



Dates to Remember

November 25, 2003

RBYC
Annual General
Meeting

Time: 7:00 P.M.

At The Eagles Club
1600 Halifax St.
Regina

Commodore's Report

COMMODORE'S REPORT OCTOBER 2003

Thanksgiving weekend marks the end of another boating season! I hope all the members think that it was a good season and you had fun on the water!

Now, its time to begin preparing for the **AGM, on November 25, 2003!**
PLEASE try and attend. It's your club and the AGM is your best chance to give advice to your Commodore and Board of Directors.

Notice:

To members
escaping the
Saskatchewan
winter.

Remember to prepay
2004 Membership &
Moorage fees.

**Due Date is
MARCH 31, 2004**

For your executive, it was a busy but satisfying season. It started in March with the improvements to the breakwater and adding of pilings through the ice and will end late in October with the finishing of the new covering and railings on the upper deck. (This project was scheduled for this spring but we needed more time to explore various alternatives.) In the end we decided on an upgraded version of the first proposal we received in the spring. (See Cliff Lessard's report below. I want to recognize Cliff's many contributions to the club this year and all his help on many projects).

Entering into this year, one of my (and the board's) big concerns was financial. In particular, we were concerned about the amount of money we've been spending out of our reserve fund in the past few years (even though you the members approved this at the AGMs), combined with the difficulty making a decent profit in our operations over the last two seasons.

This year, we set an objective with Reg Vellieux our new manager to try and make at least \$10,000 profit over the course of the season by a combination of reducing staffing costs, a staffing grant from Canada and making a few dollars more on sales of products, especially gas. Although it's still too early to be sure, it looks like we will at least meet the \$10,000 objective and maybe exceed it by several thousand.

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It wasn't easy! In order to accomplish this level of profit we did reduce staffing and I know there were a few busy times when a few extra staff would have come in handy. In addition we had excellent staff this summer and we couldn't have been successful without their hard work. From the gas sale perspective, it really is dependant on good weather, particularly on weekends. Good weather for boating means good gas sales and a bit more profit. The only other place to make extra money for the club is in the membership and mooring fees and we have tried to keep these steady for the last several years.

The profits from this year can now be used to support some of the capital projects that were approved, to be funded from the reserve fund. Hopefully this will mean that the reserve fund will not have to be drawn down to the \$70,000 level approved at the last AGM. I know it's just a number but to me \$80,000 in reserves just seems more comfortable than \$70,000!

On the social side of the club, we had several successful dances (thanks to Dawn Vellieux and other members efforts) but our overall initiative was to try and make the upper deck more "user- friendly" on a day-to-day basis, rather than rely on a few bigger planned events. We are trying to create a fun place, so that if a group of members feels like having a bit of a party, or just visiting among friends etc, the facility is there to foster and promote this spontaneous type of event and atmosphere.

Late in the summer, we converted to a satellite TV\music system, bought new speakers and I think we may have a bargain on a big screen TV for next year. We also tried a few different food and beverage items. We still have a long way to go and would appreciate any and all suggestions from the members, on how to improve the upper lounge (while maintaining our relatively small profit margin).

One of the "social" items that we want to reconsider is the open house held on July 1. This is the busiest weekend of the year for the club and Reg and staff would have a hard job just meeting the demands of members and guests. Opening the gates to the public on that particular weekend was just about overwhelming and the Board thinks that we will not likely do that again. The original purpose of the open house was to create friendly relations with the local people and to break down the idea of a "private or exclusive" club but on July 1 most of the folks aren't "locals" and may be there only that day. I think there must be better ways to accomplish our objective.

We also have to change how we handle the fireworks for July 1. Shooting off the point on the beach is no longer safe and we are working with the town and other community organizations to make changes for next year.

I think one of the highlights of the year had to be the shape of the grounds and especially the new flowerbeds. Total thanks goes to Bonnie Kraft who volunteered to look after the flowerbeds including everything from selecting the plants, weeding and watering and all the rest of the work that goes with it. This type of volunteer work at the club used to be fairly common in the "good old days" but in recent years we seem to have lost the idea of members pitching in and helping.

Another person who deserves special recognition for helping the club in many ways is Royce Snitzler of J.R.'s Welding. Royce repaired and welded our aluminum docks, welded steel pipe together to make pilings help fix the ramp\bridge to the N.W. corner and helped in many other projects over the last several years. His charges to the club were more than reasonable and in some cases he simply volunteered his work.

Another person who must be recognized is Dawn Vellieux who did most of the work on the social committee this year and almost single-handedly (with Brian Carey's help) provided security on the beach for the fireworks. Thanks Dawn!

I would really like to promote this "old style" of volunteer work and attitude. Think about this for next year. Every one of you has skills! What can you do for a day or two or even an afternoon or two to improve the club and maybe reduce our wage and maintenance bills or just to help out and feel more part of the club? After all we are not government agency or a private for- profit business. We're just a bunch of volunteers trying to operate and maintain a facility that is important to us and has survived since 1913.

Many of your Board members donated several or many days of help to Reg and his staff this year to ensure the docks were ready or the new log breakwater was in place and helping a bit with ongoing projects around the club and grounds.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU.

But remember you don't have to be a board member to help out.

From Reg's perspective the first job he had this spring was to re assemble the aluminum docks that we had repaired over the winter and then he and the staff worked hard in the spring and early summer to repair ramps and decking that needed help, finished the flowerbed, added a new patio deck to the living quarters and painted just about everything that didn't move. A major clean up of all debris, left over parts and just plain junk paid big dividends in the neatness category.

Reg also had a special project to get the water and silt runoff that streamed down the road and into the grounds under control. He managed to convince the town to create a new "speed bump" to direct the water through an existing culvert and then he installed a pipe to take it down to the lake.

There are a few projects that we didn't get accomplished this year. They include better signing and converting to low-level lighting instead of the high-energy bright lights we now have. We'll get at these projects, first thing next year.

In addition we still have big plans for changes and improvements to the east breakwater and area. Hopefully we can get your approval at the **AGM on November 25** to continue our planning and maybe begin implementation next year.

One of our new initiatives this year was to try and get the marina recognized as an official and legal entity from the Navigable Waters perspective. This required proper marking of the marina with beacons and better marking of the entrance- way and buoy area, sending plans and diagrams to Canada and advertising in local newspapers. Doug Reid has been working on this for 2 years. In addition Doug handles the very touchy subject of Mooring. Thanks Doug! We are just waiting for official recognition from Fisheries and Oceans Canada of our marina. About time after only 90 years of existence!

Well I better quit soon or Cal Liebel our Communications Director and Vice Commodore will begin to edit me. Thanks to Cal and Marilyn for all the help they provided on various projects throughout the year.

In closing, I want to thank all the Board members and volunteers for their assistance, work, and advice, throughout the year. I can't mention everyone that helped but there were many that pitched in, in large or small ways. THANKS VERY MUCH.

Ross MacLennan

Commodore

Social Report

Dawn Veilleux took on the roll as Social Director for the summer of 2003 at the RBYC. With help from some of the board and a lot of help from the staff Dawn turned what looked like a very skimpy social calendar into a number of successful social events.

As Ross mentioned in his report, Dawn spent most of the July 1st standing guard over the fireworks display set up out on the point, so we could all enjoy the show that night.

Poker Runs, well what can you say maybe next year?

Regattas at the club turned into demolition derbys in the summer of 2003 maybe 04 will see a return to racing around the buoys and not races into boats.

Communications / Membership

Calvin Liebel

As the summer weather goes so too the Clubs membership. While we enjoyed one of the nicest summers in a long time the club saw it's membership grow to 168 members. Twenty-three new members where welcomed to the club and a few members moved on. To the members leaving the club we wish you smooth waters in your future voyages.

To help keep cost down the club sends out emails to inform members of events and club news. If you have an email address and are not on our mailing list, send the club an email and you will be added to our list. This saves a lot of work (the part I like). Send your email to membership@rbyc.ca

The club also has a web site at www.rbyc.ca.

I personally would like to thank all the members who took the time to inform the club of changes to their email address.

The club can only contact you if we have a current update membership phone list. Please contact the club if you change any of your personal or business contacts. It is also very important that the staff can contact you in an emergency.

How to contact the Club:

Club Mailing address: Regina Beach Yacht Club, Box 34, Regina Beach, SK. S0G4C0

Club Phone: (306) 729-2961 (May 1st – Oct 15th.)

Club Email address: rbyc@accesscomm.ca

Club Web Address: www.rbyc.ca

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Calvin Liebel

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This list may change following the AGM. The minutes of the AGM will be posted on our web site for members with access to the web. Members with out access can contact the club to have a copy of the AGM minutes mailed to them. RBYC, Box 34 Regina Beach, Sk. S4G 4C0

GROUNDS REPORT

By Cliff Lessard

We had a very busy and interesting Year.

1. Dredging of the mooring bays directly west and to the east of the clubhouse. Ross MacLennan co-ordinated this project with AMK Construction. This became quite an interesting project when the Track-hoe lost its traction and went sliding down towards the clubhouse and the lake. Luckily, no one was injured and the clubhouse escaped the incident. Completion of this project has allowed use of the mooring slips for the full season with the boats not having to drag bottom. Aprox. 15 loads of sand, sludge and debris were loaded and hauled away.
2. Repairs of Breakwater on the north side. Special thanks to Ross MacLennan for getting Quotes, co-ordinating and working closely with AMK construction to see this job to its completion. The ice had to be kept cleared of snow to help the ice thicken. All the concrete concaves had to be removed, then aprox. 300 yards of rock were added to the breakwater and then the concrete concaves replaced. A great job well done!
3. Add additional steel pipes. Ross MacLennan and myself talked to many different contractors and got prices in prior to deciding to go with Agra-Foundations out of Saskatoon. They did a fine job for us. Special thanks to Jim Kerr for his discussions with the people at IPSCO and to Ross for talking to Roger Philips. We ended up with the steel pipe at a real bargain – we just had to cover trucking costs and welding and cutting coasts at J.R.'s Welding. Thanks Royce for a job well done.
4. Chain link fence repairs. Board member Bill Rieger worked with Action Fencing to repair the fence on west side and to build a new fence on the east side to the new pile post. This will help with the security of the premise. Thank you Bill Rieger.
5. The Bridge from the docks to the breakwater, north side. After looking at different bridge designs and cost a decision was made to rebuild the existing lift bridge with a new winch and a raised lift support. Thank you to Dave smith for helping Reg and myself install the modified lift support. Also thanks again to Royce from J.R.'s Welding for designing and building the modified lift extension. Works great!
6. The Upper Deck Project. After much discerning with our various option and proposals and our budget, the board has decided to proceed with a Regina Beach contractor's proposal. Solid Form and Frame has been contracted to beef up the support strength under the deck using a steel beam, install a galvanized metal roofing membrane and to build a new deck on top using 5/4" treated deck boards. He will also be removing the old railings and replace it with white aluminum post and railings with tempered glass inserts. He will also be replacing the fascia plates and adding new eave troughs on the east and north sides of the deck. We all look forward to enjoying the deck for many years to come. A building permit has been obtained and the work will be done when the club is closed for the season.
7. Installing a water line out to the big dock on the northwest corner with a tap. We are still looking at the best way to do this and then will need the board's approval. This would service several larger boats with fresh water and eliminate hauling a lot of water all the way around and congestion at the main docks.

It has been a privilege serving the club as grounds committee chairman and again I would like to thank all the board members and contractors who helped to bring these necessary improvement to completion.

Sincerely Cliff Lessard

Included with this edition of the Navigator you will find a **Nomination Form** and a **Resolutions Form**. If you, or know someone who would like to run for the Board, fill out the Nomination form and return it to the RBYC one week prior to the AGM, or bring the completed form to the AGM. If you would like to submit a Resolution, fill out the form and send it to the RBYC one week prior to the AGM. The mailing address for the Club: Regina Beach Yacht Club, Box 34 Regina Beach Sask. S0G 4C0

RBYC Inc. June 2003 Waiting List

| Type of Slip | Name | Date of Deposit |
|---------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Xlarge 25ft > | Ron Grant | May 22 / 2002 |
| | Barry Robinson | December 09 / 2002 |
| | Ken Hamilton | February 11 / 2003 |
| | Paul Drouin | Aug.10/2003 |

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| Large 20ft > - < 25ft | Don Fulton | May 17 / 2002 |
| | Glen Knight | April 11/2003 |
| | Ken Hill | April 13/2003 |
| | Colin Campbell | May 09/2003 |
| | Scott Hartley | June 22/2003 |
| | Fred Gill | July 19/2003 |
| | Dr. Stewart Andrews | Sept 23/2003 |

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|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Medium 17ft> - <20ft | Doug Degelman | July 27 / 2002 |
| | Rod Dillon | August 02 / 2002 |
| | Roger Luron | September 15 / 2002 |
| | Dan Goldstone | December 22 / 2002 |
| | Chad Fink | February 27 / 2003 |
| | Brent Gibson | March 13 / 2003 |
| | Steve Olasz | May 24/2003 |
| | Nick Kangles | May 30 / 2003 |
| | Greg Trawegar | June 10/2003 |
| | Rob Dufour | July 03/2003 |
| | Garry Hambley | July 03/2003 |
| | David Tyler | July 20/2003 |
| | Harold Sawatsky | Oct 02/2003 |
| | Ken Kennedy | Aug. 24/03 |

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| Small <17ft | Beatty Pickering | June 21 / 2002 |
| | Phil Robertson | June 07 / 2003 |
| | Royce Gaebel | July 20/2003 |
| | Ed Rossie | Oct. 13/2003 |

Summary of Waiting List

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| Xlarge 25ft > | (Boat Length, Greater than 25 feet overall) | 4 |
| Large 20ft > - < 25ft | (Boat Length, Greater than 20 feet and less than 25 feet) | 7 |
| Medium 17ft> - <20ft | (Boat Length, Greater Than 17 feet and Less than 20 feet) | 14 |
| Small <17ft | (Boat Length, Less than 17 feet overall) | <u>4</u> |
| | Total | 29 |

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| Total Number of Slips | |
| Xlarge | 8 |
| Large | 49 |
| Medium | 40 |
| Small | <u>33</u> |
| Total # of Slips | 130 |