



Winter Newsletter
Chester, Nova Scotia
January 2019



Rear Commodore Report

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday.

2018 has been an outstanding year for sailing at CYC. In addition to a full schedule of club races and series, CYC was kept busy hosting regattas including Opti Jam, Maritime Bluenose Championships, Chester Classics Cup, Nova Scotia Schooner Race Week, and the IOD North Americans.

As we have come to expect, CYC hosted a spectacular Chester Race Week in 2018. Many, many thanks to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make it happen. Preparations for Helly Hansen Chester Race Week 2019 are already well underway. Past On-Water Chair Pat Nelder is working with new On-Water Chair Dan MacMillan and returning PRO Dan Conrod to prepare for the official launch on February 9, 2019 at the Halifax International Boat Show. Sponsorship Chair Cynthia Spraggs brought major-league sponsorship aboard in 2018 and new Sponsorship Chair Lisa Christensen is primed to build on Cynthia's success. Our indispensable, unsinkable Club Manager Kim Johnson will once again take charge of activities ashore.

CYC sailors and junior sailing alumni have done us proud in 2018. Peter Wickwire and Evan Petley-Jones finished first and second at the IOD North American Invitationals held here over the Labour Day weekend. Gerry Giffin took first place in Laser Full Rig at the RNSYS Spring Dinghy Regatta, and was honoured by Sail Nova Scotia with their Perseverance Award. Tokyo 2020 Olympic hopefuls Max Flinn and his partner Allie Surette claimed third in Nacra 17 at the Oakcliff Triple Crown Series (Stage 3) in Oyster Bay, and Antonia and Georgia Lewin-Lafrance are campaigning for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games in 49er FX.

Our past Rear Commodore Tim Wilde, Learn To Sail Director Christine Santimaw, and Head Coach Chris Tully have revitalized our Junior Sailing program, with registration and regatta participation numbers up across the board. 2018 saw the launch of our Adult Learn to Sail Program, and Tim has left us with a new sailing event, The Commodore Cup, which I believe will remain a staple in our racing calendar for many years to come. I am most fortunate to continue to have the benefit of Tim's



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continue to have the benefit of Tim's patient assistance as I find my way in this role. I'm grateful for the support and encouragement of our Vice-Commodore Cynthia O'Connell, an unwavering devotee of our sport and a tenacious advocate for our club. In the short time since I accepted this position our past Commodore John Curry has kindly taken time to share with me his wealth of knowledge and experience and our Treasurer Lara Parsons has reassured me with her sound judgment and steady competence.

Above all, I am proud to have an opportunity to work with Thane MacDonald. In addition to rocking his regular leadership duties our principled and decisive Commodore has been doing yeoman's work of late to keep up with water operations tasks. Filling the vacant Water Operations Supervisor position will be a priority in 2019. Race Officers Dawson Baker and Patricia Finlay have had their hands full with a packed racing schedule, and while they have risen to the occasion we hope to recruit additional Race Officers or assistants to ease their load going forward. This year I plan to give all racers an opportunity to provide input on club racing decisions by holding regular Sailing Committee meetings, starting in January. If you race, talk to your fleet reps and ask them to pass along your two cents' worth. If you don't race, I would humbly suggest that 2019 looks

to be an excellent time to start.

I wish everyone a sensational 2019 and look forward to seeing you on the water and at the club.

Bruce Flinn

Rear Commodore



Vice Commodore Message

Happy New Year!

We start 2019 with new hopes and promises and also it is a time for reflection of the previous 12 months. I would like to begin the new year by thanking everyone who has graciously served on the Social Committee in 2018 especially my Social Flag Officer Carol Dodds. I invite other members to become more active in our club's social activities....please remember many hands make light work!

Most members provided me with positive feedback on our 2018 social events, so we will be offering a similar schedule in 2019, with a few minor changes.

In early November we kicked off the new season with a Dress in Black Themed Potluck; followed in early December with an Ugly Sweater Night with a Dirty Santa gift exchange.

CYC's member's and guests welcomed 2019 with our annual New Year's Day Levee (photo below) featuring Kim's fabulous seafood chowder and delicious eggnog.



Our winter line up includes monthly themed potlucks held on the last Saturday of each month at 6 pm. First up January 26th- Trivia Night. You can form your team of 4 to 5 people in advance or sign up at the bar when you arrive. Questions will be

based on CYC History, Sailing Knowledge, Chester Village History and World Geography.

Other potlucks include: Saturday February 23rd, Hawaiian Luau on March 30th and wrapping up the winter lineup will be Pizza Night on April 27th.

We are bringing back our very popular Friday evening cocktail parties, we still have a few openings available. I would ask members who own a business to consider sponsoring an evening. This is a great opportunity to market your business for a low cost while at the same time supporting CYC! Please let me or Kim know if you are interested in sponsoring a Friday evening.

July 1st kicks off our summer line up with our annual Canada Day celebrations: with coffee, juice and muffins to start your day, our land, sea and trivia scavenger hunt, cook your own steak BBQ, followed by the parade of lights.

Ladies Night will be held on Wednesday, July 10th. This year's theme is Diva Night, more details will be released prior to the event.

The Annual Commodore Dinner will be held on Friday, August 9th with Chef Tom Connors returning as our caterer.

We will wrap up the season with our annual Turkey Bowl Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 5th followed by our end of the season awards presentation.

Wishing you a very Happy and Successful New Year and a great sailing/boating season ahead!

Cynthia O'Connell

Vice Commodore

Club Manager Message

A huge THANK YOU to our CYC team of 2018...you're awesome!

CYC Staff:

- **Bar** - Heather, Victoria, Brittany, Carlee, James-Kelly, Chris
- **Tender** - Carlee, Grace
- **BBQ** - Lauren, Jacqueline, JK, Callie
- **Race Officer** - Patricia, Dawson
- **Junior Sailing** – Christine, Chris, Jeremy, Sydney, Julie, Connor, Karl, Ryan, Will, Henry, George, Katy
- **Adult Learn To Sail** - Christine, Chris, Sydney, Ryan



Membership Dues: You will receive your Annual Membership dues notice in the mail this month. Annual dues are payable on, or before March 1, 2019. A late payment charge of \$100.00 will be added to the fee if membership is not paid by July 1, 2019. The name of any member whose dues are not paid by June 1st will be posted at the club and the member will be suspended from the club.

Bar Accounts: CYC Bar Accounts are available to Senior members in good-standing. A Visa or MasterCard MUST be provided at the beginning of the season to activate your bar account. If there is an outstanding balance at the end of each month, it will be charged to your credit card on file. Any member who presently has an amount owed on their bar account will be invoiced with their membership dues. (If children are allowed to charge to your account please leave a permission note with the bar staff naming your children or grandchildren.)

Seasonal Moorings: Preference will be given to returning renters, 2018 holders of seasonal moorings will be invoiced with the 2019 membership dues. Seasonal mooring fee is \$425.00 plus HST of \$63.75. Signed agreement & payment must be completed & received by CYC no later than April 1, 2019 or the mooring will be rented to others and the renter will be placed on the bottom of the waiting list. Seasonal Moorings are ONLY available to Senior members in good-standing.



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CYC Crane: Crane is for the use of CYC Senior members in good-standing (with the exception of Race Week participants). Fee for usage & signed waiver is to be provided BEFORE access is granted. Members that used the crane in 2018 will be sent the waiver & invoice with their membership dues. Crane is available by appointment only. Crane fee is \$150 (+HST) per season per boat.

Guest Reminder for Members: Your guests are very welcome to come with you to CYC & we encourage you to invite your guests to join you for sailing & to socialize at the club. If your guest enjoys the club, please urge them to become a member of CYC. Remember that they must be signed into the CYC Guest Book at the Bar. In order for the club

to comply with NS Liquor Laws please ensure that your guests are only signed in a maximum of 3 times per year.

Club Rentals: If you are interested in renting the club for a function; a meeting, wedding, birthday party, etc. please contact CYC at email below.

Best Wishes for a Happy & Healthy 2019!

Hope to see you at CYC's monthly Winter Potlucks!

Kim Johnson , Club Manager
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Heather McGuire Photography

Chester Bluenose Fleet Report

It was great having a knowledgeable sailor, Keith at the helm here for years. Here is a more colloquial synopsis for the 2018 season.

This year the debate over the bluenose class problems with one design was both assuaged by victories in lesser-tuned boats and as well not put to rest. We have a mixed up fleet of boats and sailors. I think it would be nice to head towards uniformity.

The suggestion of standardizing the main sail hoist height seems sensible. On the sailor level, everyone acknowledges that it's a competitive fleet which is discouraging for more casual participants, yet participation is what makes the fleet great. Thus all ideas to encourage continued involvement will be considered.

I think that a hazy understanding of rules combined with risky maneuvers and blood-curdling screams may provide entertainment from a distance, but is dangerous and discouraging. I love a Grantmyre or Bowen deadly serious calm, most gentlemanly.

Any votes for the highest point of the season? Other than a brain splitting high seas championships? I love being let out of the bay. Especially when you are becalmed in the bay with a view of breezes past Quaker.

So... John Mosher and Connor Mraz becoming entangled with Connor in first? With split second acuity, Connor leaps overboard to clear the lines and reboards in time for a mere demotion to second. That's what makes a life. Apart from the groupies, I mean "Racer Chasers". It was very nice to see Keith mentoring junior sailors at the tiller. Maybe there should be a special 'couple fleet' to sail against "one time"? It's great seeing the junior sailors working to make

sure that Henry doesn't get bored - The Demone familial fleet being our backbone. Love the colour-coordinated fashions to make the championships special. Love Scouts yellow lines on a clean white. Tighten up that rudderpost! Perhaps we should have a class standard of ersatz carbon masts to intimidate! John Mosher bites the bullet and takes the tiller! Hound dog Travis alert on tactics and steering having Katie hydrate him on the fly baby bottle style! Those personable Fraser boys cutting it up with great success. Watch out for Logan Mraz! Quite droll, Isobel's cups languorous swim fest in lieu of a breeze.



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Apologies to Mike Hill for playing opossum on his boom. Stinger demonstrates that a fag provides the most sensitive wind indicator. Tully great on the horn as a race officer and keen participant when he gets the wheel. All that Jazz is retiring from distracting work this year to focus on bullets! In a winning trade with the Lunies, we got Carl, jumping less sharks this year! Oh poor Zephyr getting smacked on both sides in high wind mooring melees. Spread those mooring balls out! I was proud to discover that one could clamber up the mast to tune the jumper stays, after Henry very collaboratively pointed out that they were coming undone! Easier than borrowing Lands Ends bosuns chair.

Huge regrets for the retirement of Yemanja and bel. A little wistful for one new participant who got all tuned up and thought they'd smoke the fleet, but sold the boat! Huge anticipation for the resuscitation of some, as well as imminent new constructions. It's enough to make one study up! Practice starts and learn the rules.



Thanks to South Shore Marine's sponsorship. Thanks as well to Armstrong Insurance. Keep up the floating observation post Uncle Ray!

Here's to a fine summer day with a dozen or so bluenoses coursing Chester bay, all the familiar faces and the best view of Chester.

Merry Christmas and/or holidays,

Nicolas Lewin, President

Mike Bowen, Secretary

Chester Classic Fleet News

Happy New Year from the Chester Classics Fleet!

Before I can even start to write an annual news for the Chester Classics Fleet, I must take moment to celebrate the life of Jimmy Rafuse whom we lost last year. The Rafuse family has been a pillar in Chester sailing for many years. Jimmy, skipper of Ripple, has always supported what we've been trying to do with Chester Classics: to celebrate and encourage the legacy of Universal Rule and Corinthian Chester sailing. As I write this, I still have a hard time imagining our Chester Classics efforts without Jimmy. If you've read this far, may I ask for a moment of silence and consideration for the loss of such a wonderful sailor, dad, granddad, husband, friend, competitor...



The fleet had a really fun year in 2018 having introduced a new theme for our pre CRW three day regatta: "Come Sail With The Classics".

Recognizing that the number of classic boats sailing year to year will vary based on owners and syndicate interest and ability, the Classics Fleet considered format changes which were consistent with the key tenants of the fleet, which are:

- * Encourage the preservation of historic classic water craft and their active use on the bay.
- * Connect as many people as possible with the historic vessels themselves and also with the traditions of Chester's history of Corinthian sailing.
- * Focus on activities and formats which bring together multiple generations and families in fun and accessible ways both shore side, e.g. RC and on the water.

As a result, changes were made to the Classics Weekend event (weekend prior to CRW) in 2018 which have been very well received and that we plan to build on going forward. The following themes will return in 2019:

- The Chester Classics Regatta will take place August 9-11 2019 and will be open to all boats, thus our theme: Come Sail with the Classics
- The RC for this event will be shoreside on the Peninsula and we would welcome volunteers and those interested in helping to run the races and socializing
- The format will be "pursuit style" meaning all boats will be assigned a unique starting time and faster boats will chase slower boats home for a big finish
- There will be inside and outside courses to accommodate all sizes and types of boats
- We're happy to offer one design fleets with their own scoring and awards within the event as we did in 2018 for IODs and Herreshoff 12 1/2s
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- We're designating the Chester Classics Regatta a charity regatta (last year we raised over two thousand dollars for autism charities) and our 2019 charity is TBD.
- Oh, and we've returned "the gun" for starts and first to finish with the acquisition of a little signaling cannon - first place finishers get their shell casing as a "keeper"

We'd like to recognize winners and participants in our 2018 events:

- * For the A fleet in Classics Weekend 2018, Seneca took 1st followed by Hayseed in 2nd and La Diva in 3rd
- * For the B fleet in Classics Weekend 2018, Intrigue took 1st followed by Rondo in 2nd and Annie Amelia in 3rd
- * For the Herreshoff 12 1/2 fleet in Classics Weekend, Kiku took 1st followed by Selkie in 2nd and Lookout in 3rd.
- * Best overall result in the IOD fleet in Chester Classics Weekend was La Diva
- * Winner of the R³ Cup for combined IOD fleet in Chester Classics Weekend and CRW, was Restless
- * Winner of the Sir Christopher Ondaatje Classic Cup for combined Chester Classics Weekend and CRW, was Hayseed IV

We hope that many of you will consider putting the Chester Classics Weekend on your sailing calendar. The event is friendly towards families, casual racers, and those who just day sail or cruise. We hope that you'll consider joining in this charity event and get a chance to sail up close to our bay's most historic yachts.

More info available at:

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Chester IOD Fleet Annual Report 2018

This has been another good year for the Chester IOD fleet. Lots of good things have happened over the past 12 months. Over the winter, Shawn Mulrooney and South Shore Marine boat works completed two new fiberglass IODs using the class molds. They were built in tandem and completed this spring. The first was “Sterling” which was purchased by Todd Murphy of the Manhattan Yacht Club. She has been shipped to New York and is a proud member of the Manhattan Yacht Club emerging IOD fleet. The second new build is the beautiful red boat called “Coachman”. She joins the Chester fleet and gives us 12 boats; this will form the basis for Chester hosting the IOD Championship in 2020. “Zephyr II” was purchased by a syndicate at the Manhattan Yacht Club and left our Chester fleet.



The Spring means sailing in Bermuda at the Bermuda International Invitational Race Week. This year, Peter Wickwire returned to the Island to represent the Chester Fleet. Despite a slow start, he once again dominated the racing and won the “Vrengen Cup” for the 4th time. The Chester Fleet seems to be dominating this

event; last year Ted Murphy also won the event for us.



The next major regatta on the agenda for Chester skippers was the Nantucket Invitational in late June. Ted Murphy once again represented Chester. Ted enjoyed a successful weekend in Nantucket and finished in a 3-way-tie for first place which was ultimately won by Nantucket’s Chris Gould in the tie breaker.

Local racing is now underway for our fleet with Thursday night white sail racing and a full weekend program. In July, we held our first weekend regatta which we used as part of our ‘Worlds’ qualification series. Six of our fleet participated. Ted Murphy prevailed and won the weekend series. We have welcomed two new young skippers to the fleet. David Mosher is racing our new build “Coachman” and loving it! The second young skipper is Caisey LeBlanc who is sailing “Ibis” for the season.

August brings out the biggest participation for us. First is the Indian Point Regatta at Indian Point, followed by the Chester Classics weekend and finally Chester Race

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Week. The Indian Point Regatta was very close racing between Shawn Mulrooney and Evan Petley-Jones as 6 boats participated. However, in the end Shawn beat Evan by one point.

Next up was the Chester Classics Regatta. This regatta is evolving into split fleets and separate prizes for the IODs as well as trophies for the larger Classic boats. Three IODs participated over the 3 days and in the end, it was Steve Bond showing us how to race around the buoys, his favorite way of racing.

Next up: Chester Race Week. There were 10 IODs on the One Design course for the regatta for the week. It was keenly contested as it represents the major component to our IOD worlds qualification series for next year which will be held in Marblehead. Eleven races were sailed over the 4 days and anyone of 5 skippers could have won the regatta. However, consistency wins and in the end. It was that consistency of good finishes that elevated Evan Petley-Jones to the top of the podium!

This year, from August 30 to September 02, the Chester IOD fleet hosted the IOD North Americans for the second time. We had 10 participants from our North America IOD fleets. Evan Petley-Jones and Peter Wickwire represented Chester in this regatta. Our 2 Chester representatives showed superior sailing skills in champagne sailing conditions and it wasn't until the final race that the winner was determined. Peter nosed out Evan to become the IOD North American Champion. Our guests, many of which were visiting Chester for the first time, raved about the area, the boats and our Nova Scotia hospitality. Our guests, many of which were visiting Chester for the first time, raved about the area, the boats and our Nova Scotia hospitality

The IOD World Championships were held in Gothenburg Sweden this year at the same time as we were hosting the IOD North Americans. Ted Murphy was flying the flag for us at this regatta. After 2 days' racing, Ted was tied for first place. However, fickle conditions and light winds sabotaged his campaign to relegate him to the middle of the pack. This was Ted's first IOD Worlds and I expect he will be in the winner's circle in the not too distant future.

The final chapter for our fleet this year was the participation of Evan Petley-Jones in the Bermuda Bacardi Keelboat Regatta held in November in Bermuda. A fleet of 9 IOD's took part with the majority of the participants coming from the U.S. East Coast. High winds cancelled one of the 3 days of sailing but the organizing authority, the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, was able to get in 7 races. It turned into a 3 man race between Bermuda's Patrick Cooper, Courtney Jenkins from Baltimore and Evan Petley - Jones. In the end Patrick Cooper became the repeat winner and Evan ended up third.

Please visit Chester IOD Fleet on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ChesterIODFleet/> for pictures and articles on the regattas mentioned above. Ultimately, it is the people who shape this Club and give it the vibe that it currently has. Our thanks to all our members and supporters in Chester and Indian Point.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Thompson Fleet Captain