

The Blue Duster

Royal Kennebecasis Yacht Club



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Commodore's Greetings

Happy New Year to you and your family. It was a busy fall getting the yard settled for the winter and finishing the 2 washrooms that will be accessible from the yard outside.

The RKYC and the Union Club shared venues once again to ring in the New Year. A good turn out from both clubs made it a fun and memorable evening.

A selection process to replace Bob Barnes, our yard manager was carried out over the past 2 months. There were several candidates interviewed and the decision process was difficult due to the high quality of applicants. I would like to welcome Thane Jones as the successful candidate. Thane will work along with Bob initially and eventually will take over the lines. Bob will be retiring to warmer climates eventually. I would like to personally thank Bob for his huge contribution to the RKYC. His passion and vision have helped to restore the club to a very successful operation.

The City Of Saint John is celebrating its 225th birthday this year. The club would like to host an event in keeping with this great celebration.

It is shaping up to be a busy year and if you would like to hear more or become involved, perhaps coming out to our Annual General meeting in February would be a good place to start

Ken Salmon, Commodore

Kid's Christmas Party

Once again the Children's Christmas party was a huge success thanks to the efforts of a spirited group of volunteers. The date is already set for this year – December 5th.



Everyone gathered for stories and presents from Santa.

Eric Mollins never misses out on a soft seat or a chance to get a present



Roz and Amber show off their reindeer outfits

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Buffets



Buffets are again starting up after the Christmas break on January 21st. They begin at 6:00 pm and are \$19.00 per person, except as noted. Please call the day before to reserve.

January 21 st	Prime Rib Buffet*
January 28 th	Seafood Stuffed Salmon
February 4 th	Chicken Hunter
February 11 th	Herb Crusted Roast Pork loin

* \$24.00 per person

Outside Washrooms

As mentioned in the Commodore's Report, new washrooms have been completed that provide services to members and guests. These washrooms are located in the bottom portion of the fire escape and will provide facilities without having to come into the clubhouse. Each of the two washrooms has a water closet and sink. One washroom also has a shower. We had priced this job last summer at \$17,000 from an independent contractor. By using Bob plus the services of club members the cost was reduced to \$8,400 – a pretty good deal!!

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting is coming up again for the RKYC on Thursday, February 11th, 2010 at 8:00pm and yes this is a change from prior years. Normally the annual meeting is held on the 2nd Tuesday of February. Thursday corresponds with buffet night so perhaps you always attend the annual meeting but not the buffet or always the buffet but never an annual meeting – here is a chance to combine the two. All are welcome to attend.

Marina News

Thanks to everyone for understanding in not plugging their boats in during winter storage. One member provided an example of a serious garage fire caused by a trickle charger. Power will remain on in the yard, however, for supervised use.

Some members wonder why we are able to offer an early haulout and not a late launch service. The difficulty comes down to time constraints. Starting in March the schedule is very busy for the yard crew – servicing equipment, launching and assembling docks, redriving the piling in the marina, preparing for launch, installing dock services, setting up gas pump and sewerage pump out operation and so on. Then after launch, mast installation begins. In the fall, it is possible to begin hauling boats in September as all of these tasks are completed. In fact there is an advantage to early haulouts as the more boats hauled by our forces; the less time required by our rental crane. In 2009 our haul, launch and storage costs were reduced by \$6,000 compared to 2008... the system is working.

Please remember that if you do not launch with the main fleet in May, it will be at least three weeks later before your launch can occur. This will allow the completion of the marina installation and servicing of boats that did launch on schedule.

We are pleased to welcome Thane Jones to the RKYC and we are sure that with his abilities, member cooperation, and Bob Barne's assistance, the marina will be in good hands in 2010.

Upstairs Lounge

A lounge/games room has been created for members use complete with pool and ping-pong table, cards and darts. Please feel free to use it during the day or during scheduled times in the evening (TBA).



By September 15, 2009

all Canadian operators of a motorized vessel will have to show proof of operator competency

