

The Blue Duster

Royal Kennebecasis Yacht Club



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The boating season has officially begun after a successful launch this past Friday and Saturday resulted in the marina being filled near to capacity. Thanks to all the volunteers for assisting.

Friday was a perfect day for launching boats with clear skies, warm temperatures and no wind and it doesn't get any better than that. For the first time in recent memory the marina is pretty much fully installed including water and power. As a comparison, on May 3rd, 2009 the picture at right shows the shape of the marina. No wonder members are enthused. Masts are being installed this weekend (May 22nd – May 24th).



Launch and haulout are challenging times for members and we wish to thank everyone for their assistance, patience and cooperation in making the 2010 launch a success.

The RKYC still does have some berth space available but there is a good chance we will be 100 percent full this year. We have had many new members join bringing boats in the 20 – 23' size. It also seems boats continue to get "Beamier" as members move up to larger boats.

Notice of Yard Clean Up

If you have been around the yard lately you will have noticed a large pile of wood timbers in the back corner of the lot. It did not take long to accumulate this pile as the area behind the upper road is littered with old cradles and junk accumulated over a number of years. If any of this junk is a treasure to you, you are advised to have it moved and properly stored elsewhere as the cleanup will continue over the next few weeks. In addition, the area around the spar shed is also scheduled to be cleaned up. We are also asking for volunteer assistance in this endeavor.

SJHS & HVHS, Collaboration In Action

On Monday May 3, 2010, students from Saint John High and Harbour View pooled their talents to construct no less than 30 saw horses for a local organization. Ross Phinney, an avid sailor, came up with the idea of having his Applied Tech class and Mr. Fisher's Framing & Sheathing class work together to build the horses for the Royal Kennebecasis Yacht Club. It was an easy sell for Mr. David Morgan of HVHS who too is an avid sailor and member of the club. The RKYC not only supplied the materials, but generously provided pizza and refreshments for the students involved. From Mr. Phinney and Mr. Fisher's accounts, the day was a great learning experience, a lot of fun and overall great success; sentiments their students shared. In fact, they have been thinking of another project that could be done in the future.



Photos and Story by Brad Fisher HVHS

A big thanks to the students who participated in this project from the RKYC.

Buffets

Buffets start at 6:00 pm and prices are as identified below. Please call the day before to reserve.

May 20 th	Beef Stroganoff *
May 27 th	Mixed BBQ Grill**
June 3 rd	Chicken Hunter*
June 10 th	Prime Rib***
June 17 th	Broiled Salmon with Molasses Sauce*

*\$19.00, **\$20.00 ***\$24.00 all-inclusive



By September 15, 2009

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



Learn to Sail

Registrations are now being taken for the 2010 Learn to Sail program and again this year we will be offering 4 courses throughout the summer. The registration form can be obtained on our website at:

www.rkyc.nb.ca/RKYC/Learn_to_sail_forms.htm

Fixture Card

This month you will be receiving the 2010 Fixture Card. This booklet would not be possible without the support of the advertisers and we wish to express our appreciation to the following organizations for purchasing an ad.

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The Fixture Card was redesigned this year with more information, more colour, and a new format. Special thanks are extended to Ron Stewart at Flewelling Press for assisting in the design, layout and printing.

Comments have been positive. However, if you notice an inaccuracy in the information please let us know so it can be corrected for next year.

Racing

A full season of racing begins on May 31st with the first Monday Night Race. Monday night racing is a white sail race so it is ideal for new members and offers an opportunity for members just wanting to get out for a sail in a not overly competitive race. The first Wednesday night race is on June 2nd and weekend racing starts off with the Grand Bay Series on June 12th and June 13th.

Member's Day

Members' Day celebration will occur this year on Friday, June 4th, beginning at 5:30 pm. This is an annual tradition at the RKYC and one of the more popular events. It officially launches the boating season at the Club. Light refreshments will be provided followed by a Sail past at 7:00 pm. Member's Day provides the opportunity to reacquaint with other members.

This year there will be a couple of surprises so we encourage as many as possible to attend.

Canadian Power Squadron celebrates 50 years

On May 15th, the Kennebecasis Power and Sail Squadron celebrated their 50th anniversary at a banquet at the RKYC. The KPSS provides courses in Boating Safety for recreational boaters in southern New Brunswick.



As a unit of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons (CPS-ECP), they are part of Canada's largest association of boating enthusiasts.

Membership is open to everyone, boat owners and yet-to-be boat owners, who have a love of boating and are interested in advancing our educational objectives. We hope you'll join in the fun, learning and fellowship offered by the Kennebecasis Power & Sail Squadron

They are a volunteer, not-for-profit organization, dedicated to promoting safe boating through education.

At the celebration Jeff Jennings, an RKYC member, received an Honorary Lifetime membership in recognition of 20 years of service.

The RKYC and the KPSS have worked closely together over the past number of years. The RKYC has provided facilities for courses and meetings that the Power and Sail Squadron present.

Coming up on June 12th at the RKYC the Kennebecasis Power and Sail Squadron have organized a safe boating day between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. Instruction and exhibits will be presented and the media will be present. All are invited to attend.

The RKYC congratulates the Canadian Power Squadron on its' 50th year anniversary of promoting safe boating.

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