



NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE NOVA SCOTIA YACHTING ASSOCIATION
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March 2003

NSYA 2ND ANNUAL WINE TASTING BENEFIT ~ APRIL 25

Support the Provincial Youth Sailing Team

Following the great success of last year's event, the NSYA is once again hosting a Wine Tasting Fundraiser to benefit Provincial Youth Team Sailors who will be travelling to Vancouver to participate at the Canadian Youth Championships.

The event, complete with Live Entertainment and Silent Auction will be held on Friday, April 25 beginning at 7pm at the Lord Nelson Hotel in Halifax.

In 2002 we were able to raise \$10,000 at our Wine Tasting event and this year we hope to exceed that!

says Frank Denis,

NSYA Executive Director. Funds will be used to support team travel to Vancouver and also will help establish a fund that future athletes can access to support their campaigns. The event will

NSYA
2nd Annual
Wine Tasting
Friday, April 25
7pm \$25/person

also be a great way to kick off the 2003 Sailing Season.

All Clubs in the province will be encouraged to help with ticket sales.

Tickets cost \$25

each and are available from the NSYA office.

Hope to see you on April 25th supporting the Provincial Youth Sailing Team.

NSYA TO HOST PCOC COURSE

Effective September 15, 2002 all those who operate a boat less than 4m equipped with a motor, require a Pleasure Craft Operator's Card.

The NSYA will be holding the PCOC course every month for the next few months. Cost is \$65 for the full day course which will be held at Sport Nova Scotia (5516 Spring Garden Road in Halifax.)

The next course will be held Saturday, March 15th. For full details and to register, please contact the NSYA office at 425-5450.

NS BYTE SAILORS CLEAN UP AWARDS

The 2002 Byte Class Award winners have been announced and Chester Yacht Club Sailors have won just about every award. Winners included;

Rookie of the Year

Geoff Beck

Team of the Year

Chester Yacht Club

Most Valuable Sparkplug

Christian Stringer

Most Improved Sailors

Anthony Federico & Maddie Batiot

Coach of the Year

Chris Watters

Congratulations on a great season!

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, March 11

NSYA Board Meeting
6pm @ 5516 Spring Garden Road

Tuesday, April 1

Handicap Committee Meeting
6:30pm TBA

Tuesday, April 8

NSYA Board Meeting
6pm @ 5516 Spring Garden

CLUB NEWS

Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron

ISAF President Paul Henderson guest speaker

RNSYS is pleased to present ISAF President Paul Henderson as part of their Speaker Series on Tuesday, March 25 beginning at 7pm. Paul has been ISAF President since 1994 and is also a member of the International Olympic Committee. A very active competitor in sailing having won World, North American and National Championships, Paul also represented Canada at two Olympic Games. His talk will focus on professionals and amateurs in the last of the so-called amateur sports.

Tickets are \$25 and will include a special buffet beginning at 6pm. To reserve contact Sandy Skinner at 477-5653.

The Big Buoy Up Fundraiser

The Big Buoy Up presents a unique opportunity for boat owners and enthusiasts to take to the waters for an afternoon of sailing and an evening of great food, great company and great entertainment. The event takes place on Friday, June 20 and will have groups spending the afternoon cruising the waters.

For complete details contact Gord Anderson at 496-7710

Armdale Yacht Club

New Club Manager Kristine Jaego

Welcome to Kristine Jaego who was recently named Club Manager at Armdale Yacht Club in Halifax. You can reach Kristine at office@armdaleyachtclub.net Welcome Aboard Kristine!

Club News submissions should be submitted by the 28th of each month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

MAHONE ISLANDS CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION FORMED

The Mahone Islands Conservation Association has been recently formed to conserve and protect the natural environment of the shoreline and islands of Mahone Bay for its ecological and recreational features and are seeking to maintain a balance between all interests.

An open meeting will be held at St. James Anglican Parish Hall in Mahone Bay on Saturday, March 29 at 1:30pm for people to learn more about the Association.

Further information on the Mahone Bay Conservation Association is available by calling (902) 624-8864 or by e-mail at sailmahonebay@auracom.com

WOMEN'S SAILING EVENTS

Tuesday, March 25th, 7-9 pm at St. Margaret Sailing Club: *TRIM FOR SPEED/RACE TACTICS*. Brian Todd will dissect the various components of the race course from a crew member's perspective, including sail trim, positioning at the start, upwind/downwind legs, mark rounding.

Tuesday, April 22nd, 7-9 pm at Bedford Basin Yacht Club: *RULES OF THE ROAD*. Warren Nethercote, the Rules guru, will speak about the rules of the race course breaking down each rule with the help of visual aids to help better understand them when they challenge you on the water.

MAY - TBA

On the water in 420s! Two evenings - June 10 and 12, at the RNSYS, 5:30-9:30 pm. Lee Gifford-Simms, Canadian Sport Centre Atlantic Youth Sailing Coach, will be on board to coach the group, with a focus on racing. We will be sailing in the Northwest Arm and inner harbour in 420s (two-person boats). Pre-registration required (max. 20 participants). Cost: \$50.00.

To pre-register, please e-mail yachting@sportns.ns.ca or phone (902) 421-7560 to be assured a spot. Registration fee: \$10 (land seminars).

NEW! FOR 2003! MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Nova Scotia is hosting the 2003 Canadian Women's Keelboat Regatta on June 28-30, 2003 at the Armdale Yacht Club in Halifax. Look for the Notice of Race and more details posted on the CYA website - www.sailing.ca.