

FREDERICTON YACHT CLUB
2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Killarney Lake Lodge
November 27, 2017 @ 1830

Commodore's Report

Welcome to the 2017 Fredericton Yacht Club Annual General Meeting, Race Awards and Social! It's a real pleasure to be able to wrap up a great sailing season and a successful year for the FYC with this combined event – to review the year, to look forward to 2018 plans, to recognize some members who have gone above and beyond, to present racing trophies to our 2017 winners, and to swap stories over some food and drink. I hope you will enjoy!

It would be hard to beat the hot and dry weather this summer – which made for a wonderful season of day sailing, cruising, racing or simply hanging out on the mooring. Many of our members took advantage of the conditions to explore the Saint John River with a few venturing further afield. As well winds for most part were good for racing and as a result we managed to complete a full race schedule. We also had the pleasure of hosting visiting club cruises from RKYC, Rothesay, Martinon and the Saint John Power Boat Club.

There were many highlights which will be detailed in the Committee reports. A few that I would like to mention are:

- Completing the spring launch and fall haul out without any safety incidents – so important!
- Our better than budget and surplus financial performance.
- The excellent condition of our Fredericton and Douglas Harbor facilities
- The fun pizza event at DH hosted by Sunpoke (Rhett Wyntjes)
- Shackleton II's 3rd place C Class finish in the Saint John to Digby race

A big thank you to the 2017 Board for its work and dedication to maintaining and improving FYC's operations and assets – I would especially like to recognize the tremendous contributions of our Rear Commodores in Fredericton (Mike Stanley and Mike Laaper) and Douglas Harbor (Ellis Jagoe). The superb condition of our facilities is due largely to the initiative of and many, many hours put in by these three individuals.

I would also like to thank the many members who have contributed their time and energy to the numerous work parties – building and repairing wharves and docks, launching and hauling docks, yard clean up, raising and sinking moorings, pontoon boat repairs, etc. Without your volunteer help the club could not continue to operate. A big thank you as well to Jack Kipping for taking over the responsibility for the Fredericton mooring field!

Looking forward to 2018 we will be welcoming new Board members to fill two openings. Jan Wilkerson is stepping down after two years as Vice-Commodore. Thank you Jan (and Trevor) for your hard work and leadership on the socials! Also retiring is Ellis Jagoe after four years as Rear Commodore Douglas Harbor. A big thank you to Ellis (and Karen) for the many hours put into maintaining and enhancing Douglas Harbor!

In 2018 the Board will be undertaking a couple of new initiatives – one will be addressing our aging membership through several new recruitment programs and events aimed at ‘next generation’ boaters. The other new initiative will be construction of a Douglas Harbor dinghy storage building for members wishing to rent space. It is expected that rental income will pay for the building in approximately six years. There after rental money over and above building maintenance needs will be available for general club requirements.

Before concluding my report, I have the pleasure of presenting the 2017 Commodore’s Trophy for Outstanding Service to the club. Earlier I spoke about the outstanding contributions of three individuals – Mike Stanley, Mike Laaper and Ellis Jagoe - to the maintenance and improvement of our facilities in Fredericton and Douglas Harbor. They have each gone way above and beyond in their service to the club and are most deserving of having their names once again engraved on the Commodore’s Trophy. As Commodore and as a club member I am most grateful for the service of this year’s recipients Mike Stanley, Mike Laaper and Ellis Jagoe. Thank you.

David West
Commodore