

# JULY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 CANADA DAY RACE SAIL PAST	2 STEAK NIGHT	3	4
5 PRIME RIB	6	7	8 WNR SERIES II	9 STEAK NIGHT	10	11 RNSYS ANNUAL REGATTA
MARBLEHEAD HEAD TO HALIFAX OCEAN RACE						
12 PRIME RIB RNSYS ANNUAL REGATTA	13	14	15 WNR SERIES II	16 STEAK NIGHT	17	18
19 PRIME RIB	20	21	22 WNR SERIES II	23 STEAK NIGHT	24	25
2015 SUMMER CRUISE						
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2015 SUMMER CRUISE						



## CANADA DAY

The Squadron celebrated Canada's 148th birthday with our traditional harbour race, 15 vessels participating, followed by a lovely pig roast dinner and pool party for the kids!



## HUGE THANKS FROM HOUSE & GROUNDS

Your House & Grounds team, Mr. Mark Parsons and Chris Hayes, lead by Vice Commodore Rod Morrison, have done outstanding work to our property.

Mark and Chris would like to personally thank the following volunteers for their hard work and dedication to the Club, assisting them with small projects and the

upkeep of our lush gardens. A big thank you to Dr. Ross Ainslie, Mr. Steve Osler, Mr. Greg Gosine, and the many others who help to maintain our tradition of excellence.



## COMMODORE EDWARD STEEVES

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Canada Day celebration and took full advantage of all the activities that took place on Halifax Harbour and around the Club.

As I write this, I am sitting on the beautiful patio of the Boston Yacht Club in preparation for the 36th biennial Marblehead to Halifax Ocean Race. The Harbour is a buzz as sailors prepare for this 363 nautical adventure. This event is a testament to the long tenured friendship and collaboration between the RNSYS and the BYC, and the amount of effort that has been put into making sure that this race is a memorable and positive

experience for the participants is unbelievable. RNSYS Race Chair, Dave Stanfield and his talented team of volunteers have done an outstanding job representing the Squadron. I can't say enough good things about the talented people that volunteer their time and skills to our Club year after year. I can't wait to arrive in Halifax next week to showcase our Club and our hospitality to our American friends. So please come on out to the events and participate in what is sure to be a great race.

School is now out and our summer Sail Training programs and Race Teams are in full swing. It's so great to see all of the junior sailors out on the water learning life-long skills. We are so proud of all of our sailors participating in regattas all around the globe and representing the RNSYS

in such a positive way. We should have some great results to share with everyone over the next several weeks.

There are many activities going on at the Club this month with something for everyone to enjoy. The pools are up and running, there are some great racing opportunities, and the upcoming Squadron Cruise is sure to be a great event.

I hope to see everyone out enjoying the fine weather and taking full advantage of all that your Club has to offer this month. I wish all sailors that are participating in the Marblehead to Halifax Race fair winds and following seas.

Ed Steeves  
Commodore  
Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron

# SAILING AT THE SQUADRON



## ANNUAL REGATTA | JULY 11 & 12, 2015

In an effort to cover all the bases the Sailing Committee this year created a new event, the RNSYS Annual Regatta. With the shift in focus at the Opening Regatta to distance racing we needed an event to concentrate on windward/leeward courses, a move highlighted by the struggling fortunes of the Metro Regatta.

The Annual Regatta is coming up on July 11th and 12th, the weekend following the Marblehead race. The event will feature two race circles which will allow for multiple fleets, both handicap and one design. The smaller boats will race close in while the bigger boats can be given longer legs so they can get a good run. This is a chance to go head to head with your closest rivals over multiple races, now that everyone is in the water and has had a chance to tune their boat and gather a crew.

The Trustee Committee has gathered up some of the most impressive trophies we possess to create an enviable set of silverware as trophies for the victors. On-line registration is open and the Notice of Race is on the club website. The event is open to yachts from all clubs and is set to become the premier racing event in Halifax. Come on out and see what we mean!

## PATAGONIA HALIFAX SPONSORS WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACING SERIES II



A very warm welcome to Patagonia Halifax, a new sponsor for our Wednesday night race series. They have generously donated prizes to our second Wednesday night series in the form of \$25 gift cards.

Patagonia are a well known clothing brand with many articles especially relevant to the sailing community. Their store downtown is a delight to visit and they also offer on-line shopping for their entire line. Please show all our sponsors the same support they show us, their donations take our events to new heights.

## SATURDAY SERIES



The Saturday Series is a slightly irregular set of Corinthian races taking place throughout the summer. Each race is scored separately and the format is strictly old school with breakwater starts and finishes and a longer race around harbour marks.

The first race was not well attended, not surprising considering the pounding rain that day, but the second had five boats out on a beautiful sunny day. The races are free and give a wonderful excuse to get out for a sail on the weekend.

The race dates are below and each race starts at 1pm. The course for the day and the expected harbour traffic are posted on the official notice board in the Ward Room before noon. Just come on out, check the board and head to your boat. Check in with the RC before the start so we know you're racing and off you go. Simplicity and fun are the names of this game.

The results for each race will be processed and quietly put up on the notice board and the website once everyone is back. Everyone is welcome, come and see what this racing lark is all about.

Race Dates: July 4, 25, August 8, 29, September 12, 26

# 2015 MARBLEHEAD TO HALIFAX OCEAN RACE

Your club is the finish line of the 365 nautical mile journey that completes the 2015 Marblehead to Halifax Ocean Race.



Celebrating its 36th biennial running, the Marblehead to Halifax Ocean Race is a tradition shared between the Boston Yacht Club and the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron.

Since 1905, skippers and their crew have embraced the spirit of competitive yacht racing by embarking on this thrilling challenge, testing their resilience, that of their vessel, and that of the sea.

## TRIUMPH & TROPHIES

Race results are available by visiting [www.marbleheadtohalifax.com](http://www.marbleheadtohalifax.com)

Trophies will be awarded on Thursday evening at the Prize Giving Ceremony to be held in the Squadron's Spar Loft.

In addition to first, second and third place finishes in each class, prizes are given for teams that do the race double-handed (only two crew members), to training schools, and even for special recognition to the boat that finishes

Skippers and their crew will be arriving between the 7th and 8th of July and will be welcomed by members, staff, and volunteers of the RNSYS.

The RNSYS is proud of our history with this race and is supportive of all sailors competing in the 2015 MHOR!

Get your first look at this year's MHOR fleet with photos from all classes taken by Photographer Craig Davis. (Above). Available on the MHOR website.

last... the Cook's plate is awarded to the chef on the last vessel to finish within the race time limit.

The boats all carry a tracker on board and you can follow the constantly updated results on line at the following link:

[http://www.marbleheadtohalifax.com/page/the\\_race/tracking](http://www.marbleheadtohalifax.com/page/the_race/tracking)



Thank you to all of the sponsors and supporters of the 2015 MHOR



## SPOOKIE HAS LINE HONOURS FOR 2015 MHOR FLEET

An American racer has claimed the honour of being first over the finish line in this year's Marblehead to Halifax Ocean Race.

"Spookie", a Carkeek HP 40 was the first boat across the line in Halifax at 18:34:25. "Spookie" is owned by Steve and Heidi Benjamin of Norwalk, Conn. Steve Benjamin was on board to enjoy the honour of being first boat across, after many years of racing this course. "I feel wonderful. Marblehead is one of my favourite races of all time!" he said at the dock in Halifax.