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Lunenburg Yacht Club

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Message from Commodore Ron Whynacht

We are off to a great start to the season, with good attendance at the early events, docks in, a few races sailed, and quite a few boats showing up each day. We are ahead of last year for paid-up members, and about 16 new members. The staff are 'learning the ropes'. As you are aware, we decided to relieve our new General Manager of his duties and we will get by this season without a General Manager. Our senior staff, Gabe Braunert, Assistant Manager/Bookkeeper, Eddy O'Neill, Chef, and Oliver Hatheway, Head Instructor, LTS will keep things going

for the season. Thanks to all staff for getting everything in place and working well.

Chef Eddy O'Neill and his staff have been turning out some terrific meals, so if you haven't been there for dinner yet, I assure you that you will be pleased.

The calendars are now all sent out for paid-up members. We still have quite a few members who have not paid dues yet but when you do, you can pick up your calendars at the bar. We have a short season and a very full calendar, so don't hesitate to get to the Club!

Shortly you will be hearing more about our plans to raise funds to acquire the Tanner Property next door. We desperately need to make this a reality, as without it we simply can't expand and are already turning kids away from the Learn To Sail program; also, we are not able to provide all the services to members, especially the boaters, that we should be providing. This will be our #1 Goal for LYC this year.

Please remember to read the info on the bulletin board regarding the LYC mooring field. Brian Barnes, your Harbor Master, needs your attention and support in making our moorings and your moorings as safe and well-managed as possible. This is our #2 Goal for this year. Our #3 Goal is to improve our standard operating procedures and cost controls. Finally our #4 Goal is to continue to increase membership. Our target this year was a **conservative plus 5% and so far this is looking good.** Mary Atkins is leading this Goal. We need more members volunteering at the Club. Fortunately we have a small core of very active volunteers and they are doing a great job BUT they are getting burned out and we need some new faces to give us a hand. It is a great way to get to know your Club and to meet new and current members. Here's hoping you will have a safe and fun-filled summer and on behalf of your Board of Directors, we

look forward to seeing you at the Club. Don't forget to invite you friends and families.



Vice Commodore Karen Gordon

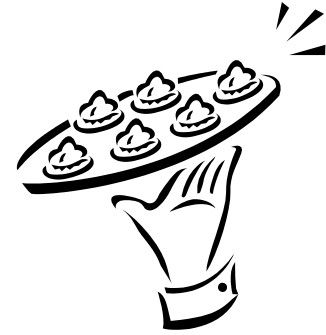
Welcome to another season at LYC. Gabe Braunert is at LYC for another season and this year she is Assistant Manger/Bookkeeper, so you will see a lot of Gabe. She is managing the dining room and sales. As well, we are pleased that Eddy O'Neil, our Chef from last year, has returned for another season. Eddy will be providing his excellent cuisine to the club over the next several months. Please let Eddy know if you have any favorite dishes. He'll do his best to accommodate you.

There is also a new slate of staff in the kitchen and dining room. Welcome to Jessica, Ryan, Ellen, Mary Beth, and Maria in the dining room, and Wanda,

Zack and Amber in the kitchen. Connor Buckley has returned on the dock for another season and welcome to a new dock staff member, Jeffrey Crouse. Please drop by and say "hello" to our new staff members.

We have been open for a few weeks now (on spring hours). We have not been very busy and have had to close on a few occasions. We are hopeful that our business "picks up" soon. We continue to remind you that we need all members to support the club regularly. If not, we will not be able to maintain the level of service at LYC that we have come to enjoy. Please visit often and bring your family and friends. There will be a lot of exciting events at LYC this season as well as a full menu most days. Call ahead to ensure we have your reservation. Also, ladies, please drop by and see our updated ladies' washroom!

See you at the club!



Social Rosemary Ross

Another season under full swing at the yacht club! We have a great calendar of social events planned for 2009. Two additional TGIFs have been sponsored this year. Thank you very much to those sponsors, as these continue to be very popular and a good way to kick off the weekend.

Ladies' Night was held on June 12th. This turned out to be a great evening with over 50 attendees. The fashion show was a huge success.

Entertainment this summer includes a live band for the LYC/MICA evening on June 26th. We expect this to be a major social event and are planning on a full house so don't forget to reserve your table. "Glimpses of Lunenburg" will be back on August 14 with a new version of "Glimpses" for our "mini dinner theatre".

Mid Life Crisis will join us on August 29th.

Aside from our traditional Backman's Island raft-up, we will be rafting up in Mahone Bay on June 27th and in Chester on July 18th. Commodore's Evening will be more casual with beach party atmosphere and Lobster Boil.

Chef Eddy will have a chance to show off his culinary skill with Fine Wine and Dining on July 17th. Bring your dobbers to Bingo Night on July 24th. It's only fair that the men should have their own night so we are introducing men's Pub and Poker Night to the club on July 25th. Stay tuned for more information on the LTS reunion weekend planned for the 1st of August. We will be making good use of our piano with a musical evening on Aug. 21st.

LTS members and parents are encouraged to enjoy club facilities with the new Instructors, Parents and Kids nights. Join the kids after sailing for a BBQ (or maybe pizza) and evening activities. I know the kids will be looking forward to it and it will be a great chance for parents to socialize.

Where are our "under 30" members? We want to see you at the club this summer! If you have any ideas for entertainment or events you would like to see planned, we would be more than happy to hear from you.

Please remember that with a fairly small membership it is difficult to plan successful events without having some idea of numbers in advance. Reservations are greatly appreciated. AND DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

Membership Mary Atkins



Last year LYC membership grew to a record 413, including 54 new members. To date in 2009, 228 memberships have been renewed and 14 new members have joined LYC.

Even though our numbers are slightly higher than the same time last year, we

would encourage those that have not renewed their memberships to please do so as soon as possible. We need to continue to promote LYC in order to attract new members and continue to be successful. Thanks to all those who have already encouraged friends to join the Club. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding membership, please do not hesitate to contact me at membership@lyc.ns.ca.

Rear Commodore Margie Knickle

The sailing season is finally upon us! Boat covers are removed, bottoms painted, spars are back in and everyone is getting ready for a fun racing season. The race committee has been meeting regularly in an attempt make some changes which will improve the quality of racing in Princes Inlet. For starters, LYC and the Chester Yacht Club are beginning an old/new tradition with an Opening Regatta over the June 22nd weekend. This year CYC will host, and next year it will be our turn.

If you have not already heard, LYC is switching to the PHRF Handicap system.

NSYA is encouraging all yacht clubs to put this in place. If you race outside our club in Chester Race Week for example you can expect this to be the new handicap system. If you would like to be an Officer of the Day for any of the racing, please let me or Fred know. Please include the race course chosen for the race, as we are keeping track of the various courses run throughout the season.

We also will be introducing a new race mark between Covey's and Bachman's Island (44.24.869, 64.18.104). We are hoping the new mark will make for a more competitive venue and improve the racing as well.

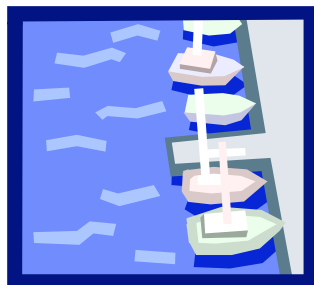
Please note on your calendar Monday night, July 20th, 2009. A racing seminar will be led by Andreas Josenhans. Andreas will be out observing our racing and taking photos of different boats and races. He will then use his analytical ability to make acute assessments. It is an incredible opportunity to have your sail shape, sail set up, boat set up and general fine tuning of your rig critically analyzed.

The Laser World's in St. Margaret's Bay still need many volunteers. Just go to their web site and follow the directions for volunteering. The dates of the regatta are; August 15th through September 5th, 2009. There are two parts – the Senior World's in the first week, and the Master's in the second.

The J29 Regatta has undergone some changes. It is now including J24's and goes by the event name of, BMW North Sails One Design Regatta.

Finally, please give a heart felt thanks to John Suederick for acting as Rear Commodore these past two years. Hope to see you on the water soon.

Marina Brian Barnes



Hi Folks, welcome to the 2009 boating season. The marina was launched May 28th and I'm pleased to say, very smoothly. Waterworks was on site prior to the launch to do

some preventive maintenance and repairs. We are very lucky to have their expertise and their professionalism was demonstrated effectively and efficiently during the launch. The (E8) finger float shared by owners C. Morrow and A. Mosher was replaced and is the result of the on-going strategy to replace outdated floats. A dive inspection on the chains and anchoring points will be done too to ensure everything is okay.

As an Association it is important we continue to maintain the integrity of our system to the best of our ability, and resources. As owners we all share a responsibility to care for the system and to ensure that it is as secure as possible.

There are some slips available for purchase, so let me know if you know anyone with interest. Rentals are available too.

The marina will provide a platform this season for research by collecting data for a project funded by DFO. The Canadian Aquatic Invasive Species Network (CAISN) will have instruments in the water at designated areas on the marina, so please if you see anything strange

hanging in the water below the docks, please do not disturb.

On the water side of things, there will be two proper water lot buoys marking the clubs' water lease boundaries this season. Any inquiries regarding moorings please refer them to me. That's it for me. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable season. Berth owners and renters remember, if the weather calls for gales, please move from the marina and take a mooring.

See you all on the docks.

Learn to Sail Michael O'Connor



Learn to Sail (LTS) looks forward to another very busy season! Thanks to the LTS Committee (Lynn O'Callaghan, Anne Bailly, Kris Burns, Paul Ross, Greg Flinn & Jim Mosher) for getting everything organized. Oliver Hatheway has now taken over the reins, or I guess I should say tiller, as Head Instructor. Oliver is a graduate of the program and has been coaching the over-hyped Opti kids for

the last two seasons. We're pleased to have Morgan Woodman, Lesley Taylor, Drew Mitchell and Elliott Demone returning as instructors for another year and we're welcoming Breugh Wood, Graham Mann, Will Flower and Ben Burley as first-time instructors. All of these instructors are graduates of the program. Ross Romney and Andreas Demone are two of the four graduates of our race program that are heading to Chester to run their LTS program. We look forward to increasing the cooperation between the two programs and ensuring that every young sailor has a summer to remember.

In fact, all of the instructors and sailors now spend time at all of the different clubs training and coaching. Last fall and this spring (starting in March, brrrr!) we've had a number of sailors training in Halifax and some of our instructors have been there coaching them. As well, Adam Taylor, Daniel Baker, Cameron Levy and their coach, Lesley Taylor, went to a regatta in Florida in February. These sailors and coaches are busy and dedicated to improving their skills.

This winter we purchased five used 420's from various locales in the United States and two members purchased their own 420's. These boats are needed, as last year we had to turn kids away from the bronze program. Now we can take up even more space in the parking lot and on the lawn! We thank you for your patience; once Ron's field is bought we'll get out of your way! I would like to thank Jim Snair and Sunnybrook Yacht Brokers (particularly Marcie) for all their help with buying the boats so we could clear the customs man at the border relatively pain-free. Still had to pay the tax man, but it was a lot easier! I would also like to thank Larry Creaser for allowing Drew and Elliott to put over 4000 km's on his Suburban to tow the trailer to Maryland, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Massachusetts and then home.

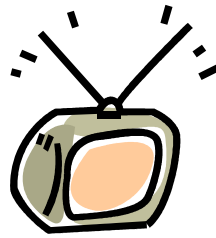
The Social Committee has put together a number of Instructors', Parents' and LTS kids' nights during the summer. It will be a great opportunity for everyone to get together and share some common stories, both past and present. Speaking of the past, we're holding a "LTS Reunion

Weekend" this summer, July 31 – Aug 2. We hope that this weekend can become an annual occasion for past Junior Sailors to get together. Many of us now have or have had kids go through the program. In fact I expect we're probably getting close to or perhaps have already achieved the milestone of the first grandchild of a LTS alumni taking lessons; Anyone know if we've achieved that?

Thanks again to all the members of the club for their outstanding support of the LTS program; you're putting smiles on faces!



Bigger LCD TV at LYC



LYC purchased a flat screen LCD 42-inch television which has now been installed in the club. Please drop by the club and relax, enjoy and watch. We'll keep you posted on Americas Cup viewings at LYC!

We are selling tickets on this television 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.