

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Holyrood Marina Park Corporation, it is my distinct pleasure to issue this first newsletter summarizing the Marina activities over the past number of months.

First things first... put away the shovel and get



out your bottom paint, as lift in is only a few weeks away, and I don't know about the rest of our members, but I am sure that I read somewhere that epoxy will set up as long as it is above the freezing point for most of the day.

You will be happy to know that the board has been working diligently on your behalf over the winter months itemizing costs and expenditures, and developing an overview of our first year's experience. On the note of 'expenditures' and for your added convenience, this summer you will now be able to use VISA, MasterCard or a debit card to purchase fuel at the fuel dock.



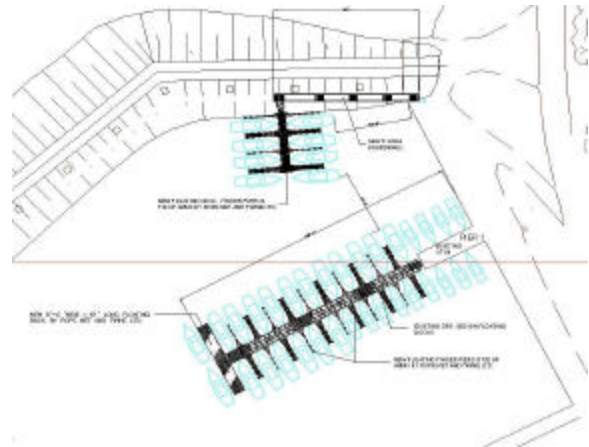
As can be expected a couple of things that have become painfully obvious are that running a Marina is an expensive venture and our needs are many. What is more painfully obvious is that, we as users of the Marina have some tough decisions to make if we wish the Marina to continue and to keep our boats in Holyrood.



There is however some light at the end of the tunnel. We are happy to announce that an application has been submitted to ACOA outlining a plan for the redevelopment of the Marina. The first phase of the application is requesting funding to carry out a feasibility study and economic impact assessment of the existing conditions and expansion of the Marina basin and Park. We are confident that this application will meet the requirements for funding.

On an even more positive note and a true measure of the commitment of our members, the

Terra Nova Yacht Club have submitted a proposal to the Board which will see an investment of \$137,000 into improvements of the wharf number one, enhancing 24 existing berths and creating an additional eight berths inside the breakwater, and two more on a replacement tee.



The Board has worked closely with the members on this proposal to ensure its long term viability, and we are happy to promote this investment as an obvious commitment to the marina, the Town and the community.

Over the past months we have been fortunate as well in developing a sub-committee philosophy introducing a good mix of members into the fold to look at such things as our fee structures, rules and regulations and general practices.

Working in the spirit of one Club consisting of 97 members, we have the opportunity to bring together a lot of different skills to deal with the various marina issues, and in a more cost effective manner, which will undoubtedly set Holyrood apart from other areas.

Our fee structure subcommittee consisting of Ralph Fagan, John Hardy and Bill Wells, has identified where our operating costs lie, and are poised to release their findings. It will take on a "base fee" approach, with "a pay as you go" philosophy to deal with issues of additional charges and expenses so that members will see clearly the costs associated with activities and expenses. A full



breakdown of costs and associated fees will be developed and brought forward to the Board for review and approval. I might mention as well that Bill has agreed to prepare a handbook for members, and to work on an agreement sheet for non-member boats that are stored on the dry. (This is what happens when you tell people that you are semi-retired!)

We have set up a lift master system for our lay down area to take charge of the boat movement and placement to ensure that we maximize the use of space and maintain a pace which will keep costs down.

Maintenance is of course a major concern. We are happy to report of course that Don White will be back again prior to lift in, and we are hopeful of having a summer student employed along with Don again this year. Thanks to the generous donation of a laptop computer by HMPC member Joe Farrell, we hope to expand Don's role this year to take on more administrative duties.

Update on the new mooring blocks on the south side of Pier 2. We have made considerable improvement in the mooring system for the boats tied to the south side of Pier 2 with the installation of new mooring blocks, however, there is still some finishing of work left to be done before boats go in the water. Along with the blocks, new mooring lines, buoys and chains will be added, but the downside is that the cost of the new mooring lines will be passed on to these users. However, the upside is that the lines will belong to the users. Joe Farrell has volunteered to look after getting the mooring blocks and line connections ready for lift-in. Most of the work to install the mooring blocks was done by members of HMPC who volunteered their time. A special thanks goes out to HMPC member Barry Tippett for the generous use of his boat.

Volunteers are of course always welcome and are encouraged to participate in all projects. If you have a desire to help out, or have a suggestion to improve the operation, or would just like to participate in a subcommittee, we

would ask that you make this known to one of the Board members or Don White. Volunteering is one way we can make improvements to the Marina for our boating pleasure and at the same time to help keep our costs down.

“And” just in case your memory is suffering from toxic fume syndrome from all of that maintenance, your Board of Director members are as follow: Bill Peddle (Chair/ Secretary – TNYC representative), George Penney (Vice Chair - Town of Holyrood representative), Ralph Fagan (Treasurer - at large representative), Dave Barron (HYC representative), David Blackmore (at large representative), Jim Joy (Town of Holyrood's citizen representative), and Barry Tippett (non-affiliated boaters representative).

Until we are able to get our own website up and running, you will be able to watch for details and events by visiting the TNYC website at [www.tnyc.nfld.net](http://www.tnyc.nfld.net). There you will find our HMPC logo. Just click on that the logo or the link, and you are into our own mini-website. We welcome all your ideas and suggestion. To contact us, please just fire off an email to [hmpc@nfld.net](mailto:hmpc@nfld.net), or call any of the Board members.

Hope to see everyone on the bay early and often this year, and please keep in mind that safe boating makes for better boating.

Happy cruising!!!!!!

David Blackmore