

Rear Commodore John Suederick

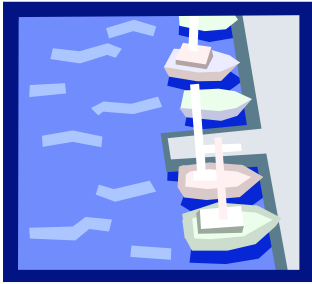
Welcome to another season of sailing and racing at LYC. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped the Club with spring maintenance, dock repairs and painting. Special thanks to John Whynacht,

Colin Mann and Andreas Josenhans for their presentations at the May 31st Racers Forum. Our 2008 racing schedule is posted on the Club bulletin board and is full sailing opportunities for everyone. There are the usual Thursday night races, the longer Trophy races. We have scheduled a few Friday night fun races to be held on July 4th, August 1st, September 5th. Everyone is welcome as it is a great introduction to racing with just fun as the objective.

Colin Mann and crew of Poohsticks will again hold Race Week in a Day regatta for the Mahone Bay Challenge Cup on July 5th. Plan to be there and spread the word of challenging the other local club racers. Scott Covey along with Andreas Josenhans and friends will hold the J29 regatta on August 10th & 11th. J29s require many crew so please check in with Scott if you would like to sail in the regatta. Hope to see everyone on the water.



Marina Brian Barnes



Welcome to the 2008 boating season. The Marina Association continues to improve the quality of the marina. During the off-season the marina underwent more improvements with one of the old finger floats being replaced. Also, adjustments were made to the way the marina is connected to improve strength. There is one marina berth for sale, so let me know if anyone is interested in purchasing. This year the Association is renting two private berths, one returnee & one new member. We say good bye to owners Eugene & Carol Tanner and welcome Jonathon & Anita Romkey.

This year the Club is implementing procedures to focus on improved dock services. Dock staff will be providing assistance to marina users developing safe practices and ensuring smooth operations.

Greater attention is being given to the mooring field as per our Commodore's report. The outer corner of the water lot is presently marked with green buoys. These will change to yellow. The project will identify who owns moorings inside/outside of the water lot, develop mooring guidelines to better utilize the limited water space and to minimize congestion. We are, each of us, responsible for our respective boats and the safety of the marina. So please take care when using it. And remember, if it's calling for gales everyone must get off the marina. Let's hope for fair winds and sunny weather. See you on the docks.

Learn to Sail Michael O'Connor



Another busy summer is upon us in the Learn to Sail program and at many regattas within and outside the Province. Thanks are again extended to the volunteer team at LTS – Lynn O'Callaghan, Nancy Eisenhauer, Greg Flinn, Jim Mosher and Paul Ross.

We are pleased to announce that Greg Blunden will be head instructor this summer. We are fortunate with returning instructors this year – Drew Mitchell coaching the Byte and Laser race team, Lesley Taylor coaching the 420 team, and Oliver Hathaway handling the Opti race group. Morgan Woodman and Josh Burley will handle the white program with Elliott Demone splitting his time between the white and race programs. We welcome one new instructor this year – Annie Ewing, a recent graduate of the LTS Program who will take on the beginner Optimist group. Sessions begin on June 30th and run every 2 weeks until August 22nd.

Opti Canadians

LYC has been awarded the 2008 Optimist Canadian Championships. Sanctioned by the Canadian Optimist Dinghy Assoc., the regatta will take place at LYC from August 17-22, 2008 and could attract upwards of 100 athletes from across the country. Designed in 1947, the Optimist is a single-handed, one design sailed competitively in 110 countries. And it is the only dinghy approved by the International Sailing Federation exclusively for

sailors under 16 years of age. It is a credit to LYC that we have been chosen to host this important regatta. But we need volunteers for it to be a success. If you are interested in helping in any way (boats, billeting etc.) please let me know.

Message from Club Manager Linda Hatt

Welcome to another season at LYC. All the staff and I are looking forward to preparing a fun-filled summer at the Club. We have an excellent "crew on deck" this season – new faces as well as familiar ones. We would like to extend a special welcome to our new Chef – Eddie!

We are pleased that all of our themed TGIF's are sponsored. Our popular happy hours can be sponsored as well. So if there is interest in sponsoring one of these, let me know. We'll be pleased to accommodate you.

New this year to LYC is glassware with the LYC logo which can be purchased for \$5 per glass – great gifts for the cottage or galley. (Father's Day is coming!)

We can now offer Club sailors our signature LYC t-shirts in various colours with the name of your boat on the t-shirt for \$21.95 each. Please watch for the upcoming flyer and contact me for ordering details. As well, our new line of 2008 clothing has just arrived.

Get yours while the pickings are "hot"! See you at the Club.



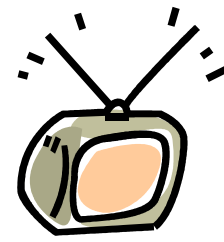
Open House Saturday, June 21st

"Open House" – 2 to 5 pm

- Complimentary sailing and power cruises offered by club members during the afternoon
- Overview and information about LYC
- Membership information
- Refreshments & Snacks
- Join as a new member for the 2008 season at the Open House and receive a complimentary gift from LYC

Tell your friends!!!

New LCD TV at LYC



LYC purchased a flat screen LCD 37inch television which has now been installed in the club. Please drop by the club and relax, enjoy and watch.

We are selling tickets on this television (like last year) and will be raffling it off at the end of the season. Please get a ticket for \$5.00 from the bar. Only 200 tickets will be sold so get yours before they are gone.

Social Rosemary Ross



Please check your calendar for great upcoming social events. Some key events that are planned:

- Ladies Night– June20
- Christmas in July – July6
- Lobster Boil – July19
- Backmans Raft Up- July26
- Power Cruise- August30