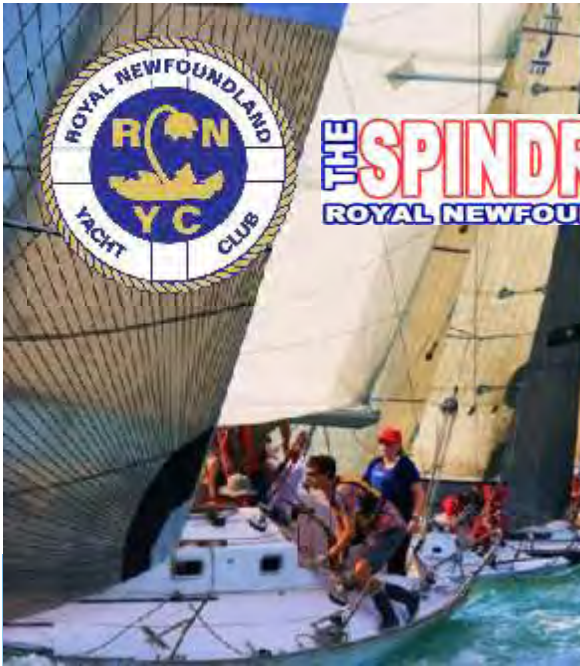


September 2011

THE SPINDRIFT NEWS

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THE COMMODORE'S LETTER

Barry McCallum - Commodore



Dear Member,

Back in April when I wrote to you we were “removing boat covers, painting bottoms and replacing zincs”, and now after what seems like an unfairly short season, we will reverse the process and begin putting our boats away for another long winter. As this boating season comes to a close, I would like to reflect on some of the many highlights of the Summer of 2011.

Our social calendar kicked-off in June with New Members and Flags Officers night. This year's event was well attended by ~ 95 people, 8 of whom I had the pleasure to welcome to the club as new members. George Tilley, our newest officer, received his flag and we thanked outgoing Commodore, Ken Ryan, for all his hard work last year. Sailpast was also well attended despite the blustery and cold weather. While we didn't get out on the water, I was, nonetheless, humbled by the full house and the honour of presiding over this important club tradition as this year's Commodore. The following day, the club hosted its first ever Open House, the intent of which was to increase the number of social membership. For those of you who were around on that day, I think you will agree, the club never looked better. Participants found the displays of the allied services (RCMP, Ground Search & Rescue, and Coast Guard) of particular interest, including the RNYC Sailing School and information booth. This event holds much promise for the future.

The poor weather in July did not stop our avid; some might say rabid (just kidding), racers from participating in the Wednesday night and Saturday regatta series. Five boats from the club participated in the St. John's Port Authority Race. And, later in August, we had our annual Race Week, which can only be described as a smashing success, both on and off the water. Thirteen boats turned out for what turned out to be some challenging racing, under largely sunny skies. The club was full (~ 135) for Saturday evening's dinner and dance. Congratulations to the winners: Shalloway (Div. #1), Syntonic (Div. #2) and Dynamique (White Sail). As I write this, our sailors will be preparing for the Around the Islands Race on Saturday, September 10.

Postponing the Poker Run turned-out to be a very clever move on Leo's part, as the weather on July 23rd could not have been better. While we have had a string of successful years with the Poker Run, by all accounts this year's was the biggest and best yet. Eighteen

THE COMMODORE'S LETTER (con't)

boats showed up at the start line running the gauntlet of various checkpoints. My family and I had the pleasure of being one of these checkpoints and we witnessed some very impressive boat handling indeed.

Another great showing was for the Easter Seals Regatta! Sixteen boats participated in either the fancy dress parade, the regatta or took the Easter Seals children and their families on the bay for the afternoon. This year we raised over \$17,000 for the Campaign, I am proud to say that the RNYC member contributions are up 30% from last year. The regatta is not only about raising funds, it is also about providing a fun day for the children. After the Barbeque, Easter Seals Ambassador Danielle Arbour serenaded us with some very impressive singing.

My thanks to all who came out for the Commodore's Cocktail party, I was humbled by the great showing. My thanks go to Ches Penney and Iris Petten for opening their wonderful place to us, the party could not have gone any better.

Again, these are just some of the highlights of the past season. As you read through this addition of Sprindrift you will hear more from your Executive members on the myriad of activities that go on in the club.

While the boating season is coming to a close, the year is not over. Your Executive continues to work hard on our key priorities; our member survey, business plan and wharf study. Later in the Fall, we hope to see you out for Past Commodore's night (Oct. 15th) and most importantly the semi-annual Annual General Meeting on November 23rd.

Until then, all the best.

Barry McCallum
Commodore RNYC



**So what do you call a nautical version of an urban myth
then?
A nauti tale?**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Put these in your calendar and be sure to attend:

Saturday September 24.....Bean Crock Race
Saturday October 1.....Haul Out Starts
Sunday October 9.....Thanksgiving Dinner
Saturday October 15.....Past Commodores Night
Sunday October 30.....Haul Out Ends
Wednesday November 23.....Semi-Annual AGM
Friday December 2.....Club Christmas Party
Sunday December 11.....Kid's Christmas Party

First Mate Comes First!

The Captain was angry and could barely contain himself. The sailing race of the year was about to start but he confronted his First Mate anyway.

"I just found out that you have been getting huge kickbacks from our suppliers which made our costs double! Plus, I know you sold our new hull design to our biggest competitor team!! I also understand that yesterday you fooled around with my wife!!!

Visibly shaken the Captain shouted, "This is unacceptable behavior and beyond what could ever be forgiven!"

"You're absolutely right Captain" said the First Mate, "I guess our winning streak together comes to an end today!"

"Uh, right.....well, all I have to say is one more stunt and you're off the boat."



FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK
Jim Eastman – General Manager



Hello Members,

It's hard to believe but another summer as come to an end, and looking back what a great couple of days it was! All joking about the weather aside it was certainly a difficult summer at Club at times. June and July proved to be long wet and cold which meant not a lot of activity compared to what we are use to. In spite of this we did manage to put together some great events over the past couple of months. The Power Boat Poker Run was the best yet and even came with a great day in July weather wise. By the middle of August summer finally broke, just in time for Race Week, Easter Seals and the Commodore's Cocktail Party, all of which were great successes.

So far September has been lovely at the club and on the Bay. I encourage all members to get up and try to reclaim some of the lost summer. The Dining Room is still operating under Summer Hours and should continue to do so for the remainder of September.

We are booking private member functions and have a couple openings for Christmas Parties available. These generally fill up quickly so be sure to contact us sooner rather than later to discuss your options. The Charles R. Bell Room is now available for member rentals and is the idea location for meetings, training sessions or corporate retreats. Call 834-5151 to discuss what we can do.

Boats are now actually coming out of the water for the season and soon haul out will officially start. As fall progresses into winter we still have a number of club events on the schedule and we encourage all members to be as active as possible. It's YOUR club, take advantage!

Cheers,

Jim



FACILITIES REPORT

Peter Lawrie – Rear Commodore: Facilities



Facilities Update Fall 2011

As you are aware many of our major Facility Projects were put on hold this year while we endeavored to curb our spending in light of our financial picture.

However we did manage to complete some of the projects which were on our list; among them were:

- § Commissioning of the recently replaced water system on the service wharf
- § Replacement of many wharf planks toe rails and ladders
- § Repair and securing of the Race Platform.
- § Replacement of our Lift Pumps.
- § Repairs to the pool.
- § Repairs to the Junior Sailing building.
- § Several ongoing repairs to the Boat Lift.

In addition to this we have had several major cleanups of the Facility

Through out the fall as time and budget permits we will continue to repair required items and review pricing for a couple of the larger projects that had been deferred.

Thank you to the members for their understanding and patience . We look forward to a trouble free haulout and storage activities in the months to come.

Peter Lawrie
Rear Commodore
Facilities



FROM THE REAR COMODORE

John Walsh – Vice Commodore



Fiscal Restraint Not Always Easy to Take RNYC No Exception

As much as we all recognize the need to curb costs, time and time again we see that our efforts to curb costs and reduce spending are not always well received. Most members readily acknowledge that cutting costs should be the first order of business if we truly want to ensure that members are getting the “best bang for the buck” for the money they spend. It's all too easy to sporadically go to the membership and seek fee increases to cover our escalating costs, and everyone knows that costs in all sectors are continuously rising. But in 2011, we resisted the urge to raise fees until we assured ourselves that the monies we currently collect are being spent prudently, and that we have taken every step to ensure that cost cutting measures are in effect in all facets of our operation. As badly as we needed funds, and as much as we recognize that infrastructure spending cannot be delayed much longer, this was a position that was taken and supported by your executive.

There were a number of things that I really liked (and respected) about our approach to addressing our fiscal challenges this year. Firstly, I respected Commodore's McCallum insistence on insuring that before we go to the membership seeking yet another fee increase that we take the necessary steps to ensure that the monies that we are currently entrusted with are spent in the most prudent manner possible. We have initiated measures to carefully monitor spending and cut costs in almost all sectors of our operations.

The second thing that impressed me was Barry's strong desire to ensure that our expenditures are in keeping with the wishes and priorities of our membership. As Flag Officers and executive members we are merely there to serve. We need to ensure that our priorities are also your priorities. Very soon, the membership of the RNYC will be provided with an opportunity to present their views on various aspects of the RNYC's operations – from wharf infrastructure, to kitchen facilities, to club house amenities, to launch and haul-out practices, to boat storage, to wharf fees, and so much more to help us achieve that goal.

Fiscal Restraint Not Always Easy to Take - RNYC No Exception (Continued)

There are some glaring deficiencies in infrastructure that we must address, and these cannot be put off any longer. We are going to have to make sizeable investments to improve our wharf infrastructure, and this is undoubtedly the most costly (and necessary) investment that must be made. The truth is, we desperately needed to improve our cash flow position so that we can carry out this work that is so badly needed. No matter how we proceed, there is little doubt that important capital improvements will need to be made over the next ten years.

That brings me to my opening point. Despite our best efforts to cut costs, sometimes these measures are not always well received. This year, for example, kitchen staff were given Mondays and Tuesdays off, since these were by far the slowest days of the week. We have also found ourselves short on kitchen staff from time to time, so cutting the hours of operation made an abundance of sense from this perspective, as well. Added to this was the fact that weekends are always particularly busy with club events and increase demands on our restaurant services – especially when the weather is good. But staff also need days off! So, cutting hours on Mondays and Tuesdays made sense for a variety of reasons. We tried as best we could to let members know about our revised operating hours. But these measures were not always well received by members who visited the restaurant only to find it closed.

Similarly, in the past our yardmasters worked for weeks on end during launch and haul-out without taking a single day off. They did so without complaint, and accommodated the needs of members as best they could. This year, our yardmasters were given regular days off and the length of their work day was curtailed. This resulted in considerable savings in salary and overtime, as well as savings in other areas of operations. Again, we tried to provide members with the working hours of our yardmasters using whatever practical means were at our disposal. When some members came to the yacht club (obviously without any appointment or prior arrangement with the yardmasters) to have a mast lifted or to have their boats removed (or launched), they were disgusted to find that there were no yardmasters available and that their “lift” would have to wait for another day.

Most members are excellent and extremely understanding for the most part, and regardless of the circumstances, never utter a word of complaint

Fiscal Restraint Not Always Easy to Take - RNYC No Exception (Continued)

(even when it might be justified). For others, it's a little more difficult to accept the inconveniences that occasionally are associated with curbing costs.

My point is simply this. Reductions in operating hours are never easy to accept. Sometimes that results in inconveniences to our members – depending on your schedule or circumstances. Curbing our operating costs and carefully examining our practices and expenditures in all facets of our operations was a necessary first step to improving our financial position. It is only by doing this that we will be able to leverage the funds required to make the necessary strategic investments in wharf infrastructure that will need to be made over the next number of years.

None of us are immune to impatience, but sometimes we have to temper our expectations and pause to consider “why” changes are being made. Make a call, check the website, ask a colleague, and try to find information pertaining to various aspects of the club operations well in advance, and avoid the possibility of being disappointed when you arrive at the club.

We have a very professional and dedicated support staff at the Royal Newfoundland Yacht Club, many of whom have been with us for many years. Our yard masters and our kitchen staff are excellent and very accommodating. Our club manager, Jim Eastman, goes above and beyond the call of duty, and provides support services in many areas that would be outside the realm of responsibility for many others in similar positions . These people are there to assist you in whatever ways they can. Your Flag Officers and Executive are committed to providing you with the best possible boating experience, supports, infrastructure, and programs at the most reasonable cost possible. All we ask in return is for your continued understanding, input, patience, and support. Enjoy the remainder of the boating season, and if you have any questions about any aspect of our operations at RNYC, don't hesitate to speak to any member of the executive, drop us a line, or give us a call. Your input is always appreciated!

John Walsh



RNYC GROUNDS

Alasdair Black – Executive - Grounds



The Open Day and sailpast provided a great focus at the club to have things looking their best by those dates. This proved a challenge on two fronts, the weather and the need to save money. The weather dampened our enthusiasm to get the boats in the water leaving the post launch grounds clean up and grass cutting etc very late. The flagpole was painted and now looks much smarter. Several volunteers have been raising and lowering the flags in the best nautical tradition. The flowerbeds suffered from the bad weather and were not planted out with expensive annuals this year. There is now an effort to plant shrubs and perennials which will save money and maintenance, freeing up funds for infrastructure. Funds were however spent on some new club signs. A new style was agreed upon and will be used going forward as existing signs need to be replaced. The design cues, font, colours, are also being used on new print material and posters etc. The entrance to the club was upgraded with some new planting and an illuminated entrance sign to greet clubhouse visitors. A larger sign on the clubhouse can now be seen from the water

If any members are able to donate unwanted plants and shrubs from their gardens when thinning out, this would be greatly appreciated, please see me about it. We all need to make an effort to prevent garbage blowing around and getting into the water. Thank you to everyone who has placed garbage and recyclables in the proper places and generally helped to keep the grounds looking good, it is great when the members take ownership of our own club

Alasdair





KIDS FUN DAY 2011



2011 SAILING SCHOOL



OPEN HOUSE 2011



SAILING SCHOOL UPDATE

Robbie Decker - Executive Member Sailing School

Despite the cool and wet weather we experienced during the summer, participation levels at the sailing school were consistent with previous years. Julia Parsons, Head Instructor/Program Coordinator, and her experienced staff led yet another exciting year for our recreational and racing programs. The Sailing School staff including; Becky, Simon, Nick, Luke, Alixanna, Kate, Leah, Daniel, Eoin, Nicholas, Kenny, and Kyle all displayed amazing leadership and knowledge instructing our program participants the amazing skill of sailing. A big Thank You for all your hard work!

On the racing front, Tuesday Night Dinghy Racing was reintroduced and a huge success. This initiative was spearheaded and run by Colin Taylor, we thank you for all your hard work and support both on and off the water. Great Job! Our Racing Teams sailed in the annual, ARK Regatta, St. Margarets Bay Regatta, and Grand Bank Cup, our coach Luke Power travelled with the team to Nova Scotia. We had great performances at all events and defended the Coupe Des Grand Banc!!! Congratulations.

Our Keelboat program was offered this past summer, again a huge success with much interest. It's a great way to train new sailors to become keelboat racing crew. Thank you Simon Rees for coaching and maintaining our keelboat.

Our end of season banquet is just around the corner.... We would like to invite all sailing school participants and family to attend our annual end of season banquet. The banquet will take place at the RNYC dining room on Sunday October 23rd, at 6:00pm. Please RSVP to juniorsailing@nyc.nf.ca or leave a message on our voice mail 834-8794 for Julia.

I would like to Thank Julia Parsons for all her help during the past summer and the past 3 years she has taken on the Head Instructor position. Julia has been the reason the program has seen consistent growth in both participation levels, and skill level. Her unique background in racing dinghy's and keelboats, her nursing studies, and her amazing attitude and motivation were instrumental in allowing the school to run smoothly. Julia graduates from Nursing this spring, and will pursue work in her field next summer. She will be impossible to replace - We THANK YOU for all your hard work and wish you all the success in the future!

The Sailing School depends on the help and contributions from our membership. We are very fortunate to have such loyal supporters. The school will need new training boats, safety boats, and equipment in the coming year to continue training our new sailors safely. If you would like to help in anyway please contact Jim Eastman, club manager, to express interest.

I hope all our participants had an another amazing summer!

TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT THE 2012 LAUNCH



Yes it is true, but the upcoming haul out is a big part of it!

Many of you will recall that this spring's launch was drawn out much longer than usual, leading to great frustration for many. While the poor weather may have dampened some of the usual launch enthusiasm, there was a major problem with the lack of readiness on the part of some boats/boaters. In a number of cases boats had to be relocated by our staff, sometimes on more than one occasion, to allow other boats to get by.

When launch begins it is imperative that you and your boat be ready to go. If you are not going to be able to meet this expectation it is critical that you plan to haul your boat out early this year so it is positioned to avoid delaying someone else's launch next year. If you need any advice on where to store your boat please speak to Steve.

Moving boats in an attempt to expedite the launch process is also costly. As a consequence, the Executive Committee is currently finalizing a policy which would see an increase in the amount charged for boat relocation. Our aim is to ensure that everyone gets a chance to maximize the boating season while at the same time ensure that our costs are covered. If you have any questions contact George Tilley



THANKSGIVING DINNER

Sunday Oct. 9, 2011

**Roast Turkey Dinner
(with all the trimmings)**

\$19.95

includes Tea/Coffee & Dessert

**Please call 834-5151 or email
manager@rnyc.nf.ca to make
reservations!**

**12-2pm
5-7:30pm**



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POWER BOATING AT THE RNYC

Leo Quigley – Executive – Power Boating



As with all other activities and events throughout this past “summer”, Power Boating has suffered from less-than-tolerable weather conditions that have dampened the enthusiasm of even the hardiest among us. Combine the bad weather with boat break-ins and it’d almost get you down but despite all that, we managed to pull off one of the most successful Poker Runs ever with eighteen boats participating on July 23rd. The weather was spectacular, the support of EXIT Realty on the Rock was unparalleled and by all accounts the event was a tremendous success. Just goes to show what we can do with a bit of fine weather! There should be lots of pics up on the website. When we finally did get a couple of fine days in August, no one seemed interested in talking about organized events and all hands (myself included) were thankful just to be able to get on the bay for a day and finally bring out some family and friends. Mooring in Chimney Cove and around the islands seemed to be the order of the day!

On August 27th, Power Boaters turned out in droves for the annual Easter Seals Regatta. We can’t express adequately our sincere appreciation to the boat owners who, once again this year contributed freely of their time and vessels to give handicapped children and their families a day to remember! Thanks go to Power Boaters Mr. Ches Penney, Terry, Aiden and T J Daley, Steve Chafe, John Ryan, Greer Hunt and Moya Cahill, as well as to John Walsh, Wayne Morgan and Peter Lawrie for helping out. Also many thanks to every single person who helped make the day what it was through your contributions small and large, especially the donors! Steve, Corey, Kitchen Ladies, Jim, Barry and on and on.....well done and thank you!

As we move into the fall, I know many of your thoughts are turning to the unpredictability of the weather. Please don’t take unnecessary chances in going out when conditions are unsafe and make a special effort to ensure your boat is well secured against the ravages of hurricane season.

If anyone has a particular concern, suggestion or even criticism (provided it’s of the constructive variety), I would love to hear it! Please contact me anytime by email at lquig@avaloncontrols.net or by phone at 682-0953 – confidentiality is assured. As always, I am open to suggestions for organized outings – you never know, we could have an Indian Summer yet! Yes, I am an optimist – I admit that freely!

Take care and happy boating,

Leo

POKER RUN 2011



SAIL BOAT RACING

Kirk Rees – Executive – Race Committee Chair



It has been a very successful racing season with over eighteen race events so far this year. Despite the weather, from fog, rain, high winds to sunny days with no wind, I'm sure you will agree we've all had a fun racing season.

On July 23 the St. John's Port Authority Race had five boats racing, with Robert Decker on Deja Vu taking first place. Sunny weather and good winds made for exciting racing with lots of media coverage from NTV news.

On the international scene, three boats from the RNYC successfully completed the Marblehead to Halifax Ocean Race. Bella J, Nomad and War Eagle all finished the race in respectable time because of good following winds. Congratulations to all.

Seven boats competed in the Easter Seals Regatta this year. A short course and very light winds made for a long race with the crew of Athlete coming in first place. This is always a fun event and we hope to see even more racers next year.

Race week 2011 was a huge success. Sponsored by Iceberg Rum and entertainment for the dance provided by Turbulence a good time was had by all into the wee hours of Saturday night. There were thirteen boats racing in three different divisions. We did a total of seven races over four days in a variety of wind conditions. There was certainly lots of action, with busy start lines and a couple of broaches, all of which was captured on camera by the race committee. The trophies for first place were awarded to Shalloway in division one, Syntonic in division two and Dynamique in white sail. Thanks to Commodore, Barry McCallum and Ted Laurentius for helping out and supplying Panache as the committee boat for race week...the power windlass was a godsend when hauling anchor.

A special thanks to our race committee staff Simon and Daniel Rees. Their wealth of knowledge for the sport of sailing and enthusiastic energy made, not only race week, but racing all this season possible. These two guys were setting the marks, recording the times, sending emails and taking photos while we raced.

See you on the start line.

Kirk Rees

RACE WEEK 2011



CLUB COMMUNICATIONS

Ken Corbett – Executive – Communications



WEB SITE & SPINDRIFT

The RNYC website continues to be popular with members and I am guessing members of the general public with over 40,000 visits since it was upgraded just under 2 years ago. While updating in all areas has not been as fast this past Summer, it has continued to be up-to-date with respect to upcoming events and changes around the club. All of the photos for this years events will soon be in place on the website. I still lament the fact that neither the website or Spindrifft receive any input from the general membership. It would be great to include photos of your favourite anchorage and short descriptions of cruises you have taken. Both the website and Spindrifft are members communication instruments and therefore should reflect what members are doing with information from the members.

One area that is receiving growing input from members is the BUY & SELL area. Remember if you have items to sell or want to buy, it can be posted on the website and seen not only by members but also the general public. See elsewhere in this issue for more information.

This last year has seen the introduction of the RNYC Facebook page and my thanks to those that initiated it and provide ongoing input. Race week was well covered there.

Remember, if you want to see information that is not already included in the website or Spindrifft, let me know. If you feel you are not being fully informed of club events and changes, again please let me know.

COMMUNITY

In the last few months we have been working with the local media to assist us in informing the general public about RNYC events, especially racing. We have had race results and photos published in the Telegram and Shoreline as well as items on Open Day and the Easter Seals Regatta. This is an area we want to grow and will be working on harder next season.

In June the club held its first, of what we hope will become an annual affair, Open House. The objectives were to provide the public with a better insight into boating and to attract people to the Training Schools and Social Memberships. While attendance was not high, those that did visit us were interested and did sign up for courses.

Ken Corbett

Photo Credits: Daniel Rees, and many other club members



EASTER SEAL REGATTA

Eg Walters – Executive – Chair Easter Seals Regatta



The 21st Easter Seals Regatta was held on Saturday August 27 under sunny skies with very little wind. Seventeen Easter Seals children attended the event with their families and staff/volunteers from Easter Seals. This year's Honourary Chairman was Fraser Edison who has a long association with Easter Seals and has assisted the association in many ways. The Easter Seals Ambassador for 2011 is Danielle Arbour who contributed greatly to the success of the day.

As normal, the afternoon started with a parade of boats, most dressed up in some manner, who proceeded down the channel past the children who they threw candies to.



After the parade, the sailboats went off and had a very slow race for the Easter Seals Regatta Cup. While this was taking place the children and families were invited onboard a number of power boats and were taken for a ride on the Bay with all sorts of good things to eat.



The children then came back in for cake and treat bags before departing. In the evening those that had participated in the race or had the children on their boats enjoyed a BBQ.

Of course one of the main reasons for the regatta is to raise funds for the Easter Seals programs. For the previous months, members have been seeking sponsors willing to donate to the cause or have made personal pledges to the Easter Seals.



2011 Easter Seals Regatta

EASTER SEALS REGATTA (Cont.)

We are very pleased to report that this year's donations from RNYC members were up 30% over last year resulting in excess of \$17,000 being raised for the Easter Seals Campaign. Thanks to everyone who supported this year's Easter Seals Regatta financially, by providing their boat to transport the children and their families or by assisting with the event on the day.

To quote Kirk Leach from Easter Seals, "Thank you for all of the hard work that each of you put into the Regatta event and for the wonderful hospitality of everyone at the Yacht Club. The experience in the boats for each of the families is something they will always remember."

Thanks must also be given to the event sponsors, Century 21, Labatt's and Mount Gay Rum.

At the BBQ to end the day, the following prizes were awarded:

Ambassador's Award (Top Fundraising Sailboat)..	Gary Corcoran, <i>Y-No</i>
Century 21 Award (Top Fundraising Power).....	Dominic and Daisy Nolan, <i>Glory Days</i>
Top Fundraising Individual	Janet Marie Organ
Top Online Fundraiser.....	Steve Mercer
Best Dressed Boat (Guy Hogan Award).....	Gary Horwood, <i>Alibi</i>
First Place Easter Seals Regatta.....	Kirk Rees, <i>Athlete</i>
Second Place Easter Seals Regatta.....	Mike Shawyer, <i>Dynamique</i>
Third Place Easter Seals Regatta.....	Steve Mercer, <i>Full Tilt</i>
Booty Prize	Dave & Donna Marie Humphries, <i>Dragon Fly</i>
BBQ Ticket Draw.....	Donna Marie Humphries



SAFETY AROUND THE RNYC

Ted Laurentius – Executive – Safety & Training



The sailing season is almost over and even though the summer was late coming, it was good to see so many boats take advantage of the good days we had. It was also good to see the number of people wearing PFD's increasing.

Race Week came and went with no collisions and no mishaps despite a few spectacular broaches. The mandatory life jacket rule has been in effect for many years and everyone now takes it for granted and extend the practice to other activities.

This spring and early summer while we were waiting for the weather to break we had a series of CYA seminars namely Navigation, Weather, and Man Overboard. These were a tremendous success and a total of 70 people signed up which also meant a contribution of \$700 to the Junior Sailing Building fund. I would like to thank Duncan Finlayson for his efforts to present the Weather Seminar. His years of experience as a meteorologist and his thousands of miles of coastal and offshore sailing greatly helped in giving us an understanding of the weather patterns and local effects. It was very technical and perhaps too much so for some, but his extensive reading list and website references certainly provided a great resource for those that wished to gain more knowledge. As always, I will certainly repeat these or others next year if there is enough of a demand. We did not do the VHF one this year so perhaps that is one for next season.

The demand for the PCOC (Operator's Card) has been light so I assume most folks already have the card or have found other sources. The Office of Boating Safety (OBS) have tightened up the rules considerably so it is not quite so easy to obtain the certificate anymore which is a good thing. This season I only had one person challenge the exam which has been expanded to 50 questions for all versions. In fact, the OBS now provides the exams to the providers and changes them every 3 months.



SAFETY AROUND THE RNYC (Cont.)

Haulout will soon be upon us and I would like to draw your attention to new rules governing the operation of the Travel Lift. Because of an incident during launch, we now have a rule that prohibits anyone from being within 5 meters of the machine while it has a boat in the slings.

When cleaning the bottom the boat must first be lowered and partially supported on the keel before you may approach it. The same rule will apply when placing boats in cradles during final placement for the winter. We learned how a broken chain or cable can create a dangerous situation. You may be reassured that the machine has been inspected and all defective or critical parts have been replaced. You might also like to know that the Occupational Health and Safety folks from the provincial labour department have given the machine a clean bill of health. This also applies to the Mast lift Crane. I must stress here that when lifting a mast, **Do Not Stand Under It!**

In closing, while working on the boat after haulout, please take time to check the ladder you are using. I keep seeing homemade ladders that should be used for fire wood, not ladders.

Safe boating.

Ted Laurentius
Safety Committee





NOW YOU KNOW WHERE THE EXPRESSION
"UP THE CREEK WITHOUT A PADDLE" CAME FROM.



"How sweet, he's smiling. He must be dreaming
about me."



"I don't understand why you're upset. It's only
for the off-season."



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The Near Perfect Storm

A guest, on a private sailboat on a compass heading to the Bahamas, had to hit the head. Excusing himself he left the main cabin.

Shortly after, a sudden squall hit the ship. A giant freak wave rolled over the vessel and, with a stress breach in the hull, the boat began taking on water!

Just short of sinking and with his guests and crew in the life boat, the captain realized someone was missing. Working his way towards the aft cabins and fighting the onslaught of water rushing in, he broke open the door to the head.

There stood the missing guest. Shaken and confused he looked at the captain and said, "I don't understand, all I did was pull the handle!"

Terrible pun, anyone?

A group of friends are out sailing, when suddenly a crew member sees a hand pop up out of the sea alongside.

He shouts "Man overboard!" but the skipper checks, and confirms everybody is still on board. He rushes over to the starboard side, where the crew member says "Sorry, false alarm. I thought it was somebody drowning, but now I realise it was just a little wave."

Fly in the Beer

A recreational boater, a tugboat crewman, and an old salt sailor went into a bar and each ordered a beer. Each found a fly in their beer.

The recreational boater looked in his beer and said, "hey bartender I have a fly in my beer. Give me another beer."

The tugboat crewman looked in his beer, found the fly, reached in and picked it out and continued drinking.

The old salt sailor looked in his beer, saw the fly, grabbed it by the wings, shook it over the glass and yelled, "Spit it out, Spit it out!"



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FOR SALE (Cont.)

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- You can email kcorbett@nf.sympatico.ca with all the information including photos of what you want to buy or sell or you can drop it off at the RNYC office. It will then be listed on the RNYC website. Remember, the website is visited by non-members as well as members giving you a larger potential than an internal posting.
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