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THE MASTHEAD

A NEWSLETTER TAILORED TO THE FRIENDS OF NEWCASTLE YACHT CLUB

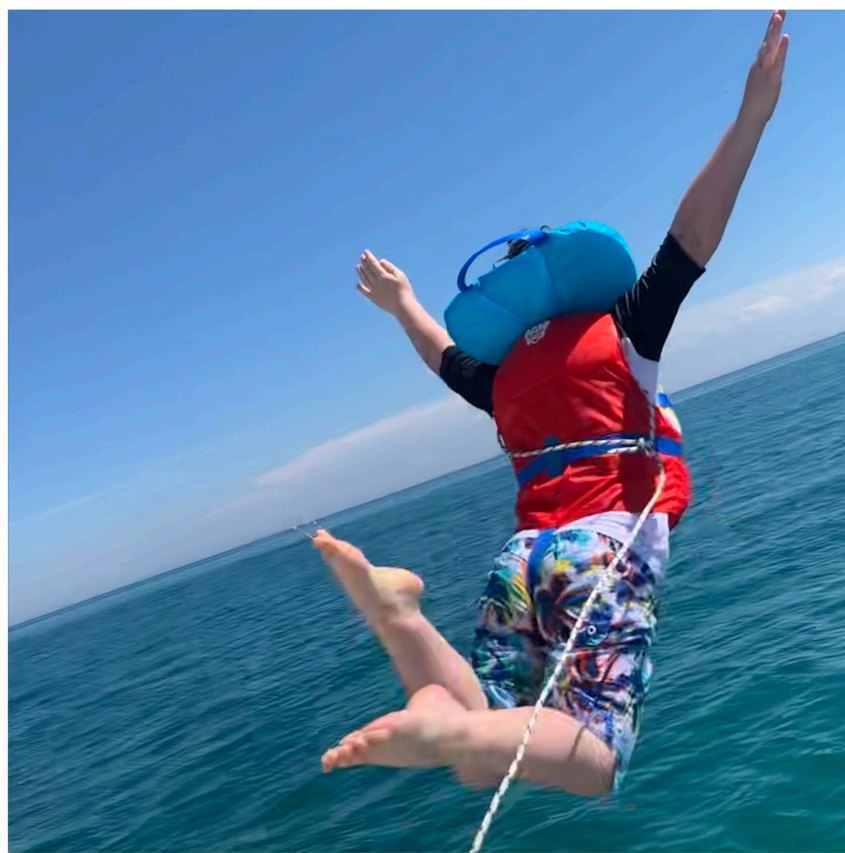
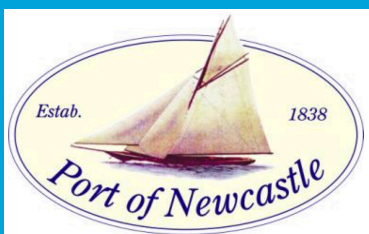
Club Dates
April

Thu Apr 1
Memberships due

Sat Apr 24, Time TBD
Spring AGM

Mon Apr 26, 20:00hrs
Full Super Moon
Moonrise 20:22hrs

2021 Marina Events



Some may have seen this photo of Blake before. But who can resist the thought of jumping into the season?

“Whenever your preparations for the sea are poor; the sea worms its way in and finds the problems.”

Francis Stokes

Club Dates
May
(Proposed)

Sat May 15
Potential Lift In

Sun May 16
Potential Lift In

Tue May 18, 17:00hrs
Potential Race Marks
Deployment

Wed May 19, 17:00hrs
Potential Race Marks
Deployment

Thu May 20, 17:00hrs
Potential Race Marks
Deployment

Sat May 22
Victoria Day Weekend
& Potential Lift In

Sun May 23
Victoria Day Weekend
& Potential Lift In

Mon May 24
Victoria Day Weekend
& Potential Lift In

Fri May 28, 22:00hrs
Moonlight Cruise #1
and Anchor Out in
Bondhead Bay
Moonrise 20:22hrs

Sat May 29
Potential Lift In

Sun May 30
Potential Lift In

From the Marina Manager

Karl Loenhardt - Passing these along.

Alison has asked me to let our members know a few things.

Entering the marina via the gate is no problem, just close the gate after you do. Bathroom renovations should be done in a week or two, if you need to use a bathroom before then, the clubhouse is accessible.

Please remember to unplug cords when you are away, and of course, no use of marina services before your 2021 contract has been secured please.

The travel lift was scheduled to be serviced this past week and launch bookings beginning the end of April should be possible. With that in mind they'd like to see the boats in the parking lot get in as early as possible.

The Brig will only be open for members until May 15th, and Alison hopes to be in Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays to confirm dock spaces for both returning members and new ones. So please acknowledge slip preferences or if you will only need a launch. They need to know these things as soon as possible.

The marina will have some outdoor events in July & August and Alison mentions "Live Music Dockside" on Sunday afternoons. Event cooperation is offered and Alison specifically mentioned Kate's Bingos and offered the potential for donation of prizes by the marina.

She asked who our members were and I haven't told Alison yet, but I expect she realizes that our memberships are annual. So far we have three member households that have returned out of last year's membership (25 memberships, which... sadly... Kate was not among).

From Alison and from other directions I have heard of sail training and day sailers and dry sailing. There is lots to discuss and work out with that. But like I tried to convey in last week's edition... vision is key.

Also Alison mentioned to keep social distancing and mask protocols going. As well, she extends her hope that all will have a great summer and keep safe.

"Land was created to provide a place for boats to visit."

Brooks Atkinson

Club Dates
June
(Proposed)

Tue Jun 1, 17:00hrs
Potential Race Marks
Deployment

Tue Jun 2, 17:00hrs
Potential Race Marks
Deployment

Tue Jun 3, 17:00hrs
Potential Race Marks
Deployment

Fri Jun 4
Susan Hood
Trophy Race
Port Credit YC

Sat Jun 5
Potential Lift Ins

Sun Jun 6
Potential Lift Ins

Tue Jun 8, 18:00hrs
Shakedown #1

Thu Jun 10, 18:00hrs
Shakedown #2

Sun Jun 12
Potential Lift Ins

Sun Jun 13
Potential Lift Ins

Mon Jun 14, 18:00hrs
Shakedown #3

Cruising to the Real Party

Karl Loenhart - Skipper of the Leading Edge

Cruising around Lake Ontario to the various ports and anchorages that its shores have to offer is a great experience. Leisure time spent preparing meals or enjoying libation while on the hook are often wonderful! But in this piece I'm writing about another form of cruising. And I only do so as a segue - an excuse if you like - a reason to mention what might be some of the best races and regattas of the decade. So think the movement of a boat to an alternate location for a race or regatta while I mention a few of them.

Last year's uniqueness has resulted in many people chomping at the bit for the type of social experience that a good regatta can deliver. Here are a some links.

The first is for the Crescent Yacht Club (CYC). It looks like CYC will host this year's Eastern Yachting Circuit (EYC). This regatta floats around between the dozen clubs dotting the East end of the lake. I can only vaguely recall the EYC that I attended at BQYC. Do you think the sign of a good regatta might be that you can't remember it?

Perhaps better known around our part of the lake are the races organized and executed by Lake Ontario Offshore Racing. The Lake Ontario 300 and one of the earliest races of the season, the Susan Hood Trophy Race are annual favourites.

A link to the race site for Youngstown is here. I heard once that it was among the top ten parties somewhere - was it the entire world?

Whatever race or regatta you attend, keep in mind that it can be the journey, not just the destination!



They can't all be leased on site

Club Dates
June Continued
(Proposed)

Tue Jun 15, 18:00hrs
Single Handed
Race #1

Thu Jun 17, 18:00hrs
Thursday Team Race #1

Sat Jun 19, 08:00hrs
Race to Darlington
and Home

Sun Jun 20
Father's Day

Tue Jun 22, 18:00hrs
Single Handed Race #2

Thu Jun 24, 18:00hrs
Thursday Team Race #2

Fri Jun 25, 20:00hrs
Moonlight Cruise #2
and Anchor Out in
Bondhead Bay
Moonrise 20:22hrs

Sun Jun 27, 10:00hrs
Sunday Team Race #1

Tue Jun 29, 18:00hrs
Single Handed Race #3

Speaking of a regatta...

Karl Loenhart - Lover of French Sailing

You know another regatta that might be a good one? Tokyo 2020! Sail Canada released the complete list of team Canada members and each of their respective events. I note that none of them are from Newcastle Yacht Club. We really have to get going on that sailing school if we are going to have a participant at Jeux de la XXXIIIe Olympiade (you know... Paris 2024). I have sailed in Marseille! I wouldn't mind going back as a coach! Anyway... Here are the members of Team Canada.

For the Women's Laser Radial (one-handed dinghy)

Sarah Douglas (Toronto, Ont.) - Ashbridges Bay Yacht Club (ABYC)

For the Men's Finn (one-handed heavyweight dinghy)

Tom Ramshaw (Toronto, Ont.) - Stoney Lake Yacht Club (SLYC) & Royal Canadian Yacht Club (RCYC)

For the Women's 49erFX (skiff)

Ali ten Hove (Kingston, Ont.) - Kingston Yacht Club (KYC)

&

Mariah Millen (Toronto, Ont.) - Royal Canadian Yacht Club (RCYC)

Men's 49er (skiff)

William Jones (Jerseyville, Ont.) - Royal Hamilton Yacht Club (RHYC)

&

Evan DePaul (Burlington, Ont.) - Royal Hamilton Yacht Club (RHYC)

Men's 470 (two-handed dinghy)

Oliver Bone (Montreal, Que.) - Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron (RNSYS)

&

Jacob Saunders (Chester, N.S.) - Chester Yacht Club (CYC) & Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron (RNSYS)

Women's RS:X (windsurfer)

Nikola Girke (West Vancouver, B.C.) - Royal Vancouver Yacht Club (RVYC)

Club Dates
July
(Proposed)

Thu Jul 1, 08:00hrs
Agar Cup
Race to Cobourg

Thu Jul 1, Time TBD
Fri Jul 2, Time TBD
Sat Jul 3, Time TBD
Sun Jul 4, Time TBD
Potential East Cruise

Tue Jul 6, 18:00hrs
Single Handed Race #4

Thu Jul 8, Time TBD
Fri Jul 9, Time TBD
Sat Jul 10, Time TBD
Sun Jul 11, Time TBD
EYC @ Crescent YC
Chaumont NY

Sat Jul 10, Time TBD
Sun Jul 11, Time TBD
Mon Jul 11, Time TBD
Lake Ontario 300/600

Thu Jul 8, 18:00hrs
Thursday Team Race #3

Tue Jul 13, 18:00hrs
NcYC 45th Anniversary
Festival of Food

Tue Jul 13, 20:00hrs
NcYC 45th Anniversary
Festival of Lights

Rigging Anyone?

Karl Loenhart - Skipper of the Leading Edge

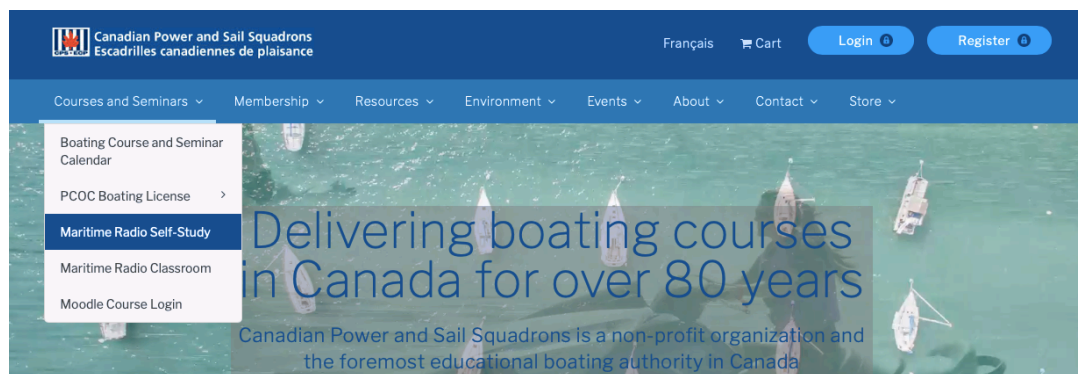
Last season I noticed that one of my forty year old stays had a broken strand. And over the winter the main halyard went up the mast. And the port lifeline is looking a little worse for the wear. Thoughts about all these things played around in my mind over the winter and prompted me to place a call to the Rigging Shoppe. I agreed to get them to do some work for me this season.

Then I got to thinking. Maybe they'd like to do a presentation this summer. I asked them about it and received an interested response tempered with pandemic safety. Stay tuned. Hopefully you'll pardon the pun!

Training Anyone?

Karl Loenhart - Tired of me yet?

Lots of peeps talking about training! Clubs do this... it is part of the vision. So what do you do in the pandemic when you can't all gather in a classroom? Same thing all the students and workplaces around the nation have been doing for a year now. Look to the web. It is possible that we'll be able to get some training underway as and if the summer tempers the present scourge upon our planet. But I submit to you that we can look to the experts for some of it. I give you the Canadian Power Squadron (CPS). Back in the nineties their VHF Operators Certificate was one of the first sailing related courses I ever took. You are free to listen to a VHF radio. But having a certificate is the law if you wish to transmit. Fortunately The course is among many CPS offers online! Check them out.



Visit <https://www.cps-ecp.ca>

Club Dates
July Continued
(Proposed)

Thu Jul 15, 18:00hrs
Thursday Team Race #4

Sat Jul 17, Time TBD
Dockside Party #1

Sun Jul 18, 10:00hrs
Sunday Team Race #2
July 18th,

Tue Jul 20, 18:00hrs
Single Handed Race #5

Thu Jul 22, 18:00hrs
Thursday Team Race #5

Fri Jul 23, 18:00
Moonlight Cruise #3
and Anchor Out in
Bondhead Bay

Sun Jul 25, 10:00hrs
Sunday Team Race #3

Tue Jul 27, 18:00hrs
Single Handed Race #6

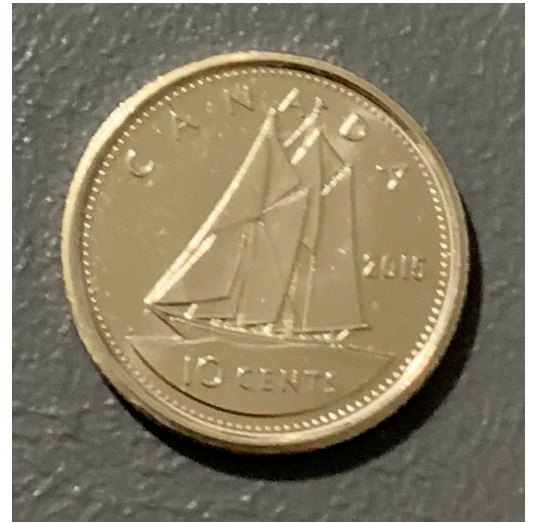
Thu Jul 29, 18:00hrs
Thursday Team Race #6

Fri Jul 30, Time TBD
Sat Jul 31, Time TBD
Sun Aug 1, Time TBD
Potential Cruise &
Potential Boat Rally

100 Years!

Karl Loenhart - Later than Schooner

A great schooner debuted on the dime in '37 - yet many today don't know why. Meanwhile this year a special dollar coin will be minted to commemorate her launch - 100 years ago today! In last week's *Masthead* I wrote about the beginnings of the America's Cup. And oddly enough the Auld Mug and the NYYC figure in to the Bluenose story too.



A short version of the yarn goes like this. In 1919, a headline in a New York paper told of the cancellation of an America's Cup race because of a 23-mile-an-hour-gale. Some folks in Nova Scotia were pretty amused that this less than ominous wind could be cause for the cancellation of such a race. First off, Beaufort marks a "Gale" at a little over 39-miles-an-hour not 23. And to be sure, many a self respecting prospector of the salted cod would be only too happy to sail in such a fresh breeze as 20 knots. The editor's chortles resounded in the halls of the Halifax Herald and they eventually gave birth to an idea. A new competition. One that would see hearty sailors... fishermen... race to decide the winner of the Fisherman's Trophy.

But in the first year the Canadian who had won the right to compete for the trophy was not up to the deed. He lost to another Canadian, Marty Welch, skipper of the the American entry, the Esperanto. Senator Dennis (the laughing editor from down at the Halifax Herald) must have been a little embarrassed.

In answer he and some wealthy friends decided to build the Bluenose. Captain Angus Walters became the majority shareholder in the endeavour and with his input William Roue designed the vessel that would become the pride of Nova Scotia and Canada. Built at the Smith & Rhuland yard in Lunenburg, once launched, the Bluenose spent the season fishing.

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Club Dates
August
(Proposed)

Tue Aug 3, 18:00hrs
Single Handed Race #7

Thu Aug 5, 18:00hrs
Thursday Team Race #7

Sun Aug 8, 10:00hrs
Sunday Team Race #4

Tue Aug 10, 18:00hrs
Single Handed Race #8

Thu Aug 12, 18:00hrs
Thursday Team Race #8

Sat Aug 14, Time TBD
Sun Aug 15, Time TBD
Potential One Design
Invitational Regatta



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Then in October Walters beat three other vessels to win the right to challenge Marty Welch for the Fisherman's Trophy. Marty sailing the Elsie was bested. Walters and the Bluenose were victorious. And in '1922 the Bluenose beat the Henry Ford. In 1923 a collision, and a backwards mark rounding by Walters halted the competition. The event seemed tarnished and economic conditions did not help. For many years the race was not held.

It was not until '1931 that the event was on again. And again the Bluenose prevailed. This time it was the much newer Gertrude L. Thebaud skippered by Ben Pine that was beaten. It is worth noting that Pine had beaten the Bluenose in a special series the year prior. It had just not been for the Fisherman's Trophy.

In '1935 the schooner sailed to England for King George V's Silver Jubilee and upon her return, she encountered a three day gale in which she might have even sank But the vessel righted herself and resurfaced. Damage was such that she had to return to Plymouth, England for some repairs, and then crossed to Lunenburg for more.

Fisheries were changing by then. In 1936 it was in with the diesels and down with the top masts. The goal was to allow her to fish all year. Walters' economic position and the refit needed to get the Bluenose race ready almost saw a '1937 challenge for the Fishermen's Trophy go unanswered. But American interests lent some support. Even with a ballast protest after the second race and a broken mast in the fourth, the last edition went to the Bluenose in 5 races. The Fishermen's Trophy returned to Nova Scotia for the last time.

With profits dropping further by the time WWII came about our favourite schooner was in dock at Lunenburg. Sold to the West Indies Trading Company in 1942 she was converted again. This time the conversion was to a coastal freighter. Working in the Caribbean she was laden with bananas on January 28th '1946 when she struck a reef off the coast of Haiti. Walters did try to find support for a salvage operation. But the boat floundered on the reef until it eventually broke apart.

Club Dates
August Continued
(Proposed)

Tue Aug 17, 17:30hrs
Single Handed Race #9

Thu Aug 19, 17:30hrs
Thursday Team Race #9

Fri Aug 20, 19:00hrs
Moonlight Cruise #4
and Anchor Out in
Bondhead Bay

Sat Aug 21, Time TBD
Dockside Party #2

Sun Aug 22, 10:00hrs
Sunday Team Race #5

Thu Aug 26, 17:30hrs
Thursday Team Race #10

Fri Aug 27, Time TBD
Sat Aug 28, Time TBD
Sun Aug 29, Time TBD
Mon Aug 30, Time TBD
Potential Cruise

Tue Aug 24, 17:30hrs
Single Handed
Race #10

Tue Aug 31, 17:30hrs
Single Handed Race #11

The Replicas

Karl Loenhardt - Deck Hand for a Day

The Bluenose had a replica! In fact, it almost had two.

If you've known me long enough you've heard me talk about her. On July 24th, of '1963 the Bluenose II was launched. Angus Walters was aboard. He was 82 years old. Of course that didn't stop him from taking the helm.

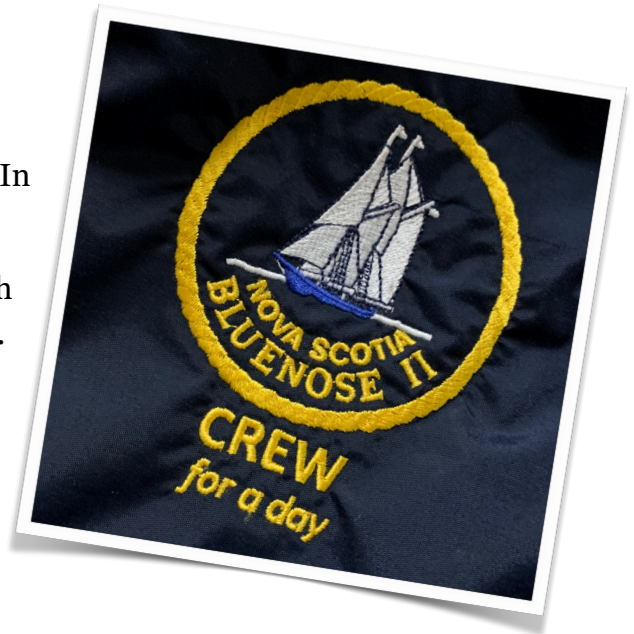
Angus died on August 11th in '1968. Just a few months after I was born. His grave is in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Lunenburg.

In 2016, we were in Lunenburg. Wanda and I had been travelling around the Maritimes. I wanted to see the Bluenose II. We arrived at the dock as about 60 tourists on her headed out into Lunenburg Bay. Wanda had tried to book me on one of these tours. But they were booked for months in advance. When she told her about the attempt, I told her how glad I was not to be among those passengers.

Later at our hotel in Halifax we were looking at the website and noticed the "Deckhand for a day" was available for the next morning. I left Wanda with no vehicle in the Nova Scotian capital and drove back for an 08:00 sign-on.

Five of us and 18 crew. That was more like it! First we scrubbed the deck and polished the brass and I was like - wait just a minute! Just a taste for fun. After that we put up sails and sailed around some islands and into Mahone Bay. There we anchored the 300 ton ship, kept watch and went below to have lunch with the crew. We took on a CBC film crew who lost a rather expensive drone later that day. We weighed anchor - it's big. Then we sailed back in the sunshine at over 10 knots. I had the helm twice. It was a beautiful day and we had all agreed to sail a little longer. I was on the wheel as we approached Lunenburg. Wanda called my cell. I took the call but a glare from the first mate, made me say "I'll have to call you back hon, I'm at the helm of a 150 foot schooner"

Years later I learned that arguably, Angus had helmed this schooner too.



Club Dates
September
(Proposed)

Thu Sep 2, 17:30hrs
Thursday Team Race #11

Thu Sep 9, 17:30hrs
Thursday Team Race #12

Tue., Sep. 7, 17:30hrs
Single Handed

Fri., Sep. 11, Time TBD
Potential
Poker Run

Sat., Sep. 12, 08:00hrs
The Newcastle Cup
(Race to Oshawa & Back)

Sun., Sep. 13, 08:00hrs
New Worlds Regatta
(3 Races Round the Cans)

Friday Night
September 17th, 7 PM?
(Begins after moonrise)
Moonlight Cruise #5
and Anchor Out in
Bondhead Bay

Saturday, September 25th
Dockside Party #3

Friday Night
September 28th, 8 PM
Moonlight Cruise #6
and Anchor Out in
Bondhead Bay



A picture I took after we anchored in Mahone Bay for lunch on the Bluenose II



I was a little worried that I had paid to polish brass at first. Deck hands work! But what a great experience!