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The joys of sailing in the Bay of Fundy...Newcastle Brown on the way to Dipper Harbour.



Bob Gamble

Commodore's Report

Winter is finally over. Lots of activity in the yard and despite all the pessimism about the river, boats are being launched about the same time as other years.

It is good to see Blue J in the water. Given the owner's and her husband's enthusiasm, it will be back on the race course soon, giving us another transom to follow.

Those of you who don't spend lots of time working on your boat or at least hanging around the yard, missed a wonderful sight earlier in May. Early one Saturday morning, Howard Libby was perched atop one of the new mooring weights he made, holding the concrete-filled form together until Daryl MacKenzie rescued him with some heavier screws. ***Talk about dedication!***

We finally have more information on the sewer line project. It will start the first week of June out on the Wilsey Road and work in the yard is scheduled for August. The florescent pink stripes on the ground indicate the extent of the disturbance in the Fredericton yard. There will also be extensive construction along the Lincoln Road which will be a nuisance for much of the summer.

Finally, the first event of the season is coming up soon. The charity race and barbecue will be held in Fredericton on Saturday, June 7. Even if you don't race, come down and enjoy a burger. Racers are collecting sponsorships. The boat collecting the most money is also a winner; a gift certificate for \$100 at Kents will be awarded to it. This year FYC is supporting Liberty Lane. "Liberty Lane is a charitable organization that provides safe, affordable housing and support services for women and children who have experienced family violence. While living at Liberty Lane, res-

idents have the opportunity to plan and work toward life goals, participate in support services and be committed to ending the violence in their lives." A representative of Liberty Lane will be at the yard on June 7 to give out receipts for donations.

Bob Gamble
Imagination



Howard Libby

Rear Commodore's Report

Hello Everyone,
It's been a good spring so far , no unexpected expenses and good weather for the launches .

We lost some logs over the winter but the mooring strings were found with little difficulty . The large sign facing the Lincoln Rd. has been removed and will be replaced with a new one soon.

Please keep your ladders locked to your cradle after you launch, as at least one boat will not be launched this year. There are some ladders locked to the mast tree, and since no one has asked for one this spring, I will assume that they have been abandoned and they will be removed with the brush .

You will notice a float at the end of the lower docks . This float is attached to a new mooring and will be removed when the dock chains are replaced in June. If you notice three boats hanging onto the docks longer than a week after launch, it's because they have paid for the space. Have a good summer.

Rear Commodores
Howard Libby and David Nickerson

**News from
The Mactaquac Sailing Association**

The Mactaquac Sailing Association is entering it's second year of it's re-newed recreational racing program. Previous racing on the Headpond dates back to the late 80's

In 2002 the Association held three races with over 12 boats participating in each race. Class of sailboats included Tanzer 26, Wayfarer, Fox 18, Kirby 25, Star, Lightning, Cygnas and so forth. The Portsmouth Handicap system was used .

The 2003 racing program will once again have three Sunday afternoon race dates on July 6th, August 10th and September 8th. Registration of boats starts at 12:50 at the boat house in the sailboat marina of the Mactaquac Provincial park. The Skippers meeting starts at 13:00 and racing begins at 13:30.

These races are open to all members of the Mactaquac Sailing Association. Sailors can join the Association on race day for the low membership fee of \$10. There is also a \$5 entry fee for each race to help defray the costs. Formal and informal socials follow the races.

In addition, the Mactaquac Sailing Association is holding a two hour seminar in June entitled " Maximizing your Sailboat's Performance on the Headpond".

All sailors wishing to participate in the fun races and/or seminar are encouraged to join the Association. For more information please contact Commodore Chris Bubar at 363 3983 or Brian Mills at 457 1580.



**Canadian Coast Guard
Inspection Program**

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary operates a voluntary vessel inspection program. The objective is to advise skipper if their vessel complies with the safety regulations contained in the Small Boat Regulations. Vessels meeting all the safety requirements receive a sticker indicating to the public and enforcing agencies such as the RCMP that the vessel meets all the requirements. Vessels not meeting the standards are advised of the shortfall areas and can, at the skippers option, be reinspected.

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary is not an enforcing agency and there are no consequences of not meeting the standards other than the opportunity to make the necessary adjustments. Skippers in the Fredericton , Oromocto and Grand Lake areas can contact Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary member Brian Mills at 457 1580 for more information or an appointment for a voluntary inspection of their vessel.

Community News

Wanted

I am looking for a mooring at Douglas Harbour. Do you have a mooring you no longer use and wish to sell?

If yes, please call Ian Nethercot at 455-2379

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Spirit of Canada Report

Hello Fellow Members of FYC from Spirit of Canada

I have just under 1700 miles to go to the finish in Newport. After sailing over 27,000 miles it doesn't sound like much, but I'm counting the days now until I cross the finish line and secure Third Place Overall for Class II.

I want to thank you all again for your generous support. I am proud to carry the FYC Burgee around the world and have left a number of them at stopovers.

Doug Morrison emailed the website last week and suggested that I sail Spirit of Canada up the River to Fredericton. Nothing in this world would make my Father and I more proud than to do bring the boat back to where it all started. Can anyone tell me if there is sufficient depth (14 feet) in the River to do this? I will be visiting Fredericton in June & July (by car) and hope to see you all again and thank you in person.

Take Care

Derek



Photo by David Nickerson