

HAMYC 2025 AGM Minutes

The Halifax Area Model Yacht Club 2025 Annual General Meeting was held January 25th 2026 at the Parkside Pub in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Lugar at approximately noon. In attendance were: Jon Underwood, Brain McDonah, Mike McDonah, Evan Oulahen, Brian Lugar, Jim Goddard, Bob White and Mary, Bill Fioratos, Gary Bugden, Julian Beveridge and guest, Ben Rusi and Bruce Macdonald.

The minutes from the previous meeting were unavailable so there was no business arising.

Commodore Lugar gave a brief summary of the Year's activities, noting the success of the CAN-CAN Regatta when the US sailors failed to field a team for the CAN-AM and the problems encountered with the August drought. The success of participation in the BBYC One-Design Regatta in promoting R/C Sailing was also noted.

Rear Commodore Bugden gave a summary of the racing activity, noting that there were 146 races sailed during the regular Thursday Evening and Sunday Afternoon Series. And that 9 Regattas were held starting with the Fool's Regatta on April 27th and ending with the Frostbite on November 9th.

Treasurer Jim Goddard presented the 2025 Financials noting that the 1Club operated at a slight deficit for 2025, attributed to a loss for the CAN-CAN Regatta and the purchase of HAMYC Pins. It was noted that a healthy Bank Balance still existed. The dues had previously been set at \$20 to allow for prompt forwarding of the portion assigned to membership in the CRYA, the National Body.

Gary and Jim reported on Communications, everyone indicating satisfaction with current activity and pleased with the prompt email dissemination of race results.

Under New Business there was discussion of the holding the Soling 1m Nationals. It would be preferred to have them held in Ontario but so far no one has stepped forward. Participation was noted as a problem if they were held locally. Bob White made some suggestions regarding providing loaner boats, billeting and providing transport to the airport to promote participation by visiting sailors.

Jim suggested that sailing for some of the classes other than the Soling (EC-12 and Mini-12) be placed on the schedule to encourage skippers who are not familiar with these vessels to come have a look.

Jon pointed out that Sail-GP was coming to Halifax June 20-21. Gary indicated that an event similar to was was done 2 years ago was in the planning stages.

Bill asked about the status of seawall improvements at Sullivan's Pond. Gary indicated that he did not believe it was in this Year's HRM Budget but would make inquiries.

Interest was expressed in holding Match Racing, perhaps one evening a month.

There was some discussion of obtaining a trophy in honour of Boots Boutilier who passed away in August. It was agreed the the Executive would pursue this idea as there are several Annual Regattas which do not have assigned trophies.

Election of Officers was held. All current Officers agreed to stand again and there were no nominations from the floor.

Rear Commodore Bugden presented Trophies and HAMYC Pins and 'Practical Prizes' to Series and Regatta Winners.

Gary Bugden Moved that the meeting be adjourned.