



DYC Breeze

Dalhousie Yacht Club

August 09

Founded January 8, 1937, & incorporated March 1945

SeaSpray: Division Winners in the Lake Ontario 300 Race



Crew & Owners: From left to right-Mark Nelson (from RCYC), Mike Johnson, Tom Rees, Bea Bartkiw, Peter Bartkiw, Ed Wojtecki, Mike Gionet, Mike Lowell(from Houston,Texas).

The July 18th, 2009 running of the Lake Ontario 300 drew the largest fleet ever with 170 boats on the start line. The event has grown by 40% over last year which was a record at that time for greatest participation.

The race fed the competitors the full party pack of all the wind could offer, starting with an eight knot westerly that took the fleet from Port Credit towards Toronto. Winds started building at the Gibraltar mark: the lead boats were enjoying 15 – 20 knots of wind along with six foot swells. The turn around Main Duck produced a new set of conditions. First there was wind on the beam and boats were pound-

ing into large swells. making conditions uncomfortable. The turn at Ford Shoal produced the even more pounding as boats had an upwind beat into wind and swells. Crews were finally able to get a break only when the wind dropped to ten knots. The wind turned to light air on the final leg from Niagara to the finish line. Past Rochester and continuing on to Niagara, the winds began to subside and the lake started to calm down. Going from one extreme to the other, the five knot wind held for a short time before shutting down completely. When the wind finally filled in, those who were well positioned to get the wind first took off leaving others to struggle to get to the finish.

SeaSpray was in a fleet of ten fully crewed spinnaker boats, which meant they had to battle out the entire 300 miles. After 2 days, 9 hours, 10 minutes and 16 seconds SeaSpray crossed the finish line. Although they crossed in a close second, their corrected time gave them the win with less than 2 minutes to spare, over that of a faster rated Benneteau . The boat remained a solid contender throughout the race, but squeaked by one boat after another in the light airs, putting them in a good position for the end run. In the words of a famous DYC racer, "Any fool can sail when there is wind, the true sailing talent shows when there is none". The crew of SeaSpray showed their talent.

A lot of work was spent prepping Peter Bartkiw's 36' Morgan before the race even started. The crew met the challenges of every condition thrown at them. They even claim to have had a really good time in the process! Congratulations!



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Vision Statement: The Dalhousie Yacht Club is a friendly, safe and affordable boating community dedicated to learning, respect for all, and enjoyment in all aspects of the sport of boating.

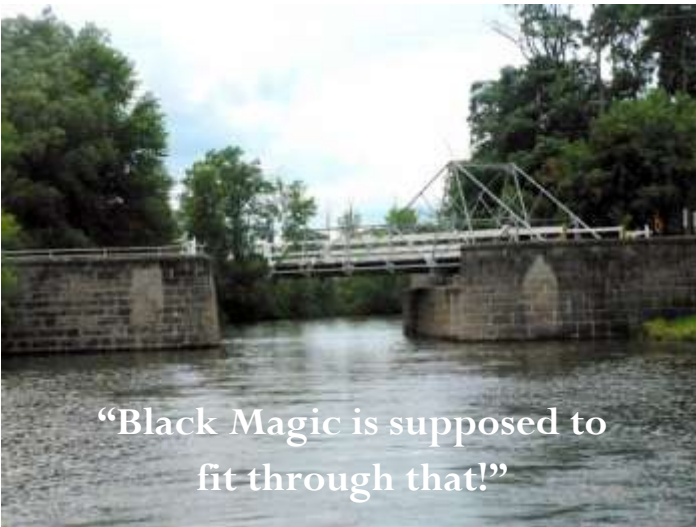


Comments From The Commodore John Krall

I am writing this column sitting in the beautiful Rideau system on our boat Black Magic. Through the magic of internet and my BlackBerry I have been able to stay in touch with the board, our manager and yes you our member.

At the last board meeting we confirmed that we were putting some delinquent accounts into collection and are notifying a few other members that we need payment. The greatest majority of our membership pay on time and we believe it is not right for everyone not to pull their weight.

On our holiday I have checked with a number of yacht clubs and marinas and many have told me the same story of less visiting boats and less of their members travelling. Like DYC, some have decided not to launch their boat this year. West Marine near the Rochester Yacht Club is closing at the end of the summer. Even Waupoos Marina has not had the number of boats like other years. The numbers on the Rideau according to the lock master were the same or up in June and about the same in July. Finding a slip at night is not an easy job with few and small marinas and not enough government slips available.



“Black Magic is supposed to fit through that!”

What we have seen of the Rideau is beautiful and if you get a chance you should try it. Unfortunately it is not very Sail friendly and we have only seen 2 or 3 sailors all week. I agree with Bruce Bowman's enthusiastic description of the Rideau.

I hope you are all enjoying your summer. Best of luck to Art Posthumus on the sale of Antje. To the crew of SeaSpray well done in the Lake Ontario 300!

RACE DATES 2009

Summer Fun Series - August 5th, 12th, 19th
Fall Series August 26th, Sept 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd
Die Hard Fun Series - Sept 30th, Oct 7th



Yard Report Dan Sundy

Above and beyond the required.

We are a self help club which has a need for members to contribute time, within their expertise, as well as their financial fees, to make our club prosper.

Most members are acting with enthusiasm when asked to participate. I applaud their ongoing, unsung contributions. Two members recently have impressed me with their exceptional enthusiasm.

Harvey Clarke has been called for several electrical emergencies and has cheerfully stepped up each time. He has, on one hour notice, fixed the dry sailor crane twice on race day afternoons.

Dan Ciuffetelli presented a landscaping project and performed the work himself.

He purchased, with his own money and installed the landscaping materials for the west side washroom grounds. He intends to do ongoing weed control to maintain the area for the season.

Thanks guys!



John and Margaret Krall aboard their boat Black Magic with one of our clubs hardest working couples, Rick and Eileen Fleming.

This Committee is History



Please search your old photos and bring them into the office. We will select what we need for scanning,

and return your treasures. Don't censor them too much....the picture of your dog on the dock may have some interesting background. Dan Sundy. Email at drsundy@vaxxine.com

Good-Bye Antje II

Before I left on holidays I knew that Art Posthumus had his beautiful CS 36 Traditional for sale. I also knew that it would not be on the market very long as it certainly had to be the best maintained 36 on the Lake.

I have known and docked beside Art for more than 25 years. There is very little Art has not done with that boat! of course, no one wanted to dock very close to Art because his boat was always so shiny and clean. But that was not because he did not use it. He and his wonderful wife Anne (now deceased) went done south with the boat as well as sailing around Lake Ontario 100's of times.

If Antje does leave the club there will be a big void on the dock and the yard. When Antje was on the hard Art patrolled the yard and kept watch on any and all people, cars, trucks and anything else that might threaten his boat! But Art also was the first to help with launch, haul out and docks. Art would also help many of us new to boating or with a boating problem that he always seemed to have the answer to.

Art is a Life Member of our Club and I hope to see him many times at the Club or in the yard giving good advice on how to do things right!

On behalf of the Yacht Club I hope that who ever gets Antje enjoys her and Art stays as a vital member of our Club.

John R. Krall



Art's Last Sail at 6 knots aboard Antje II

Our Mission Statement

We are committed to providing safe and affordable boating programs and activities to all our members, by successfully managing resources, boating facilities and volunteer work contributions by club members.



Beach Party 2009

Saturday, August 15th

Bring your boat, bring your anchor, bring your dinghy but most of all ...bring yourself!

The best little flotilla on the lake will be at Port Wellar.

Party starts around five and goes to you drop!



Corn On the Cob
Hot Dogs

Chicken Wings
Mussels and Clams

Dinner is followed by a beach bonfire.

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Plan on spending the night at anchor
Tickets are \$12.50 per person or \$25.00 a couple

Tickets are now available. Please R.S.V.P.

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From the Safety Officer Lee Smith

Carbon Monoxide

Earlier this season I urged everyone with internal combustion engines to acquire a Carbon Monoxide (CO) detector for their boat. The inside of a cabin is a confined area that can collect CO and cause dangerous situations for those on board.

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend a portion of a conference held by the International Association of Marine Investigators. There was some very interesting research included in the presentations on CO and electrical hazards. In addition to high CO levels found in boat cabins, there has also been research relating to CO hazards on the exterior of a boat. The highest levels found during testing involved inboard generators that exhaust under the stern of the boat.

The test boat used was a house boat but the same principle applies to other boat design configurations as well (e.g. Ski boats, express cruisers, cabin cruisers). In addition, boat engines without catalytic converters on boats with swim decks were found to be capable of producing dangerous levels of CO. Boats at idle as well as boats that under way that drag "teak surfers" at speeds of 10-12 mph have contributed to victims of CO.

So what can you do? Be aware of the potential of CO poisoning. Headache, nausea, fatigue, confusion are signs of CO poisoning. If boaters experience these symptoms when boating, suspect CO. When exposures are very high, victims may experience convulsions, coma and even death. Reduce the chances of CO poisoning by installing a CO alarm on board, reduce the time spent near the areas where CO is exhausted, don't engage in high risk activities such as "teak surfing" and consider side or stack exhaust options.

Most victims think it could never happen to them. Be pro-active by being aware of CO and by controlling activities on board your vessel.

Electrical hazards

Be aware that it takes very little electrical current to kill. Ensure the ground pins on your electrical supply cables are maintained so they provide proper grounding. If not, your boat can "leak" current into the water and create an electrocution hazard near your boat. Take a little bit of time to ensure the safety of you, your loved ones and your neighbouring boaters.

Safe boating procedures

We were recently reminded by the Niagara Regional Police Services Marine Unit that it is incumbent upon boaters to remove explosive fuel vapours from engine compartments by activating their blower for at least four minutes each time the boat is started. They will not be tolerant of boaters who do not follow this safety procedure so this reminder is for us all to be responsible and safe on the water.

Club Cruising Done a Little Different?!

About 100 metres off shore we call on the VHF. "DYC Cruisers DYC Cruisers, DYC Cruisers, over. First on Channel 16, then on 68. No response.

I try my portable radio. Hmm must be busted or something. Lets see, that's 2 radios that don't work. Well that could happen.

We enter the harbour. There are 2 lighthouses. Oh boy.... I chose the one on the right.

The instructions say to look for the Yellow Awning. No yellow awning in sight.

We pass a fellow in a dinghy. He directs us to "sign in" at clubhouse. No yellow awning on the clubhouse. No Officer of the Day either.

We have a couple of Stella's and then a couple more. Officer of the Day shows up. I sign in. Hmm no boats from DYC. The last boat that was signed in was over a week ago.

I mention that there should have 15 DYC boats here. Oh maybe they are on the other side", the barkeep says, and hands us a map.

"Yah, that's it. They are on the other side"!

My crew retrieves the email describing the yellow awning.

"Oh Crap", Subject heading reads BPYC, not BRONTE!

"Two more Stella's Please"

Meanwhile, a DYC Cruise Director Learns the Ancient Secret to Peaceful Family Cruising

With the kids and husband conveniently stashed in the dinghy, Allison Pressley enjoys a quiet afternoon cruise.



The Wooden Dock Party *August 8th, 2009, Rain or Shine*

Free Admission!

Come join us on the centre docks for this annual potluck bash!

The Grog, Grub, Guys and Gals are

All supplied by you!

Cocktails are at 5:00 pm





From The Board Room

- Len McIntosh

Synopsis Board meeting July 9th

Call to order John Krall – Commodore 7:08 PM - A quorum was present.

Commodore's report- John Krall

Meeting minutes reviewed, clarified and adopted.

Meeting with city being rescheduled

Nominating committee for the next slate of prospective board members has been formed and includes the past two commodores

Those current board members, at the end of their term, are asked to e-mail commodore by Aug 15 of their intentions regarding next year.

Sept 17 will be the next information night as well as nomination night

JK will be away next meeting but is available by e-mail or phone. Vice Commodore McLaughlin will chair the August Meeting.

Manager's report – John Brown

We have new member applications as follows; Full Boating- Brenda Louise Hazelwood (Blueberry Ripple), Social, Michael Sommer Dean Willich (Club Chaplin)

The problem with the drain has been fixed and a proper grease trap has been installed – total cost \$3,943-per JB based on hours spent price is not out of line – invoice being studied.

We have a quote to modify the website for added flexibility of \$300 – further study required.

Liquor license renewal application has been sent

Regarding the stolen Echo – it has been recovered in Wilson NY but damaged beyond repair, replacement hull purchased will pursue restitution

DYC has \$15,000 in receivables which are over 90 days – and now have an agreement with a collection agency.

Dock and Yard checks are weekly and no problems have turned up since last meeting.

Jr Sailors – we have 55 kids signed up (+7 over this time last year) Will add a note to our Sign re Openings still available.

We have a WHIMIS trainer – thanks to Jim White – cost – a social membership.

Treasurer's Report – Rick Fleming

A written report was tabled including a summary of June disbursements and payables.

The report was discussed, questions answered and accepted.

Club will sell to Race Committee surplus DYC apparel at cost.

Vice Commodore's report – by Chris McLaughlin

Article in paper regarding the stolen boat was positive (re DYC) thanks to manager response

Marketing committee has not yet be formed but will be Chamber of Commerce meeting may bring new social members based on short presentation.

Yard Chair Report – Dan Sundy

Committee re club history has been formed and started to assemble photos etc. Members with stories recollections or old photos are asked to contact Dan Sundy or any board member.

Dock Chair – Dave Pressley

Fish and Game on east side and Charter boats on West side will be contacted re water usage.

Noted there is discussion at Provincial level to increase the electrical generating capacity of the 12 mile creek as it empties into the harbor. DYC will monitor progress and make sure we have a voice in the process.

Eric Allen and Darcy will work on the study regarding new docks for the east side.

Trent will come in after Haul out to test bracing modification

Entertainment Chair – Tom Van Loenen

Jimmy Buffet night had 84 attending. Good time had by all

September events in the planning stage

Fleet Captain/Safety Officer – Lee Smith

Noted – police timed the blower operation – after a gas shack fill up and “pulled” over a member who ran his blower for 3 minutes when the minimum is 4 minutes – no fine just a warning

Boaters especially power boaters must be cautious regarding worn electrical wiring which can be detected with a test some clubs perform before they let you dock. This may become common practice in the future.

All boaters should have a carbon monoxide detector as this killer is one of the leading causes of non drowning boater deaths. Your neighbors boat fumes can drift uninvited on board your vessel as happened recently at St Catharines Marina fortunately the Victims did not die.

House Chair – Stewart Simpson

Status on the Volunteer Program will be Published in the Breeze with a further discussion at the September Meeting and the AGM will decide the future of the Program. NOTE DYC have filed an adoption request for Lighthouse Road in the city's Adopt a street Program – this will require a small team of volunteers to “sweep” for trash on a regular basis and in return we get a sign with our logo and positive recognition.

We are still looking for a good deal on an upright freezer.

Membership/Communications Chair – Sharon Paris

Last months member applications approved Cruises in full swing

Dock party Aug 8 Beach party now Aug 15

Rear Commodore's report – Jim White

Policies yet to be revised are to be summarized and prioritized.

Membership ambiguities to be clarified

Next Board Meeting Aug 13

Meeting Adjourned 9:36PM

Membership: Dalhousie Yacht Club**Please welcome our newest members:**

Full Boating
 Conrad Castello
 Peter Fritz and Wendy Ward
 Brenda Louise Hazlewood & Paul McManis
Honorary
 Dean Willich (Club Chaplin)

The following has applied for membership:

Full Boating:
 Larisa Fry and Scott Wilson
Social:
 Michael Sommer and Maryan Plat
 Ron and Sally Brooks

Youth Sailing Camps

Do you want your children to do something different this summer? Something fun? Well we have the programs for you. SAILING! For children aged 10 to 17 years. **Dalhousie Yacht Club** Learn to Sail Program operates as a "not-for-profit". Programs follow the Canadian Yachting Association (CYA) Learn to Sail curriculum.

Do You Like Your Summer On Ice

Our gas attendants are more than happy to deliver ice to your boat. They can be reached on VHF Channel 68

Sunset Dining Room: Hours for August

Monday & Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	Noon-10pm
Thursday	Noon 9pm
Friday	11am-10pm
Saturday	11am-9pm
Sunday	9am-1pm

Harbour Office: Hours for August:

Monday To Thursday	8am-6pm
Friday and Saturday	8am-8pm
Sunday	8am-5pm

DYC Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday	10:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday	10:00am - 4:00pm

Can't Get There From Here?

When you find yourself on the wrong side of the harbour, our gas attendants will happy to give you a lift. They can be reached on VHF Channel 68

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Learn To Sail		
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August 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Cruise to MCC Vicki Hull Race
2 Cruise to Mimico C.C.	3 Cruise to Mimico C.C.	4	5 Race Night	6	7	8 Wooden Dock Party
9	10	11	12 Race Night	13 Board Meeting	14	15 Beach Party
16	17	18	19 Race Night	20	21	22 Cruise to OCYC
23 Cruise to OCYC	24	25	26 Race Night	27	28	29
30	31					

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Coming Events

Mark These Dates on your Calendar!

August 1, 2009 - Vicky Hull Ladies Race

August 1 & 2, 2009 - Club Cruise to Mimico Cruising Club

August 8, 2009 - Wooden Dock Party

August 15, 2009 - Port Wellar Beach Party

August 22 & 23, 2009 - Club Cruise to Queen City Yacht Club

September 4 - 6, 2009 - Cornucopia Regatta

September 12, 2009 - Grape & Wine Event

September 17, 2009 - Nomination & Information Night

October 2, 2009 - "At Home" with Ken Faragalli

October 11, 2009 - Frostbite Race

October 16, 2009 - Boat Haul Out

October 22, 2009 - Annual General Meeting

October 23, 2009 - Turkey Raffle & Casino Night

October 24, 2009 - Dock Haul Out

November 7, 2009 - Commodore's Ball

December 5, 2009 - Children's Christmas Party

December 12, 2009 - Adult Christmas Party

December 31, 2009 - New Year's Eve Gala

