



NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE NOVA SCOTIA YACHTING ASSOCIATION
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NSYA MEMBERS ELECT NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the NSYA Annual General Meeting in November, NSYA Member Clubs, Sailing Schools and Class Associations elected the 2005 Board of Directors.

Elected were;

President - **Barbara Pike**

Directors at Large (with portfolio)

Betty Ann Haliburton (1st Vice-President & Women's Programs)

Gerry Giffin (2nd Vice President & Racing/Teams)

Leslie Samson (Treasurer)

Ian Thomson (Secretary)

John MacDonald (Learn to Sail)

Ed Bottrell (Cruising & Power)

David Rankin (Fundraising)

Michelle Grace (Communications)

Ed Bloodworth (Handicapping)

Cameron Chisholm (Safety)

Warren Nethercote (Past President & Judges)

To contact any of the above, please do so through the NSYA office.
(nsya@sportnovascotia.ca)

NSYA CONSIDERS ATHLETE REPRESENTATION

The NSYA Board of Directors is considering adding an "Athletes Representative" portfolio to the Board of Directors. The representative would ideally be a recently "retired" Canadian Sailing Team member and would represent all athletes from youth to adults.

The NSYA is interested in hearing what each Club thinks about this. Please forward your thoughts to Barbara Pike, President c/o the NSYA office.

NOVA SCOTIAN ELECTED CYA PRESIDENT

Dan Sargeant of Bedford has been elected President of the Canadian Yachting Association. Dan is a past President of NSYA and a long time member of Bedford Basin Yacht Club.

Also elected to the CYA Executive was Glen Dexter in the Canadian Sailing Team portfolio. Glen is a former Olympian and member of St. Margaret Sailing Club.

BOAT SHOW SPACE FOR CLUBS & SCHOOLS

The Halifax Boat Show (February 17-20) is making available table space in the Discover Boating section for all NSYA Member Clubs & Schools.

Cost is a reduced \$150 for a 6 foot table. Passes for volunteers are available for \$5 each. The deadline to reserve a table is January 15. To do so please contact the NSYA office.

The NSYA will have a booth at the Show and Clubs are able to display materials there as well. Please have your materials to the NSYA office no later than February 15.

Conserving the Sailor's Paradise

Submitted by Michael Ernst, owner Sail Mahone Bay

The Mahone Islands Conservation Association was started in 2003 to conserve and protect the islands and shoreline of south west Mahone Bay. We have grown to over 450 members, and are working hard to increase public awareness about the challenges the area faces.

This year we started an acquisition programme to purchase, and return to public ownership, some local islands. Our first goal is to acquire Andrew's Island, and an offer to purchase has been accepted. This is an exciting step for the Association to take. We now have a specific goal to work towards, and a time frame to complete the task. Fund raising has started and we are approaching our membership, all levels of government, corporate donors and conservation organisations for their support. Undertaking this acquisition is a major endeavor, but the message we have received is its now time to act, and conserve the area's natural beauty. Additionally, areas that we have enjoyed for recreational access may be lost. This may be a last chance, as the rapid development of the shoreline and islands is resulting in irreversible changes that are drastically altering the landscapes that boaters have enjoyed for generations.

If you enjoy the natural beauty of the Mahone Bay area and want to take part in its conservation, please seriously consider supporting MICA's endeavors with this project. More information be be found on our web site www.mahoneislands.ns.ca

CYA COASTAL NAVIGATION COURSE OFFERED

St. Margaret Sailing Club will be offering the CYA Coastal Navigation course this winter. The course will run for 10 Tuesdays from 7-10pm beginning January 25 and ending April 12. Cost of the course is \$230 + HST.

This 30-hour Coastal Navigation Course is based on the national standard developed by the Canadian Yachting Association (CYA) and is highly recommended for all skippers and other boaters of all levels of experience.

The instructor is **Eric Grant**, Owner/Operator of **Sou'Wester Adventures**, which is based in Mahone Bay. Mr. Grant is a CYA certified cruising and coastal navigation instructor.

For further information and to register contact Sou'Wester Adventures at 1-877-665-4004 or by e-mail at sail@souwesteradventures.com

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ATTENTION TANZER 22 OWNERS

Nick Van Haeften contacted the NSYA office and introduced himself as part of the Tanzer 22 Class Association. He is interested in hearing from any Tanzer 22 owners in Nova Scotia. He is trying to drum up support for a number of events where Tanzers could race as a one design fleet and holding a major Tanzer Championships such as the Tanzer Nationals or Tanzer North Americans in 2006. Nick can be contacted at nvanhaefte@datagroup.ca

FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Did you know that 62% of Nova Scotians are currently too inactive to reap the benefits of regular physical activity¹?

That the total economic burden of physical inactivity in Nova Scotia is estimated at \$354 million annually (adding the direct and indirect costs)¹.

Sport Nova Scotia and the Office of Health Promotion (Sport & Recreation Division) have launched health campaigns aimed at promoting regular physical activity. Funding is available for all Yacht Clubs and Sailing Schools that have a plan in place to get more people active in their community.

To discuss, please contact Frank at the NSYA office.

¹ Source: The Cost of Physical Inactivity in NS, GPI Atlantic 2002