

THE SPINDRIFT NEWS

ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND YACHT CLUB

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Royal Newfoundland Yacht Club
2010 Past Commodore's Night

Saturday October 16, 2010





\$34.95 per person
call 834-5151 or email
manager@rnyc.nf.ca
to make reservations

CHRISTMAS 2010 DINNER & DANCE

FRIDAY DECEMBER 3, 2010

6:30 COCKTAILS 7:30 DINNER

ENTERTAINMENT BY



featuring

**Oven Roasted
Prime Rib
Dinner**

with Yorkshire Pudding

(includes appetizer, dessert & tea or coffee)

Commodore's Report November 2010

As the boating has come to an end and all boats are now on the hard, it's that time of the year to reflect on a great summer of boating and social events at the RNYC.

Since our last Spindrift News we have had a tremendous amount of activity around the club.

Our new Race Week sponsor "Iceberg Rum" provided fantastic support with awesome prizes including fine Iceberg products for all of the winning crews. Thank you to Tracy Holwell and Rob Collingwood of Iceberg for their generous sponsorship. Race week just keeps getting better every year. Thanks to Justin Ladha and Race Chair Tim Avis for all their hard work! All crews enjoyed the tight competition on the course and the fantastic sold out party during which Past Commodore Tom Hickey and his band took to the stage again.. Fun was had by all!

The Easter Seals Regatta was a huge success as we marked our 20th year. A total of \$22,706 was raised by the members and kind supporters. It was a beautiful summer day with light winds for the sailing Regatta. The Easter Seals Kids and their families certainly enjoyed the day on the bay on members boats. Congratulations and thanks so much to Eg Walters, his committee and our members for an outstanding job!! Also a special thank you to Iris Petten our honorary chair.

Our Junior Sailing program was a huge success. We hosted the Grand Bank cup on Labor Day weekend with competitors from Saint Pierre et Miquelon participating in the races . The kids had a blast and thanks to Robert Decker and his committee for organizing a fantastic weekend. I would also like to thank Simon Rees for the amazing job he did as he worked four jobs at the RNYC this summer.

The Commodore's Cocktail party was well attended by our members with sunny skies and fun had by all. A big thank you to Jim, Amanda and Steve for a well organized event. Despite the high winds on Saturday evening there was still a good showing of boats. The majority of the members drove to the Hynes wharf and property in Middle Arm. A sincere Thank You to Sid and Bernice Hynes for hosting the Commodore's Cocktail Party again this year!

We decided to put a new twist on the Annual Past Commodore's Dinner
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this year.. It was a night of “Wine and Chocolate” Decadence. Everyone enjoyed this night of indulgence and the great company of our Past Commodore's. We had great attendance and 14 Past Commodores were honored for their significant contributions to the RNYC.

Don't forget our last few events for 2010 including The Annual General Meeting on November 24 and our Christmas Party on Dec 3 and the Kids Christmas Party on Dec 5.

I would like to extend my appreciation to all our members for your support at the social events this year. I would also like to thank the amazing dedicated Executive team who make it happen behind the scenes. It is a privilege to work with you all.

It was a very busy year with new wharf construction and many other facilities projects happening around the club. Our goal is that all members will benefit from these initiatives. Thanks again to Ken Corbett for his dedication with all of the facilities projects and for keeping our website current and full of great content. Incoming Commodore Barry McCallum and the team have plans to keep the momentum going!

I would like to thank our hard working kitchen staff for the great food that they create daily for us all to enjoy. Additionally General Manager Jim Eastman deserves sincere appreciation for his dedication and commitment as he has gone above and beyond for our club all season. Did you know Jim is a handy man as well? He stained and varnished the Charles R Bell Room doors and painted our new food storage area. Steve and Cory are to be commended for the fantastic job they do around the club to keep things running smoothly...thank you!!!

Finally I would like to thank the RNYC Membership for their support and understanding throughout the year. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Commodore for 2010. I have thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to give back to a club that has given so much to me over many years.

All the Best
Ken Ryan
Commodore
RNYC

Racing Report November 2010

The RNYC racing season drew to a close on September 25th with completion of the annual Bean Crock race. This summer saw the largest overall participation, and most importantly biggest white sail fleet in recent years, and we hope to continue expanding our fleet in 2011. Thank you to all who participated.

Ice Berg Rum Race Week 2010 was a resounding success with all scheduled races completed, and a great time had by all at the dinner and dance featuring Turbulence. A special thank you to Tracey Howell and Rob Collingwood of IceBerg for sponsoring the regatta, Tim Avis for chairing the event, Simon Rees for a great job in managing the races (and all other races throughout the season), and Pierre Deruelle for donating his 27 foot sloop, Mireille Soucy to the RNYC, which was used as the committee boat for Race Week, and all other on the water starts over the year.

This was the first season we have been able to hold consistent on the water starts and set custom courses appropriate for the wind direction and strength. Simon Rees, his crew, and the RNYC's new committee boat made this possible. The result was better quality racing and less cancelations.

Overall, our racing has seen big improvements this year, and we look to carry this momentum in to the 2011 season.

Results for Race Week and all other races for the 2010 season can be found at <http://www.rnyc.nf.ca>.

Looking forward to seeing even more of you on the race course next year.

Justin Ladha







2010 Port Authority Race



2010 Commodore's Cocktail Party



RNYC Web Report November 2010

The revised RNYC web site has been in operation just over a year. During that time, it has been visited over 21,000 times. Clearly people are interested in what is taking place at our club.

I have attempted to keep it up-to-date with all the club's events by posting notices, providing race results, posting photos (I will get Race Week posted soon, had a small problem!!), posting boats and gear for sale and posting other information that I believe will be of interest and assistance to members.

Please note that the camera shown on the site was a victim of Igor. We are in the process of replacing it, hopefully with a camera that has a wider field of vision. This will allow you to see more of the grounds, the flags and the sea.

I do want to emphasize that this is your website and I would like to see more input from members in the form of photos, reports on trips, or boat tips that may be of interest to other members. Just email anything you have to me kcorbett@nf.sympatico.ca or drop it off with Jim in the office.

Over the winter I hope to make some further improvements to the site including introducing the promised member's only area. Any other suggestions on how it could be improved will be welcomed.

Ken Corbett
Webmaster



Facilities Report November 2010

Most of the Facilities work scheduled for 2010 has been completed. Steve and Corey are currently spending all their time on Haul-Out but as that starts to slow down, they will be completing some of the outstanding tasks around the club.

WHARF REPAIRS: At least two more finger piers on the South Wharf are scheduled to be completed before the winter plus some other urgently needed work on decking etc. Work is underway to investigate the remainder of the wharf work to be undertaken, to determine how best it should be done and how it can be financed. There will be more information on this at the November semi-annual AGM.



CHARLES R. BELL ROOM: Renovations to the Charles R. Bell Room are now complete (see next page) and it has been seeing plenty of use. Members will be introduced to the new-look room at a small reception following the Semi-Annual General Meeting in November.

SAFETY: As stated previously, a defibrillator has been installed in the lower level. We have now also installed three eye wash systems. One is close to the Defibrillator, one in the kitchen and one in Steve and Corey's work area.



SHOWER AREA: Hooks and benches have been installed in the shower rooms

STORAGE AREA: The last area where food and restaurant materials are stored downstairs has been cleared out, plastered and painted and new shelving installed.



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TRAVEL LIFT: Maintenance work is scheduled on the engine and chains of the Travel Lift following the Haul-Out

ELECTRICAL CABINET: The electrical cabinet on the pole by Wharf 69 has been replaced with a cabinet more in-keeping with the rest of the club's buildings and cabinets



Over the Summer a great deal of clean-up work was conducted around the club by Steve, Corey and the Summer Students, and a great deal of garbage disposed of.

Once again I must give thanks to Jim, Steve and Corey for all the work they do to keep this club in tip-top condition. Members are asked to cooperate in keeping the club looking good by either dumping waste materials in the correct area in the club grounds or taking it home for disposal.

It has been a busy year with a great deal of work undertaken on the wharves and the club buildings. The completion of work on renovating the wharves will present a real challenge in the next few years.

Ken Corbett



Safety Report November 2010

By now most of you will have hauled out and are tucked away for the winter. Please take care when using your ladder to crawl up on your boats and make sure it is safe to use. Some I have seen are in poor shape and should not be used, at least not as a ladder.

About the only other point to make at this late date in the season is to commend those that took the time to snug down for the recent hurricane. With the exception of several torn jibs, the damage was minimal. Thanks to those brave souls who, along with Steve and Cory spent a wet and windy afternoon keeping a watchful eye on things. I am quite happy to have passed on the torch to the next generation and thought of you while I watched the trees falling in my neighbour's back yard wiping out the power lines.

Stay safe over the fall and winter.

Ted Laurentius

Safety Officer



Haul Out Report November 2010

As you read this the lift out will be nearly ended or ended. The staff have been doing an excellent job making the most of the limited space available. Mechanical delays have fortunately been minimal this fall. The work done to the travel lift has paid off this year, as has the well paved lot and extra mast dolly. The work zones have been well defined with the roped off areas preventing delays due to vehicles parked in the way of operations. The yard staff have also been looking the part in their new safety gear. There is always the inherent risk of damage to property and personnel so please be aware of the dangers present during operations. The staff make it look easy but the dangers are real enough, please help them and be mindful. Bad things can happen - so far we have been lucky.

Although launch seems like a long way off at the moment, now is the time to get busy doing all the maintenance and winter projects so that you are ready when it comes to launch. You will not be much liked by your fellow boaters if you are delaying them in May, so plan ahead, get an early start and don't take on more than you can complete. If you are late out you will need to be ready to go in early at launch time. Please also remember that the club rules have provision for charging to move boats that are in the way and not ready to launch on time. So unless you wish to add much needed funds to the club....be ready! The rules are there to try and ensure fairness to all club members. We are operating at full capacity so cooperation is essential and makes club life more pleasant for us all.

Lastly thank you for all the positive comments about launch and haul out this year and also for your good natured understanding.

Alasdair Black





What a GREAT DAY! Light winds, sunny skies and a full house of Easter Seals Kids and families made the 20th Anniversary Easter Seals Regatta a tremendous success.

A special THANK YOU to the RNYC members and friends who helped raise over \$22,000.00 this year! To our major sponsors (Century 21 Sellers Choice and Labatt), we owe a great deal to you and thank you for your continued support. Without this support (especially Gord and Linda Hiscock of Century 21) this event would not be possible. Also to Eg Walters and Iris Petten for their time and hard work as Chair and Patron respectively. Last but not least a HUGE Thank You to all the members who donated their time and yachts to bring the children and families out on the Bay. This is an annual highlight for many of these kids and their families and to see the smiles of the children as they came in off the water it was priceless. This is what it is all about, putting smiles on the kids faces and giving them memories that will last a lifetime!

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!





AHOY!
20th ANNIVERSARY
EAST SEALS REGATTA



2010 RNYC Past Commodore's Night





Just For The FUN of It...



Why? Why? Why?

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are almost dead?

Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they already know there is not enough money?

Why does someone Believe you
when you say there are four billion stars;
but have to check when you say
the paint is still wet?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Whose idea was it to put an 'S'
in the word 'lisp'?

If people evolved from apes,
Why are there still apes?



Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?

Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?

Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?

Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?

Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on your first try?

How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?

When we are in the supermarket and someone rams our ankle with a shopping cart then apologizes for doing so, why do we say, 'It's all right?'
Well, it isn't all right, so why don't we say, 'That really hurt, why don't you watch where you're going?'

Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?

In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?



Quiz Time

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years War last?
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3) From which animal do we get catgut?
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?
- 8) What color is a purple finch?
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 10) How long did the Thirty Years War last?

Answers To The Quiz

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- 1) 116 years, from 1337 to 1453.
- 2) Ecuador.
- 3) From sheep and horses.
- 4) November. The Russian calendar was 13 days behind ours.
- 5) Squirrel fur.
- 6) The Latin name was Insularia Canaria - Island of the Dogs.
- 7) Albert. When he came to the throne in 1936 he respected the wish of Queen Victoria that no future king should ever be called Albert.
- 8) Distinctively crimson.
- 9) New Zealand.
- 10) Thirty years, of course. From 1618 to 1648.



Here is a list of boat stuff for sale by Alasdair Black 726 9048 (evenings):

I have a very nice 1 - 12 kts winds asymmetrical spinnaker with spinnaker sheets to match. It has a snuffer sock with a very nice collar (toilet seat - but not really). This is an old sail but it is in great shape - never damaged or repaired and transforms downwind to deep reach performance no end. it is easy to manage (no pole needed) and a lot of fun I have done just under 8kts with it up. Colour light green white and blue. See the attached photo price \$600

I also have a reacher (Code sail) which has its own furler so it rolls up like another furler without a foyle. This is great for 5 - 15kts wind - colour white with red tape on the leech and luff. It is used with the same sheet as the above spinnaker. This is also in great shape. Price \$500
The two above sails would fit a boat of 25-32 ft or with at 30-36ft mast.

Also for sale a Stainless Steel force 10 BBQ with a spare new burner \$60.





**The
Semi-Annual
General Meeting
Will take place on
Wednesday
November 24, 2010
8:00 pm
(At the RNYC)**