



## Commodore's Report

### Dates to Remember

May 1<sup>st</sup>. 2004

Club opens for 2004 season. Weather permitting!

May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2004

Return of the "Ice Breaker Dance"

### New Steward

We wish to welcome **Bob & Gloria Petrovitch** aboard as the club's new Managers. Drop in and introduce yourself when you bring the boat in.

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Welcome to the 2004 boating season!

As I look out my window there is quite a bit more open water than ice so I can predict that it won't be long until the first boat is launched at RBYC. As usual I suspect Gypsy Soul (Jim Phillips and Bonnie Kraft) will be the first boat in the water given that my spies have reported that Bonnie has been seen polishing the bottom of the boat for more speed.

As usual, there are many changes and plans for RBYC in a new year.

The first thing I want to do is to introduce the new management team for the club.

The Board of Directors has hired Bob and Gloria Petrovitch as the stewards/managers for RBYC. Bob and Gloria have a broad range of experience in the hospitality industry and have owned or operated such businesses as Bartleby's Restaurant in Regina, Oynx Café & Coffee Bar, Edgewater Café at the Science Centre, Bart's on Broad in Fort Qu'Appelle and other businesses. They have been managers for the Regina Press Club and the Teachers Club and so have experience working with clubs and their members and Board's of Directors.

Bob & Gloria will be living full time at the club for the entire season and have many plans to make members welcome and make RBYC a fun place to be. In particular they hope to make the upper lounge including our new outdoor patio **THE PLACE ON THE WATER.**

The hiring of a new husband and wife management team may come as a bit of a surprise to some of you. We had a successful season, last year with Reg Vellieux as manager. (Reg will continue as an active member in the club and hopefully his boat will get more use than last year.) However, at the end of last season, the Board of Directors reviewed the operation of the club over the past 3 years under the single manager concept compared to the previous years with a husband and wife team living at the club. There are pros and cons to both approaches but after significant discussion and consideration the Board decided that we wanted to return to the husband and wife team approach with the management team living at the club. We are very fortunate in being able to hire, such experienced and enthusiastic people as Bob & Gloria.

Yes, as I mentioned above, the infamous upper deck renovation project is finally complete and we hope everyone will enjoy the new look and better view (and no leaks in the roof). In addition, over the winter, we acquired a used big screen (52 inch) TV for the lounge. We hope these improvements will help to create an atmosphere at the club as a place people want to be but what we are really looking forward to is the food and friendly atmosphere that Bob and Gloria hope to be able to provide in the lounge and everywhere at the club.

As approved at the AGM our major grounds project for this year is to create a walkway along the east breakwater. This project has many benefits. First it will reduce the need for everyone to stumble along the black blocks every time they go to their boat, we can open up the blocks to provide better water flow and quality through the marina, and the surplus blocks can be used by the club as the floating foundation for the new fireworks barge that we must build. Another consideration in the long term is that we won't have to replace these blocks at \$50 each (an important fact considering these blocks are 30 years old with a life expectancy of only 20 years). We hope to have this project well along before most of you get your boat in the club but there may still be some construction underway in May.

Some of you may not be fully aware of the whole issue around the Canada Day fireworks. As a non-profit organization RBYC has a long standing, mutually beneficial, agreement with the town of Regina Beach to put on the Canada Day fireworks but due to changes in safety regulations we are no longer able to shoot the fireworks from the beach point. After much consideration the only suitable solution seems to be to build a barge upon which the fireworks can be loaded in a safe location and then tow the barge out in the water a safe distance off the beach and club.

Originally the cost of this barge seemed prohibitively expensive and also what to do with it and where to store it, for 364 days a year was a problem. The new plan is to crate a barge using the older black plastic cubes from the east breakwater with a platform over top. When the fireworks are over we can create several day slips with the blocks and only have to store the platform.

The over all cost of the barge, especially the platform is still expensive and we hope to get some major sponsors to help reduce our costs. However, this somewhat unexpected project will strain budget to the limit this year and the Board will have to consider whether a special AGM in late summer may be needed to discuss finances with the members.

The other project we desperately want to finish this year is to replace our high-energy bright lights (that attract so many bugs) with lower level lighting. In addition we always have a variety of smaller projects to keep our managers and staff busy.

Enough about business! What about boating and having fun?

Your Commodore is getting awfully anxious to get his sailboat in the water and especially to test the new toy (a new sail). I hope everyone has some interesting feature to look forward to and I wish all of you a safe and enjoyable 2004 boating season.

See you on the water and on the new upper deck and lounge!

Ross MacLennan Commodore RBYC 2004.

## Communications / Membership

Welcome to our 91<sup>st</sup> year. One can only hope for a repeat of the weather we experienced in the summer of 2003. The winter we just survived seemed unbearably long, I think that is why we all try and enjoy summer to the fullest.

Once again we say good-bye to some old friends and welcome to the new members who share the same love and passion for boating. The current active membership at RBYC stands at 160 members.

The Moorage Committee has pulled all the stops to expand the marina by utilizing the North West corner to it's fullest. The Club now has 132 slips and a limited number of moorage buoys, in the newly approved mooring buoy area.

Our web site [www.rbyc.ca](http://www.rbyc.ca) seems to be very popular and has maintained a steady level of activity 5000 visits in 2003. We are always looking for help to improve the site so if you or you know someone who would like to add or pass on some thoughts on how we can improve the site, Please have them contact [vicecommodore@rbyc.ca](mailto:vicecommodore@rbyc.ca).

## You can contact the Club with any concerns by using any of the following:

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

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Hope to see all of you on the water this year.

## Social Report

Over the years Social Events at the club have been an issue. It is hard to put a finger on the trouble, but it seems a lot of clubs are facing the same problems. This will be my first kick at the cat as Chair of the Social Committee. Our **new managers Bob and Gloria** have a tremendous amount of experience in the entertainment field so I will be asking them for a lot of guidance and input.

I like to remember the good old days and so would like to try and reintroduce those Glory Days. Remember the "Ice Breakers" or "the Shipwreck" dances held at the club? Well old guys like me kind of remember a lot of members kicking up their heels and having a lot of fun at those events. So maybe we can't relive the past but maybe we can expose our new younger members to events that brought such fun to us older members. This summer we will try and bring back some of that fun and festival atmosphere.

Here are some dates you can mark on the calendar.

Best way to break in a new deck is to hold a party so that is what we will do.

**Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup> Ice Breaker Dance** – Dance to the beat of Donnie and the Moondoggies; Midnight lunch. 9:00 pm – 1:00am

**Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup> Summer Solstice Celebrations** – Wine & Cheese / Beer Keg party, Margaritaville Night, Dance to the sounds of Jimmy Buffett on the Deck. 8:00 pm – 1:00am

**Thursday July 1<sup>st</sup> Canada Day at the Beach, Regina Beach Parade**, on water **Boat Parade**, decorate your boat and join a parade on the water, and what a way to finish - the RBYC **Fireworks** at dusk. The Upper Deck will be open following the fireworks for members and friends.

**Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> Canada's Birthday Party Dance**, What is a birthday with out a party?

The New Upper Deck will be a great place to celebrate. 9:00pm – 1:00am.

And the Best for the Last:

**Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup> Shipwreck Dance:** Theme – come dressed, as you would look if shipwrecked! Maybe bring your best friend" Wilson?" 9:00pm – 1:00am

Watch for notices around the club advertising these events and for dates announcing: **Poker Runs and our Annual Golf Tournament**. The weather plays such a big roll in these events; it's hard to pin down.

## GROUNDS REPORT

Ross's report covered the work carried out by the Grounds Committee over this past winter fairly well. Jim Kerr is the chair for 2004; Jim took over from Cliff Lessard when Cliff won a position on Town Council. Keeping the grounds shipshape takes a lot of work and each member of the board has pitched in to help. An example of this cooperation is the new log breakwater placed at the north west corner by Doug Reid and Bill Rieger. They completed this task on the ice. Bonnie will be asking for donations of flower and shrubs for the planter and around the grounds. When you buy your spring planting stocks pick up an extra one or two for the club.

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#### Did You Know:

**BURGEE:** A triangular, rectangular, or swallow-tailed flag, usually associated with yacht club membership.

**Currents** - go in and out, Tides - go up and down.

**Rainbow Reading:** Morning – approaching storm  
 Midday – unsettled weather  
 Evening – the storm is over

**The four most common boating emergencies:** Fire, Flooding, Collision  
 And Crew over-board.

**A Nautical Mile** is 6,076 Feet **A Statute Mile** is 5,280 Feet

# Mooring Report

Doug Reid will be the board member responsible for the 2004 mooring committee. Doug submitted the following Updated Waiting List. You can reach Doug at:

[mooring@rbyc.ca](mailto:mooring@rbyc.ca)

## Waiting List March 2004

### X-Large

Ron Grant	May 22/02
Berry Richardson	Dec. 09/02
Ken Hamilton	Feb. 11/03
Paul Drouin	Aug. 10/03
Garry Hauck	Jan. 08/04

### Large

Don Fulton	May 17/02
Glen Knight	April 11/03
Calvin/Ken Hill	April 13/03
Colin Campbell	May 09/03
Scott Hartley	June 22/03
Fred Gill	July 19/03
Stewart Andrews	Sept. 22/03

### Medium

Gary Hambley	July 19/03
David Tyler	July 20/03
Ken Kennedy	Aug. 24/03
Harold Sawatsky	Oct. 02/03
Dan Goldstone	Dec. 22/02

### Small

Royce Gaebel	July 20/03
Ed Rossie	Oct 13/03

### Summary of Waiting List

X-large -----	5
Large -----	7
Medium -----	5
Small -----	2
Total -----	19

### Total Number of Slips at RBYC

XX-Large	2
X-Large	8
Large	49
Medium	40
Small	33
<b>Total # of slips</b>	<b>132</b>

# ICE BREAKER SOCIAL

MEMBERS MEET NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

MAY 22, 2004

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY WITH

**DONNY & THE MOONDOGS**

9:00 PM 1:00 AM

MIDNIGHT LUNCH

MEET WITH YOUR SUMMER FRIENDS AT  
THE CLUB AND SHARE THOSE PHOTOS OF LAST YEARS  
BOATING FUN.

BEST PART IS

**NO COVER CHARGE**