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THE SPINDRIFT NEWS

ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND YACHT CLUB



FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK
Jim Eastman – General Manager

Hello Members,

The 2011 boating season has arrived and it promises to be an exciting year. While the spring has been very frustrating on a number of levels things are finally starting to come together. After some major publishing problems (one word - COMPUTERS!) we have finally got the spindrift to print. Most boats are now in the water and those that are not are being relocated to the storage area as they either are not going in this season or still have a lot of work to be done. We are now able to get to the task of getting the club grounds in order. Over the next week or so you should see a dramatic difference upon arriving at the club. We have a great Executive again this year who are very committed to the RNYC and have been very active and hands on. The social season has gotten off to a great start and promises to get even better. Be sure to sign up for many of the great events that we have coming up, good times and great food are on the menu. Finally I would like to thank the staff who are the backbone of the RNYC. They have to deal with very challenging situations and always do a tremendous job. I am in my seventh year as Manager and they continue to amaze me. Hopefully we will soon see a turn in the weather and we can all start to enjoy the 2011 season. Get out, get involved, get boating!

Jim



Father's Day
Brunch
Sunday, June 19, 2011
11am-4pm

ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND
YACHT CLUB

BRUNCH MENU

STUFFED ATLANTIC SALMON
BAKED BEANS & HAM
FISH & BREWIS
HOMEMADE FISH CAKES
SAUSAGE, BOLOGNA, BACON,
SCRAMBLED EGGS & HASH BROWNS
ASST. DESSERTS
FRESH FRUIT
TEA, COFFEE, JUICE
\$22.95

THE COMMODORE'S LETTER

Barry McCallum - Commodore

Dear Member,

Just a few short weeks to the beginning of launch and the start of another boating season. Time to start thinking about removing the boat cover, painting the bottom and replacing the zincs, an early Spring ritual for most of us that heralds the warm weather and pleasant days on the Bay to come.

Your Executive team has spent the winter preparing for the busy season ahead. Work has progressed steadily on our two strategic priorities; a long-term restoration plan for the wharfs and a 5 year business plan. Informed by a comprehensive inspection of the wharfs in November of last year we have developed a multi-year wharf renewal strategy that provides for replacing priority areas of the aged pile structure as well as prolonging the service life of newer wharfs by upgrading fender boards, deck structure and catwalks. It has become clear that funding this costly initiative will require a different approach than was used in the past that may require some rationalization of existing berthing arrangements. This is an important initiative with which we cannot proceed without your input, please plan to participate in a Town Hall discussion on the strategy sometime in the coming months.

Our second strategic priority for 2011 is to develop a 5 year business plan to guide current and future investment decisions by the Executive(s). To this end, your Flag Officers have participated in two focus group sessions to define the framework of what will be a comprehensive survey of the member's perspective and future expectations of the RNYC. Your input will be the cornerstone of the 5 year plan. Expect to see the survey in your mailbox this summer.

The Commodore's
New Car!



THE COMMODORE'S LETTER (con't)

As you read further on in this addition of Spindrift you will discover more about the exciting events and activities your Executive has planned for the coming season. In particular, I want to draw your attention to two significant events on the social calendar; new members' night and Sailpast. New member's night (June 3rd) is our opportunity to welcome new friends into the RNYC community. This is also the event where the Commodore presents the incoming Flags and gets to honour the outgoing Commodore. On June 24 we will be holding Sailpast, an event steeped in tradition and core to our identity as the Royal Newfoundland Yacht Club. I encourage your participation in these and the many activities we have planned for the coming season. For up to date information on all matters pertaining to the club please go to our website at www.rnyc.nf.ca.

On behalf of your Flag Officers and Executive I wish you a safe and uneventful start to the boating season.

Barry McCallum
Commodore

UPCOMING EVENTS

Put these in your calendar and be sure to attend:

Sunday May 8.....Mother's Day Dinner
Friday June 3.....New Members & Flag
Officers Night
Sunday June 19.....Father's Day Dinner
Friday June 24.....Sail Past & Dinner
Saturday June 25.....RNYC Open Day
Saturday July 16.....Power Boat Poker Run
Sunday July 17.....Kids Fun Day



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Effective January 2011

Change to Fuel Credit Policy - Please note that fuel may no longer be charged to your RNYC Account. Fuel must be paid for at time of purchase or arrangements may be made with the club to have a credit card on file which will be automatically charged for the amount of the fuel purchase (usually within a day or two of the purchase). This policy is intended to help alleviate the cash flow problems created by the high costs associated with purchasing fuel.



FACILITIES REPORT

Peter Lawrie – Rear Commodore: Facilities

There has been a lot of maintenance activity at the club over the winter. Steve and Cory have worked hard to replace 12 finger piers and repair several others. We will continue this work until it's time to launch our boats again.

In addition to this work the water system at the service dock has been replaced as has the light pole adjacent to the launch ramp.

We have also fully serviced our tractor including new tires and work is underway to replace the lift station pumps to better service the club's needs.

Pretty soon you will be able to see us spending some time ensuring the integrity of some of our critical equipment such as the travel lift, the mast hoist, and the wharf electrical systems in addition to our fuelling stations to ensure we have a problem free launch and we can all get out on the water with the least amount of problems. .

We will be putting some finishing touches to the Charles R Bell room such as the addition of a projector, screen and TV therefore making the room attractive to members and others who may wish to utilize the room. . Some minor additions will be carried out on the Junior Sailing Building.

Most of our activities outside those mentioned will be ongoing wharf repairs. We take this opportunity to advise members that if they see any work required please advise Jim Eastman who will initiate a work order and get the work prioritized. Feel free to discuss any Facilities items you have with me. We will continue to be selective regarding what work will be done this year as our facilities budget has some constraints.

Here's to a wonderful season of boating

Peter Lawrie



FROM THE REAR COMODORE

John Walsh – Vice Commodore

YOUR INPUT IS REQUIRED!

The 2011 Flag Officers and Executive of the Royal Newfoundland Yacht Club feel that the time is probably past due to re-connect with the membership of the club to ensure that the direction and priorities established for the immediate future are both reflected and supported by the members we represent. Equally important is that we seek direction on “how” these priorities that are identified by you should best be implemented. Unlike in years gone by, there are now many marinas and options for boaters to choose from - even in the immediate area of our club. Yet, the Royal Newfoundland Yacht Club continues to be at capacity, and has been that way for several consecutive years. This is not something that should be taken for granted, or will likely continue for the future unless we take the time to re-establish our vision for the RNYC, and to ensure that vision and priorities of the leadership of the RNYC is truly reflective of that of its members. This can only be done effectively by including opportunities for input and direction from members themselves. This has been identified as a priority for this year, and I have been involved with Commodore Barry McCallum and the Flag Officers of the RNYC to help determine a number of ways that we can effectively provide our membership with opportunities to have input into the development of our future, and the establishment of priorities that will serve our needs now and for the immediate future.

As our membership is fully aware, the RNYC is not just a marina. It is a full-fledged and full service yacht club with an abundance of infrastructure, facilities, amenities, equipment and resources, training facilities, education and safety programs, protocols and procedures, social programs, and so much more. This is what distinguishes us from other clubs and marinas in our area and throughout Newfoundland and Labrador. The Royal Newfoundland Yacht Club enjoys and appreciates its designation as a “royal” yacht club, and those who have served in various leadership positions with the Royal Newfoundland Yacht Club have taken their responsibilities seriously in maintaining the profile and integrity of the RNYC over the years. It

FROM THE REAR COMODORE (con't)

is our intention to maintain this tradition of excellence and to work with our membership to ensure that we create a vision that is supported by our members and which is sustainable for the future. We must ensure that we have a longer term plan to improve and maintain our wharf infrastructure and to continue to expand and develop our programs, services, and facilities for the full enjoyment and use of our membership. We cannot do this with your help!

In all likelihood, we will use a variety of electronic and other more conventional means to solicit your input. But regardless of the means, it is important that you make your voice heard so that we can ensure that your issues, priorities, concerns, and preferences are all considered as we establish the ground work to build for the future. We must ensure that what is supported and has sustained us in the past is maintained, and at the same time, we must be open to exploring new ways to respond to the changing needs and challenges that face us now and into the future.

I'm proud to be part of this initiative which forces us to be in touch with the people we represent. Every voice and every differing opinion is important. From the multitude of thoughts and ideas which we hope to receive, we will seek recurring themes and directions which will help us in our decision-making. I encourage you to avail of the opportunities that are presented to you, and play an active and important role in the development of our future as a yacht club. Your executive needs and appreciates your advice and direction. Our club will be stronger and our membership better served as a result of your participation and input.

Sincerely,
John Walsh –
Vice Commodore

Man sitting in the pub with his wife and he says, "I love you."
She asks, "Is that you or the beer talking?"
He replies, "It's me talking to the beer."

POWER BOATING AT THE RNYC

Leo Quiqley – Executive – Power Boating

Here is an outline of what is being planned for Power Boaters (and others) this season.

1. The Power Boat Poker Run (scheduled for Saturday July 16), for those not familiar, goes as follows:

- Boat Owners must register their boat and list the crew members who will participate – a sign-up sheet will be posted.

- Boaters and crews will congregate at the Club on the morning of the event and will receive instructions and an information kit for the event.

- Kits will contain the location of each pick-up point, the time window within which each boat must check in at the pick-up points, some novelty gifts and other general information and rules for the day.

- When each participating boat arrives at a pick-up point, they will be passed a sealed envelope that will contain a playing card. Do not open the envelopes!

- There will be a mid-day rendezvous probably in Bay Roberts for lunch.

- There will be five pick-up points at various locations around the bay so that at the end of the day, each boat will have five envelopes with a playing card in each that combine to make up a poker hand.

- All boats will meet back at RNYC for an evening barbeque, opening the envelopes and revealing the prize winner for the best poker hand, etc.

- Other prizes will be awarded for various things also.

I have proposed to try and organize two additional events:

2. An event in June called a “Season Kick-Off Event” (currently scheduled for Saturday June 18) possibly an impromptu cruise and social gathering of Power Boaters to start the season and enable boaters to become better acquainted. Possibilities include a rendezvous at a designated location (Chimney Cove, western end of Bell Island, etc.). As with most years, the inconsistencies of June weather will be the main challenge to pulling this off.

3. “Overnight Stay at a Selected Locale” (currently earmarked for Saturday August 13). Suggestions have been made as to an overnight stay possibly at Bay Roberts Marina, Middle Arm, etc. Suggestions include taking in a social/entertainment event at the Bay Roberts Legion.

As for others, some “brain-storming” among Power Boating members came up with the following off-the-cuff ideas:

- Possibility of a semi-regular event (similar to “Race Night” for the Sailboaters) where a day each week (i.e. the one day a week with good weather?!?!?) would be selected for the “Power Boating Cruise-of-the-week and each week, a different venue will be named as the rendezvous point.

- A “Fish-&-Chips Run”. (Bell Island was suggested but my understanding is the facilities for tying up over there are not very good.) This may need to be modified into a different type of “Run”.

- A scavenger hunt of sorts has been proposed whereby several points of interest would be identified and the objective would be for each Power Boat to find the location and take a photo of themselves, their boat or occupants on their boat at the location before proceeding on to the next location. Participants may be given sealed envelopes with the Lat and Long coordinates of each of the points of interest that they must find – the idea is that each boat's crew may recognize the point of interest from the information given to identify it (text description, common name of the point or photo) and they would not need to open the envelope. If the boat's crew are unable to identify the point and must open the envelope to read the coordinates, then points would be deducted from that boat's score. The day would culminate in a BBQ back at the Club with prizes.

As always, weather tends to be the scourge of Power Boating Events planning. We will all need to be very flexible in terms of pinning down exact dates for our events. If Power Boaters can tolerate short notice (3 – 5 days weather forecasting window), we may be able to pull off several events this season!

I welcome input from everyone on these ideas and others that have yet to be voiced. Please pass along my contact information with an open invitation to all Club members to provide input on the running of their Club.

Cheers,
Leo



SAIL BOAT RACING

Kirk Rees – Executive – Race Committee Chair

Everyone is looking forward to another great racing season and planning is well underway

First Race, June 8th It will be the start of the racing season and it should be a good one with over 30 races scheduled, some new boats added to the fleet, and even a ladies race series.

The PHRF rating system from Nova Scotia Yachting Association is still in effect for the 2011 racing season. If you still don't have your boat rated, then give it a try. It takes only 10 minutes when you go to the RNYC website, look under “events”...”sailing events” then scroll down to “Rating System” There you will find the links to have your boat rated under the PHRF rules.

Marblehead to Halifax Ocean Race. For the very first time, the RNYC will have three entries in this prestigious ocean race. Bella J (Ray Rhineland), Nomad (Dave Mitchell), and War Eagle (Pierre M de Ruelle) will sail the 363 nautical mile race starting July 10 2011. More information can be found at marbleheadtohalifax.com.

We wish the captains and crews all the best on this epic event.

Learn to Crew program is in the process of being developed for this season. This can be an evening program to inform “wantabe” sailors what happens aboard a racing sailboat. People who have completed our “learn to crew” program could, (if they wish) have their names posted on the RNYC website and made available for members who are looking for crew throughout the course of the racing season. While there would be no guarantees for placement, it is felt that this program would strengthen participation and increase interest in sail racing. While this program will be available to anyone, it is not meant to apply to experienced crew The purpose is to expand the base of crew availability so skippers can have easier access to qualified crew when the need arises.

Kirk Rees
Race Committee

RNYC GROUNDS

Alasdair Black – Executive - Grounds

At this time of year I am sure we are all thinking much the same thing, how long before the snow melts and the temperature rise enough to get some pre launch work done. This year in addition to having a new boat to launch, Serenite X a C&C38, I have been asked to take on the responsibility of the grounds and carry on the excellent work done by Kirk Rees, Dr Nizar Ladha, Steve and Cory. Last year I thought the grounds were looking great so the standard has been set. The prime activity is of course boating, but it sure makes for a more enjoyable experience when the club and grounds look their best. In the spring with all the boat work underway the garbage around the boats in the yard can build up, especially when the wind blows everything around. An amazing amount of debris is picked up around the club every spring. You can help by cleaning up behind you, taking your blocking home and making sure any plastic wrap is properly disposed of. There will be an increased effort to keep the top lot tidy and clear for parking this year. Cradles and trailers will not be stored over the summer and ongoing efforts to screen the area for our neighbors will be continued. Please help us to keep the grounds tidy, use the excellent waste oil tank and other recycling facilities. With a little effort from everyone the place will look great. The executive is working hard to manage our expenditure and priorities so we will not be spending a fortune on the grounds with so much other needed work to be done. Your assistance will help us to spend our funds where most needed.

An idea making the rounds again is to set up a volunteer weekend roster in the summer to raise and lower the flags on the club flagpole. This is an old nautical tradition and a respectful one. We are not asking the staff to take this on so I will be putting up a sign up sheet in the clubhouse for anyone wanting to partake. I have a few promises of support for this idea already so hopefully it will catch on. You can do this on your own boat too of course. The aim would be to raise the flags at 0800 and lower them at sunset whenever possible.

I hope that we can take pride in our club and our traditions and build on the considerable past efforts of the membership

Alasdair Black.



EASTER SEAL REGATTA

Eg Walters – Executive – Chair Easter Seals Regatta

The 21st Annual RNYC Easter Seals Regatta will be held on Saturday, August 27th .



This is our major charitable event of the year and all members are encouraged to participate. Members can help out by taking our young Easter Seal guests out on the bay, obtaining sponsors for the days events, taking part in our silent auction or by just showing up to support the cause.

Decorate your boat and participate in the sail past. Watch the joy and happiness on the children's faces as they show their thanks to you for making this a special day in their lives.

We are very pleased to announce that this year's Honorary Chairman will be Mr. Fraser Edison. Mr. Edison is Chairman of the St. John's International Airport Authority. He served on the Board of the St. John's Port Authority, a position he relinquished to serve on the Board of Directors of the Montreal- based OCEANEX Income Fund (OAX.UN:TSX). In addition, Mr. Edison was Chair of the Genesis Centre Selection Committee, a key committee of the highly successful Genesis Centre, a technology business incubator established at Memorial University of Newfoundland. He is a past member of the RNYC.



For over 25 years, Mr. Edison has been involved with children with disabilities, first as the Chairman of the Newfoundland and Labrador Children's Rehabilitation Centre. Through his involvement with the Easter Seals Society, he personally established a \$75,000 educational scholarship trust for students with physical disabilities. In 2005, he was the recipient of the Society's Lifetime Achievement Award which recognized his long- term efforts on behalf of children with disabilities. He was part of the committee to raise funds for the Easter Seals House.

Please call me at 682-5558 or email egbert@bell.blackberry.net for further information and to help out with this most worthy cause.

Let's not forget "Its all about the children "

SAFETY AROUND THE RNYC

Ted Laurentius – Executive – Safety & Training

By the time you read this it will be time to get the boat ready for launch so here are a few things to keep you safe.

We all dread the thought of sanding the bottom and putting on the antifouling paint, but please take the time and effort to protect yourself. If you knew what was in the paint to keep the growth from your bottom you would shudder. For this reason you should be wearing protective clothing, a breathing apparatus, eye protection, and gloves. This stuff is really toxic! The same should be considered when applying the paint, particularly the gloves. I suppose it also depends on how windy it is when these jobs are done.

Launch time also means plenty of trips up and down ladders. We have already had one serious accident a few years ago involving a ladder so please take a few precautions. Inspect the ladder and don't use one that is in poor condition. If you want to see what it should look like, check out the one chained to the cradle under Panache. Note the rope at the top that is tied to the rail as soon as it is placed in position.

On another note, the Canadian Yachting Association has produced a set of seminars on 4 topics including VHF operation, Weather, Coastal Navigation including GPS, and one that I wrote myself on Man Overboard rescue procedures. If there is enough interest I will put on any one of these or all sometime in the late spring or early summer. If you have any questions on these, feel free to contact me for more information or let the Club Manager know.

If there is a demand for the Operator Certificate course this spring, then I will run one. In the meantime, you can do a self study course and challenge the exam when you are ready. There is a special set of exams for our younger members so this is a good chance to get the kids certified. Keep in mind that it is now law that everyone that operates any craft with an engine will be required by law to have this certificate. Tickets have been issued so don't take a chance.

Safe boating.

Ted Laurentius
Safety Committee

SOCIAL EVENTS

Dave Humphries – Executive – Social Events

The social calendar is packed with a variety of events and should have events to cater to everyone. The season unofficially starts with a feed of the best fish and chips on Good Friday. Then bring the family in celebrate Easter with our almost world famous Turkey Dinner, and you don't even need to do the dishes after. (we have two sittings on Easter Sunday)

As the weather warms up in June catch up with old friends and meet some new ones at the new members and flag officers night. this event is a chance to meet both the new boating and social members as well as the new flag and executive members. The event is casual dress and will feature a sit down meal.

Sail-Past is an performed in naval tradition and will see a flotilla of boats sail(or motor) past the commodore's boat and salute the commodore and invited dignitaries, by dipping the flag. Once back at the clubhouse a reception and dinner follow. This event is business dress and you should remember to book a table early because this event books up early.

This season marks the third annual kids' day which is the highlight of the season for the little ones. It features splashing, bouncing fun and games for the children and grandchildren. Due to the planning required for this event we would appreciate everyone signing up early.

September usually brings some of the nicest boating weather of the season and also heralds the Commodore's Cocktail party. This shindig is held off site and is a great time to get the boat out and meet up with the fleet for complimentary hors d'ourves and refreshments, all in a casual setting.

As the weather starts to turn chilly again we have a Thanksgiving dinner and the last few events for the season. Past Commodores' night pays tribute to the people that grace the club walls and have made our club what it is today. This is a fun filled night of entertainment so my recommendation is to book early as this business dress event will book up quickly.

We end the year with a Christmas dinner and dance and a children' party, but it seems a little premature to be thinking of snow flying and Santa this time of year. Don't forget to check out some of the other programs for power boaters and sailors, such as the poker run, race season and the Easter Seals Regatta. My wish is for this season to be enjoyable and safe for everyone.

Dave Humphries Social Chair



ETHANOL BLENDED FUELS

Information For All Boaters

Leo Quigley has been looking into a matter that is of importance to all boaters with an engine powered by gas or Diesel. The following is some information he has gathered on the subject of Ethanol Blended Fuels which everyone should read.

“I have received information from the New Brunswick Government advising users of vehicles, particularly seasonal users, to be aware of certain implications of the recent (March 6, 2011) introduction of ethanol blended fuels into the retail distribution chain. This information has been validated as correct. Basically, the Federal Government has mandated fuel suppliers to use up to 10% ethanol in their gasoline – it does not apply to Diesel as of yet (although I do know of some transportation companies that claim to use a certain percentage of “bio-diesel” in their rigs).

There are numerous articles, blogs and forums on the subject - some legitimate but many inflammatory (pardon the somewhat inappropriate adjective!). Some of the commentary is alarmist and there are boaters in the US protesting the government's move to introduce ethanol but it's just as well to face it – it's here and we have to deal with it. So what are the implications? – Some reading resources will be placed on the Web site that seem to be fact-based.

To summarize, the most significant issues are:

1. Long-term (> 2 months) storage of boats with partially-filled tanks condensation of moisture in the air volume in the tank combined with the interaction of water with the ethanol. The issue of dealing with water in fuel is nothing new - it's just exacerbated by the presence of ethanol.
2. Fiberglass fuel tanks and other fuel system components that can deteriorate in the presence of ethanol causing leaks.
3. The superior cleaning properties of ethanol can dislodge contaminants that would otherwise remain coating the inside of fuel tanks and lines and can clog filters and small orifices, etc. causing performance problems. The main lesson here is use a high-quality low-micron filter and plan to replace it frequently if necessary, especially in the period immediately after the use of ethanol fuel is first introduced.”

CLUB COMMUNICATIONS

Ken Corbett – Executive – Communications

WEB SITE

The website has continued to receive visits over the Winter with over 5,000 having been received since the November SAGM. New material has been posted over this period by your Commodore and his Executive. We have also posted photos of the problems with and repairs to the breakwater. One noticeable change is that the site has gone silent apart from movies. This was done in response to a number of requests so the waves have been calmed and peace exists at the RNYC. Still working on a Members only section of the site.

The long promised new web camera should be installed before the season starts. It will have a much wider field of view and cover some of the wharves as well as the view out to sea. It may also have some other enhancements for members to play with!

It is still hoped to add the Members Only section to the website but that is taking a bit longer to execute than had originally been planned.

Members are encouraged to submit photos and information on cruises they have taken. Members are always interested in new cruising grounds and tips of where to moor your boat and where to avoid.

SPINDRIFT

Would you like to write something for inclusion in the next issue of Spindrift (Late July). Or have you got some great photos you want to show all the members. We always have space for more material so please if you want to help out, send material to me before July 15, 2011

COMMUNITY

We have requested CBS to include information about the RNYC and especially its sail training in their next edition of the CBS Activity Guide. Further to this, we are planning an Open Day at the club on June 25, 2011 when we will invite the public to tour the club and its facilities while we provide information about membership and training opportunities. Members who would like to assist as Tour Guides or are willing to allow visitors on their boat (power and sail) are asked to contact me or Jim in the Office.

Ken Corbett



How many boaters does it take to change a lightbulb? None, because the right size bulb isn't on board, the local marine-supply store doesn't carry that brand, and the mail-order house has them on back-order...

Knock, knock. - Who's there? - Genoa. - Genoa who? - Genoa a good sailmaker?

You Nautical Romantic You!

"Dear Heart, I had a great dream last night about you."

"Oh? What was I doing?" She asked with a little giggle.

"You were buying me a new boat."

"How Nice." Was her cool response, " Tonight, why don't you dream up a way to pay for your new boat?"

A terrible skipper was going back and forth through the anchorage, searching for a place to drop the hook before dark. Looking up to heaven he said, "Lord take pity on me. If you find me a good spot, I will donate to charity, give up the demon rum, treat women with respect, pay my taxes, and never again give my crew all of the blame and none of the glory!"

Miraculously, the boat with the best spot in the bay began pulling up anchor to leave.

The skipper looked up again and said, "Never mind, I found one myself."

Q: Why do opera singers make good sailors?

A: Because they can handle high seas. (high C's)



Gordon died. So Susan went to the local paper to put a notice in the obituaries. The gentleman at the counter, after offering his condolences, asked Susan what she would like to say about Gordon.

Susan replied, "You just put, 'Gordon died.'"

The gentleman, somewhat perplexed, said, "That's it? Just 'Gordon died?'"

Surely, there must be something more you'd like to say about Gordon. If it's money you're concerned about, the first five words are free. We really should say something more."

So Susan pondered for a few minutes and finally said, "O.K., then. You put 'Gordon died. Sailboat for sale.'"

A group of Skippers are walking through town looking for crew, when they see a five-story building with a sign that read, "Crew Association: Ship's Crew Available" Since they are without their crews, they decide to go in. The Security Guard, a very salty type, explains to them how it works. "We have five floors. Go up floor by floor and once you find what you are looking for, for crew, you can go there and make a selection. It's easy to decide since each floor has a sign telling you who's inside."

Everything seems wonderful, so they start going up and on the first floor the sign reads, "All the crew on this floor are beginners." The skippers laugh, and without hesitation move on to the next floor. The sign on the second floor reads, "All the crew here are experienced, smart but weak." Still, this isn't good enough, so the Skippers continue on up. They reach the third floor and the sign reads, "All the crew here are experienced, smart and strong." They still want to do better, and so, knowing there are still two floors left, they kept going. On the fourth floor, the sign is perfect, "All the crew here are experienced, smart, strong and Former Americas Cup Champions." The Skippers get excited and are about to go in when they realize that there is still one floor left.

Wondering what they are missing, they head up to the fifth floor. There they find a sign that reads, "There are no crew here. This floor was built only to prove that there is no way to please a Skipper!"



Hull speed

The maximum theoretical velocity of a given boat through the water, which is 1.5 times the square root of its waterline length in feet, divided by the distance to port in miles, minus the time in hours to sunset cubed.

Jibe

Course change which causes the boom to sweep rapidly across the cockpit; also, frequent type of comment made by observers of this manoeuvre.

Lanyard

A light line attached to a small article so that it can be secured somewhere well out of reach.

Leeward

The direction in which objects, liquids and other matter may be thrown without risk of re encountering them in the immediate future.

Life jacket

Any personal floatation device that will keep an individual who has fallen off a vessel, above water long enough to be run over by it or another rescue craft.

Mizzen

The shorter aft mast on a yawl or ketch. Any mast that is no longer there.

Moon

Earth's natural satellite. During periods when it displays a vivid blue colour, sailing conditions are generally favourable.

Motor sailer

A hybrid boat that combines the simplicity and reliability of sail power with the calm and serenity of a throbbing engine.

Ocean racing

Demanding form of sailing practised by sportsman whose idea of a good time is standing under an ice cold shower, fully clothed while re examining there last meal.



Passage

Basically a voyage from point A to point B, interrupted by unexpected landfalls or stopovers at point K, point Q, and point Z.

Pontoon

Harbour landing place that goes crack, crunch when hit

Pilotage

The art of getting lost in sight of land, as opposed to the distinct and far more complex science of navigation used to get lost in offshore waters.

Port

1. Left on a boat.
2. A place you wish you never left on a boat.

Propeller

Underwater winch designed to wind up at high speeds any lines left hanging over the stern.

Radar

Extremely realistic kind of electronic game often found on larger sailboats. Players try to avoid colliding with “blips” which represent other sailboats, large container ships and oil tankers.

Regatta

Organised sailing competition that pits yours against your opponents' luck.

Sailing

The find art of getting wet and becoming ill while slowly going nowhere at great expense.

Satellite Navigation

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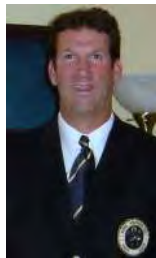
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