



The Lighthouse

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BRAS D'OR YACHT CLUB
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SUMMER AS DEFINED BY WIKIPEDIA

The Summer Solstice occurs exactly when the Earth's axial tilt is closest to the sun at its maximum of 23° 26'. Though the Summer Solstice is an instant in time, the term is also colloquially used like *Midsummer* to refer to the day on which it occurs. **WHO CARES?**

ACCORDING TO BYC SUMMER MEANS

VACATION, **REGATTA WEEK**, JUNIOR SAILING, ADULT SAILING, McCURDY/EQUIS CUP WEEKEND, **REGATTA WEEK**, SLOW SLOW SLOW POKER RUN, HOT SUMMER NIGHTS, **REGATTA WEEK**, CANADA DAY, BBQS, SUN BLOCK...

REGATTA WEEK!



SUMMER SCHEDULE INSIDE



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VALUABLE ASSETS



Murdock Morrison, honorary member of the BYC, was awarded a certificate of appreciation at Victoria County's 28th Annual Volunteer Recognition Night. He was presented this certificate in recognition of his volunteer work at the Club.

This year the junior sailors will be mastering old sailing skills and learning new ones with the help of a competent team of instructors. Amy Cada, former Ontario Female Sailor of the Year, will be the race coach for this summer; Laura MacKillop and Jordon MacDonald are returning instructors; and Seppo Kimbley will be a first time BYC sailing instructor.

Jeanette Layes has been hired to perform the duties of bookkeeper in conjunction with her current duties as secretary. She will be available from Monday to Friday a couple of hours daily-and will occupy the office downstairs in the club.

On behalf of the board of directors and membership, I would like congratulate Murdock Morrison on his achievement, extend a warm welcome to our instructors, and thank Jeanette Layes for accepting the role of bookkeeper.

~Melanie Garland, Editor

CALLING ALL ASPIRING SKIPPERS



This sailing season, three 'two week learn to sail sessions for juniors' will be offered throughout July and August. Sailors will have plenty of opportunity to work toward their White Sail and Bronze Sail CYA certifications.

Dinghy racing nights will be held on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer. There will be a barbeque and junior dinghy racing (prams and 420s) on those nights that fall inside of the sailing sessions.

In addition, there will be an Adult Learn to Sail Program which will run once a week, for two separate, three week sessions. This program will use prams, 420s and keelboats for learning basic sailing and more advanced crewing.



Early in the spring, a successful instructor - professional development weekend was held at the BYC. This event was jointly organized and hosted with the Northern Yacht Club and all Cape Breton area instructors were in attendance.

BYC will be hosting a leg of the Provincial 420 circuit at the beginning of Regatta Week and committed sailors are encouraged to participate. Volunteers are needed for this event and are asked to contact Leonard Harvey.

A formal sailing program registration evening will be held in June and the date will be announced in the Victoria Standard.

For more information about this season's sailing programs visit our website www.brasdoryachtclub.ca or contact Len Harvey by email len.harvey@live.ca or by phone at (902) 304-3317. A copy of the BYC Learn to Sail Program schedule is available at the BYC's upstairs bar.

BYCs 2010 REGATTA WEEK AUGUST 1ST, 2010 TO AUGUST 7TH, 2010

The Bras d'Or Yacht Club is pleased to announce that **MACINTYRE CHEVROLET CADILLAC BUICK GMC** is the title sponsor for BYC's 2010 Regatta Week.

Shaun MacIntyre sums up his support for this event by stating, "*Regatta Week is more than a sailing event; it is a family & community event. Our family has enjoyed participating in Regatta Week for many years and the community has been very supportive of our business so this is a natural fit for us. We have been a sponsor of this event for four years and welcomed the opportunity to become the title sponsor of this Baddeck tradition.*"

The Sail Past will, once again, be the opening event for this year's Regatta Week. Followed by Sunday's Sail Past there will be a 420 Provincial Sailing Regatta on Monday and Tuesday. Monday will also be the first of six days of competitive racing at BYC. On Saturday, August 7th, 2010 the awards ceremony will be held in the lower hall of the club.

The entertainment line-up for the week is shaping up nicely thanks to Cory Cox and Fraser MacLeod. This year's headline acts are *Mitch MacDonald* with band *Modern Slang* playing on Friday night and *The Aaron MacDonald Band* playing on Saturday night.

Race schedules, rules, registration forms, and entertainment schedule will be available on line at www.brasdoryachtclub.ca. Alternatively, you can request information from Jeanette Layes by phone (902) 295-2107 or by e-mail brasdoryacht@hotmail.com.

Volunteers are still required to fill many fun and exciting roles during the week. Please advise Jeanette Layes, Secretary if you are interested in volunteering during Regatta Week.

Please join us for another challenging and exhilarating race week at BYC's 2010 Regatta!!!

MCCURDY CUP & EQUIS CUP WEEKEND

The Bras d'Or Yacht Club welcomes all sailors to compete for the historical McCurdy Cup on July 17th, 2010 and the Equis Cup (sponsored by **Equis Financial Group**) on July 18th, 2010.

The McCurdy Cup on Saturday, as per the deed of gift, will be a distance race to Iona. The Equis Cup on Sunday will be 'around the buoys'. Both races will count toward the Baddeck 100th Anniversary Trophy for 2010.

Friday and Saturday there will be nightly entertainment and headline acts will be announced on the website.

NAUTICAL AUCTION

The first, annual BYC Nautical Auction will be held August 20th, 2010 at 7 pm, in the lower hall of the club. Proceeds from this event will be used toward the completion of the club's kitchen facilities. All nautical contributions and volunteer assistance for the event are welcome.

For more information or to make a contribution please contact one of the following: Willie Reid (902) 227-8633 or (902) 295-2281; Art McNeil (902) 295-3459; Ernest Roberts (902) 295-2707 or (902) 295-8474; Peter Meisner (902) 295-1158.



BYC'S SLOW, SLOW, SLOW POKER RUN

Founded in 1997, by the late Marvin Harvey, this event is a fun-filled day on the water and ashore for family and friends.

You are guaranteed to have fun, a full belly, and a chance to win prizes by participating in creative challenges throughout the day.

Everyone is welcome to join us for BYC's Annual Slow, Slow, Slow Poker Run to be held on August 21st, 2010.

For more information about the event please contact Jeanette Laves by phone (902) 295-2107 or by email brasdoryacht@hotmail.com.

THE CAPE BRETON ISLAND CLIPPER



The Cape Breton Island Clipper is 68 foot yacht that is adorned by a magnificent bald eagle. This yacht is the only Canadian entry in the prestigious Clipper 09-10 Round the World Yacht Race.

The Clipper 09-10 Round the World Yacht Race, originally established by Sir Robin Knox-Johnston in 1995, when he set up Clipper Ventures, is taking place from September 2009 until July 2010. Since 1995, the Clipper organization has successfully organized six round the world yacht races.

The seventh race began on September 13th, 2009, when a fleet of ten identical 68-foot stripped down yachts departed the Humber (Hull, UK) on the northeast coast of England and embarked on an around the globe race. The yachts will travel 35,000 miles and stop in fourteen ports of call on five continents within ten months.

On June 6th, 2010, the clippers will leave New York City and race toward Sydney Harbour, Cape Breton Island. The Clipper Race Yachts are expected to arrive in Sydney throughout the day and night at the Joan Harris Cruise Pavilion between Friday, June 11th and Sunday, June 13th.

Follow the Cape Breton Island Clipper and find out more about the Sydney events by visiting the following website:
www.CapeBretonClipper.com.

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*"It is not the ship so much as the
skillful sailing that assures the
prosperous voyage."*

~George William Curtis

*"Who is staring at the sea is
already sailing a little."*

~Paul Carvel

*"A wet sheet and a flowing sea,
A wind that follows fast,
And fills the white and rustling
sail,
And bends the gallant mast."*

~Allan Cunningham

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**UPCOMING EVENTS &
SPECIAL DATES**

JUNE 2010 – AUGUST 2010
BYC'S LEARN TO SAIL PROGRAMS

JUNE 11TH – JUNE 19TH
CAPE BRETON CLIPPER STOPOVER
JOAN HARRIS CRUISE PAVILION
SYDNEY, N.S.

JULY 16TH & JULY 17TH
NIGHTLY ENTERTAINMENT

JULY 17TH & JULY 18TH
BYC MCCURDY & EQUIS CUP

JULY 21ST – JULY 24TH
SAIL EAST NYC

JULY 24TH – JULY 25TH
DUNDEE RACE WEEKEND

AUGUST 1ST – AUGUST 7TH
REGATTA WEEK BYC

AUGUST 2ND & 3RD
420 PROVINCIAL REGATTA BYC

AUGUST 20TH, 2010
BYC NAUTICAL AUCTION
6PM VIEWING 7PM AUCTION

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