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DALHOUSIE YACHT CLUB

MEMBERS HANDBOOK

- A Brief History of the Club -

From 1829 to 1932 Port Dalhousie was the entrance to the first three Welland Canals. In 1932 the fourth Welland Canal opened with a new entrance three miles east at Port Weller and a transformation began as the beach and the harbour focused on recreation.

Power boaters and sailors wanted facilities to launch and moor their boats and saw the opportunity, as property and water rights became available for lease.

In 1936, preliminary plans were put together by a small group of local businessmen, and on January 8, 1937 the first meeting to create the Dalhousie Yacht Club was held at the St. Catharines, YMCA.

After leasing land and water rights the first priority was a crane followed by a 20 x 20 shack (AKA Club House) built on stilts as the lake level was unpredictable.

Those were the depression years and it was the members who did all the work.

Dues were \$5 a year and many boats were constructed by their owners.

Camaraderie was the order of the day and the term Work Party was taken literally; members worked together for the common cause, and then they partied.

After WW II members felt the need to formally incorporate and Provincial Letters Patent were granted on March 1, 1945.

Members began a building fund and in 1950 a new clubhouse (20 x 60) with an open veranda was constructed at a cost of \$8,000. Members finished the interior over the winter months with donated materials including the fireplace, which was constructed with materials left over from the "Mills Memorial" being constructed at Victoria Lawn Cemetery.

In 1955 the lounge area was added; renovations and improvements to the facilities continued to mark progress.

As east side operations such as the rail terminal and rail line (which previously took passengers to Niagara Falls) ceased operating the land became available and DYC expanded the leased area.

Boats originally moored on the west side requiring dingys and the west side docks became the next major project.

Negotiations with the city over the location of the harbour walkway, and a proposal to become part of the outer harbour Marina, which was rejected by a majority vote, occupy much of the clubs files.

2012 was the 75th Anniversary for DYC. The Club is member controlled and remains to be a tribute to the founders.

FOR INFORMATION

Your Board of Directors and the Club Manager are available to provide information whenever you require a friend at the club who can help you to understand the “who, what, where, why” about procedures and events throughout the year.

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The Breeze is your club newsletter, issued by Ann Angle at ann.m.angle@gmail.com. Every month the Breeze is posted on the **DYC Website** at www.discoverdyc.com. The site has information about the club as well as important documents and the club calendar. John Brown is the contact for the site. DYC members are on **Facebook** too. You can be added as a friend and enjoy notices, photos, and comments posted by members.

WE CAN USE YOUR HELP

The Dalhousie Yacht Club is a self-help organization. The club relies on every member to pitch-in with volunteer service. We supply our skills, talents and labour wherever we can to get the projects done. Committees and work crews are always eager to share the load. Come out and enjoy messing with stuff at the club, on the docks, and in the yards. We can use your help.

OUR VISION STATEMENT

The Dalhousie Yacht Club is a friendly, safe and affordable boating community dedicated to learning, respect for all, and enjoyment in all aspects of the sport of boating.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are committed to providing safe and affordable boating programs and activities to all our members, by successfully managing resources, boating facilities and volunteer work contributions by club members.

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BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Social members enjoy unlimited use of the Restaurant and Lounge; may bring guests to the club for socializing, and to enjoy lunch or dinner. Social members are welcomed to attend any and all of the many entertainment events at the club. You may take part in boating events such as Sailpast as guests on a Member's boat or join the afternoon shore party outside at the club. Racing Skippers may invite you to crew on the club races. You may utilize all areas of the club including public areas and use the picnic area barbecues and tables.

Associate Boating members enjoy all of the benefits described above. Your boats are docked away from DYC and you are allowed to visit yacht clubs around the lake with reciprocal privileges. You may also visit these clubs by land and be entitled to enjoy use of the club. You are welcome to join the club cruises to host yacht clubs. You are welcome to join the Club Racing. You receive a discount on fuel at DYC.

Full Boating members enjoy all of the uses and privileges of membership. Your slip is assigned to you for the boating season.

Life members enjoy all of the uses and privileges of membership, and are exempt from minimum monthly spending at DYC.

LONG TERM PLANNING

We have a **Construction Committee** to consider the maintenance needs of the Clubhouse. Committee members are: Paul Haynes (Chair), Jim White, and Wendy Northcotte.

We have a **Strategy Group Committee** to advise the club in relations with the community of Port Dalhousie and officials for the City. Committee members are: Trevor Cooper, Alan Crawley, John Krall (Chair), Lee Smith, and Barb McMullen.

Typical Questions

Q/ Can I get a ride across the channel?

A/ A club boat is available to take you across. Go to the Harbour Office or call VHF channel 68 or phone 905 934 8325. An employee will get you to or from your dock. Remember, they have other work to do, and may not be available immediately.

Q/ Who do I talk to about a problem?

A/The Club Manager and Harbour Office Employees are always available for immediate attention.

A/ The Dock Chair or Yard Chair will help you within their respective duties.

A/ You may contact any member of the Board to discuss your problem or question.

A/ A complaint against a member must be written and given to the Commodore or the Secretary. Your privacy is assured in these matters.

A/ In the event of a break-in or property damage call the police at 905 688 4111. Your insurance company will ask you for a police report number if you make a claim.

A/ In an emergency call 911

Q/May I use the common areas of DYC?

A/ All members and visiting boaters are entitled to use the common areas including: the area nearby the clubhouse, the grass area nearby the Harbour Office, the west wall dock areas at the groyne and the gate to the walkway, the wooden docks patio areas, and the grass area nearby the east wall at C yard. Please welcome all members and visiting boaters to our common areas. Members who are planning a private party in a common area are asked to contact the Club Manager to reserve the area. The event will be posted on the club calendar. Conveniently located barbeques are available for everyone to use.

Typical Questions

Q/ What about alcohol outside the club?

A/ We are not allowed to carry drinks into or out of any licensed area of the club. The roped off section of the patio with tables and chairs, adjacent to the lounge, is licensed and the grass area on the north side of the building is also a licensed area.

A/ The usual laws apply to people on boats that are docked along the east wall.

A/ The fenced off docks and the common areas are club private property and members are allowed to have their drinks in those areas.

Q/ Can I dock on the wall beside the club?

A/ The docks along the wall are referred to as the visitor docks and you may use that area for short term docking. It is a great way to pick up your visitors; they can park at the club, step onto your boat for an enjoyable day on the water, then join you for dinner at the club before heading home.

A/ The mast crane is located in that area and the dock is very busy immediately after the boats are launched and before haul out.

Boaters who are working with the crane have preference for the dock.

A/ The small boat crane is also located in that area and boaters launching or pulling their boat have preference for the dock.

A/ The docks are popular with visitors. Boaters with reciprocal privileges often prefer to use these docks for the convenience of docking in the channel and the easy access to the restaurant and lounge.

A/ The docks are filled on many weekends by boaters attending racing regattas; or guest club cruises to NYC; also at Sailpast and the Easter Seals Regatta, or other club events. You will often see boats rafted three or four boats wide off the wall.

Typical Questions

Q/ When can I use the Restaurant?

A/ The Restaurant is open to members and guests during posted business hours. The hours change with the seasonal activity and the schedule is posted on our website; see www.discoverdyc.com and click on Restaurant. The Restaurant has lunch and dinner menus. Children are welcome. When a private function is booked members are seated in the windows area.

A/ Members are encouraged to host private functions at the club; it is popular for birthdays and anniversary parties, business or other group meetings. These events must be booked with the Club Manager and the Restaurant Chefs. The Chefs are Edward Fox and Derek Dimaline. Events may be held when the club is otherwise not open, or during regular business hours, as long as they do not interfere with normal enjoyment of the club by members. Functions are posted on the website club calendar.

A/ The club holds many entertainment events for the enjoyment of all members and guests. Some functions, called "At Home" do not feature a special menu and the club

services are normal. Other events such as Mardi Gras and the Christmas Party take over the club; only those with reservations attend. These sold out events are posted on the website calendar as "closed events". Our licensed capacity is 100 people, so you are advised to reserve early. Evening events are generally not suitable for children.

Q/ When can I use the Members Lounge?

A/ The Lounge is open to members and guests during posted business hours. The hours change with the seasonal activity and the schedule is posted on our website; see www.discoverdyc.com and click on Restaurant. The Lounge has a modified menu. Children are welcome. The Lounge is not booked for private functions.

Typical Questions

Q/ Can my friends use the Restaurant?

A/ Members are asked to provide a Guest Dining Pass to friends, associates and family whenever you cannot join them at the club.

Q/ Where do I buy NYC paraphernalia?

A/ The club burgee is available from the Club Manager. Clothing and accessories can be purchased from time to time by special order. Emails are sent out when these items are available.

Q/ Where is the ice?

A/ You can buy ice at the Harbour Office during regular hours.

Q/ How Do I contact NYC from the lake?

A/Call on VHF channel 68 or phone 905 934 8325. During regular hours, Club Employees monitor VHF 68 during the boating season.

In an emergency contact the Coast Guard.

Q/ What is Club Cruising about?

A/ Many members of NYC enjoy the club cruises to other yacht clubs. Usually four or

five weekend cruises are organized throughout the season; and sign-up sheets are posted on the notice board, close to boat launch day; they fill up fast, usually with a waiting list. See www.discoverdyc.com and click on Cruises for full details. The Cruising Committee Chair can be contacted for further information (see page 3).

Q/ Can I race my boat?

A/ All boating members are welcome to join the club racing. Wednesday racers have three fleets and there is a charge to enter for the season. We also have “fun” racing on Tuesday evenings and on Sunday mornings; show up and join the fun with no charge for this racing. See www.discoverdyc.com and click on Racing for full details. The Racing Committee Chair can be contacted for further information (see page 3).

Typical Questions

Q/ Where do I park the car?

A/ A yard is on the north side of the clubhouse; with very few parking spaces. This yard is used by the trailerable boats and cars must not block their access to and from the dock crane. A few parking spaces are available along the east-side fence. The gates to this yard are locked outside of normal business hours.

A/ The clubhouse parking lot and roadside parking are always available to members and guests.

A/ B yard is south of the Harbour Office, nearby the Junior Sailors building. In winter this area is used for storing the floating docks; otherwise this open area is available to members and guests for parking.

A/ C yard is the large fenced area nearby the east wall floating docks and is north of the Fish and Game launching ramp. The gates to Lighthouse Road and to the dock area are locked. Your club key gives you access. This area is the ideal parking place for your car while you are away sailing for a few

days. Usually cars are parked along the fence near the public walkway and docks (the west side fence). Obtain a DYC windshield sticker from the Club Manager before parking in this area. Family and guests may use this parking area too; be sure to register their cars with the Club Manager if they are expecting to be away with you. A/ Parking on the west side is all public parking. Lakeside Park can be very busy on summer weekends, making it difficult to find a parking space. Remember that shuttle service across the harbour is available during regular business hours at the Harbour Office. The walkway around the harbour is an enjoyable fifteen minutes stroll to the clubhouse area.

Typical Questions

Q/ What is the routine with the gates?

A/ We are provided with access keys and codes for security reasons. The goal is to ensure that unauthorized persons are not in the yards or on the docks or getting on our boats. Therefore it is important that the gates are not blocked open and we do not let strangers enter with us. If a stranger does ask to enter, ask them who they are visiting. If there is doubt as to their intentions, tell them you will ask the identified member to let them in. Otherwise inform them you cannot let them in. When you invite guests to your dock, you can be at the gate at the meeting time, or ask them to phone you when they arrive so you can let them in.

Q/ What items can I add to my dock?

A/ You may install fenders to protect the boat hull; your washing hose should be neatly coiled and stored to avoid a tripping hazard on the dock. Add a cable and lock to secure your boat to the dock. All other objects or equipment are not allowed.

Dock storage boxes are not permitted.

Q/ How is the club governed?

A/ The rules of governance are described in the Constitution and Bylaws included with this handbook, see pages 13 to 21.

A/ Your Board of Directors is elected at the Annual General Meeting which is held on the fourth Thursday in October. Boating members vote for the Board at the AGM. Each member gets one vote; that is to say (one boat ... one vote). A member's spouse may be the one voter.

A/ Your Board of Directors have regular meetings, on the third Thursday of each month, to conduct the business of the club. All members are welcome to attend.

A/ One of the key memories of a positive visit is the friendly people who step forward to help or just say hello. Visiting boaters (and members) appreciate your help. The current makes our club one of the most challenging to dock at, especially on the finger docks. As members, we can help to minimize every boater's anxiety when docking. If you are nearby when anyone approaches, make contact and assist them to land. Once they have settled on the dock, introduce yourself to visitors, and offer further assistance if they have any questions or need advice. This is a good opportunity to promote our restaurant as well. The goal is to have all boaters consider DYC among the most friendly yacht clubs on Lake Ontario.

Typical Questions

Q/ Reciprocal Privileges – what's that?

A/ Yacht clubs around the lake welcome members of other yacht clubs to stay with customary use of their facilities. Most clubs offer one or two night's dockage with no charge. Check the reciprocal list before heading out for your holiday; the visitor information for every participating club is there to help with your planning. The book is available at the Club Manager's office and a list is posted on the Club website.

Q/ How do visiting boaters get a slip?

A/ Visiting boaters are required to check in at the Harbour Office. Once there, DYC staff will register their boat and assign them to a vacant slip or on the east wall. When club members are away for one night or longer, we are required to notify the Harbour Office staff of the dates we will be away. Our vacant slip may be assigned to a visitor.

Q/ How do I greet visiting boaters?

Typical Questions

Q/ Is DYC connected with CPS?

A/ Port Dalhousie Power & Sail Squadron (PDPS) is a unit of Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons (CPS), an organization of recreational boating enthusiasts. The corporation is structured as a group of local squadrons formed into districts from the Atlantic to the Pacific. PDPS is part of Niagara district.

PDPS meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Dalhousie Yacht Club, at 1930 hours. Everyone is welcome!

A/ CPS is separate from DYC, and is a best friend to all boaters. The local squadron has regular meetings and other events at our clubhouse. CPS training courses are recommended to every member at DYC. The objectives of CPS squadrons are to provide training, study courses and facilities in the fields of Boating, Seamanship, Piloting, and Navigation and to co-operate with the agencies of Canada charged with

the enforcement of Laws and Regulations relating to navigation.

A/ Many of DYC members have completed some of the courses conducted by PDPS. The recommended path is to first complete The Boating Course. The CPS teaching season usually runs from September to April. The Boating Course is usually offered twice; in the fall and in the winter. See www.portdalhousiecps.com website for details and other information.

Q/ What is the Boating Safety Inspection?

A/ Police may come aboard your boat to check for the safety items you are required to carry; as detailed in the Boating Safety Guide at www.boatingsafety.gc.ca
A/ A courtesy safety inspection can be arranged with DYC member, Bill Sullivan. Email billsbluemoon@hotmail.com and he will conduct a free inspection and give advice to members.

ANNUAL CLUB EVENTS

Docks In & Out

IN - The floating docks go in the water (usually) on the third Saturday in April. The crew for that day is ad hoc. At 0800 hours club members arrive at the Junior Sailors building (B yard) and jobs are assigned there. The Dock Chairman will be on hand. One group does the crane hitching and launching; people working here need agility and good balance to stay safe in the close vicinity of overhead loads and to stay out of the water while launching the docks. Another group crews the three club boats to position and install the dock sections. A third group works along the docks to locate and pin the sections in place; members working to locate and pin require arm strength and agility while others are handling the guide ropes, tools, hardware, and other stuff needed to get the job done.

When members are available another group may be assigned to do a cleanup around the yards and buildings.

OUT – The docks come out (usually) on the fourth Saturday in October starting at 0800 hours; using the same manpower to remove the docks and stack them in B yard.

Both work days will be completed by lunch time. Lunch is at the club and we are done by early afternoon, giving you a chance to hug your boat for a couple of hours before heading home.

REMEMBER SAFETY FIRST

- Obey the crane operator and the crane signalman.
- Anticipate the line of travel and never be under the crane hook, with a load or with no load.
- Wear personal protection equipment; hard hat, work gloves, life vest.

ANNUAL CLUB EVENTS

Boats In & Out

IN – Launch day is the first Friday in May starting at 0800 hours and continuing until finished. Two cranes are rented for launch day; one in A yard and another for C yard. Launch schedules are posted at the club. The schedule shows the planned order and approximate times for launch. It is essentially the reverse order of haulout last October. Haulout relies on members doing the hitching, and work at the dock as well as pad adjustment and boat placement into their cradles or stands.. Several hands spread the work, between the yard crew and the dock crew, and will avoid members travelling between the yard and the dock with every boat. You should plan four hours minimum for helping other members and to get your boat into your slip. Arrive one hour earlier

than your posted time; the first ten being launched should arrive at 0800 hours. First prepare your boat: Remove all loose gear from the deck; attach a bow line and a stern line, each about 30 feet long, to direct the boat in the air; and have two light lines about 15 feet long to secure the crane straps and prevent slipping during the lift. Place three fenders on the port side of your boat. After you get organized, decide what work you would like to do, then report to the lead person and help where you can.

REMEMBER SAFETY FIRST

- Keep your hands away from between the crane straps and boat hull.
- Be aware of what is happening around you in the yard, and on the dock.
- Dress for work and weather; warm layers, foul weather gear and dry foot wear.

ANNUAL CLUB EVENTS

Boats In & Out ... continued

OUT – Haulout is the third Friday in October starting at 0800 hours; using two cranes. The cradles are located in position and you should have everything ready to land your boat. Confirm your order for lifting and have the boat in line on time. Be sure to have a bow line and a stern line about 30 feet long for your crane lift. Manpower is required as described above and it is important for every member to share the workload with your neighbour. We all help on the dock and in the yard. The club supplies the pressure washer for you to clean your boat hull.

REMINDERS

- Be sure to submit your dock application before February 28th.

- Your slip is assigned before launch day so that you can prepare your dock lines and bumpers to be ready for your boat.
- In the week before launch, be sure to charge your batteries and test your engine.
- Every boat owner, or your designated agent, must be in attendance and be responsible for lifting, landing and clearing the boat away from the work area.
- Dock assignment and crane service is provided for members in good standing. Payments must be received by their due dates.
- Lunch is available in the Members Lounge on scheduled work days. Work clothes are acceptable.

ANNUAL CLUB EVENTS

YARD PROTOCOL

Lock your ladder to your cradle. Unsecured ladders will be removed from the yard. Winter covering material should be reused or recycled wherever possible. Reusable shrinkwrap may fit a smaller boat. Discarded material and all other trash goes into the dumpster. Hazardous materials and all liquids, including paint, do not go into the dumpster. Engine oil in clean containers and unusable batteries are hazardous materials that can be set aside. Contact member Greg Mulvihill by email greg@edlearnford.com for removal and recycling compliments of Ed Learn Ford. Otherwise remove your hazardous waste and dispose as outlined by the city. Cutting and sanding must not create dust blowing onto other boats. Wet sanding is permitted. Routine work to prepare surfaces

for general maintenance and repairs must be completed in a manner that controls the dust and effluent materials. Use a drop sheet to collect material removed from your boat. Water and hydro is available prior to launch; installed when freezing is not a concern. The services are also available at haulout; and shut off prior to freezing being a concern. After your boat is launched – knock down your cradle. One week after launch, cradles must be down and trailers without a storage sticker must be removed from the yard. You are responsible for loose parts and your cradle pads. Yard crew stacks the cradles. Clean the yard area in and around your cradle regularly; make use of the dumpster. **LAST PERSON OUT OF THE YARD LOCKS THE GATE.**

ANNUAL CLUB EVENTS

Sailpast

The Club sets aside a Saturday early in June for the Blessing of the Fleet and Sailpast. The entire fleet of Boaters with their guests, and Social Members together with the Bridge Officers and local dignitaries, are invited to participate. The first part of the day is the Blessing of the Fleet. The ceremony is to share a prayer for the blessing of the vessel, her Captain, and all who come aboard her; to watch over them and bring them to a safe return. The blessing is conducted on the water just outside the harbour, east of the lighthouse. The boats assemble at anchor, within a comfortable distance or raft off other boats. Engines are shut off for the ceremony. The ceremony is brief, and then the parade begins. The Commodore and dignitaries return to the club to prepare for Sailpast

while the boats are organized for the parade, in a single line, motoring up the channel and past the club where the Commodore inspects the fleet and takes the salute from every vessel. Skipper and crew names are announced at Sailpast, register your yacht and crew with the Club Manager. That is it for the formalities. The annual Sailpast at NYC signals the official beginning of the Club's boating season. Boats are freshly painted, cleaned up and looking their best. Many of the boats are decorated to celebrate the day and some are loaded with people who love to ride in a parade. Most boats return to the club and tie up along the wall for the afternoon dock party and refreshments. You can expect to see boats rafting three or four boats wide. Non-boating members who want to enjoy the day on a yacht should contact the Fleet Captain (see page 1) who will arrange for you to join the crew of a member's yacht. Finish your day with a relaxing dinner at the club. Don't forget to make a reservation.

ANNUAL CLUB EVENTS

Wooden Dock Party

Every summer on a Saturday evening in July this casual gathering is hosted by the boaters on B docks and is attended by all members and their guests. The event is a potluck dinner, BYOB party that gets rolling in the afternoon and continues until the last dog is hung. A lot of people sleep onboard their boat after this one; the wooden dock boaters put on a good party for everyone to enjoy.

Port Weller Beach Party

This party is on a Saturday evening in August at the Port Weller, Beer Beach. The boats leave NYC at 1700 hours and anchor close to the beach; then take the dingy to shore for a pot luck dinner, a bonfire and party. Most boaters stay on anchor for the night and head back sometime after

breakfast. It is a fun night on the water, close to home.

Easter Seals Regatta

This regatta is in July and provides a fun day at the club, including a lunch on the water for assisted children and their families.

On Saturday the event kicks off with “Rock’n the Dock” a dinner party / fund raiser; including silent and live auctions, plus receiving cash donations. On Sunday the Regatta families party on the dock and ride on members’ yachts that have large cockpits to accommodate the passengers.

Fleet Captain, Bill Sullivan

billsbluemoon@hotmail.com

has information and is registering members, and visitors’, boats for this year’s regatta.

Mardi Gras

This dinner party in August, is about the colorful costumes and great fun. Reserve early; this party is always a sell out.

ANNUAL CLUB EVENTS

Cornucopia Regatta

This regatta is a Labour Day weekend event to be enjoyed by every member, your family, and friends too; the club facilities are open to the public for the regatta. On the water, it is two days of competitive racing Saturday and Sunday. On shore it is a giant tent party Friday night (entertainment is a popular local band) and again on Saturday night the party continues.

The regatta wraps up late Sunday afternoon, after racing results are finalized.

Approximately 90 volunteers help out with this event. The club restaurant and lounge are buzzing with activity all weekend. Get a group together and come for dinner, then stay for the party. Remember to make a reservation for the restaurant.

Grand Illumination of the Club

In November this dinner party is a fun evening with caroling and flipping the switch for the Christmas decorations.

This is a fund raising event for the benefit of local charities. Tree ribbons are available to buy at the dinner and the decorated tree is hoisted on the mast hoist for all to enjoy.

Children’s Christmas Party

This event is actually two parties; in November we have a Friday evening of hilarious entertainment provided by club members, and a turkey draw to offset the cost for the children’s party.

The club provides a special dinner menu.

The December party is for your children and grandchildren to the age of ten. The party starts at 10:00 hours, and the children have lunch included; after Santa delivers the gifts.

ANNUAL CLUB EVENTS

Commodore’s Ball

This evening in November is a formal (suit and dress) dinner party in honor of the Commodore; held to show our appreciation for the contributions and hours of work for the benefit of the club. Reservations only.

Members’ Christmas Party

The club is decorated for the season’s celebrations and everyone joins in caroling. This dinner party is a popular night for club members and their guests. Reservations are a must.

New Year’s Eve Event

This afternoon levee is for members and guests; the caterers generously supply hot and cold appetizers and serve reduced price drinks between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Junior Sailors and Learn to Sail

All children aged 10 to 17 years are welcome at the summer Learn to Sail program. All programs are open to the public. Our instructors are trained and certified by the Sail Canada. They teach the elements of sailing, following the CanSAIL curriculum, in a fun and safe environment. Junior programs run Monday to Friday from 0900 to 1600 hours through July and August. High performance race training for young sailors and LTS for adults (evening programs) are also available from May to September.

The Junior Sailors banquet at the end of August is always a boisterous event. Non-members who have a family member enrolled receive a complimentary LTS Membership, which gives the family access to the Restaurant and Lounge.

DOCKING IN THE CURRENT

The water from Twelve Mile Creek feeds into Martindale Pond and then spills into the harbour at the Haywood Generating Station and at the raceway beside Lincoln Fabrics. The volume of water flowing from the creek changes daily, causing the current to be unpredictable. It is not unusual for the water level and current to change in just a few minutes, several times in one day. After a little practice, the present water conditions are easy to recognize.

When you are docking parallel to the current on the east wall, come in to your dock bow to the current. You will have speed control without using reverse and maintain steerage. A strong north wind can create waves in the channel and lift your boat against the current. It is best to dock away from the clubhouse, up in the harbour, on these days.

The current reverses in an area along the west wall (as you approach the north end of B docks). Docking in a side current, on the west side finger docks, is where the eddy currents affect your boat handling technique. First determine if the current will push you against the dock, or push you off the dock. Look at the boats nearby your slip to see how they are resting on their dock lines. How was your boat handling in the channel? Decide how the wind may affect your approach; on most days wind is not a factor but a strong north wind, or strong east wind, will influence your decisions.

Docking ... continued

Since going into the current allows you control of your speed and better steering, many members go into the basin and do a 180 degrees turn, and approach their dock from the south.

Do not be too far out; start your turn about one boat length out. When you turn into your slip, you will need boat speed to steer through the sideways push from the current. When you expect that the current will push you away from the dock be sure to have your boat hook at hand. Dock lines should be ready, and crew instructions should be discussed well in advance.

Remember, practice can really help, and members are always willing to spend some time with you, so you will be confident getting your yacht on and off the dock.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR

Our boat slips are close together placing members next to members, visiting boaters, and the public using the walkways nearby

the docks. Every member must understand that your actions have an impact on those close to you. Loud music, boisterous and inappropriate language or behavior is not welcome anywhere at the club. Respect normal hours of quiet times and allow everyone to enjoy their time at the club.

Every member is an ambassador for the Dalhousie Yacht Club; be a good neighbour.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
Dalhousie Yacht Club
AMENDED 2005

ARTICLE 1

The name of the club shall be “The Dalhousie Yacht Club” hereinafter called the Club.

ARTICLE 2

The Club Headquarters shall be maintained within or closely adjacent to Dalhousie Ward in the City of St.Catharines.

ARTICLE 3

The object of the club shall be to further the sport of boating, provide headquarters, docks, floats, lockers, ways, moorings and other facilities for the benefit of the members, to cement the fellowship of the sport of boating and to co-operate with all other Clubs and boat owners in the furtherance of the sport.

ARTICLE 4

The fiscal year of the Club shall commence on September 1st and end on August 31st in concurrence with the period accounting system.

ARTICLE 5

The memberships at the Club are categorized as Boating Members and Social Members. The Boating Membership includes: Life, Full, and Associate Members.

The Social Membership includes: Individual, Corporate, Crew, LTS (learn to sail), and Honorary Members.

Life Memberships achieved prior to October 24, 2002 will retain the rights and privileges allowed at that date.

A Boating Member is a member who owns a vessel and normally operates within 15 nautical miles of the Dalhousie Yacht Club. A vessel is defined as any vessel licensed, or qualified to be licensed, under the Canada Shipping Act. Boating Members are also described as General Membership within this Constitution. Once granted, the Member may hold Full or Associate

designation by continuing to pay the appropriate fees even when they are no longer a boat owner. Should they choose to switch to a Social Membership, they must qualify as a boat owner to return to Boating Membership.

The Board shall define, by Policy, the Responsibilities, Privileges, and Fees for all membership categories, if not delineated by the Constitution and not in conflict with the Constitution.

The elected officers of the Club shall be: one Commodore, one Vice Commodore, one Rear Commodore, one Secretary, one Treasurer, and eight Governors. The Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore shall be the flag officers. The eight Governors are Members of the Board of Governors. Descriptions such as: the board, elected officers, club officers, club officials, governing board, and elected offices, are all references to the Board of Governors within this Constitution.

ARTICLE 6

Section 1: All elected officers must be Boating members of the Club in good standing for the fiscal years for which the election is being held. The flag officers must be, and remain, Full Boating or Life Boating Members during their terms of office.

Section 2: Terms of office shall be: Flag officers, one year, Secretary, one year, Treasurer, one year, Members of the Board-two years with at least four being elected each year.

Section 3: The Flag Officers shall hold office for no more than two years in any one office.

The Secretary and Treasurer shall hold office from year to year until a successor is elected.

The Members of the Board shall hold office from term of office to term of office until successors are elected.

Section 4: A Boating Member seeking election to any office must be a Boating Member in good standing for at least two consecutive years prior to his/her election.

Section 5: On completion of his/her term of office as Commodore, the immediate Past Commodore shall continue to serve as a member of the Board of Governors for a period of one or two years as applicable. Such service shall be in a non-voting capacity.

ARTICLE 7

Section 1: The Commodore will command the squadron, preside at all Board of Governors or general membership meetings and shall be a member of all committees. He or she may call a special meeting at his or her pleasure or must do so if requested in writing by not less than ten Boating Members or three members of the Board.

Section 2: The Vice Commodore shall assist the Commodore in the discharge of his or her duties

and shall act as Commodore in the absence or temporary disability of the Commodore.

Section 3: The Rear Commodore shall assist the Commodore in the discharge of his or her duties and shall act as Commodore in the absence or temporary disability of both the Commodore and the Vice Commodore. The Rear Commodore shall carry out such other duties as may be directed by the Board of Governors.

Section 4: The Secretary shall maintain a true and complete copy of all Club proceedings and an up to date list of members and their class of membership together with their addresses. He or she shall notify members of meetings or other Club events and prepare or answer mail at the direction of the Club officers. He or she shall have charge of all Club records, trophies or other documents and shall supply such records on the request of qualified Club officials. He or she shall work closely in conjunction with the Club Treasurer in assisting in the collection of Club dues and he or she shall see to it that each new member is supplied with a copy of this Constitution and By-Laws and any other literature to which they are entitled. In the case of the inability to attend a meeting, he or she is to cause the necessary books and papers to be conveyed to the place of the meeting.

Section 5: The treasurer shall collect, disburse and have custody of all Club funds, keep a complete and accurate record of all transactions and submit an up-to-date report on the financial condition of the Club at all meetings as well as whenever called upon to do so by a member. He or she shall not disburse, other than for regular operating expenses, money beyond the sum of ten dollars in any one month, without authority from the Board of Governors, such authority to be contained in the written minutes of a Board of Governors Meeting. In the case of inability to attend any meeting he or she shall cause the necessary books and papers to be conveyed to the place of meeting.

Section 6: The Board of Governors shall have full jurisdiction over all operative and administrative functions of the Club, including the approval for payment of all Club bills other than those being previously specified as payable by the Treasurer without approval of the Board. No capital expenditures may be made without the prior approval of the Board. All committee chairpersons shall be elected by the Board and their terms and duties shall be defined. Annually at the first Board of Governors meeting, the Board shall elect from among the Members of the Board or the general membership, one Fleet Captain and one Fleet Surgeon. Capital expenditure over and above regular operating expenses of the Club must be approved by a two thirds majority of the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE 8

The General Membership shall meet at regular intervals as shall be notified by the Board or as requested by the required number of Boating Members. They shall receive correspondence, financial reports, reports of committee chairpersons, discuss capital expenditures and general Club affairs and prepare resolutions of recommendations to the Board of Governors. A quorum at any general meeting shall consist of twenty five Boating Members in good standing.

The Board of Governors shall meet at regular intervals of at least once a month. All elected officers of the Club may vote in Governing Board meetings except that the attending ranking

Flag Officer shall act as Chairperson of the Board and shall only cast one vote when required to break a deadlock.

A quorum shall consist of seven members of the Board.

The Annual General Meeting of the Membership shall be held at the same time as the Election Night on the fourth Thursday in October.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURE

ARTICLE 9

The annual Nomination of the general Membership shall be held on the third Thursday in September. At this meeting, nominations to fill elective offices will be received from Full Boating or Life Boating Members in good standing to fill the elective offices of the Flag Officers and will be received from any Boating Member in good standing to fill the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, and Members of the Board of Governors.

Boating Members may receive nominations to all offices unless otherwise restricted in this Constitution. In no instance shall one Boating Member at any time run for or hold more than one of the elective offices defined in ARTICLE 5 of this Constitution. A Boating Member need not be present to receive nomination. All nominated candidates shall be notified by the Secretary by registered mail within seven days after the nomination night.

Candidates for election must qualify by declaring their intention to stand to the Secretary in writing within fourteen days of the nomination and stating the office for which they intend to run. Failure to qualify within this time shall be considered as a refusal to stand. At least fifteen days prior to the Annual Election meeting a complete list of elective offices and the names of the nominees to these offices will be mailed to each Boating member by the Secretary and, in addition, posted at the Club.

REGULATIONS

On advance Poll and Election night, the chairperson of the Membership Committee shall have available a list of Boating Members who are not in good standing and it shall be his or her duty to ensure that only Boating Members in good standing shall be permitted to run for election.

A member of the Board of Governors who has not completed his or her elected term of office and who wishes to stand for another office must first resign from his or her present office by giving irrevocable notice of resignation to the Secretary in writing prior to Advance Poll.

The names of nominees who are not in good standing at the Advance Poll and Election Night shall be removed from the ballot and they shall be declared ineligible to stand for election.

On Election Night, additional vacancies which have occurred due to resignations referred to in the second paragraph above shall be filled from among those members nominated for election to the Board of Governors and they shall serve for the unexpired portion of the term of office.

The Board of Governors shall appoint a Returning Officer whose duty it shall be to conduct elections by secret ballot.

VOTING

The Fleet Captain shall compile a list of all vessels owned by Boating Members, which shall contain in each case the vessel name, vessel description and the name and membership category of the owner. The Fleet Captain shall cause this official Vessel Registry to be posted at the commencement of the official yachting season.

This registry shall be kept current and shall be used as a basis in establishing eligibility to vote for the Flag Officers of the Club. Only Full Boating, or Life Boating Members are eligible to vote for the Flag Officers of the Club.

Each vessel owned by a Full Boating or Life Boating Member as listed on this Vessel registry shall be entitled to one vote for each of the Flag Officers. In no case shall any one member be entitled to more than one ballot for each of these offices. In the case of split ownership boat tenders will not be considered as qualification to vote.

A list of eligible voters for the Flag Officers of the Club as well those members who may hold these offices shall be compiled annually by a committee comprising the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Fleet Captain. This list will be posted at the Club in the first week in September and any disputes arising from this list will be heard at the September meeting of the Board of Governors whose decision in the matter will be final. Any candidate for a Flag Office must receive more than 50% of the ballots cast for that office before being declared elected.

All Boating Members in good standing may vote for the officers of Secretary, Treasurer and members of the Board of Governors.

Candidates for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer shall require a simple majority of the votes cast for each office to be declared elected.

Candidates for election as members of the Board of Governors, will be elected in so far as is practical by a simple majority of all votes cast.

ADVANCE POLL

An advance poll shall be set up at the Club on the third Thursday in October and shall be open for a period of not less than two hours that evening. Ballots cast during this advance poll shall be clearly identified as to the office but kept sealed until Election Night when they shall be counted with the regular ballots cast for each office. Boating Members voting at the advance poll will not receive ballots during the regular election.

ELECTION NIGHT

Elections shall be conducted on the Annual General Meeting night, which shall be held on the fourth Thursday in October.

ARTICLE 10

A Member in good standing shall be one whose annual dues are paid for the current year and who bears no delinquent indebtedness to the Club.

ARTICLE 11

Vacancies in the ranks of the flag offices during a fiscal year must be filled by election at a General Meeting called for that purpose and due notice of such meeting be sent to all members eligible to vote for these offices.

Vacancies in the offices of Secretary or Treasurer must be filled by general election at the next Annual General Meeting after the vacancy occurs. Interim vacancies will be filled by the Commodore.

Vacancies in Membership of the Board shall be filled by declaring as elected Candidates polling the next highest number of votes at the prior annual election of these offices.

ARTICLE 12

Application for membership in the Club shall be properly completed and submitted to the chairperson of the Membership Committee. The Chairperson of the Membership Committee, after due investigation, shall bring his or her recommendation before the next regular meeting of the Board. The decision of the Board shall be final and shall be notified to the applicant by the Secretary.

ARTICLE 13

Consistent with the terms and conditions laid down in the Letters Patent and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Club, the Board of Governors shall be responsible to levy special assessments, approve capital expenditure, set or change initiation fees, annual dues, boat storage fees, docking and anchorage fees, etc., and, in general, conduct the financial operations of the Club.

ARTICLE 14

There shall be no suspension of the Constitution in whole or in any part.

Proposals for amendments to the Constitution shall be in writing signed by not less than ten boating members in good standing and submitted to the Board of Governors. Within thirty days

of receipt of such amendment or amendments the Board shall give notice to the general membership in writing of the text and content and shall call a General Membership Meeting within a further thirty days of such notice.

The proposed amendment or amendments shall be presented to the General Membership and they shall not be considered adopted unless a two-thirds majority of a quorum of Boating Members approve. In this instance a quorum shall consist of thirty Boating Members.

Implementation of such amendments shall not take effect for at least sixty days following adoption.

The Board shall be responsible to apply the By-Laws in the implementation of this Constitution and, after notice to the General Membership, shall make amendments to the By-Laws as become necessary from time to time.

ARTICLE 15

In event of the death of a member, the surviving spouse shall, at the time of death, be afforded the opportunity to continue the membership with all the privileges and responsibilities of the deceased spouse's membership status.

BY-LAWS

Section 1

Subject to conditions laid down in ARTICLE 13 of the Constitution, the Board shall set initiation fees and annual dues. Payments of initiations fees and proportional assessments of annual dues of new members are payable within thirty days of notification by the Secretary that membership has been approved. Regular annual dues shall be payable during the month of September of each year. All dues unpaid annually on October 1st shall be increased by \$5.00 and, further dues unpaid annually on November 1st shall be increased by an additional \$5.00. Members whose dues are unpaid on December 1st shall be removed from the active membership list.

Section 2

Persons who have ceased to be members for reasons other than by default and who apply for reinstatement within twelve calendar months of the date of cessation of such membership shall not be required to pay a further initiation fee. Cessation of membership in excess of twelve calendar months will receive applications as a new member.

Section 3

Resignations must be forwarded to the Secretary in writing and be presented by him or her to the next regular Board meeting. No resignation will be accepted while a Member is indebted to the Club.

Section 4

Any Member damaging or destroying Club property must pay such compensation as may be set by the Board of Governors.

Section 5

Subject to conditions laid down in ARTICLE 13 of the Constitution the Board shall set boat storage fees, docking fees etc. Such fees shall be payable in advance as notified by the Secretary.

Section 6

Unauthorized non-members will not be allowed on Club property unless accompanied by a Member. Each Member will be allowed guest privileges in accordance with conditions specified by the Board and with the legislative statutes of the Province of Ontario.

Section 7

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to ensure that membership receives proper notice of all General Meetings.

Section 8

The official Club burgee shall consist of a pennant, with proportions of the hoist being two-thirds the length. The design will be a red border on white with red letters D.Y.C.

Section 9

The Fleet Captain shall be responsible for the organization of regattas and boating programs throughout the boating season.

Section 10

Unless otherwise notified by the Board, the official yachting season will open on May 30th and close on Labour Day.

Section 11

The Board, at its discretion, may withdraw anchorage or docking privileges from Members who are under suspension.

Section 12

The place and method of storage of all marine equipment shall be as specified by the Board.

Section 13

Gasoline or any combustible material shall not be permitted in the boat houses or Club premises.

Section 14

The Club will not be responsible for the loss, theft or damage to personal property of Members, their families or guests.

Section 15

Dogs will not be allowed in the Club House and must be kept on a leash on Club property.

Section 16

No one shall be admitted to the Club House nor permitted on Club property unless appropriately

dressed.

Section 17

Any member violating any of the Articles of the Constitution and By-Laws or policies established by the Board or otherwise acting in such a manner as will bring discredit to the Club may be charged and summoned before the Board. The Board shall take such disciplinary action as it deems necessary.

Section 18

The unauthorized sale of tickets in the Club House or on the Club property is strictly forbidden.

Section 19

No intoxicated person will be allowed to remain on or permitted to enter Club property.

Section 20

All disputes shall be brought before the Board for settlement and the Board's decision in such matters shall be final.

Section 21

All funds that are raised by a special assessment from members for a specified purpose (including the 2004 special dock assessment) shall be deposited into a separate, segregated fund, to be called a "Named" Special Assessment Fund. A separate "Named" Special Assessment Fund shall be established for each special assessment.

Funds in each "Named" Special Assessment Fund shall be invested in a separate bank account or investment certificate for each such fund. Interest earned on each "Named" Special Assessment Fund shall be paid to the "Named" Special Assessment Fund.

Funds in each Named Special Assessment Fund may be used only for the purpose specified at the time of the applicable Special Assessment.

The Club shall maintain a record of the names of each member who contributes to a "Named" Special Assessment. If the funds in a particular "Named" Special Assessment Fund are not all spent for the "Named" purpose within seven years from the date of such special assessment, the balance on the Fund shall be repaid to the persons who paid it.

No person shall be repaid more than such person originally paid into such fund, and if some persons who paid into the fund cannot be located, their money shall be transferred to the Club's general account. If there is not enough money in the fund to repay all contributions in full, then the money available shall be paid out to all persons who contributed, proportionately.