



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Clubhouse Closed

Feb 2, 9, 16, 23
Admin Open 9-5pm | Dining Closed

Steak Night!

* Purchase 4 steaks, all at once or over the next few Thursdays, and receive a complimentary pitcher of beer*
Every Thursday | Clubhouse @ 5pm

Prime Rib Dinner

Every Sunday | Clubhouse @ 5pm

Film Night

'The Grand Budapest Hotel'
Feb 6th | Dining Room @ 7pm

Presentation on Members Trip to Iceland

Feb 8th | Dining Room at 7pm. **RSVP**

Trivia Night

Feb 13th | Ward Room @ 7pm

Valentine's Day Dinner RSVP

Feb 14th | Clubhouse @ 6:30pm

Dinner Date with Eric Holden RSVP

Feb 17th. Dinner and Presentation \$25.

Taste of India Week

Feb 17-20th | Clubhouse

Halifax International Boat Show

Feb 19-22nd | Exhibition Park

Hors D'oeuvres Night

*Sponsored by Senior Members
Greg Gosine and Greg Baker*
Feb 27th | Clubhouse @ 6-7:30pm

MARCH CALENDAR

Clubhouse Closed

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Admin Open 9-5pm | Dining Closed

Steak Night!

* Purchase 4 steaks, all at once or over the next few Thursdays, and receive a complimentary pitcher of beer*
Every Thursday | Clubhouse @ 5pm

Prime Rib Dinner

Every Sunday | Clubhouse @ 5pm

Film Night

March 6th | Dining Room @ 7pm

Bingo Night

March 13th | Clubhouse @ 7pm

St. Patrick's Day -

Club Open for Lunch
March 17th | Clubhouse @ 12pm

Taste of Vietnam Week

March 18-20th | Clubhouse

Trivia Night

March 20th | Clubhouse @ 7pm

Hors D'oeuvres Night

*Sponsored by Senior Members
Andrew & Odette Murphy*
March 27th | Clubhouse @ 6-7:30pm

LIFELINE NEWSLETTER

ROYAL NOVA SCOTIA YACHT SQUADRON

February 2015



Commodore Edward Steeves

Commodore's Greeting

For the most part, the 2015 sailing calendar has been finalized, and now is the time to start setting your agenda and getting your crew committed for all of the racing and cruising opportunities this summer.

For those of you looking for some off-shore sailing adventure, registration for the 2015 Marblehead to Halifax Ocean Race is up and running. Get your plans put together and challenge yourself in the 36th biennial running of this historic 365 nautical mile yacht race. The Organizing Committee is hard at work planning every detail of this year's event which is sure to be the best ever (see MHOR article on pg.2).

To help you get into the mood for off-shore adventure, join us on Feb. 17th when Eric Holden, skipper of Henri Lloyd and winner of the 2013-14 Clipper Round the World Race, will discuss his extraordinary journey around the globe.

There are also two IASF Offshore Safety Course being held in Halifax this spring for those of you looking to build additional competence and confidence in open water sailing.

For those of you looking forward to the Squadron Summer Cruise, more information and details will be coming out in the near future. Stay tuned!

Another event you won't want to miss is the upcoming slide show presentation on Feb. 8th which will highlight last year's Members trip to Iceland.

So as you can see, we have lots to take our mind off of the cold weather, and I urge you to set aside some time out of your busy schedules to sit down by the fireplace and set your goals for the 2015 sailing year.

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." - Mark Twain

Edward Steeves
Commodore
Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron

As a sailor in Nova Scotia, one can get a bit disheartened during the winter months if you have not found an opportunity to enjoy vacationing in warm waters. Luckily, most of us have been able to keep up with all of the warm weather sailing activity going on around the globe via some great online reporting. Most recently, I have been avidly watching the Volvo Ocean Race, enjoying daily highlights from Key West Race Week, and following all of our Squadron sailors at the ISAF Sailing World Cup in Miami as well as other sailing regattas throughout Florida.

At this wintery time of year, we anxiously await the Halifax International Boat Show where we can dream of the coming year on the water. It is also a good time to start planning for the upcoming sailing season.



MARBLEHEAD TO HALIFAX OCEAN RACE



MHOR 2015

Since 1905, skippers and their crew have embraced the spirit of competitive yacht racing by embarking on the thrilling challenge of the Marblehead to Halifax Ocean Race.

WWW.MARBLEHEADTOHALIFAX.COM

RNSYS-The Provenance of Our Name

The Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron was initially established as the Halifax Yacht Club on July 27th, 1837. Following a royal visit to Halifax in 1860 by the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII), the Prince consented to become the club's Royal Patron. In addition, he endorsed a petition to his mother, Queen Victoria, for permission to adopt the term 'Royal' and, soon thereafter, the authority to fly the blue ensign (the Royal Yacht Squadron alone may fly the white ensign). In 1861 the club became the Royal Halifax Yacht Club.

In 1875, a schism resulting from differing opinions on club priorities (social vs. sailing) saw a number of keen sailors amongst the membership resign and establish the Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron. With the loss of almost all its yachts to the newly formed Squadron, the Royal Halifax Yacht Club lost its Royal warrant while the Squadron's request for a warrant was granted by the British Admiralty* in 1880, thereby formally establishing the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron. Shortly thereafter, the Squadron absorbed the rump of the Halifax Yacht Club.

ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

The race is open to boats with a:
 (a) PHRF Racing rating no greater than 180 for the PHRF-Racing Division.
 (b) IRC TCC no less than 0.880 for the IRC Division.
 (c) ORR "Offshore Mainly Downwind" time-on-time rating no less than 0.760 for the ORR

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Join hundreds of other sailors, like yourself, in experiencing the 2015 MHOR.

www.marbleheadtohalifax.com

Along with the Royal Yacht Squadron of Cowes and five others, RNSYS remains one of only seven yacht clubs in the world authorized to use 'Royal Squadron' in its name. (The others are the Royal New Zealand, Sydney, Queensland, South Australian and Melbourne Yacht Squadrons.)

* Until the establishment of the Royal Canadian Navy in 1910, the British Admiralty and the Royal Navy exercised authority over naval administration and operations in Canada.

Capt(N) Stuart D. Andrews
 Club Secretary

RACE TEAM SPENDS THE WINTER IN FLORIDA

FOLLOW THEIR FANTASTIC RESULTS

The RNSYS Race Team has been heating things up in Florida, gearing up for a fantastic sailing season. Results have been mixed, but any time spent training and racing in the off-season pays dividends on the summer racing circuit. Our sailors are competing against the best in North America and in many cases against Olympic medalists and world champions.

Race results:

Laser District 13 Champs: Dec 6-7, 2014 in Sarasota, FL.

Laser Full Rig: 35 Boats.

- 11th Bryant Wood
- 15th Luke Ruitenber

Open Orange Bowl: Dec 27-30, 2014 in Coconut Grove, FL.

29er: 15 boats.

- 7th Cameron Shaw and Henry Lockyer. This was their first regatta together and they finished with 6 top 10's out of 7 races.

Lauderdale Olympic Class Regatta (LOCR): Jan 17-19, 2015 in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Laser Radial:

- 44 boats from 6 countries.
- 23rd Corrine Peters
- Laser Full Rig: 53 boats from 13 countries.
- 24th Luke Ruitenber
- 37th Bryant Wood

North American Championships: Jan 17-19, 2015 in Coconut Grove, FL.

470 (Mens): 34 boats from 19 countries.

- 16th Jake and Graeme Saunders. Had a bullet in race 3 and were top



RNSYS Race Team heading south for the winter

and were top NA sailors and therefore became NA Champions.

49er FX: 33 boats from 14 countries.

- 27th Erin Rafuse and Dani Boyd
- 32nd Max Flinn and Cam Sawyer (didn't race the last day)

The next event will be the Miami OCR from Jan 25-31, 2015.

Registered sailors from RNSYS:

470 Men: Jake and Graeme Saunders

470 Women: Allie Surrette and

Ali Ten Hove

Laser Full Rig: Luke Ruitenber

Bryant Wood

Laser Radial: Corrine Peters

49er FX: Erin Rafuse and Dani Boyd

This will be the largest number of RNSYS sailors ever to compete at this level. We all wish them well with what is the start of the big push to qualify for the Rio Olympics.

In February, Squadron sailors will be racing at the Club 420 and Laser/Laser Radial Midwinters and in March a huge group will ascend on Miami for our annual March-break camp. Our young sailors will join efforts with Ontario sailing and we will have the largest group in various classes: Optis, 420s, 29er, Laser and 2.4 M.

Follow our team on our Facebook page and look for results of the Miami OCR in next months Lifeline. Thank you to our team of dedicated coaches for their time and effort in helping our young sailors compete against the world.

Chris Megaffin
 VC Sail Training

FALL IN LOVE WITH FOOD

The Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron's Sweetheart Dinner

Saturday, February 14th, 6:30pm,
 RNSYS Clubhouse

MENU

Amuse Bouche

Salad of Radicchio & Arugula with Roasted Red Pepper Dressing and Goat Cheese Crostini

Spanish Tomato Soup

Seared Scallops with Caviar

Stilton Crusted Pork Tenderloin with Red Wine Glaze, Sautéed Broccolini, Mashed Cauliflower and Caramelized Shallots

Dessert

RSVP

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