



A Fredericton
Yacht Club
Publication

Winter 2004

We are heading into the **Boat Show** season where we have a second chance to pick up what Santa had to leave behind as well as meet our fellow sailors and see what they look like without the tan. .

Toronto show - Too late now.

Halifax show- February 12-14

Saint John show - March 19-21

New executive:

Commodore - Jim Ingraham

Past commodore - Bob Gamble

Rear commodores - David Nickerson and Mark Sanford

Vice Commodore - Mike Corbett

Secretary - Frank Camm

Treasurer - Dave Strang

Douglas Harbour - Mike McKendy

Publicity - Marc-Antoine Demers and Christian Couturier



TANZER 26

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THE LOG

Derek Hatfield To Take on the World

"We are really encouraged by our results in the last race as thousands of supporters from across Canada and around the world, not just from sailors but people from every walk of life, followed the Open 40 Spirit of Canada. We are keeping the 'Spirit of Canada' alive." See <http://www.spiritofcanada.net/> for details.



Commodore's Report

Happy New Year everyone! I hope that Santa left all the required boating toys to help you get through the next season. In my case I have to thank the Big Guy for a new activity which will keep me out of trouble on lazy evenings around the harbour.

While it must be tempting to get a start on some of the boat projects with the lack of snow in the yard, the cold can unfortunately keep even the most hardy away. I hope that everyone remembered to drain any water lines on board or there may be an unpleasant surprise come spring.

As always, at this time of year it is not difficult to get around our fence and enter the yard. Please be sure to lock your ladder to minimize the possibility of vandals gaining access to your boat or anyone else's.

Your executive is already hard at work planning for the new season. Bob Gamble has been busy putting the pieces together for a local sailing school and will report later on his progress. Meanwhile Mike McKendy has been putting in countless hours towards the Douglas Harbour project.

Good luck with your winter projects and remember that the days are getting longer - "only" five months before launching.

Jim Ingraham - Windsong

A friendly reminder:

Ladders (locked) and cradles need to be identified with the vessel's name to which they belong.



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Secretary's report

While most of the really interesting news is included in the various officer reports in this issue of The Log, I would like to use this opportunity to report on a few administrative things that may be of interest

The show must go on

I have noticed during my term as Secretary that each new Executive group assumes its leadership role very readily and quickly gets down to the business of running the club on a day-to-day basis. This year is no exception and, under the leadership of Commodore Jim Ingraham, the new executive met in early January in order to get started with the challenging work that faces us in the months to come. Monthly meeting dates for the first half of 2004 have been established and there has been some discussion already about the Spring annual meeting. The budget process has started and the new Commodore and Treasurer have been given appropriate bank signing authorities. It is expected that the Yard Rules will be updated this year and presented to the membership at the Spring AGM for discussion and approval. I think that the 2003/04 year will be a busy one for the Executive and that there should be ample opportunities for the membership at large to participate with some interesting projects. As a relatively new member, I would urge other new members to assist with the work done by the Club. In a Club of this size, everyone needs to assist in some way. Many have served in past years and those of you who haven't will find that helping out is a great way to get to know other members and help foster a sense of camaraderie. All the best to all of you in 2004.

Frank Camm



Yard Works ?!

Plans are being drawn up for minor upgrades to the water & electrical service available on the upper and lower docks. The Shed and Gazebo are to be painted and minor repairs carried out. General Yard cleanup planned in early spring to remove debris from perimeter of the yard. Sink hole to be repaired. Explore the potential for proper walking ramp on ower dock. Rock fill around the crib work of the upper dock and much more!



Cool stuff!



Speed limit buoy to be installed

New winch on the mast crane !

For more details see our Web site www.FYC.ca

Please contact us should you want to share a story, some pictures or any other relevant information!

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The Treasure Chest:

- **It is well with me only when I have a chisel in my hand.**
-- Michelangelo

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- **Would like to continue with this supplement of the LOG?**

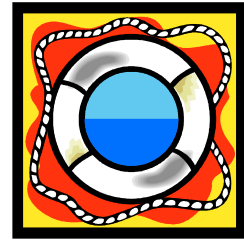
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TOOL TIME

Intro

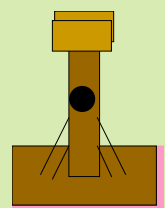
Here's a new column I would like to contribute to the The Log. Given that the second most popular activity of the FYC members is maintenance, why not have a forum to share our best practices. This edition of TOOL TIME will be about my experience with the winter lay-up process, more precisely about covering my boat. I'll describe the Mallet system. A simple, efficient and space saver system developed by my colleague Marc-Alain Mallet. .

COVERING YOUR BOAT

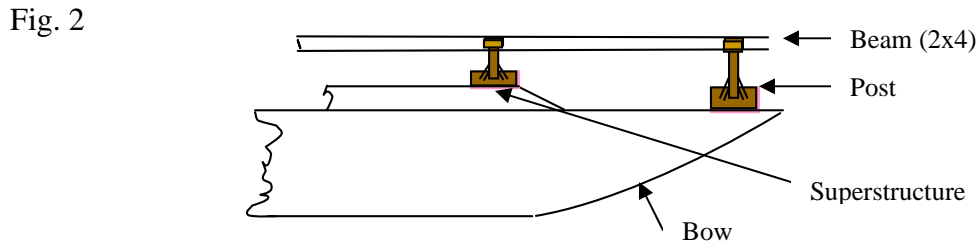
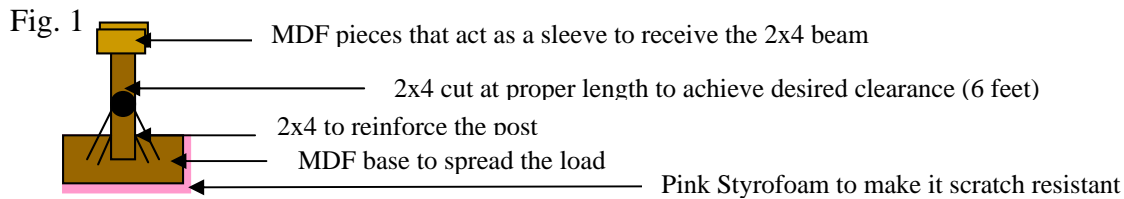
Ever year I am amazed at how many different ways, different materials (wood, metal, prayers...) and efforts goes into covering our boats. For many, October-November means trailering material from home to the boat yard. We use trucks, trailers and sometimes our own car. We often have any different pieces that need to be assembled much like a puzzle (with different levels of difficulty). Going up and down the ladder seems to be the excuse for not using the Stairmaster (or exerciser) down in our basements. Some put a team together, others do it with their significant other and some take a friend along. The idea is that we need from 2 to 4 (or more) people to do the job within a few hours (not a scientific fact but a gross estimation based on my observations).

So what's my system? It takes 30 minutes to an hour to build. Even if you try very hard, it should not cost more than 50-60 dollars and you should not have to buy any new tools. Mine current configuration consist four posts, spread out equally apart along the length of the boat and situated at the center of the deck (Bow and Stern) and superstructure.

Each post is a different height in order to compensate for their placement along the deck and superstructure.



The clearance I set for mine is 6 feet. This gives me ample stand-up space for maintenance while ensuring a strong pitch for the tarp not to accumulate debris, snow or water. Here's a rough sketch of the posts and their placement:



Using rope (hole in the middle of the post) enables each post, to stay in place while two people put the beam in place or pull the tarp over the structure. In my case, I ran two 14 feet 2x4s across the length of the boat and on top of the four posts (a 30 foot boat). I screwed the two 2x4s beams together using some MDF (2"x8" long) pieces on each side of the 2x4s. This secured them together to cover most of the length of the boat (28 of 30 feet) while being a practical length for summer storage on my cradle. As per the four posts, they fit nicely in my car and take practically no storage space.

Once built, it took a fun half-hour to put up the posts and beam, the tarp and to empty the beer fridge!

You have a better idea; another idea or you just want to share some of your yard work tips and tricks? Write me at Christian.Couturier@nrc.ca or Clairer@nbnet.nb.ca.

Hope you enjoyed this column.

Christian

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