

## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Trivia Night

Feb 10

#### Valentine's Dinner

Feb 11

#### Valentine's Lunch

Feb 14

#### Member's Complimentary Hors D'oeuvre Night

Feb 17

#### Speaker's Night

Feb 22

#### Halifax International Boat Show

Feb 23 - 26

#### Virtual Skipper

Feb 24

#### RNSYS Frost Biting Series

March 3

#### VIRTUAL SKIPPER

Friday, February 24

6:00pm - 8:00pm

RNSYS Clubhouse

The RNSYS is introducing a new social night during the Winter months for members to enjoy!

Virtual Skipper night provides an opportunity for members and guests to stay involved in sailing throughout the Winter. Prizes will be awarded and food and drinks will be available. Virtual Skipper provides a great opportunity to learn the rules of sailing which are automatically enforced by a virtual umpire.

To register please contact Marriann Creelman by phone at 477-5653 ext. 100 or by email at [mcreelman@rnsys.com](mailto:mcreelman@rnsys.com).

### RNSYS CLUBHOUSE MAINTENANCE

As many of our members may have noticed, we are undergoing some maintenance in our main Clubhouse the first week of February. Please note that we will remain open during regular business and dining hours and apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

### CAR PARKING STICKERS & CALENDAR

Enclosed with your February statement is your 2012 RNSYS Calendar and 2012 Car Parking Stickers. Members who have not received a parking sticker or calendar are asked to please contact Marriann Creelman by phone at 477-5653 ext. 100 or by email at [mcreelman@rnsys.com](mailto:mcreelman@rnsys.com).

## NEW YEAR'S EVE AT RNSYS

A great time was had by all who attended our New Year's Eve celebrations at the RNSYS Saraguay House.

A big thank you goes out to our Vice Commodore, Member Services - Stephen Osler and his committee for the coordination of the evening.



For more pictures please view:  
<http://rnsys.com/content/gallery>



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## COMMODORE'S GREETING

by George Archibald

Dear Members,

Our 175th year is off to a great start with the selection of one of our Corinthian Recipients, Danielle Dube securing her place to represent Canada in the 2012 Olympic Games in London. This is a great opportunity for Danielle and it is a result of her dedication, hard work, sacrifice, and the support of her family and friends. We are all proud of Danielle and wish her continued success representing Canada and RNSYS.

Danielle joins Paul Tingley as the second RNSYS sailor going to the London Summer Olympics in 2012. Their success is an inspiration to all of us and it is a credit to them and our coaching staff.

The dedication to sail training that members of the RNSYS have shown is a benefit to all whether we are sailors or spectators. Having the facilities and equipment available to teach sailing at all levels gives an opportunity for members and future members to experience sailing and become life long

sailors. Our members are racers, cruisers, racer/cruisers, some have graduated to power boats and many of us simply enjoy the opportunity to watch the activity on and around the water. As members of RNSYS we have a very special club and the men and women who founded our club 175 years ago would be very proud of their club as it is today!

There are many reasons to celebrate and spend time at the RNSYS. Some events are on land and some are on the water. This year there will be something for everyone, including our ever popular Friday Night Jams, Trivia Nights and Members Complimentary Hors D'oeuvre evenings and our monthly Wednesday night Speaker's Nights.

We will continue the tradition of hosting our annual Skipper Crew Night, along with the introduction of a special 175 Garden Party and corn boil, to name just a few. Check your calendar and make plans to attend as these events are for all of us!



Our sailing schedule for the upcoming season is looking just as exciting with events including our Opening Regatta and Pig Roast, Wednesday Night Racing and Match Racing Series, the Clipper Ships visit, Metro Race Week, Prince of Wales Weekend and Venetian Night. These are but a few of our events planned for our member's enjoyment.

All of our past and future success is dependant on the volunteers and professional staff who are working for our mutual benefit. Do not be bashful if you have time and would like to help please let me or one of our VC's know, as there is always room for more volunteers.

Commodore,  
George Archibald

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## CLIPPER ROUND THE WORLD RACE TO RETURN TO RNSYS

At 40,000 miles, Clipper 11-12 is the world's longest ocean race and the teams are now half way through their epic adventure, the maritime equivalent of climbing Mount Everest.

Calling at 15 ports on six continents, the race not only showcases the tourism offerings of the cities and states that host the event, but allows sponsors to develop trade links as well as cultural and educational connections.



In Canada the fleet will return to Halifax where they will be hosted by Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron as they prepare for their final transoceanic crossing of Clipper 11-12.

"We are delighted to be hosting the Clipper 11-12 Round the World Yacht Race fleet at the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron and look forward to working with the race organizers to plan a memorable stopover," says George Archibald, Commodore of the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron.

Fresh from a short yet challenging sprint from New York the crew members will receive a warm Canadian welcome on their arrival for the pit stop. The yachts are expected to arrive there between June 11 and 12 before beginning the race to Derry-Londonderry on 15 June.



"Everyone at the RNSYS is excited to be involved in such a major international event and the ten teams can be assured of a warm Nova Scotian welcome when they arrive ahead of their final transatlantic sprint next June," he continues.

The fleet was previously welcomed by the RNSYS during the Clipper 07-08 Race.

## VALENTINE'S DINNER - SAT, FEB. 11, 2012

### Valentine's Dinner

Saturday, February 11  
6:00pm - 9:00pm  
\$34.95++ Per Person

### Starter

Warm Gazpacho

### Appetizers

Braised Short Rib on Grilled Polenta

or

Cherry Duck Taco

### Entrees

Lobster Stuffed Chicken Breast with bernaise

or

Sliced Roast Sirloin/Red Wine Sauce with Porcini Mushrooms

### Dessert

Strawberry Cheesecake Crepes

or

Flourless Double Chocolate Cake

To make a reservation please contact Marriann by phone at 477-5653 ext. 100 or by email at [mcreelman@rnsys.com](mailto:mcreelman@rnsys.com)



## CONGRATULATIONS DANIELLE DUBE!

### Danielle Dube Qualifies for London Olympic Games!

Congratulations to Danielle Dube, RNSYS Member from Glen Haven for qualifying to represent Canada at the 2012 Olympic Games in London in the Laser Radial class. Danielle is the first Nova Scotia athlete to secure a position on Canada's 2012 Olympic Team.

Danielle's qualification was front page news in the Chronicle Herald on Saturday January 28. View the article at <http://thechronicleherald.ca/sports/56389-sailor-dube-qualifies-london-olympics>

Just hours following her victory, Danielle was quoted saying, "It hasn't really sunk in yet, to be honest. I was just excited to race and to sort of prove myself. But I knew it was definitely possible."

For Danielle, between now and the Olympics, will consist of a lot of physical training.

Danielle has overcome great obstacles to get to this point in her sailing career and now is presented with an opportunity well deserved. The RNSYS boasts a sailing tradition of Olympic representation and we are more than thrilled to add Danielle's name to the growing list of RNSYS



Several other NS sailors had excellent results at the Miami OCR from Jan 22 to Jan 28, including Paul Tingley finishing 2nd in the 2.4mR class. Paul's 2nd place finish came only 2 weeks after he finished 3rd at the IFDS World Championships in Port Charlotte, Florida.

## RNSYS MEMBER SERVICES

By VC Member Services, Stephen Osler

January began with a well attended New Years Day Levy which kept a few Vice Commodores and Commodore Archibald busy greeting guests non stop for almost three hours.

Our ever popular Trivia Night was attended by many competitive members and was helmed by Luke Chaulk for his first adventure as Trivia Night host - a great time was had by all.

Speaker's Night featured James Douglas Rosborough speaking on his life as boat builder of over 150 vessels. In February we welcome Wilson Fit who will be speaking

about the reconstruction of the new Bluenose now well under construction.

Our February Hors D'oeuvre night will be hosted by your RNSYS Member Services Committee members. Any members, Vice Commodores or committees are welcome to host a complimentary Hors D'oeuvre evening and for more information please contact myself at [vcmembers@rnsys.com](mailto:vcmembers@rnsys.com).

I encourage you to view your bi-weekly e-blasts for information on upcoming events such as our new Virtual Skipper evening as well as another new exciting event



this winter known as our "Master Chef" cooking classes with our very own Executive Chef, Don Small.

The Member Services Committee looks forward to seeing lots of members at our upcoming events this February.