

BYC Regatta Week - gone with the wind!

by Mona Anderson

Yep, another race week at Bras d'Or Yacht Club has come and gone, sweeping through town on a fine south-westerly breeze. The bay below Beinn Bhreagh was, once again, filled with sailboats large and small for the entire week. Following the traditional Sail Past on Sunday, the sailors took to the water for the next 6 days jousting for position on the start line and victory at the finish. Hard fought battles made for lots of stories and bragging rights back at the Club at the end of each day.

Only one rain soaked race on Wednesday, but for the rest of the week, the weather was spectacular, lots of wind, lots of sun, (lots of sun block). Some misfortune too, as several boats lost sails and rigging as the competition heated up. And though the number of boats on the start line might be down a bit from previous years, the spirit of racing at Bras d'Or remains undiminished.

After 106 years, regatta week in



Featured in the photo above is a band of brothers who have been sailing together since they were kids. "Chasing Rainbows" sailed her best ever this year, skippered by Tyler Germani. She's shown here heading for the finish line in pursuit of her major competition "Shanryla", an X35, new to the BYC fleet this year, owned and skippered by Sean MacIntyre, our major Regatta 2010 sponsor.

Baddeck is still one of the biggest events for the local citizens. Families and friends, often separated by distance and time, gather again around the centre of town, the wharf and the Bras d'Or Yacht Club, to celebrate our heritage of

sailing in Nova Scotia.

And our sailing friends from out of town, as consistent as the wind, continue to show up, with boats from Sydney, Halifax, and St. Peter's in attendance. New this year, were competitors from the Mira Boat Club, who did well at their first ever BYC regatta.

We are grateful to all our wonderful sponsors who make BYC Regatta week possible year after year, and to the many, many volunteers who give so freely of their time, setting courses, manning crash boats, making lunches, taking scores, cleaning up, and tearing down afterwards, and the many, many sailors who come to Baddeck and spend their precious holiday time sailing on the beautiful Bras d'Or Lakes.

Well done. See you all next year.

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