



DYC Breeze

November 2019

Dalhousie Yacht Club
founded 1937 & Incorporated 1945

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Sunset Dining Room Hours

NOVEMBER HOURS

Wednesday thru Saturday

12 - 9 p.m.



Jeff and Doug clearing out Yard A and preparing Yard C for Haul Out.



A full day of prep with cradles and moves from Yard A.

BOATS OUT

Be safe out there!



Larry, our Safety Officer, running the safety meeting at the start of our day.



Patti, Wendy + Tim



Boats Out ~ A safe success!
Great volunteer turn out ~ great teamwork!



A long day 28 boats lifted out.

Well done, everyone!



Vice Commodore's Report ...

by Richard Nowina

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Docks out! What a day it was! windless -perfect, sunny -perfect, and well organized -very well done. Planning and leading the event was Jeff Newkirk. Even with a good plan, nothing comes off perfectly, but the plan provided a framework for adapting, as circumstances required. Well done, Jeff and all the volunteers who came to play their part. And safety was the order of the day. Several times, I observed members reminding each other to be safe.

Usually 'docks out' is a half day event, this time it was a full day. We had extra boats to lift, to clear A yard for construction, drop masts (carefully) on three boats, and move them out.

This brings me to - have you thought about how you can contribute to your club this coming year? The club urgently needs more hands-on attention to all aspect of club operations, from systems and processes to hard operational projects. No one can do it alone, together we can achieve as much as launch, haul out and docks out, proven - time and time again.

We have a new incoming board and have many tasks and challenges to face. If every portfolio, in addition to the board member had two or three others to share the tasks and challenges, the renewal results would be as spectacular as the sunsets from our dining room.

Every board member plays an important role in moving our club forward, however there are five - six positions that carry an extraordinary load which can and should be better shared than borne alone. These are: treasury, yard, house, docks, LTS and Membership.

Treasury needs to tackle the chart of accounts, fee schedules, and expense analysis;

Yard has grounds upkeep & appearance, security, equipment maintenance, water and electrical services;

House oversees appearance, maintenance, safety, and systems of the clubhouse;

Docks, has an effective working group to plan and manage structural maintenance and renewal, plus electrical and water supply systems. Some day to day maintenance could use new volunteers;

LTS has similar discrete tasks and this past year a committee was effective at both assigning roles and sharing the load;

Membership and communications is another huge job, to attract new members who can pitch in with news skills and energy.

DYC is more than the sum of its parts, however the parts need constant attention. Where can you help?

We have accomplished a lot in a short while, the club is more energized but ... we need more members participating. Think about it, please!

Richard



Thursday, November 7, 2019

7 p.m.

Updates:

Outlook + Opportunities

Introduction of the 2020 Flag Officers + Board of Directors

Acknowledgement of Retiring Board Members

Open Question Period to Address:

Financial + Member Related Issues, Club Services,

Growth, Future Development,

Impact of Construction on the Harbour

Docks Out, Followed by Dry Sail Hoist Removal + Finally Trailered Boats

Another Long Day ~ More Great DYC Teamwork!





Dock Chair Report ...

by Wendy Northcote

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The short report is docks out day was a success!! Volunteers arrived at 7:30 for a briefing and confirmation of assignments and docks out jobs were completed at 12:45. We were given a beautiful day with a calm harbour to complete the task.

Again it was beneficial to have an online sign up available. It is so helpful to assign the roles in advance and know that all the areas are covered. A huge thank you to Leigh, for setting this up.

Other helpers arrived on the day and were given assignments. Thank you to everyone who came to assist on the day. Some arrived at 6:30 for early morning preparation and stayed throughout the day until the last trailered boat was set in her cradle at 5:30.

Although I hesitate to single out individuals for fear of missing someone, there are some whose efforts led to the success of the day. Thank you to Dave Pressley whose trouble shooting eye helps ensure everything is in order for the day and running smoothly. He also spent hours prepping the dry sail hoist for dismantling. Doug and Patti Jo Chambers always identify work required and assist. Jim White and helpers ensured the Avon was ready for it's dock towing job. Al Crozier and Wayne Gilroy prepped C dock by taking apart the water line and removing the joining dock boards. Doug Palmer jumped the gun and turned off the water on the west side. He kindly turned it on again, so the washroom could be available for the A dock team. Tim McCallum served as a most capable signalman for the entire day, looking after the dock lifts, the dry sail hoist, and the trailered boats. My boat was set into her trailer with perfection! Jeff Newkirk for his excellent organizational ability and help in pulling together the afternoon's work.

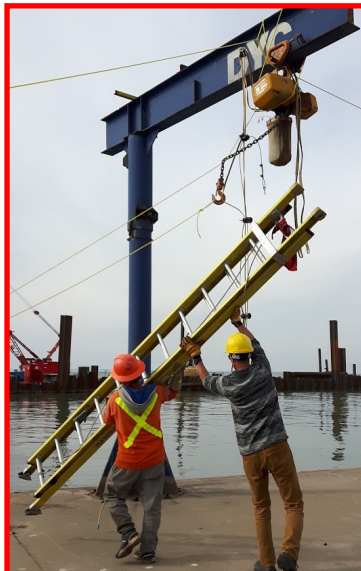
After completion of docks out in the morning, there was much work to be done in A yard in the afternoon. Three boats on cradles needed their masts down, and relocated. The dry sail hoist was disassembled successfully with just it's base remaining, followed by ten boats being lifted to their trailers.

Thank you to one and all who participated in the day!

Wendy



"A" Docks, "C" Docks, Boat + Tow Operators, Dock Receivers, Dock Stackers,
Coffee + Donut Deliverers, Boat Owners ~ Thank you, one and all!!



Docks out, Yard "A" boats out, Dry Sail Hoist Down, Trailered Boats Out and Coffee Time!

All in a day's work.





Safety Officer Report . . . Safety is Personal

By **Larry Richardson**

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As I am writing this, we have finished boats out successfully, meaning safely.

The initial turnout at 0745 was excellent and enough people stayed around to fill all positions until the end (1730) which I must add was quite a bit later, than previous years for many of us 'C-Yard experts.'

The team concept - of people working on specific jobs in set groups - seemed to go well. For many of us dealing with the mast-up configuration was a new experience and until the teams were familiarised with the different equipment and procedures this requires, it was a bit of a challenge. Bjorn Christensen and Tom Schulz helped a great deal in guiding "mast up" haul out procedures. This was most appreciated. *Who knew?* Not me, I can assure you. It was, to coin a phrase, a learning experience for many of us.

In watching all this labour take place two things did occur to me: 1/ owners should not be up on their boats doing the things that are done quite well (safely) and repeatedly by the team members over the course of the day; and 2/ the importance of scheduling breaks. Yes, seriously. I suggest that we schedule two members to be floaters, to allow workers a 'rest' break which can be much needed and appreciated. Also, it allows us to get the coffee and donuts (also much appreciated) without abandoning our post and team at critical moments. Yes, this did happen.

So, the next task (which will be completed by the time you read this Breeze edition) is to take the docks out and to lift out approximately ten boats onto trailers.

I won't have been there. I will have been away at work.

Hopefully the assembled multitudes will have employed the team concept and safety procedures used at boats out successfully, meaning safely.

Here's hoping it went well.

As always, safety is personal.

Larry



GSI Mariner which has been beached on the Mackenzie River at Inuvik for at least 28 years after doing a lot of survey work on the river.

It can be read about by Googling GSI Mariner.

It actually is on dry land; 125 ft long steel boats look even bigger when they are out of the water.

I had my work partner Ross try and make it look like I was speaking to a crowd - I imagined it to be the Inuvik Junior Sailing Club (non-existent) about the dangers of pulling into a slip too fast.

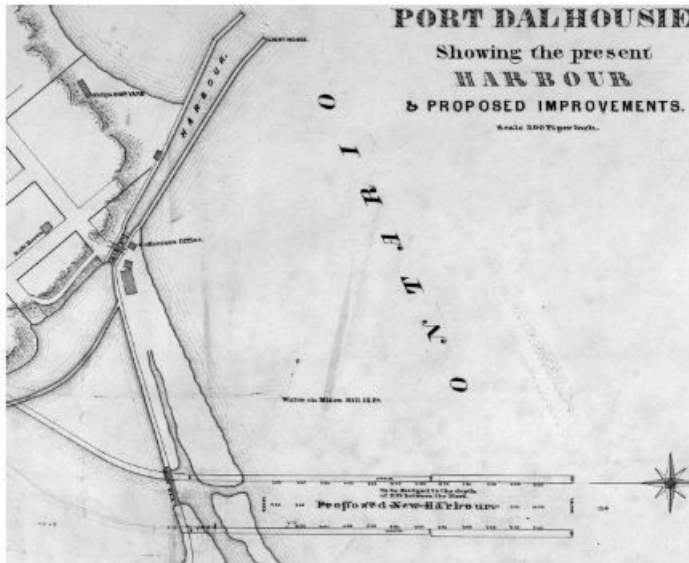


Very Local History Matters ...

by Dan Sundy

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The canals piers



This 1845 chart shows the first canal piers (Upper left) and the proposed 2nd canal. (Bottom) A lighthouse is marked on the east pier of the 1st canal. (Brock Map Library)



(Brock Map Library)

1879 chart showing extensions to both piers and the position of the solitary lighthouse (A) on what was the end of the pier of the 2nd canal, and our current outer lighthouse (B) on the end of the extensions to the piers for the 3rd canal.

The new light (B) and the old lighthouse (A) created a range light system with 300 feet between the lights.

2nd canal construction altered Dalhousie Harbour. The new piers were constructed a few hundred yards to the east of the entrance to the 1st canal. These piers were constructed of wood cribs and topped with a wood deck.



1878 our current outer lighthouse (B, see next chart) built 300 feet north of existing main lighthouse (A, see next chart)) on original wood deck.

In 1898 the wooden deck was replaced with concrete. The same year the more southerly lighthouse was destroyed by lightning. Instead of reconstruction at the same location our current inner lighthouse was built on land, giving a 1500 feet separation of the range lights.



Picture 1960 from Paula McLaren

If you haven't done so already, on your TO DO list add ...

REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR

DYC Racer's Banquet + Awards - Saturday, November 16 ~ 6 pm

Music Trivia, Niagara's Name That Tune- Saturday, November 23 ~ 6 pm

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US!



Frostbite Race Cancelled due to high winds.

LaVoie Lac T, Didgeridoo, Alexander Pickwick
+ Miss Guided headed out

for some rollicking fun.





The Frostbite Race was cancelled,
but the Pot Luck was not!

Much laughter was abound,
along with tasty dishes.



Dalhousie Yacht Club Racing Awards Banquet 2019 Saturday, November 16, 2019

6 p.m. - Libations

7 p.m. - 3 Course Short Rib Dinner
Seafood Option Available
when Making Reservation

\$30

(tax + gratuity not included)



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Ode to Mark 8 by Leigh Brown



Yesterday evening, our marks were brought home from yet another DYC racing season.

It is a thankless job really bobbing in place anxiously awaiting to be left to port.

Whether on a Tuesday fun race, Wednesdays club race or Sunday long race, our marks were there for us. I ask you all to take a moment of pause today and remember that not all Marks make it home.

Mark 8 stood proud for as long as it could and although we may not have raced to 8 often, we knew if we had to, we took for granted that we could. Mark 8 did not make it home last night and it is our belief Mark 8 broke free of its chains at some point, tired of waiting for the race to come to him and set off on an adventure of its own.

-- A Moment of Silence Please--

:) Okay, in all seriousness, last night was a success!

Thanks Kevin Roach, Doug Palmer, Greg Ballinger and Peter Bennett for answering the call last minute and as always to our Racing Committee Boat skipper Lloyd. We had a great time out on the calm warm waters, perfect conditions to collect our Marks. We lost one out of 10 marks, not too bad.

Thanks to everyone one else who replied but could not make it out this time around. If you like there are some grimy barrels that could use a spray down over behind the dumpsters, if you're interested.

Looking forward to seeing you all out at the [Racing Awards Banquet](#) on November 16th 2019.

Right on target. GPS and the marks are dead on.

It was a perfect night.

Heave Ho, Men!

Farewell Mark 8,
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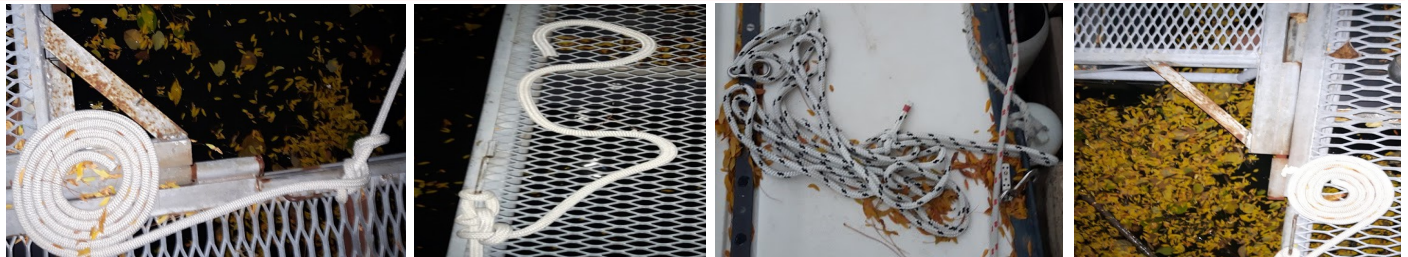
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To Our New Members
Genevieve Hunt + Gene Lewis



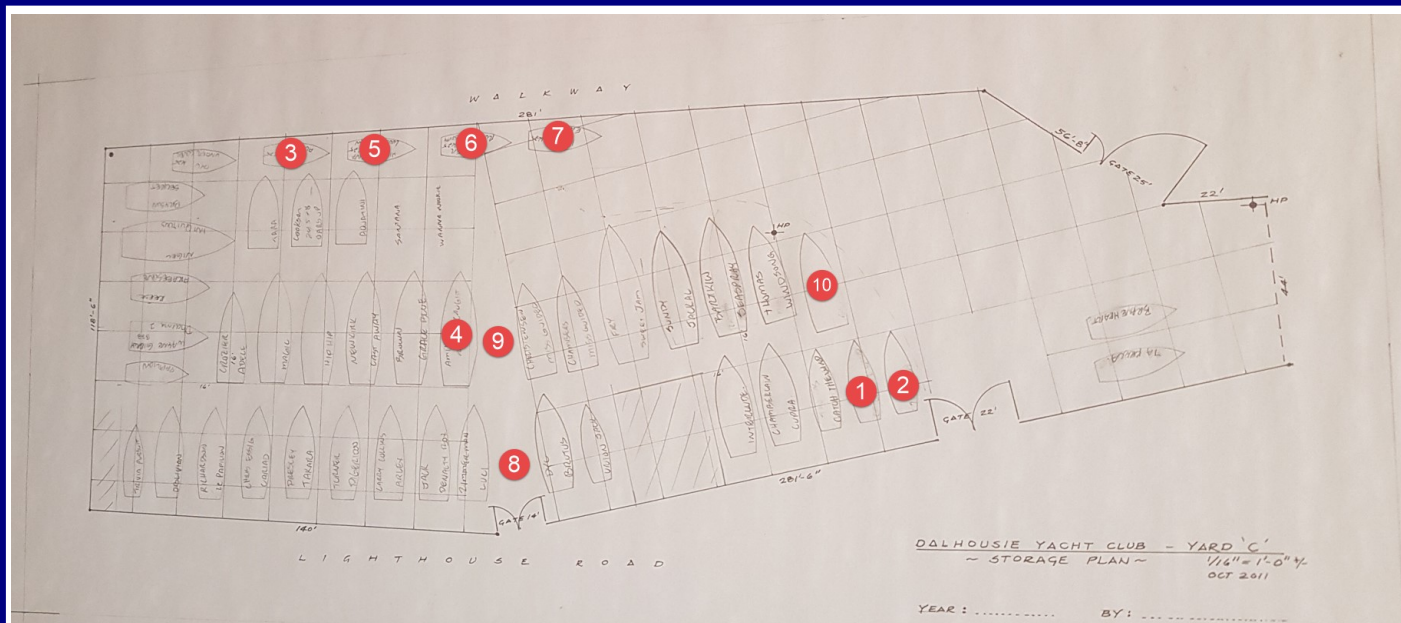
Wednesday, November 20th, 2019

9 a.m. until it is fa - la - la - lafabulous!

Possibly, plan to stay for lunch!

To enjoy our efforts.





Jeff's Newkirk's DYC Storage Plan for Yard C ~ as we prepare to receive Bronte's equipment in "A" Yard this winter in order that they can work on the east pier.

Dave Pressley up in the wee hours of the morning for last minute preparations.



Look how much fun volunteering can be!
Thank you to Genevieve, for her sleeves up approach in helping to paint the furnace room.

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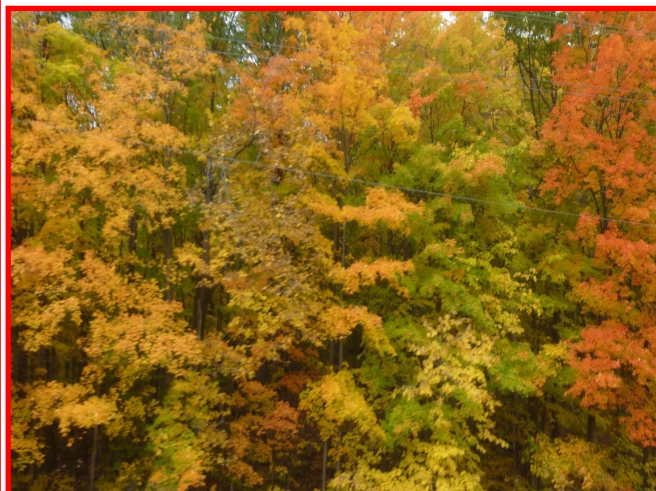
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(By Patti-Jo Chambers)



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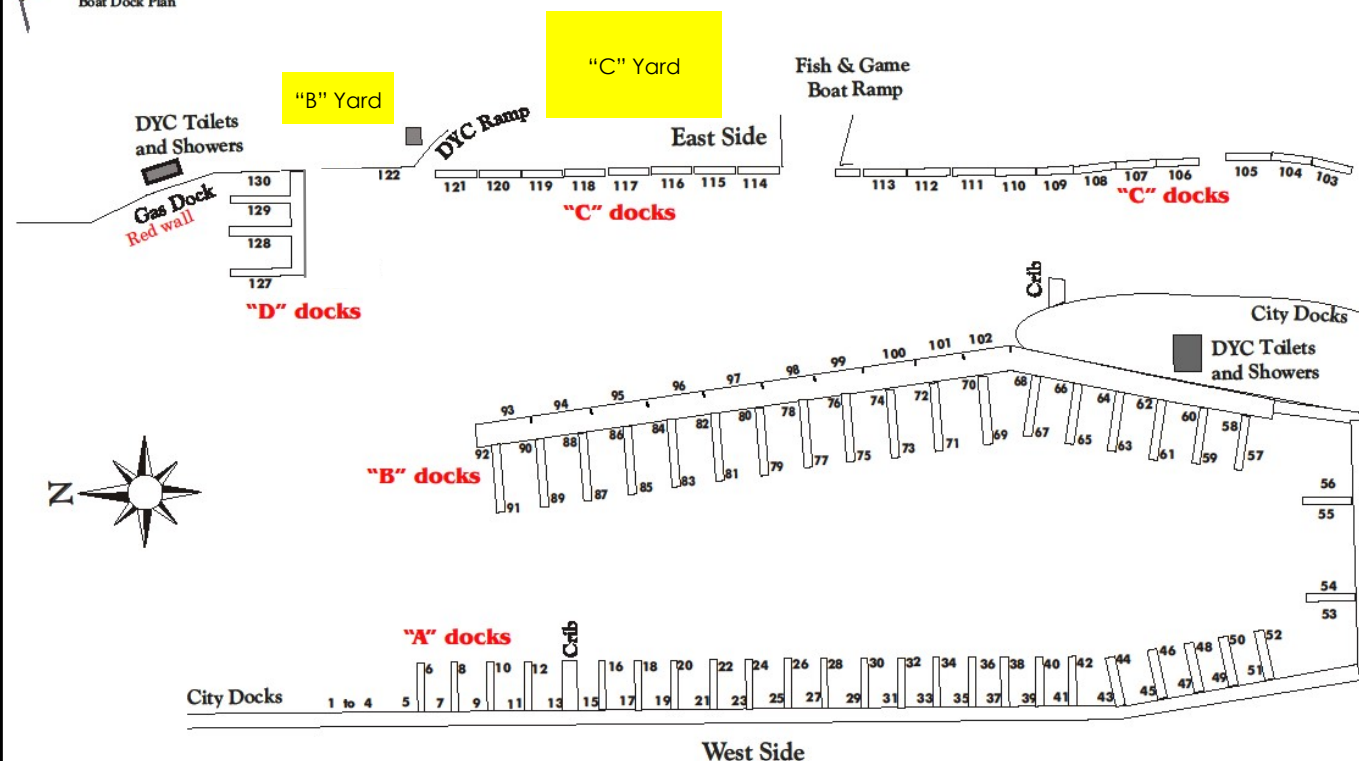
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DYC CHRISTMAS DECORATING AT THE CLUBHOUSE
9 A.M. until it is done ~ plan to stay for lunch :)

November 2019

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17	18	19  9 a.m.	20 Cards Night 6:45 - 9:00	21	22	23 MUSIC TRIVIA SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23 6 PM
24	25	26	27 Cards Night 6:45 - 9:00	28	29	30

December 2019

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8	9	10	11 Cards Night 6:45 - 9:00	12	13	14
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