



## Royal Newfoundland Yacht Club

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### Member Update

Good day fine Members,

Our 2021 boating season is coming to a graceful end with fall upon us and days growing shorter. Despite this, our club has considerable activity ongoing and participation throughout the fall and summer periods has been fantastic.

2021 has been a year of much growth for our organization. Today, I want to thank you for your continued support for the RNYC. The club is a key pillar of the community and is pleased to represent the many families who enjoy our facility, enjoy the vast coastline & beautiful waters of Newfoundland and Labrador, and contribute to our success.

Membership has grown considerably this season and we are still receiving applications. We are pleased to have welcomed 24 new boating memberships, 9 new social memberships and 24 dining memberships to our organization in 2021. This represents the addition of some 57 families enjoying our facilities, participating in our activities, and contributing to our community. We expect this trend to continue as we see our club grow.

The repairs completed to our facility this year would not have been possible without the contribution of disaster assistance provided by our federal and provincial governments. We thank them. In parallel, the Town of CBS, their council, and staff took considerable and substantial action to institute a permanent repair on a large section of breakwater which now protects our facility. The Town has been and continues to be a key strategic partner in our activities and I thank these fine folks for their kind support.

As you may be aware, our Sailing School is open to all and is unique in the Province, being the only center that provides training to the youth for national and international sailing competitions. This training is delivered with the kind and continued support of the Keeping Family. We thank the Keepings for their unwavering support. This year, we had over 60 participants in the junior sailing program ranging in age from 3 to 19, and a very successful season. Our community adult learn-to-sail program, which was started in 2010, continues to produce new sailors and new members. This season, it introduced over 25 adults to the sport of sailing.

We have some important updates to share:

- *A Very Special Evening* – Our club's matriarch, Ms. Muriel Lawlor has announced her retirement and she intends to complete her over 44-year tenure with our organization the end of this month. We of course are sad to see her go but also wish her well in things to come. We will be having an event in her honour on Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup> with details to follow. Please mark your calendars.



- COVID 19 Passport- In order to further protect Newfoundlanders and Labradorians from COVID-19 by providing safer places for them to visit and help keep businesses open, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has launched its vaccine passport. The vaccine passport is a certified record of proof of vaccination that will allow access to a business or venue for non-essential and recreational activities. Users of our restaurant and participants in associated recreational activities will require a passport and the club will be following all guidance provided by officials including the use of “NLVaxPass app” for presentation at a business or venue. Further information and guidance will follow.
- Annual General Meeting- The date and time for our AGM has been set. This will occur on Thursday November 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm with options for in person and virtual attendance.
- Door Dash- Thanks to the efforts of our club staff we are currently trialing a “Door Dash” delivery service from our restaurant. This trial is to promote the club and determine if this service offering is viable with a potential revenue stream.
- Marginal Wharf Project- The marginal wharf and associated infrastructure repairs and improvements have been completed. The RNYC wishes to thank all those involved in this success. Further repairs and improvements are being planned.
- Haul Out- Haul out is underway and we encourage everyone to plan early and stay safe. Please ensure you contact the office regarding your plans for lift-out and winter storage. Please obey all safety requirements and club rules. Lift-out, winter storage, and mast un-stepping activities, while commonplace, are high risk activities and we have guidance for your protection and loss prevention. Please help us achieve a safe operation.
- Mast Crane- Despite much effort, our aging mast crane has succumbed to our war on attrition. The cost benefit of the repairs required did not meet muster and we are shopping for an economical alternative. Mast operations this fall will be conducted with our boom truck.
- Recent Weather Events- Our facility has weathered three significant storms already this fall, with minimal damage. We thank all those who made efforts to secure the club and their assets for those events. We are working with the Town to further improve low-lying areas of the Long Pond breakwater as we did see wash-over and some further erosion during our most recent event. The Town is taking this very seriously and is in the process of conducting a real time Metocean survey.

We are of course looking forward to a number of events this fall and are busy planning for next year. We are hoping for a more “normal” event calendar in 2022. Next year, our club will be the proud host of a cruise in concert with the Cruising Club of America [www.cruisingclub.org](http://www.cruisingclub.org). This will see up to 30 visiting



yachts from the Cruising Club. The last such event was hosted over 25 years ago. The club's executive, staff and management continue to work with our strategic consultant to execute upgrades and improvements to our organization and facilities to support our membership and host such events.

Thank you for your support. Kindest regards,

Anderson Noel, Commodore RNYC