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# Commodore's Report October 2009

Well that's another great summer over, where did it go is the usual response? Haulout is unfortunately here once again.

Since the start of our season a number of successful events have taken place at the club.

Race Week 2009 was surely one of the breeziest in recent memory. Despite the somewhat inclement weather the overall turnout was quite good mostly in Division I which provided some very close competition. In true tradition of Race Week we wrapped up with a great party on Staurday evening that was enjoyed by all.

This Race Week was very special in that it was the twentieth anniversary of sponsorship by Bill Matthews Autohaus. For this unstinting dedication we have to thank Bill and Carol Matthews who have not only sponsored Race Week and the Junior Sailors Regattas but have always worked hard during the week to ensure it's success. It is with mixed feelings that Bill and Carol have decided to end sponsorship of Race Week at the twentieth anniversary mark. We cannot thank them enough for all those years and we will surely miss the familiar VW and Audi logos that always seem to bloom around the club in August each year.

The Philip J. Keeping Youth Sail Training Centre has now been officially opened and dedicated to Mr. Phil Keeping who has been a major benefactor to our junior sailing program, in particularly providing wharves and access to them freely available for the program. The plaque unveiling took place on September 2nd, a very pleasant afternoon with Mr. Keeping, junior sailors and major fundraisers in attendance.

On a very positive note this year saw the greatest number of junior sailor enrollments ever in one summer, in no small part due to the efforts of Director Robbie Decker and his exceptional group of instructors. Thanks guys, keep up the good work.

Our annual Easter Seals Regatta was once again well organized thanks to the efforts of Eg Walters and his new committee who took on the task of Easter Seals Director at quite short notice, Thanks Eg for your dedication to the cause.

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## Commodore's Report October 2009 (cont)

Once again Labour Day weekend saw an almost perfect day for the Commodore's Cocktail Party at Sid and Bernice Hynes house in Middle Arm . Thank you Sid and Bernice for your generosity. Thanks also to all those members who made the trek whether by water or road to make such a great turnout.

Our power boating members also had a couple of fun events around Conception Bay followed by a barbecue in the evening. Both the Poker Run and the Canada Day Scavenger Hunt (Power & Sail) events were well attended and by all accounts some aspects of the scavenger hunt event were quite challenging to competitors! Keep up the good work George & Dave.

Special mention is also due to our hard working staff at the club without whom it would be extremely difficult to operate our facilities, in particular our restaurant staff who manage to provide large numbers of people at our functions with delicious meals in short time periods and still have a smile and our yard staff work in all weathers to ensure efficient launch and haulout operations and general maintenance around the club. Welcome to our new Executive Assistant, Andrea, who is now doing a great job getting things organized and bringing everything up to date. Our general Manager James Eastman is the very patient man who keeps all the club operations going in the right direction to serve all members. Thanks Jim and thanks to you all.

This being our last issue of Spindrift for the year this will be my last piece as Commodore. It has been an honour and privilege to work with an exceptional executive and club staff on your behalf.

Your club is in good hands and will continue to improve in the future. Happy boating to all, let's hope next years weather is as good as the summer of 2009.

Best Regards  
Michael Shawyer

Commodore RNYC

## Important Reminder to all Members

Re: Kitchen and Bar Receipts

As was noted in our last newsletter we ask that all members please continue to sign you bar and kitchen slips each time you charge anything at the RNYC.

**Re: Accounts Receivable**

**Please note that any accounts past due are subject to a 2% monthly finance charge and this will be strictly enforced moving forward (starting November 1, 2009). The cumulative costs of the RNYC having to carry AR accounts 30-60+ days past due are exorbitant and as such these costs have to be passed on to those directly responsible. Our goal is to not have to charge one cent in finance charges, help us make this happen!**

Mike Shawyer  
Commodore  
RNYC

## Attention All Members

**Just one last reminder that if you operate a craft with a motor you need to have a**

**"PLEASURE CRAFT OPERATORS CARD"**

**The deadline for obtaining one was September 15th 2009.**

**Those members who do not have a card and wish to obtain one can contact Ted Laurentius (754-8820), who has offered to conduct further courses so folks can comply with the new regulations.**

**Individuals can, however, challenge the exam without taking the course, The important thing is to obtain your card before you are caught without one and potentially fined.**

# Facilities Report October 2009

Once again we had another busy year around the club with a number of capital works projects completed or near completion.

The following are improvements that were completed or soon to be finished in and around our RNYC club house:

- § New larger Diesel fuel tank
- § New fuel hose reels and platform in front of tanks.
- § New freezers and ice machine relocated off kitchen.
- § Parking lot paving on upper section in front of club and line painting
- § Misc. repairs to ceilings, paint etc. around club
- § Renovation to large room off kitchen including new ceramic tile and paint.
- § Security gates finished
- § Travel lift RNYC Decals
- § Travel lift tire cover
- § New washer and dryer in basement.
- § New RNYC signage installed at entrance to club on Greenslades Road.
- § Another Mast Rack was purchased and installed for smaller masts
- § New wheel barrels
- § Water hydrant installed for upper boat storage lot
- § New weather resistant numbers to be installed on all wharves.
- § General wharf repairs, planks, water hoses, ladders etc.
- § Electrical maintenance on wharves
- § General building maintenance including 2 new windows

Your patience was appreciated while we carried out these improvements to our great club!!

Thanks again for your continued support!

Ken Ryan  
Facilities Chair

# Safety Report October 2009

## **Storm Preparations – RNYC**

This is meant to be a general guide to help you prepare for a wind storm such as those that blow through Newfoundland from time to time. These storms are not always tropical in nature with names, and can occur any time during the boating season. This is just the nature of the local climate. Below is a list of precautions to be followed.

1. Secure your boat with adequate dock lines. This means that they should be doubled up and be of sufficient size. For example, for a 30 foot boat, use at least ½' or 9/16". For a 40 foot boat, use 5/8" or ¾'. The lines should be nylon as this will allow 5% to 10% stretch and reduce shock loads on cleats. Please do not use polypropylene. This material is unsuitable because of its inability to handle chafe and UV. When it fails it explodes and has much less strength for its diameter than nylon.
2. Use chafe protection wherever a rope passes through a chock or over a rail. Leather is best, but heavy rags are also good. Flexible hose will work, though in extreme cases the hose can melt from the heat generated by constant chafe.
3. Use lines long enough to accommodate a significant tide or storm surge. See attached diagram for the recommended configuration.
4. Ensure that attachment points on the boat are up to the task. Cleats should be of sufficient size and have proper backing plates. When securing a rope to a cleat, use the correct knot as shown. When securing a line to the dock, use a clove hitch finished off with a half hitch. It is recommended that if you are securing a line to the main wharf, run it through the deck boards and around the longitudinal beams underneath, the toe rails could be pulled away from the storm forces.
5. When tying off lines to cleats, make sure that the ropes can be easily adjusted from the boat later if necessary. The cleat hitch will allow for this. On other points a bowline is also a useful knot.
6. Set fenders, but dock lines should be the first line of defense and prevent contact in the first place. If necessary, add additional fenders and secure them to a toe rail or stanchion base on the boat if possible. Do not tie them to life lines.

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## Storm Preparations – RNYC

7. Remove all canvas from the boat such as dodgers and biminis.
8. Drop the boom and lash mainsail covers. Better yet, remove the sail completely.
9. Remove headsails or at least wrap a spare halyard around a furling headsail to prevent it from unwrapping.
10. Remove or secure any extra deck gear such as BBQ's, radio antennas, dinghies, dorades, side canvas, deck boxes.
11. Ensure all sea cocks are closed and secure all hatches and ports
12. Lash the rudder or wheel to prevent damage to the rudder
13. Ensure that there is sufficient slack in power cords if they are left in service. Do not tie them off to cleats or pilings.
14. Turn off any non critical DC loads such as refrigerators and lights. Shore power could be lost during a storm and your batteries will need to be up for the bilge pump.
15. **DO NOT STAY ON BOARD**  
During a storm there will probably be a few brave souls hanging around the club. When venturing out on the wharf to check lines on your or any boat, **please wear a life jacket and go with a buddy.**

Ted Laurentius  
Safety Officer

## Safety Reminder...

Re: "Proper Mooring Lines" for boats in the Marina..

It was noted that on recently during a strong windstorm, that was actually forecast... there were several boats in their slips only tied on with bow and stern lines, there were no spring lines on these boats to stop surging fore and aft in the slips, potential for damage to both boat and wharf. Also many lines were woefully undersized for the vessels being secured.

We would like to remind members that when leaving boats for any time, however short, the boat must be properly secured with bow lines, stern lines and most importantly Bow and Stern Spring lines of adequate length and strength.

**If your boat breaks it's moorings it could cause major damage to your boat and others, be sure you are tied up properly and then check again!!!**



# Race Committee Report October 2009

Another successful season is finished and we can now start looking forward to next year. The extended racing schedule this year brought us light winds for the first ¾'s and finished with as much wind as we could handle. Thanks to all who participated this year, and hope to see you and more again on the water next season.

Congratulations to our winners of Bill Matthews Race Week 2009, Hell Hound (Kevin Battcock) in Division I, Kalua (Robert Decker) in Division II and Dymanique (Micheal Shawyer) our White Sail Division.

Competition was very tight during the week again this year, which is great to see.

Thanks to all who helped with this event including Roy Smith for donating his boat for the race committee, Alex Smyth and Jenny Pallard for running the races, and of course Steve and Corey for helping with marks and anything else asked of them.

**A VERY special thank you to Bill, Carol, and the Matthews family for their 20<sup>th</sup> year of sponsoring Race Week!**

The season finished with the Bean Crock on a beautiful sunny day with 10 knots of breeze – the second year in a row with a summer like close.

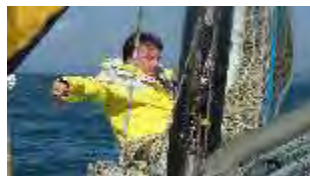
Thanks again to all who raced this year and helped out along the way. Can't wait for the Tune Up Race in the Spring of 2010.

Stay tuned to the RNYC website for overall results and next year's schedule.

Justin Ladha

CONGRATULATIONS TO HELLHOUND  
RACE WEEK 2009 DIV. I WINNER





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## Junior Sailing October 2009

Hello Everyone!!!

The Sailing School has had its most successful year yet, with most weeks running near capacity. Our Head Instructor Julia Parsons was an amazing asset to the school and much of this season's success was a credit to her hard work, we are thrilled that she is returning next summer. We had a great group of young but keen instructors, all with different strengths, but who worked well as a team. A big thank you to our hard working staff!!

Our racing team represented the RNYC at regattas in Nova Scotia and the Canada Games in Prince Edward Island. Becky Power was also selected as Team NL's Canada Games Flag Bearer which is the first time for the sport of sailing. Congratulations Becky, this gave great exposure to our sport!! Our full race team traveled to St. Pierre labour day weekend for the annual Grand Bank Cup. Our team of 32 people strong consisted of new keen racers, coaches/team leaders, and a tremendous group of parents whom agreed to help organize and run Grand Bank Cup 2010 at the RNYC. Thank-you to St. Pierre for running a successful fun regatta.

Jonathan Ladha and Daniel Inkpen have had a busy summer racing all across Europe as part of the Canadian Sailing Team in the 49er class. They will be training from the RNYC until the end of November when they hit the road to continue racing and training internationally as they make preparations to join the 2012 Canadian Olympic Team. Good Luck!

The RNYC Sailing School invites all participants of the 2009 programs to join us for our annual END OF SEASON BANQUET, October 18th, at 6:00pm at the RNYC. As space is limited please RSVP by calling 834-8794 (leave message) or by e-mail [juniorsailing@rnyc.nf.ca](mailto:juniorsailing@rnyc.nf.ca) \*\*Also please note all 2009 tax receipts have been mailed, if you did not receive your receipt please contact the sailing school office.

Great Year!

Robert Decker  
RNYC Sail Training



September 2nd was a beautiful sunny day. It was also the day we officially opened the "Junior Sailing Building". In addition to the opening, the building was named the

"Philip J. Keeping Youth Sail Training Centre"

Mr. Keeping has been a staunch supporter of Junior Sailing over many years and the dedication of the building demonstrates in a small way our appreciation for his support.

Many of the Junior sailors were present at the brief ceremony in addition to Mr. Keeping and the RNYC executive..

# EASTER SEALS October 2009



Easter Seals celebrated its 19<sup>th</sup> Easter Seals Regatta this August. Held annually in partnership with the Royal Newfoundland Yacht Club, the Regatta offers Easter Seals kids an opportunity to set sail on Conception Bay and Yacht Club members a chance to raise funds to help Easter Seals with its programs and services. This year's Regatta raised \$15,000 which will be directed to programs for children with physical disabilities across the province including sledge hockey, music and art therapy, aquatic therapy, adventure therapy, summer camp, and more. You make a difference in the lives of Easter Seals kids. Thank you for your continued support of the Easter Seals Regatta.

"We as a club will be celebrating the "20th" Easter Seals Regatta next summer. While participation this year was low, those who provided their boats and interacted with our guests had a great time. Special thanks to Roy Smith, Gary Corcoran and Don Hodder for going the extra mile in decorating their boats and being in costume. We should all be guided by their example and should strive to make next year's event the best ever. The thrill of the day was to see the looks of enjoyment on the faces of the children. Fellow boaters, that's what it's all about.

Eg Walters

2009 Chair

Easter Seals Regatta Committee



# Power Boating Report October 2009

## Poker Day On The Bay!

Playing poker is one thing, but add boats, enthusiastic people, two BBQs, lots of prizes and a very large day, you turn it into a another memorable experience. Thanks to mother nature our Annual Poker Run went ahead on July 25th as originally scheduled. Ten boats travelled through Middle Arm, Brigus and Bay Roberts before returning back to the Club for a great meal at the end of the day. It was a great way to spend the day and meet other Club members and their guests in the process. In addition to playing poker we were also given clues as part of a boat identifying contest! A special thanks to our many prize donors, the volunteers who distributed the all important playing cards on location and to Jim Eastman and the rest of the staff.

A Special Thanks to Our Sponsors...

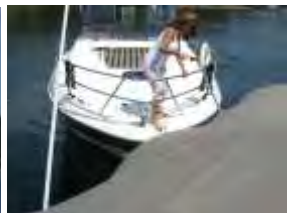
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George











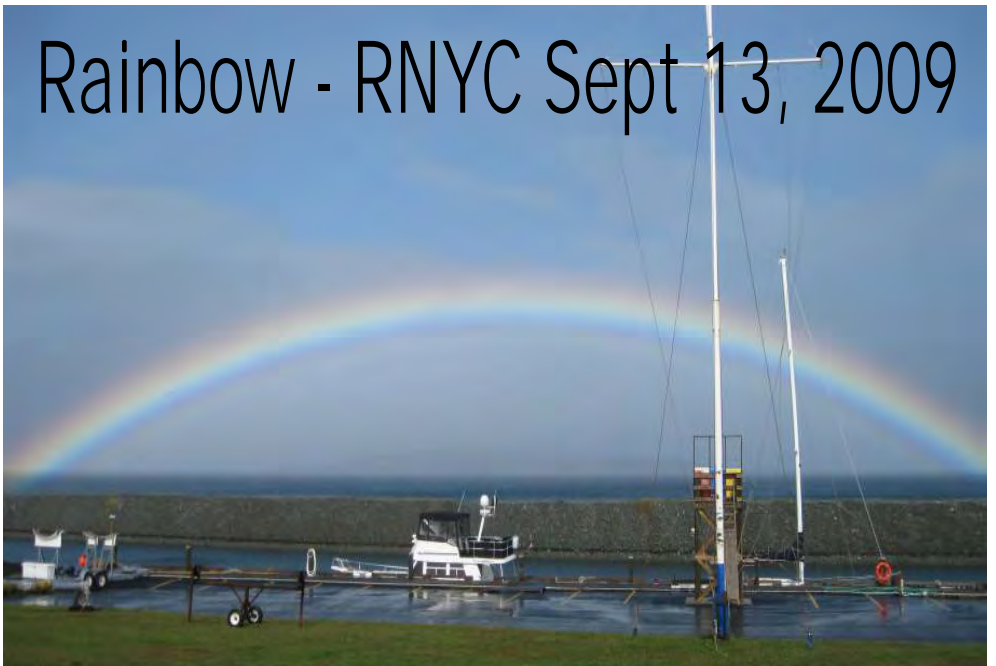
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## Boat Launching for Dummies



“They told me not to get the trailer too deep into the water. ”

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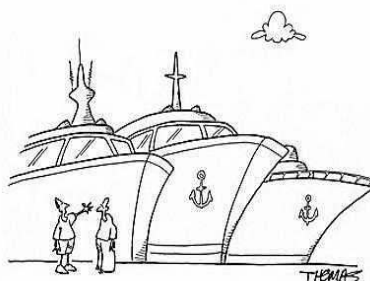
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"I knew it! I knew it! There's always one!  
 Now listen motermouth just one more crack  
 about my seamanship and you're off  
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"This is my new boat. I finally succumbed to pier pressure."



## Pot of Gold - Gary Evans' Boat!!!

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