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## COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Comrades,

Wow, what a spring, and now summer, we are all having in this "change of coarse year" for our club. Everything is up and running after many extra hours of paid labor and countless hours of volunteer help. We have pretty well rebuilt the club from the bottom up; including the marina, bar, kitchens, docks and even managed to clean up the view! The Juniors are back, the restaurant/bar is open, "A" dock is full of visiting yachts and maybe the risk of frost is gone. If it were not for the new spirit, especially in the support of our membership, none of these changes would have been possible. Thank you all again and we'll see you at the weather mark!

Doug Rankin  
Commodore

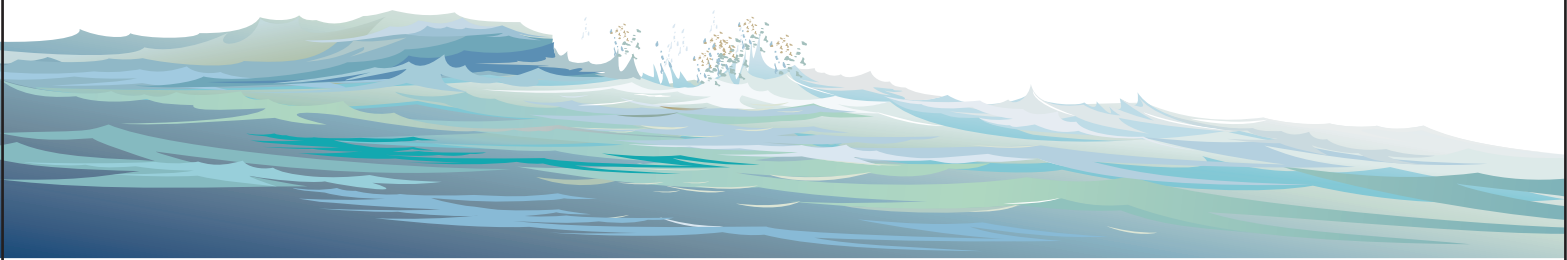
## MANAGER'S REPORT

Hello Sailors!!

As I'm writing this article, I'm looking out the window and what a view!! Four beautiful yachts to gaze upon and lots of little jrs. getting ready for a day on the water. The sun has decided to show itself, and is starting to bring visiting boaters. I hope the weather continues for the rest of this short season.

Harold, Bruce Hillstrom, David Yeo, Jim Rigney and John Dennis worked hard all spring to get the marina up and running and what a marvelous job they have done, considering the mess it was in. Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped to get the marina in, building jr. docks, and fixing up the restaurant. It is people like you who make this a club.

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Now for a few reminders:

1. For those of you who have not yet paid your fees, please see Jennifer or myself ASAP to settle your account.
2. Trailers and boats need to be removed now! No exceptions. With race week less than a week away we need all the parking we can get.
3. Please make sure to separate your garbage and please place bottles and cans neatly by the end of the ramp or at the bottle shed.
4. Make sure you have the proper marine cord for your boat and keep it out of the water. If we happen to see a cord that is not up to code, you will be contacted and must replace it immediately or we will remove it from the dock area.
5. Last but not least, please drive slow coming in and out of the parking area. We have lots of little jrs. running around and don't want anyone to get hurt.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer!!

Lisa MacKinnon  
Manager

*VOGUE OPTICAL  
RACE WEEK  
July 15 - 18, 2009*



Vogue Optical Race Week 2009 will start on Wednesday evening with registration running from 1730 to 2100 hrs. The actual racing component has been reduced to three days, after a majority of racers indicated that this was their preference. So the racing will start on Thursday at 1100 hrs and if the winds cooperate, will conclude late Saturday afternoon.

Shore activities will once again include daily racing awards, Sailor's Reception, Fleet Party, Lobster Dew, and the Overall Awards Presentation to conclude the week. This years entertainment includes Plain Dirty Blues Band, Watertown Band, Joey Kitson Band and Rasta Gumbo Band. Please check schedule for time and dates of the events.

The Vogue Optical Race Week Committee would like to extend an invitation to ALL members of the CYC to take participation in race week, and enjoy the activities.

Dwight Vessey  
Raceweek Chair



## EXECUTIVE

Past Commodore - Randy Johnston  
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## THE NEW CYC BAR & RESTAURANT IS NOW OPEN!!

The new CYC Bar & Restaurant is now open. Back in the early spring the board decided not to renew the lease with Jakes. This decision was not taken lightly, as it provided a revenue source that the CYC could not afford to give up, but at the same time, members wanted the club back.

Percy Simmons and I agreed to work as committee co-chairs and implement what is now the new bar. Doug Rankin (our commodore) worked on the kitchen end of things. During the last couple of months, the three of us either met or phoned each other many times per day discussing issues and sharing ideas. Well what a rush it was. Volunteers after volunteers showed up, ripping apart walls, floors and anything else that didn't look like something we wanted to keep. I wish that I had kept a list of the members and their time...painting (over 25 gallons), drywall, scrubbing, electrical, plumbing, carpentry and legal stuff.

Earlier in the process, I had asked Don Call-back if he would be interested in being the head bartender. Don is the head bartender at the Charlottetown Curling Club and knowing that the two seasons wouldn't conflict, he accepted the job. We now have 5 bartenders to work different shifts and will need another one or two to fill in during race week.

The Bar finally got a license and our first event was to pick a name. A few months leading up to June the 12th we emailed members to send in proposed names for the Bar. After receiving 42 names, we emailed the list to our membership to send in their top 3 choices. The top 7 names were taken to an elimination vote on June 12th, with the winning name having to receive 50% plus one of the ballots cast.

The winning name was THE REEF. But there is a small problem as when we tried to register the name, there was a Wind & Reef restaurant already registered. In order to avoid confusion we need to add to the name i.e. THE CYC REEF & BAR or something along that line. Give your suggestions to Lisa and she will take them to the Board for a final decision.

In addition to his role as Commodore, Doug also took on the leading role in acquiring our new food supplier, Michael Daough, whom we are pleased to have operating the restaurant. The name of the restaurant is the Marina Grill and we hope to do great things together at the CYC.



I can't thank Lisa enough as she is very busy with her role as Manager of the CYC especially during this time of the year...getting things going. However she still somehow found the time to help out with all aspects of getting the new venue going.

Ok now it is the membership's turn to help the members that worked so hard in providing you what is now our own. Please, Please, Please support our Bar & Restaurant. Remember...use it or lose it. We have entertainment booked every Friday & Saturday evening starting around 2100hr and finishing around 2400hr. The entertainment is usually a two piece group that I am sure you will enjoy.

Yours in Sailing  
Wellington Gay

# *From the Starting Line*



Hello CYC Racers

Time for a spring update on the racing scene at CYC. The race committee held a meeting this spring to gather input from as many sailors as possible in order to try and incorporate many of the suggestions we have all heard over the past while. The race committee was somewhat surprised to find out that if you ask 20 different sailors 20 different questions you will also get 20 different answers! That aside, the net result of the meeting is that we are slowly trying to make a few subtle changes as described in the minutes of the meeting (posted on CYC website) and the new 2009 racing instructions - (should be available shortly outside the club office with tide and course printouts).

A brief summary of the changes are as follows:

1. Use of VHF to broadcast the start and course changes - listen in on channel 72.
2. Continuation of separate courses for A and B fleets to try to have everyone finish about the same time.
3. New marks off Victoria Park and Fort Amherst - it may happen sometime soon...
4. Some other ideas that may or may not happen...let us know what you want and we'll at least listen.

On the local CYC scene, Series A is now complete - the hot boats this spring have been J-142 in Class A winning both the Monday and Wednesday night series. Already some close competition in the J-29's with J2K just 6 points behind J142 in A-series Wednesday night. How about the rest of you J-29ers get in on the action eh?

In B Class on Monday nights, Sydney B and Phoenix have been swapping first place finishes with the two boats ending up 1 and 2. In B class on Wednesday nights, Saltza is dominating, whereas Sydney B is taking the white sail class on Wednesday nights.

On the NStYA scene, after two back to back weekends, we've allready managed to get three races in. On June 20th, the Shediac to Summerside race was held with 21 participants. The race turned out to be a wet, wild and windy beat in conditions ranging from 15-25 knots. The winner of the race was Shediac's "The Simpson's". 3 Charlottetown boats made the trip, Picture Perfect (4th overall), Ghost(9th) and Vanish(13th). One boat from Shediac lost their mast in the race (Picture Perfect was on the scene with assistance) whereas a Summerside boat broke their shroud and had to retire.

Next on the NStYA scene (June 27) was the increasingly popular Barrachois to Charlottetown race with 14 participants. Overall winner was Pictou's Forerunner, a Tanzer 26. 6 Charlottetown boats participated - Chance (2nd overall), Vanish (3rd), Intuition (7th), Ghost(8th), Pepper (9th) and X-tasea(dnf). Although the race had good winds for the crossing of the strait, competitors were plagued by light winds and an outgoing tide in Hillsborough bay and while many boats were in the vicinity of Spithead by 2 or 3 in the afternoon, it wasn't until 8 p.m. that a breeze came up and the remaining boats were able to cross the finish line.

Most recently, the old favorite Charlottetown to Pictou race was held on Sunday, June 28th. The race started out mild with light winds to Pt. Prim, but came on strong with 15 to 25 knots, easterlies building by mid morning leaving sailors with a wet and choppy beat to get to Pictou. The conditions produced a couple of DNFs from Charlottetown boats - the CYC boats that made it all the way were Wings(1st), Ghost(2nd), Vanish(3rd), and Picture Perfect(6th). Competition in this race was down this year - only 10 participants...possibly due to the weather and also likely due to the schedule whereby any sailors who wanted to return for work on Monday had to turn around and sail back for the CYC shortly after the race. What do you think - is the Barrachois-Charlottetown-Pictou double header race a good idea or not - anyone with input either positive or negative should try to attend the annual NStYA fall meeting to voice their opinion.

On a final note, special thanks to all our sponsors for the 2009 season. We appreciate your continued support!

Peter Scott  
Race Committee

## *JUNIOR SAILING IS OFF TO A SUCCESSFUL START...*

under the guidance of Paige Rankin who we were very pleased to have return as our Senior Instructor. We are also welcoming back instructors Scott Murray and Sara Flanagan, and want to introduce and welcome Juliet Bernard and Leith Rankin, our two new instructors.

The Juinor Sailing program continues to gain in popularity, and this year we saw all programs sold out almost as soon as registration opened. As with other years, the Program will focus on introducing new sailors to the sport in a safe and fun environment, and will allow Juinors to advance through the Canadian Yachting Association skill levels. This year we will see some of our recent graduates compete in the PEI Canada Summer Games, which testifies to the success of the program in producing skilled sailors. (More on this in the next CYC newsletter)

This Program has long been a cornerstone of the CYC, and members have always shown great support for our Juinors. This year is no different with many volunteers, including our very busy Commodore, showing up to spend hours rebuilding and repairing the Juinors' docks and getting the boats ready. We could not be offering the program without your commitment, and I want to thank everyone for this tremendous support.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Marc Dagenais, who, with a lot of help from Cathy, guided the program as Juinor Sailing Director for the past few summers.

To Paige, Scott, Sara, Juliet and Leith, congratulations on behalf of the CYC membership, and all the best for a safe, productive and fun summer!

Charlotte Stewart  
Director, Juinor Sailing



## VOGUE OPTICAL RACEWEEK SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY JULY 15th

- 17:30 - 21:00 Registration - Commodore's Room CYC
- 17:30 - 18:00 Registration for Heart and Stroke Celebrity Flotilla and Briefing
- 18:30 - 19:30 CYC Open House, Heart and Stroke Celebrity Flotilla
- 20:00 - 24:00 Plain Dirty Blues Band
- 21:00 - 24:00 Sailor's Reception - Old Sam Rum/Shivers Vodka Tasting

### THURSDAY JULY 16th

- 08:00 - 09:00 Registration - Commodore's Room CYC
- 09:00 Fleet Captain's Meeting Great Hall CYC
- 09:30 Competitor's Meeting Great Hall CYC
- 11:00 Warning Signal 1st Race of the Day
- 17:00 - 20:00 Plain Dirty Blues Band
- 20:30 Daily Racing Awards
- 20:00 - 24:00 Fleet Party with Watertown Band

### FRIDAY JULY 17th

- 09:00 Fleet Captain's Meeting Great Hall CYC
- 11:00 Warning Signal 1st Race of the Day
- 17:00 - 18:00 Ocean Shore Games
- 19:00 - 21:00 Skipper and Crew Lobster Dew (tickets purchased by noon today)
- 20:30 Daily Racing Awards
- 22:00 - 02:00 Live Entertainment with Joey Kitson Band

### SATURDAY JULY 18th

- 09:00 Fleet Captain's Meeting Great Hall CYC
- 11:00 Warning Signal 1st Race of the Day
- 20:30 Daily Racing Awards and Overall Awards
- 21:00 Maritime Electric Light up the boats with LEDs
- 22:00 - 02:00 Live Entertainment with Rasta Gumbo





# Flotilla for Heart & Stroke



**You are invited to the Charlottetown Yacht Club  
on Wednesday July 15th to participate in this  
unique event with all proceeds going to the  
Heart & Stroke Foundation**

**Don't miss this exciting opportunity to have a front row  
seat to a sailboat race as part of  
Vogue Optical Charlottetown Race Week**

The "Flotilla" *or small fleet of boats* will depart at 6:30pm and  
gather in the harbour as a group to watch the sailboat race.

Registration is from 5 - 6pm and every person that registers will be  
entered into a draw to win a "Cooler Pack"

&

Every boat that registers will have a chance to  
win a prize valued at \$ 350 **DONATED BY NORTONS JEWELERS**

## How to Participate

Register your boat today and invite friends, families & co-workers  
to join you on board for a minimum donation of \$5.00 per person.

## Don't have a boat? No problem!

For a minimum donation of \$5.00 you will be invited to be a passenger on a  
participating boat, where you will have a front row seat to a sailboat race.

For more information regarding this event or to register please contact:

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