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SUMMER MEMORIES



The sun has set on a very busy summer of learning, racing and socializing at the Bras d'Or Yacht Club.

This season, in addition to the Junior Sailing Program (73 registrants), a very exciting and well attended Adult Learn to Sail Program (28 registrants) was held at the Club. Special thanks to the instructors, organizers and attendees for making these programs a huge success.

Some of the female participants of the Adult Learn to Sail Program went on to participate in the first Women's Seabird competition held on Saturday, July 31st, 2010. The ladies competed for the coveted McManus Cup.

The instructors of the Junior Club, with help from Beverly Dunlop, decorated a very patriotic float for the Canada Day celebrations in Baddeck. See picture inside.

The McCurdy/Equis Cup Regatta weekend and BYC Regatta Week were well attended this year and both events were highlighted with great entertainment

The first annual BYC West Bay Regatta at Dundee had 5 A class boats, 8 B class boats and 14 C class boats.

The Slow, Slow, Slow Poker Run, although a very damp day, was once again a huge success, with more than 200 people participating.

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FUNDRAISING FUN



Helpful hands, Shelly MacDonald, Jackie Hendricksen, Donna Campbell, Brenda Cook, and Barbie Cook spent July 10th serving up a delicious feast of lobster at the BYC.

The event sold out and proceeds were donated to the Junior Sailing Program at the BYC. Thank you, ladies of the kitchen and cooks David Dunlop & Ron MacIntyre.



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A huge thank you to all who planned participated and volunteered to make the events over the summer the success they were. A special thanks to the following Regatta Week sponsors:

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We hope you were able to participate in our summer events and found them enjoyable. Next year's events will be just as exciting and we look forward to seeing you all back again.

~Melanie Garland, Editor

MCCURDY CUP & EQUIS CUP WEEKEND

BYC's weekend regatta was an exciting one of entertainment and racing. Twelve yachts competed in the McCurdy Cup and eight yachts participated in the Equis Cup. Both of these races counted toward the Baddeck 100th Anniversary Trophy.

Dan McCarthy and the crew of Irish Mist finished first in the McCurdy Cup Challenge. Jim Anderson and his crew aboard Handsome Jack finished first in the Equis Cup Challenge.



Picture kindly submitted by Mona Anderson

JULY 1ST, 2010



JUNIOR SAILING FLOAT

Picture kindly submitted by Barbie Cook

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



Picture kindly submitted by Mona Anderson

Regatta week, the highlight of the season, was a fantastic week of racing, entertainment and weather. Wednesday was the only day that proved to be a bit soggy for sailing.

Twenty yachts competed throughout the week. Participant boats were from Baddeck, Sydney, Halifax, and St. Peter's. In addition to the yacht races, there was a full week of junior sailing races, including a leg of the 420 Provincial Regatta.

Thanks to Cory and Fritz, the entertainment for the week featured tried and true performers and some fresh new faces and acts. There was something for every age group to appreciate.

Regatta week continues to be the highlight of the year because of all the generous support from sponsors, volunteers and participants. We welcome you all back again next year.

For a full list of yacht and junior sailing race results please visit www.brasdoryachtclub.ca.

ADDED SPARKLE IN THE LEARN TO SAIL PROGRAM 2010

~ by Mona Anderson

It was probably the most successful Learn to Sail program at BYC in many years. The youth program was well attended as usual. And, in response to a number of requests, LTS Director, Len Harvey, organized a well attended program for adults (co-ed and women only).

The Women's program was enormously popular with 20 participants filling up the two sessions provided. Many of the students had no previous experience and there were barely enough prams to go around.

To celebrate this great success and to thank the women for supporting the program, BYC hosted a special event the day before Regatta Week. On Saturday, July 31st, 24 women took to the water in Seabirds, provided by Baddeck Marine, packed away 14 races, and competed for the McManus Cup. A long time tradition for Women's racing at the Club, it has not been awarded in years. This year's recipients were Kathy Anne Woodford, Tanya MacLean and Mary Jane Vonnegut.

Many of the participants expressed an interest in more classes and opportunities to sail to build their skills. Renewed interest was also sparked among ladies who used to sail in years gone by. So, another group of 12 came out on Saturday, August 28th, again sailing the Seabirds, in an informal regatta of 5 races. Thanks to Arthur McNeil and Jim Anderson for their excellent Race Committee work.

We would also like to congratulate our wonderful instructor, Laura MacKillop, ably assisted by Amy Cada, for taking on this extra challenge. Be sure to watch for the spring newsletter for details on 2011 adult classes.



SLOW, SLOW, SLOW POKER RUN



Rain or shine the Slow, Slow, Slow Poker Run is always a good time.

On August 21st, 257 brave souls upon 45 vessels embarked on the wettest adventure in slow poke history. The sky was threatening as the boats left the dock at BYC and headed for the Wagmatcook wharf. Upon arrival at the wharf the sky opened up and didn't show much mercy the rest of the day. The boats continued their journey toward Washabuck and back home to BYC.

Upon return to the Club a BBQ and entertaining Hula Hoop contest were held. Lisa, crew member of the boat Moon Racker, was the winner of the contest and was awarded a prize for her skipper Shelly MacDonald.

Prizes and giveaways were awarded at the end of the day. First prize, with 3 Aces, went to Paul & Madeline Harvey, team 27, of the Alyward. The Gold Medal Award Special Event winners were Sean, Janice, Jake, Tara, Lisa, Stephen, & Josh off the Innovator. The Slow Poke of the Day Award was awarded to Murray Nicholson, captain of the Bundle of Joy.

The proceeds from Slow Poker Run events are used to purchase items for the Club. Purchases to date include: urns and flowers for the Club's entryway, nautical lanterns and the glass replacement of a section of the deck.



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"I don't know who named them swells. There's nothing swell about them. They should have named them awfuls."

~Hugo Vihlen

"Only two sailors, in my experience, never ran aground. One never left port and the other was an atrocious liar."

~Don Bamford

"The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails."

~William A. Ward



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