



The Lighthouse

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FRASER HAS LEFT THE BUILDING



Fraser "Fritz" MacLeod has been the face and the voice of the Bras d'Or Yacht Club for more than 30 years. This summer, just past his 60th birthday, he decided it was time to make a change. **60!** (and he can still run up the stairs with a CO2 canister in each hand). This is without a doubt the biggest change the Bras d'Or Yacht Club has seen in all of those 30+ years. Fritz has been synonymous with BYC to most of his generation. But Fraser has heard the call of the West and he has answered, as many young men are want to do. Over this past winter he took a number of courses to qualify him as a Safety Officer to work in the camps of Alberta. You'll have to get the rest of the story from him on that.

Through 30+ Regattas, 8 Commodores, 8 x 8 assorted Directors on the Board of Governors, dozens of part time staff, deaths, births, weddings, celebrations ... through floods, blood, sweat and tears, and glory days, Fraser has been on duty at the club come hell or high water.



You'll be missed Fraser. There is no doubt about that, your Cape Breton charm, your quick wit, your firecracker temper. We wish you success where ever your path may lead you, and that your path will always lead you safely home again to Cape Breton.

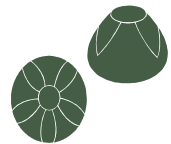
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THE BADDECK BARNACLES DIVING SOCIETY

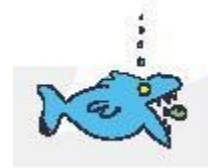
The Baddeck Barnacles Diving Society meets every **Wednesday night @ 6 PM**, at the Old Chimney Table in the BYC. A registered non-commercial society created to promote safe diving and discuss issues of interest to boaters and divers alike. The founding members are all BYC members and avid divers and include:

Dan Chiasson,
Andrew MacDonald,
Ernest Roberts,
Arthur McNeil,
Scott Williamson
Don Gallop



Currently, the Barnacles are working on a project to participate in **International Ocean Cleanup Day** which takes place from the BYC on September 17. Last year volunteers around the world removed 8,000,000 pounds of garbage from our oceans during International Ocean Clean Up Day. To learn more drop by the Old Chimney @ 6:00 PM on any Wednesday night.

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BYC Learn to Sail 2011

The slow spring has not deterred the preparations for our Learn to Sail program. We are pleased Laura MacKillop is returning for her third year as head instructor. Paul Breski, an accomplished junior sailor from Sydney, will assist her. Paul has spent the past two years teaching at the Mira boat club we are delighted to have him join our program.

In addition to the junior sailing program we are eager to promote the great pleasure of sailing to the many kids at heart. Grovie Blair, Stuart Germani, and Tyler Germani (Baddeck Marine) have generously offered us the use of their Seabird fleet for adult sailing and introduction to racing. These classic boats are not only beautiful additions to the harbour, but a genuine pleasure to sail. The club has been awarded a grant from NSYA to promote Women's Learn To Sail. BYC will use the money to buy new sails for the Seabirds.

Bras d'or Yacht Club also supports "**WOW-Women on Water**". Ladies! Take advantage of the Ladies Only lessons with the option of having 3 hours of instruction on three successive Wednesday evenings or choose a weekend getaway and enjoy a Friday evening and Saturday of instruction on and off the water. Enjoy the action on the water and at the end the day come on deck to the "**Tiller and Wheel**" and swap tales of the day's adventures.

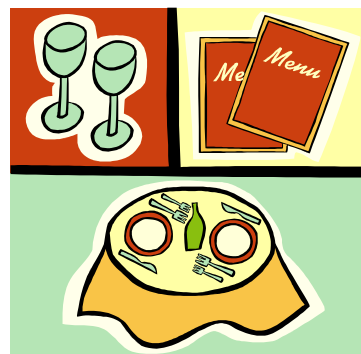
Whatever your age, gender and experience level, we welcome you to have a look at our Learn to Sail program brochure at <http://www.brasdoryachtclub.ca/learn-to-sail.cfm>.

Hope to see you on the Bras d'or Lakes with new skills to enjoy the best sailing venue on the Eastern Seaboard!!



Allison Merrick, 13, of Eastern Passage guides a pram back to shore in Baddeck as she and other participants in the Bras d'Or Yacht Club's junior sailing camp break for lunch on July 6. Baddeck was bustling with activity on Wednesday as tourists and locals gathered around the harbour to enjoy the scenery, water and hot weather.

Photo by Steve Wadden - Cape Breton Post



WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

The Club is working on a partnership with the Bell Buoy Restaurant to provide delivery service to the club. Menu's will be available at the bar. Soon members and guests will be able to order DELIVERY throughout the afternoon and evening at the club. Come on down to the club and enjoy a nice meal and a cool beverage on the Upper Deck.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL YACHT CLUB



RIGHT SOME GOOD

From Aug. 25 to Sept. 4, 2011, join us as we welcome ten of the world's most renowned chefs. A unique Food festival is coming to Cape Breton. It's called **Right Some Good** and is being used to highlight Cape Breton food, geography and culture on the world stage. Ten world-renowned chefs will come to the island and will be joined by a local chef as well as an aspiring junior chef. Venues range from the Orangedale train station to Fortress Louisbourg.

Dates, Maps and Venues here @ 

www.rightsomegood.ca

Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve It's Official!

On June 29, 2011, The Bras d'Or Lake and its watershed was designated Canada's 16th UNESCO Man and Biosphere Reserve. The unanimous decision was made during a meeting of the Man and Biosphere International Coordinating Council in Dresden, Germany.

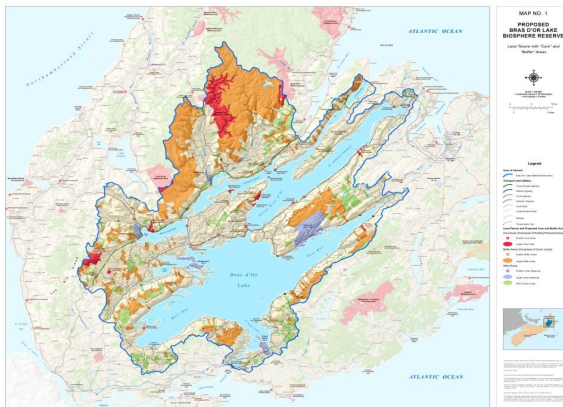
The Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve has joined an international network of 580 biosphere reserve sites in 114 countries, promoting the exchange of information, experience and personnel. Biosphere reserves are special places around the world where people are trying to protect biodiversity while fostering economic and social development.

A celebration weekend is planned for September 17 & 18, 2011. A core event will take place during the afternoon of September 17, at the Highland Village Museum in Iona. It will feature an official ceremony, cultural performances highlighting the four predominant cultures inhabiting the Lake, an art display, plays, multi-cultural food stands, and information about the biosphere reserve. This event will be open to the public and free of charge.

The Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve Association is encouraging communities, businesses, individuals and groups to host their own events to bring people together around the Lake – anytime during the official celebration weekend.

Culture, society, economy and environment are all key elements in a biosphere reserve – so any events involving these elements such as social activities, recreation, arts and crafts, music, and educational activities – would be great ways to encourage both residents and visitors to experience the beauty and uniqueness of the Bras d'Or, feel good, and take pride in their surroundings in a sustainable manner. A short video highlighting the Bras d'Or, and why it deserves this designation, will be made available to you.

If you would like to get involved in this wonderful opportunity by hosting an activity or event in your community, please contact Jessica at jessica@blbra.ca or (902) 476-2427. For more information about the Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere you may also visit our website at www.blbra.ca.



www.blbra.ca
Bras d'Or Lakes Biosphere Reserve
Association

WHY SHOULD I BECOME A MEMBER OF BYC?

Because this is the **BEST** way you can support our beautiful and historic yacht club.

AND, once you become a member you can take part in all the events that go on there, sailing, singing, celebrating, reminiscing, day dreaming, volunteering, painting, snoozing in the sun, working on a committee, etc. Why there are just hundreds of things to do at BYC.

Now anytime some one asks you "**WHY SHOULD I BECOME A MEMBER IF BYC?**" you'll know what to say.



**The BIG BIKE is coming to
BADDECK
August 31, 2011**

Tracey Pierre has stopped by the Club wondering if there is interest in putting a team together for the **BIG BIKE RIDE**. The bike is coming to Baddeck Aug 31 at approximately 4-6:30 pm. The bike holds 29 people. BYC could form a team, or combine with another group. Tracey's email is tpierre@heartandstroke.ns.ca Contact her if you are interested in riding the Big Bike and starting a Team here in Baddeck!!

Heart & Stroke Foundation

BYC Racing Schedule for Summer 2011

BYC West Bay Regatta
hosted by Dundee Marine
July 23 / 24

McCurdy Cup / Equis Cup
BYC July 30 / 31

BYC Regatta Week
August 7 to 13

420 Regatta
August 12 & 13

**Notice of Race
and
Sailing Instructions
for 2011 Season
NOW AVAILABLE
on the BYC Website**

goto: www.brasdoryachtclub.ca
click on **RACING**

AFTER RACE BBQ

Every day after racing the big boat race crews
cook Hamburgers and Sausages.

Sign Up your Crew

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Sign Up Sheet At the Club on Opening Day
Compete for Best Burger Award

Entertainment Schedule for Regatta Week

SUNDAY - Michele Stevens

MONDAY - Larry McCaskill
& Michael Cavanaugh

TUESDAY - Yuk Yuk's

WEDNESDAY - Jason Blynn

THURSDAY - Matt Andersen

FRIDAY - Modern Slang

SATURDAY - Michael
Cavanaugh & Half Step Down

And **EVERY DAY** there
will be entertainment
and slide show of the
race while we await the
Race Results.



VOLUNTEERS NEED FOR REGATTA WEEK

Clean Up Crew – early morning shift - daily
Tent Set Up

Ticket Sales at the Door for Evening Entertainment

Race Deck – Timers & Recorders – daily

Helpers for Junior Sailing – daily

Race Committee – recorders & signals – daily

Wine & Cheese Reception – clean up crew

If you can help out

Contact the Office or call the Commodore

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Sailor's Dictionary

Clew:

- 1) Evidence leading to recovery of a missing sail.
- 2) Indication from the skipper as to what he might do next.
- 3) Oriental crew member.
- 4) What a new sailor often doesn't have any of.

Beating to windward:

A method of flogging crew to increase upwind performance when racing.

Bitter End:

- 1) Finish of a race when you are last over the line.
- 2) Wrong end of a siphon hose.
- 3) Time to alert the bartender in the English pub.

Foreguy:

First guy to the bar.

Afterguy:

Last guy out of the bar.

Ketch:

- 1) Disagreeable clause in boat-purchase contract.
- 2) Sailboat with good wine in the cabin

Round Up:

Easiest way to get the oncoming watch on deck.

Round Down:

A bad, bad thing for a bowman out on the spinnaker pole.

Vang:

Name of German sea dog.

MOORINGS FOR RENT

Out in front of the yacht club – 6 sturdy moorings for rent. Rates are as follows:



\$20 / day

\$100 / week

\$300 / month

\$800 / season

(Season is June, July, August, September)

The moorings are available to anyone. Sorry no deals for members on these. The moorings are intended to raise much needed revenue for BYC.

BYC Bursary

Awarded Annually
to A Graduating Student of Baddeck Academy

CRITERIA

Eligible student shall:

Be a member, or the son or daughter of a member of BYC

Be registered to attend a school of higher education, ie university or college

Be registered and attending Grade 12 at Baddeck Academy

Preference is given to:

Students who have participated in BYC's youth sailing programs

Students who demonstrate a desire to contribute to the community as a volunteer

Students who intend to pursue studies in marine research, environmental studies, youth or community development

Students who have displayed academic excellence

Students who have a financial need

Winner 2011



Donald McNeil

Son of Arthur & Rosemary McNeil

CONGRATULATIONS DONALD. Well Done!

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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2011**

A General Meeting of the Membership will be called in LATE SEPTEMBER to review the financial status of the club, to discuss new projects, hear from the members, and make some plans for the fall and winter seasons. The Board will make recommendations and will ask the membership to vote on certain items.

Please watch for a **Notice of Meeting in September** with the date and time. Hope everyone will make an effort to attend.

Thank You
the Board of Governors



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**BYC CALENDAR
Summer 2011**

Learn To Sail

Session I
July 4 – July 15

Session II
July 18 – July 29

Session III
1st Week August 1 – 5
2nd Week August 15 – 19

Racing

July 23/24 Weekend
BYC West Bay Regatta @
Dundee Marina

July 30/31 Weekend
McCurdy Cup/ Equis Cup
Regatta @ BYC

Sunday, August 7
Sailpast
Wine & Cheese Reception

August 8-13
BYC Regatta Week

Cruising

Saturday, August 27
Slow Slow Poker Run

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September 1, 2011



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