



Newsletter

2011 Season is getting underway!

Welcome (back) everyone! We have another busy and exciting season for 2011. The year has kicked off with several new faces in the program and we look forward to continuing to see our AC crew grow! Starting off 2011, ACC found

ACC had a very successful booth at the 2011 Toronto International Boat Show.



ourselves right in the middle of the Toronto International Boat show. This was a highly successful venture for us as we were able to bring Tenacité and demonstrate to a wide range of people from all over Ontario and beyond what Atlantic

Challenge is all about.

As we move forward with the spring part of the program, we find ourselves performing many much-needed maintenance tasks on our various pieces of equipment and boats. Any and all help is very much appreciated and as we work together as a team we'll be knocking more chores off leaving us with much needed time during the summer-season to complete our **NEW ON-WATER CURRICULUM!** This year, the ACC board has devised a thorough plan to teach participants (both new and experienced) all aspects of Gig Crew-manship. We look forward to introducing and implementing this curriculum and also to your feedback. The plan is intended to compliment the Atlantic Challenge Canada crew handbook and will enable participants to fulfill the requirements to be endorsed as a gig Coxswain. The program leaders will discuss the handbook and

learning plan with all participants so everyone has an equal opportunity to learn to "captain" the Gigs!

Rounding out this year's season will be various ACC expeditions including the 2011 August Trent Severn Waterway Expedition and the newly introduced "Advanced Training Weekend". We will also be hosting 2 Beausoleil Island Camping trips this year. One in June, which will be limited to participants aged 19+, and another in late September for all to attend.

Another key item in this years schedule are fundraising opportunities. Occasionally, ACC asks that participants volunteer some of their time to help raise community donations and awareness to improve our organization.

For more information about each of these topics, please see the back of the newsletter and visit the website and Facebook page!

Atlantic Challenge Canada- Chairman's Update

Last year was a spectacular one for Atlantic Challenge Canada and the world, as we hosted the International Contest of Seamanship in Midland. We had a great opportunity to let the community know more about our programs and look forward to seeing new faces out this spring! As many of you know, we spent a week in January at the Toronto International Boat Show and many thanks to those that helped get ready for it digging the boat out of the snow and those of you who spent time at the show meeting the

thousands of people who came by our booth.

The boat show was a great kickoff to what is sure to be a great season with Tuesday night programs starting shortly and the return of the Trent-Severn Waterway expedition which has always been a favourite trip for those who have gone on it before (in some cases several times). This spring we will be doing some routine maintenance on some of the modern boats, the gigs and even getting into replacing ribs before we put the boats in the

water. That work will start in April and plans are well underway to "bend" wood to the curve of the hull!

I look forward to seeing familiar faces and new ones this spring as we get ready for the season and spend the summer sailing on Georgian Bay. The board is very excited about the program offerings this year and have been actively getting ready to welcome everyone and have fun.

Scott- ACC Chairman



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Pictures from last year's program and events.

Below: Sarah Bourdon rows an oar that is 3 X taller than she is!



Did you know this is the ACC approved way to clean the Gig?? It's the sink and roll method!

Smile!
Your on
Camera ☺

**Erica
Vleer**



Upcoming Events; Dates, Details & Things to Remember!

May 10– Vitalité Launch!

We are planning to launch Vitalité on this night! When the gigs first get launched– they have a tendency to take on water. Never fear! A wooden boat cannot sink, it just gets wet! It is advisable that everyone bring: rubber boots, rain pants/hip waiters (if you have them) or a change of footwear.

May 24– Bottle Drive!

On this famous date... We will collect bottles! After the Long weekend, everyone needs to get rid of their bottles! What better way then to have ACC pick them up AND to support our cause?! Please tell your family and friends we will pick up their returnable bottles on this Tuesday night.

June 11-12– Adult Camping Trip (19+ years old)

ACC will be hosting a 19+ camping trip this year in June. As part of our effort to increase our Adult Program, we are offering a relaxed and serene get-away weekend! For more information, please see Al, Erica or Scott.

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.

Next Shop Day: **May 7th @ 10am**

More to be announced

***Lunch is provided for all Shop Day Volunteers!!!**

Trent Severn Waterway– 2 week expedition!! (Aug 6-20)

This season, Atlantic Challenge is proud to once again operate the 2 week Trent Severn Waterway trip. The crew will navigate the waterway and pass through the various Lift Locks on the route. We will camp at Lock sites along the system and enjoy the many wonderful experiences along the way! The trip departs from Midland on August 6th and will make our way as far as possible in the first week. At the end of the first week, crew who must return home will be transported back and those remaining will continue on to see how far we can go! This much anticipated journey provides the crew with substantial time in the boats and on the water

and is invaluable experience for those looking to gain Coxswain and International crew training. The trip is \$350/week and includes food and camping fees. For more information, please see Al, Scott or Erica.

Other Upcoming Events (For more info– please see the website)

July 1– Canada Day Parade & Little Lake Park

July 23 & 24– TAG Day (Fundraiser) & ADVANCED BOAT TRAINING WEEKEND

Sept. 30, Oct 1 & 2– Fall week-end expedition



Vitalité takes up nicely a few seasons ago... Part of the character of wooden boats is that the hulls swell and contract (when dried out!). Each season, the boats need some time to re-acquaint themselves with the lake!

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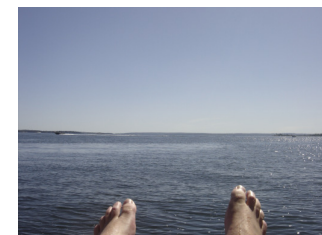
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Tuesday night Registration Info and reminders

We would like to thank all of you for coming out to the Tuesday Night program. We know that you will not be disappointed with 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 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 Al 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 emergency 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 Program Director.**



Why not take an expedition 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!