

Whisp of a Breeze

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did someone say Splash?



CPR A + AED course - April 5

Participants are now graduates!
Well done DYC!



LAUNCH TIME!

Check out the schedule [HERE](#)



Launch dates: April 26, 27 & May 3

Did you sign up to volunteer yet?
Browse the options and chip away at
your 10 hour requirement today!

 [SIGN UP](#)

LTS shirts are for sale!

Get yours here!



Learn to Sail is selling long sleeve and short sleeve shirts this year in support of the program. This year a red maple leaf will adorn the sleeve of each shirt, the long sleeve heather grey and the blue short sleeve. Many thanks go to our generous sponsors whose companies will be displayed on the back of each shirt. Returning sponsors: Jeff Newkirk - Precision Canvas, Jeff Mackie - Lakeside Beach Club and Lakeside Park Marina, Barb McMullen - Stable House Studios, Mike Dzugan - Synchro Engineering, Paul Deary - Kilt Express, Cherrel Morton - JustinJay Tax and the Ancient Mariners. New sponsors: Margarita DiProffio - Fred Wines, Russ Rowlands and Beth Loewen - Niagara Nautico and Kathy and Tom Iftody - Martindale Physiotherapy. These shirts look great and the all the proceeds help to fund the Learn to Sail program.

Order your shirts today!

Note from our Commodore - Patti-Jo



**Commodore
Patti-Jo Chambers**



Greetings NYC-er's,

Hope your Easter Weekend was as spectacular as the weather!
It's so close now . . . you know what that is!

In case you missed the Spring Information night, please give a warm welcome to Ruth Sparks, our new Harbour Office Yard Supervisor. Her wealth of experience as an Operations Manager at Point Abino/Buffalo Yacht Club for 17 years and her incredible varied background is a bonus for us. I've asked her to write up a note of introduction for you, and I know after reading it, you will agree she will do an awesome job! We are extremely excited and fortunate to have her join our team and we look forward to many years of NYC success together. She's a little ball of fire, so enthusiastic and full of positive energy. BYC has requested her back twice already. In these two short weeks, she's already a valued member of our team! Our aim is to ensure she stays, for a very long time!

Just a few reminders as we approach the much-anticipated launch of our fleet:

- Marine grade extension cords only on the docks - it's for everyone's safety. If you don't have one or it is in rough shape, please replace it before plugging your boat in.
- Please [read about electric shock](#) around the docks. It might save your life or another's.
- **The west side gate code has changed** to keep fishermen off the dock. Please ask if you need it.
- Please lend a hand at launch, with cradles, blocks, cradles, jacks, lines, straps . . . it all helps.
- We are doing a potluck all three days of launch, if you can prepare something tasty to share let me know and bring it on by. It helps keep the crews and members fueled. It is so appreciated!
- Be ready for launch, if you are not sure how to do so . . . [feel free to email me!](#)



- Many thanks to Murray Fischer, Brian Fulton, Alan Crozier and Jason Matsugu, for their build of the new box for the larger drop-down projector screen in the clubhouse and the installation of the new video projector on the ceiling. It's a beautiful thing, so many great times ahead with that, I'm sure!
- Many thanks to Barb Fry, Tom Schulz, Russ Rowlands, Alan Crozier, Murray Fischer, Dave Pressley, Doug Chambers, Scott Colbey and Ruth Sparks, for their efforts to repair the launch dock.
- Need your sails measured? Chris Turner and Claire Camden will be in the clubhouse Saturday, April 26, our first launch day, from 9 - 11. Bring them on down, they'll get it done.
- Check out the [VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES](#) page ~ we need your expertise and time. Remember to log your hours as well, at Membership
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- And yes, bathrooms will be open for launch. Watch for the note from Ruth.
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[REGISTER HERE](#)



And finally, we love seeing your photos of members, boat prep, launch days and all things NYC. Share your snaps with us, so we can show off our amazing members and club spirit!

[See you in the yards, on the docks and on the water . . . soon, very soon! Pj](#)

Welcome Ruth! Our Harbour Office Supervisor



**Harbour Office & Yard Maintenance
Supervisor Ruth Sparks**



Charting a New Course:

Ahoy, Dalhousie Yacht Club members!

I am thrilled to officially drop anchor at DYC as your new Harbour Office & Yard Maintenance Supervisor. From my very first interaction with Dalhousie Yacht Club Members, I felt an overwhelming sense of camaraderie, respect, and appreciation. Their warm welcome made it clear that this isn't just a yacht club—it's a tight-knit crew dedicated to making the harbour a premier destination for boating enthusiasts.

My journey to this role has been shaped by years at the helm of marina operations, training programs, and regulatory compliance. Holding a USCG Captain's License, I've had the privilege of training and mentoring sailors, power-boaters, and maritime professionals alike. My background as a Certified Marine Credentialing Agent and USCG Sail Endorsement Instructor has further deepened my understanding of the vital qualifications that ensure safety and excellence on the water.

Beyond my passion for maritime education, I've navigated the challenges of operations management of a yacht club on Lake Erie for 17 years, budgeting, scheduling, strategic planning, and event coordination. Whether optimizing dockside logistics, managing harbour infrastructure, or enhancing the member experience, I thrive on ensuring that every aspect of a marina runs as smoothly as a well-trimmed sail.

What truly excites me about joining DYC is the club's unwavering dedication to its members and its strong sense of community. From the first handshake, I knew I was stepping aboard a ship with a crew that values teamwork, tradition, and forward-thinking innovation. The leadership team has made it clear that they believe in a vision for enhancing DYC operations, fostering member engagement, and charting a course for continued growth.

Sailing into this new chapter, my goal is to ensure that DYC remains a beacon for boaters, a place where members feel supported, and a harbour where operations run as smoothly as the tides. Whether it's maintaining the yard, coordinating services, or helping members cast off for their next great adventure, I am ready to set sail and serve this incredible club.

I look forward to getting to know each of you, working together to continue to make DYC the best port of call, and sharing many sunrises and smooth seas ahead.

Fair winds and following seas,

Ruth Sparks

Harbour Office & Yard Maintenance Supervisor

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Thank to Dave Bellhouse and Patti Fagan, for their assistance with bringing Ruth onboard so efficiently.

Thank you
♥

Membership Highlights

Congratulations!

to LOSHRS 2024 Trophy Winners

Water Colours Trophy - Best Corrected Time in the DH-FS Fleet for the YYC Weekend.

Wendy Northcotte & Tom Lynam
North Caught DYC

Race Day Series Podium Finisher
FS-DH-D Second - **North Caught**
Wendy Northcotte DYC



Click **HERE** to see our new **Volunteer Opportunities**

section on the website!
We're working hard behind the scenes to make it easy for our members to lend a helping hand.

Thank you so much for your continued help - DYC is the place to be because of YOU!!



Your comments and pictures are welcome!

Email:
breeze@dalhousieyachtclub.com

Easter Seals Planning & Fund Raising GOAL

Making Way to Camp Woodeden

This year, Dalhousie Yacht Club is leveling up our commitment to making a difference in the lives of children with disabilities. Leading up to our annual Easter Seals regatta, we are launching the **Making Way to Camp Woodeden** campaign. Our goal is to send one child to Easter Seals Camp Woodeden in London, Ontario, which has a cost of \$2500.

Make a donation to see the sail boat move!



Send a Child to Camp (\$2500)

Thank you to our volunteers!



Necessary work on the floating platform was accomplished by our dedicated members!



Thank you Alan Crozier for the pic

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