



Newsletter

Welcome, 2010 Spring Work and Boat Launching update

Welcome to your first edition of the Atlantic Challenge newsletter! We hope to keep you informed of the happenings, upcoming events and continued stories that unfold within the Atlantic Challenge Canada organization. As participants and

Crew and volunteers working on getting the gigs ready for the summer of 2010!



volunteers, it is up to you to spread the word of our programs and opportunities for boat-building, rowing, sailing and life-skills that you learn with us! This year has started with a solid crew of local individuals who have all put in several hours of their

time to assist in the repainting and finishing of Vitalite as well as the successful launch of Tenacite during the 2nd week of May. Congratulations to the team who put the hard and sometimes chilly times in to accomplish this. We can now look forward to completing the paint job and floor-board rebuild that Vitalite needs so that she can be launched and used for Tuesday night sailing and for our upcoming crew training this summer (more info on this in the crew-training section of the newsletter).

We graciously thanks Marj Dubeau and her father for providing us with a truck to launch Tenacite. It is often a challenge to find a vehicle large enough to tow and launch the gigs so this has been a huge help! With programming commencing just around the corner; participants should look forward to learning skills in rowing and maneuvering of the

gigs followed by sailing training and rigging experiences. Over the next few weeks, all participants will have an opportunity to learn as much as they would like to about operating the gigs on the water and the various aspects of AC boating. Please don't hesitate to ask the leaders and Coxswains of the gigs (the captains) about anything you are unsure of or are interested in learning.

Please see the upcoming events section for information about day-trips, the upcoming weekend excursion, shop days and the 2010 International Contest of Seamanship.

2010 Canadian International Contest Crew update

This year, approximately 20 youth will represent Canada in the international contest of Seamanship. The contest, governed by the Atlantic Challenge International organization (www.atlanticchallenge.org) is the bi-annual celebration of international youth in friendly competition using the gigs. 13+ crews representing as many countries will arrive in Midland on or around the 23rd of July to compete from the 24th-31st and stay together as one big family under the roof of the North Simcoe Recreation

Centre. Among our 2010 Tuesday night program participants are several of said youth. Please feel free to wish them luck and encourage them as they prepare to spend the 4 weeks ahead of the contest training, living, eating and having fun together. They will be staying at Midland Bay Sailing Club along with their 2 trainers: Anne Wilcox & David Thwaits (both past AC international contest participants). The crew will be conducting fundraising efforts and would be happy to accept any sup-

port. Current initiatives include the sale of event posters and a Tag sale day in early July in both Midland and Penetang.

We are actively looking for volunteers to aid in the operation of this huge event. Positions range from serving in the event-tent to round-the-clock security at the Rec Centre. Any one who is interested can contact Susan Reynolds, ACC Secretary at info@atlanticchallenge.ca and she will help you find a spot!



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- Spring work update and boat launching schedule
- International Crew Update
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More Pictures from this years program and events. Do you know who these people are??

Below: Mark Bingham, Director of Boat maintenance



Right: **Scott Wagg**, ACC Chair

Left: **Aaron Pollock**, participant

Smile!
Your on Camera ☺

Yvette Aube



Upcoming Events; Dates, Details & Things to Remember!

This year is a particularly busy year for ACC. Between our growing programs, ongoing events and work plans and hosting the international contest—there is no shortage of important dates. Below you will find some of the upcoming events this year and summaries of their plans. We hope you can find time to participate in some of all of them!

Sunday, May 30— Friends and Family Sail

Basically, this is an open-house event where you can bring a friend or family member (or 2!) to try out AC and to show them your skills. The sail will leave the dock at 10am (please arrive for 9:30 for a briefing and to prepare). Please email AI with your RSVP and how many people you plan to bring. Limited space is available so hurry! The sail will return to the dock by 2pm. Please ask your friends to bring appropriate clothing for the day, close-toed shoes and a snack or packed lunch. This event does not cost anything for you or your guests.

Saturday June 5th & Sunday June 6th

The June boating weekend! We will row and sail to Beausolei island where we will camp out in Beautiful

Cedar Springs, just off the water. This weekend is very exciting as you will get to spend more time than usual in the gigs and gain very valuable experience. There are plenty of opportunities to learn about navigation, helming (driving) the gigs and cooking in the outdoors! We will depart the dock at 9am on Saturday morning and return at approx. 4pm on Sunday. A list of recommended items will be provided and all food is included in the \$75/ per person cost as well as equipment (we ask that you please try to bring a tent or coordinate with someone). These are not-to-be-missed weekends with good fun and some pretty amazing eating!

Wednesday June 9th— After 5

ACC will host the Midland Chamber of Commerce after 5 event, with light refreshments and a chance for the town to see our shop and learn about our programs. Feel free to stop by if you can! The event will run from 5:30pm until 7 at the shop.

June 27th— July 3 1st, AC Crew Training!

Our Canadian crew begins training for the International contest. The crew will use the gigs every day and train for the upcoming competition.

Tuesday night programs will continue though at times we may be limited to 1 boat to accommodate the crew's training needs. Never fear, many of your fellow Tuesday night-ers are also on the crew so there will be some empty seats for a few weeks in July. This will be a good time to come out and see the crew training and to have some fun racing with them. Unfortunately, due to the scale of the event and the need for both AC gigs, there will not be a Tuesday night program on Tuesday July 27th. Instead, why not come down the event-tent at the town dock and have a cold drink and see some of the action!

Other Events

August 18th— Friends and Family Sail # 2

September 18th, 19th— Fall weekend expedition (same format as June weekend)

SHOP DAYS— Shop days are key to ACC and we need your help! This is when we do maintenance, clean the shop, build and prepare new equipment.

JUNE 12— 9am More to be announced

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Tuesday night Registration Info and reminders

We would like to thank all of you for coming out to the Tuesday Night program. We know that you will not be disappointed in your experience! Now that regular season programming is getting started, there are a few reminders for everyone.

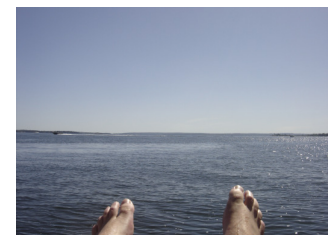
- Please try to arrive at the dock by 6:15pm in order to help uncover the gigs and prepare for the night. Anyone who arrives in time to help uncover the gigs will not be required to stay and help cover them. If everyone starts to arrive early enough to help— we'll find another system!

- Close-toed shoes are required in the gigs. Also, try to bring appropriate clothing for the night, rain or shine! We only stay off the water in a Thunder storm or severe weather and will meet at the shop in this case for alternate programming.
- If you cannot make it, please try to call or email AI or Scott ahead. We try to wait for everyone before leaving the dock and its good to know if you cannot make it. We understand if there is an emer-

gency of course.

- Anyone may try a first night to see if they like it. Please bring your friends to try the program! After their first night, they will be encouraged to register. All participants must be registered for safety and insurance purposes
- This is your program! If you want to learn something, tell us— we will help you get there. Log books are available for anyone who wants to track their progress and have it signed off by a leader.

The Atlantic Challenge Program runs on Tuesday nights from 6:30pm until dusk at Bayport Yachting Centre.



Why not take a weekend trip with ACC? Along with learning new skills and getting more time to experience all aspects of sailing the gigs, you will get a chance to kick back and chill out on Georgian Bay!