



Collins Mixer

Collins Bay Yacht Club

Newsletter

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Amherst Island Race
- **June 8**
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tickets for June 11
BBQ
- **June 11**
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on Croatia
- **June 25-26** Long
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COMMODORE'S CORNER

JUNE 2011

By the time you read this you should be in the water and, if not, you're dragging your feet! What a spring! If it ain't raining its too cold to paint bottoms, hmmm, take that out of context and it sounds rather kinky!

Your board has been busy setting up the various events for the coming sailing season and you can bet that they will be wildly successful as the weather will cooperate since we've had such a rotten spring. Be sure to read the rest of the articles in this Mixer and check out the new website to be sure of dates and times for upcoming activities.

The Wine and Cheese kick-off on May 7th was very well-attended and Social Chair Carissa Hyatt and her team did a great job in preparing for the event and cleaning up afterward. Thanks to all.

Marilyn Sykes took a few minutes during the evening to talk about a possible flotilla/group cruise in Croatia for the spring/fall of 2012 and there was a great deal of interest shown for the trip. There will be a meeting of all interested parties in the near future when she has more information from the various charter companies. Be sure to watch for more news on this.

June 11th. Put this in your personal calendar. Sail Past and Fun Day marks the official beginning of the sailing season where we "dress the boats" and sail past the Commodore and Vice-Commodore who will be taking the salute on the fabulous Douglas known as Naiad IV! Captain Salty, our Fleet Captain, is in charge of the actual sail past and he has promised to write out instructions in this addition of the Mixer. As I take a verbal swipe at Catalinas whenever I have a chance I can only guess at the unsubstantiated slurs that will be tossed at the wonderful Douglas marquee in this article!

Also in this addition of the Mixer is an article written by our Vice-Commodore on the evolution of the J-24, two of which have appeared on the club race scene in the last year. Now if you're like me and you have a perfectly good fast cruising boat that would completely destroy some of the plastic boats that are involved in the racing if a collision were to occur, you may be interested in partnering on a disposable J-24 with other like-minded sailors. The Red Baron is a three-way partnership which seems to be very successful against the dreaded Olsons! Hope I've stirred the pot enough!

Fair winds and following seas is my wish for all our members for the upcoming sailing season.

Lionel

Collins Bay Marina News

We thought spring would never come, but the warm sunny weather has finally arrived and the boat launches are going full speed ahead!

Have you had your Sun Shower yet? New this year are the solar panels on the washroom building to supplement the hot water. Don't worry – you won't have a cold shower on a cloudy day as we still have electrical back up, but we sure hope the sun showers help reduce our carbon footprint.

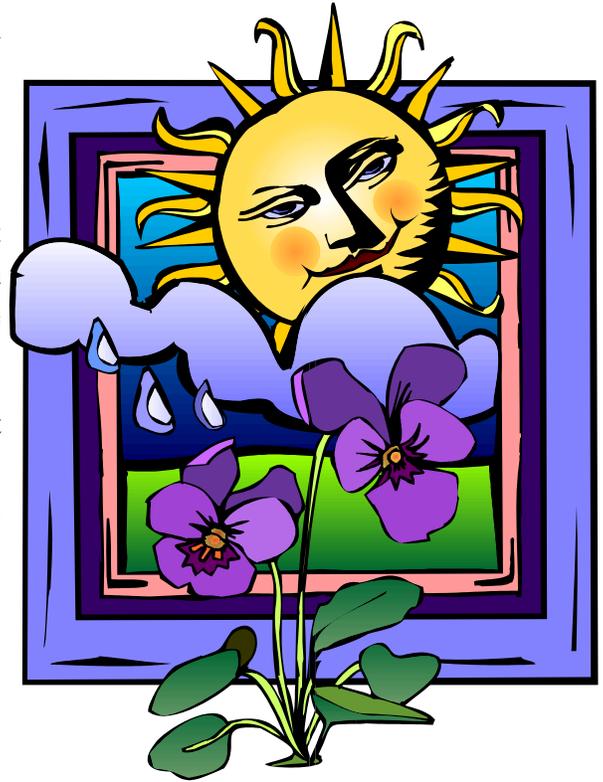
On Saturday, May 21st we held our second annual Ready Set Inflate initiative to kick-off Safe Boating Awareness Week. We're trying to help beat last year's record of 1,514 inflations across North America. Participants met us at the Marina office at 2pm on May 21st wearing their inflatable PFDs and we had a fun time testing out our safety gear.

Safe Boating Week ran from May 21st to the 27th as a reminder to us all, no matter how experienced a boater, to:

1. Wear a PFD
2. Don't Drink & Boat
3. Be Prepared (both you and your vessel)
4. Take a Course
5. Be Aware of the Dangers of Cold Water Immersion

Speaking of safety, we are sorry to report that our annual "Don't Rock the Boat" event was cancelled for this year due to the many financial cutbacks for the various agencies involved. Perhaps it's just as well anyway, for this year due to the cold, wet spring it would have been a challenge to have all the boats launched and the yard ready in time!

We're glad to have most of the same crew back this year – Ian, Henry, Alice, Jordan, Matt, Tony, Paul, Kenny and Ian P. have all been busy here with the season start up. It seems like the list is never ending – cleaning windows and screens, getting the fuel dock and sailing school docks back in position, putting out the race marks and channel marks, and all the garden and yard work! We're lucky to have such hardworking, friendly and capable staff. Our crew tell us, and we heartily agree, that the best part of the job is working for the fantastic boaters we have here at Collins Bay Marina!





READY, SET, INFLATE EVENT!

Thanks to all the Collins Bay Marina boaters who helped to kick off Safe Boating Week with the "Ready, Set, Inflate" event. The event helps to spread the message to boaters to wear their PFD's and to have a fun, SAFE season on the water. The international event took place on May 21, 2011 and even CKWS news was there to record the event!



Out of sight and out of mind can bring on a disaster!!!

After reading Hubs article in the news letter about a boat whose fuel fill hose let go while fueling, I decided that it was time to check mine. Who knows when it was replaced. It could still be the original hose.

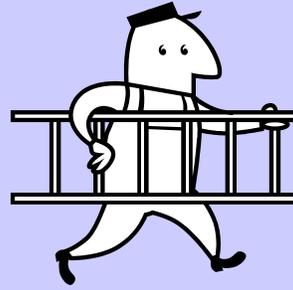
Was I ever glad I did. It was in bad shape with two areas that could have let go at any time. In one area I was able to push my finger into the hose; it was that bad.

It was a bit of a mission to get the old one out, which made me realize that It was the original one to the boat(25 years old). The installation was easy with a new hose from Pride Marine and 4 new special hose clamps that Dave recommended.

Thanks Hub for the great article!, Disaster averted!!

Terry Smyth, Pirate Jenny





Ladder Lament

We've noticed some ladders are being locked to the stern ladder of boats on land. We don't recommend this for a few reasons:

- we see them getting blown or knocked over (in some cases hitting and damaging the boat hull)
- they might be a security risk (easy access for vandals to your boat)
- ladders have also proven to be an obstacle for the crane to park or rotate behind boats during launch. Whenever possible, please lock your ladder to your cradle underneath your boat when not in use.

Once your boat has been launched, please do not leave your ladder locked to your cradle as it is too easily damaged when we pack the cradles away for summer storage. Your ladder can be locked to the ladder storage trailer (past the steel pile in the east yard) for the summer. Also, please remember to take your cradle pads home for the summer for safe keeping.

Thanks for your consideration!

The Launch Crew



Let the Fun Begin!

Some CBYC Members enjoying breakfast at Cedar Island over the long weekend in May.

Pictured:

Gary and Carol Logan, *Sabrina IV*;
John and Janet Morrison, *Luffin Life*
Chuck and Karen Francis, *Eclipse*

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“There is NOTHING—
absolutely nothing—half so much
worth doing as simply messing
about in Boats”.

Kenneth Grahame, *Wind in the Willows*



Were Moving

June 1, 2011

Quinte Canvas Mfg (TopShop) Inc.
2053 Hwy 38. 2KM North of 401
Enter off Bur Brook Rd.

SOCIAL NEWS

Coffee House:

April 30 was greeted with warm weather and a boat yard full of sailors preparing to launch. The Coffee House saw many visitors as the variety of treats and coffee brought people in and made for a successful event. Thanks to Pat Redford, Crystal Baker, Claudia Stevenson & Judy Adams who also provided baked goods.

The Wine & Cheese was a great success this year as many members came to the club to celebrate the season. There were new and familiar faces alike as people mingled over snacks and spirits. Lionel introduced the new executive and welcomed everyone to the club to kick off the sailing season. Marilyn entertained the idea of going to Croatia for a cruise this year which was well received.

Members were welcomed by a colorful spread of fruit and veggies, and a variety of sausage, cheeses, crackers and spreads. The event was made possible thanks to all the lovely volunteers. Claudia Stevenson and Marilyn Sykes set up the tables and table clothes. Owen and I bought, chopped and prepped all the food, Pat and Lionel helped with the decorations and clean up along with Crystal Baker, Lee Baker, and Carole Martin. Thanks to Chris and Al MacLachlan who vacuumed and put the clubhouse back in order on Sunday morning.

The volunteers are greatly appreciated! Thank you all for helping to make the event a success.

The annual **Sail Past** takes place June 11 and is sure to be a popular event! Tickets will be on sale next week in the marina office for \$5.



Nautical Fact

Ships Flags—Although most often used today for ceremonial reasons and decoration, International code flags are still a recognized and often extremely useful means of communication between two ships or between ship and shore. Also known as signalling flags, they are a set of flags of varying shapes, colours and markings which when flown on their own or in combination, have different meanings. On cruise ships you may notice flying from the ships mast quite frequently a flag Hotel which is comprised of two vertical halves, one red and the other white. This means the ship is under pilotage. Another commonly used flag is Bravo which is wholly red and indicates that the ship is transferring fuel oil on board.

Sailpast & Fun Day; June 11, 2011! YEAR 31!!!

The Sailpast & Fun Day is a great way to get involved and show your sportsmanship! Join us on June 11th and enjoy the event! The day will begin with muffins and coffee at the skippers meeting at 10:00am Hoist your sails and salute the commodore before the fun race. The day will wrap with a BBQ at 6:00pm. Bring your own meat for the BBQ, beverages, plates, and cutlery.

Tickets will be on sale at the marina office starting May 17th. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and include salads, rolls/butter and dessert. You will be doing your own BBQ with whatever meat you prefer. The intention is to keep the cost low and increase participation in our Sailpast activities.

Tickets must be purchased by June 8th!

It's going to be a busy, fun-filled day! We look forward to having the cruisers and racers unite for a fun race! Join us for a great time on June 11th.



CBYC SAIL PAST 2011



Sail Past is a ceremony of inspecting a fleet of ships and showing respect to the Commander in charge. Throughout history, this ceremony has included Royalty, Heads of State, and Admirals all inspecting fleets or entire Navies. Every year, the practice and history of Sail Past is performed by thousands of yacht clubs around the world. And our Sail Past at Collins Bay Yacht Club celebrates the beginning of Sailing Season and this year is planned for the late morning of June 11th as the kick-off for our Fun Day!

“Whoa there young mate!”, interjects Capt’n Salty, “I’ve been around for a few millennia now, so I know the real purpose of these Sail Past thingsy. When I was in the foksle it was just an excuse to sober all us swabs up. When I was on the poop, it meant we had better get in fighting trim, ‘cause there was a major battle coming up. And when I was on the Flag ship, most likely the Admiral wanted to get some respect ‘cause he couldn’t get any at home.”

That’s right; I reminded Salty, my old mentor and occasional sailing companion, Sail Past ceremonies are about showing respect. Ships show respect by raising or lowering its country flag, which flies at the stern of the boat. This flag is also referred to as an ensign. The lowering of the ensign, historically, was a courtesy or sign of respect from merchant ships to naval ships, for example. During the Sail Past, with the Captain at the helm, and crew standing in order on deck and saluting, the ensign is dipped as the boat sails past and three cheers are given to the Commodore.

“Hey, I remember that stuff”, the Capt’n interrupting again, “the Bosun would make us dress up in our Sunday best, ‘n fill us full o’ salt beef ‘n hard tack, ‘n line us up on deck. But we would sneak a bit o’ grog ‘n that’s when I invented Mooning.” At this point I had to remind the old Salt that we don’t do that kind of

thing at prestigious clubs such as the Collins Bay Yacht Club. Our Captains, of course, will have already ensured that their crews have been well fed, wearing appropriate tucker, and of good, but not excessive humour. And that, if the crew did line up for inspection along the side rail, all our salutes would be positive signs; a military salute, a thumbs-up, an A-OK, or just a friendly wave.

“So, who’s mister high ‘n mighty this year?”, mumbles a deflated Capt’n Salty. So, I explained that it would be his old buddy Commodore Lionel from the Good Ship Naiad IV. “Ha! He hasn’t even got on all the band-aids on, so the Doubtful Douglas probably won’t even float”, exclaims Salty. Oh, so you do remember Skipper Lionel from last year. “Well Yeh! But I remember the Dismal Douglas better. Last year, when we saw his boat at anchor and waiting for the Sail Past to begin, it reminded me of the time during Dubbya Dubbya Two when we would use the old Douglases for artillery practice, they sank faster than they sail!” I had to ask the Capt’n to wipe the big smile off his face and remember that respect and discipline would be the order of the day during Sail Past.

I also reminded him that our order of procession would follow the usual pat-

tern of smaller vessels before larger, with however, the Fleet Captain’s vessel coming last and being most respectful. “I can hardly wait”, exclaims the now very excited ancient mariner through his white beard, “with a couple of Pusser’s Painkillers, I can come up with some Daffy Displays for the Dawdling Douglas. And where are ya gettin’ the tug to tow the Commodore’s Craft to the ceremony?” Don’t you worry about displays or tugs, if you’re going to help me, you can be in charge of the other possible salute, which is the luffing of the foresail, to indicate vulnerability or the indication of no threat.

Now, Capt’n Salty and all you other salts that will want to be part of this wonderful pageant, remember that the esteemed Commodore and his crew will be judging the Best Dressed Boat and the Best Dressed Crew or whatever quality parameter the Commodore decides and the appropriate recognition will be given at the Commodore’s Bash, later in the day.

More importantly, to be fully briefed for the actual drill for the Sail Past, please come to the Skipper’s Meeting before the Sail Past in the Clubhouse on the morning of June 11th. At 1000 hours, coffee and muffins will be available, with our actual Skippers Meeting beginning at 1030 hours, where we will sort out the time of departure

for the Commodore’s Dandy Douglas, probably 1100 hours, Fleet departure starting about 1115 hours and the Sail Past starting at 1130 hours. All of this being weather and wind dependent.

After each boat completes their salute to the Commodore, they are on their own to repair to their dock or proceed to enjoy a sail into the lake, but remember that Keith Davies is planning a Fun Race for all interested in the afternoon.

I hope to see you all at Sail Past,

With all due Respect to our Commodore Lionel Redford,

And his Divine Douglas, Naiad IV,

Your Fleet Captain,

Dave Sansom



CBYC SAILS CROATIA IN 2012



Are you interested?

Join us for an information meeting on *Saturday, June 11 at 4:00 pm* in the *Club House*.

Plans so far:

Fly to Croatia for 10 days to 2 weeks of sailing in September 2012

Decisions to be made:

- § Flotilla vs Group Charter?
- § What charter company? (Need to consider charter costs + service commitment)
- § Group discounts, early bird bookings, discounts for multiple charters with same company (for previous charterers)
- § Do we want to add a land tour?

Let us know if you are interested:

Contact Marilyn Sykes, Day Dreams (Dock C25) or email: mpsykes@magma.ca See you on June 11!

CRUISE CAPTAINS NEEDED

Volunteer Cruise Captains are still being sought for the Waupoos Cruise, the Long Distance Cruise and the Fish and Chips Cruise.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Jim Gough cruise-cbyc@collinsbaymarina.com



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RACING CORNER

Collins Bay is a great place to park your boat, a great place from which to cruise and, if you have a mildly competitive streak, a great place in which to race.

Club racing takes place on Thursday evenings throughout the season with the first gun usually and very promptly at 6 p.m. Depending on wind conditions and time of sunset, there may be one, two or even occasionally three races held around a simple course designed to test upwind and downwind sailing skills. There are also several long distance races held on weekends throughout the season.

This year five new yellow polyethylene racing buoys were purchased and thanks to Hub and Owen Bird, four were deployed late in the afternoon on May 12th, just in time for the start of the first club race of the season

Full results of this race are posted on the CBYC website. O'Naturel (Bruce Rand) was the winner in the PHRF 1 fleet, Stardust IV (Carmen Knapp) in PHRF 2 and Whistler (Bill Visser) was winner in PHRF 3.

This year we are using the Chips 3 High Point Scoring system for all races. This system awards a substantial number of points even for last place and thus is designed to encourage increased participation.

The Spring Thursday night racing series continues until June 16th and the first counting long distance race of the season, a race around Amherst Island, will be held on June 4th. Skipper's meeting at 9:00 a.m. with the start at approximately 10:00.

The following weekend, in the afternoon following the Commodore's Sailpast, we are going to try and organise a fun race similar to the one that was held last year with lots of generous time allowances for children and novices crewing and for equipment on board (dodger, bimini etc) not usually known for it's go-fast potential. Last year the threat of rain, which did not materialise, kept many people away but hopefully this year we will have no such problems

To all non-racers and new members, I would like to say do come and check us out. We offer racing for all levels of expertise from raw beginner to national class champions and in all classes of keelboats. You will find us a highly congenial bunch who really appreciate a good time as well as good food after the Thursday night races.

Keith Davies

Race Chair

CBYC Sailing School, Not Just for Kids!

We run adult dinghy lessons on Monday and Wednesday evenings in June July and August and over two weekends in June. CYA White sail and Bronze sail. Now is the chance for crew to learn to sail or to brush up dinghy sailing skills .

As a special offer we will extend the CBYC full member rate to associate members or non members who are introduced by a member. Note for race crew -lessons include 1 year associate membership in CBYC! Details are on the Website!

Phil Morris



2011 Canada Day Cruise ~ with kids & grandkids

Thursday, June 30

- ▶ Pizza dinner in the Clubhouse
- ▶ Music provided by our Kingston Duo / Trio or Quartet

Friday, July 1

- ▶ Early sail to Kingston Inner Harbour and anchor
- ▶ 11:00 am Wear Red & White! Go ashore. Enjoy the waterfront festivities, Canada Day Parade, live music, etc.
- ▶ 16:00 hours ~ Happy Hour on Day Dreams! Bring appetizers to share & BYOB
- ▶ Special Happy Hour for the kids
- ▶ 22:00 hours ~ Watch the fireworks from the best anchorage in town!!



*Sign up on the Clubhouse Bulletin Board (After June 10)
Let us know how many are coming!
Costs ~ for pizza and prizes for the kids
~ to be determined*



SPRING THAW YACHTSMEN AWARD

Hub Steenbakkers was awarded the **2011 Spring Thaw Yachtsmen's Award for the Environment**. This is Bill Milne of Alex Milne Associates presenting the award to Hub at the Boulevard Club Luncheon in Toronto earlier this month.

Congratulations!

Collins Bay Yacht Club - Fun Race

Saturday June 11th, 2011

with

Skipper's meetings @ 10:00 hrs

Come and join in all the fun. Anyone who sails at Collins Bay is invited to join in the second annual fun race planned for the afternoon of Sat Jun 11th, following the CBYC Annual Sailpast. The start-time will be around 1:00 pm

The race will be sailed over a simple course using club permanent or temporary marks and there may be staggered starts to lessen congestion on the start-line. Generous time credits will be given, amongst others, for any of the following.

- *Sailboats with an all female crew*
- *Sailboats helmed >50% of the time by a woman*
- *Skippers who have never raced before*
- *Boats with crew who have never raced or sailed before*
- *Boats with the best dressed crew*
- *Boats with the worst dressed crew*
- *Boats with largest & smallest crew to boat length ratio*
- *Boats with Bar-B-Q on sternrail, more if used during race*
- *Boats with dodger and bimini set up*
- *No. of crew aged less than 20*

Further details from Race Chair, Keith Davies, at

race-cbyc@collinsbaymarina.com

Vice Commodore's Report

It was a pleasure to meet a number of you at the Wine and Cheese in early May. Carissa and I have enjoyed our time on the Executive so far and look forward to a fun summer both on the water and off. As racers, we hope to bring our experiences and suggestions to the Executive Committee to unite the club and promote events of all types.

The reciprocal letters went out to neighbouring clubs in March and we've been receiving many correspondences accepting our offers and reciprocating. The binder is now in the club house with the cards and letters received so far from the 40 clubs with which we reciprocate. I will also be regularly updating the Reciprocal page on the website: <http://collinsbaymarina.com/cbyc/reciprocal/reciprocal-clubs/>

Like Lionel, I too have a strong interest in pointing out the pros and cons of various types of boats. I'm sure everyone does, but not everyone is afforded the opportunity to do so in the club newsletter! This month, I would like to (altruistically of course) spotlight the J/24.

The J/24 started out as a garage project, on a shoe string budget, as a way for Rod Johnstone to validate a design idea



that was years in the making and provide him with a boat the entire family could sail on. That first season, the J/24 won just about every race that was entered. Even better, the crew was rarely the same for each event and was primarily made up of family with a few friends. The goal to have fun sailing with family and friends was met. At the end of that year sailors were asking Rod for a copy for their very own, and by partnering with brother Bob, JBoats was born.

Sales took off over the next couple of years. In 1978 the original production plan tripled from 250 to 750 hulls. 2,000 hulls were built from 1977 thru 1979.

Current hull numbers are in the mid 5,000's-making the J24 the most successful one design sailboat ever built.

In addition to being a great boat, J/24s come at unbeatable prices. It is not uncommon to find great boat, trailer and motor packages in the used market for under \$7,500. Deal and project-seekers can find great boats with lots of life left for under \$4,000.

If you are interested in purchasing or crewing on a J/24, please visit us on G-dock. Our fleet has doubled in size (from one boat to two) in the past year and we want to keep this hot streak going! We've got leads on some great boats available and we'd be happy to share gear and help you set up your boat to win.

The Performance Handicap Racing System (PHRF) has long since been a heavily debated topic in cockpits and watering-holes alike. If we all buy J/24s then we can take a load of work off of Bill Visser's plate and leave the debate to other less-organized Yacht Clubs!

Owen Bird

Bird Ship

Jack & Jill

Carissa Hyatt and Owen Bird or Bird Ship are having their Jack and Jill on June 4th at Zorba's Banquet Facility located at 1474 Bath Road, Kingston, Ontario. Tickets can be purchased in advance (contact Tim Mahoney, 613-530-6461) or at the door. The celebration begins at 8:00pm.

Marriage Announcement

Paul Loyst and Patti Reis of PattiO'Paul would like to announce to friends, sailors, suitors, the four winds, Great Lakes, and high seas, that Paul has finally done the right thing and asked Patti to marry him. Yes, on September 10, 2011, after ten years of non-matrimonial bliss and five years of domesticated cohabitation, Champaign shall be sprinkled upon the decks of our life.



Services are to be held in a sailorly fashion as is befitting a sailing couple. Near the water's edge, under blue skies, and the watchful eyes of family, sealing the future fate of we two sailing mates upon the winds of life.

New Members on D Dock

The owners of 2 CS 36's on D dock have joined CBYC. Marg and Mike, owners of *Prodeo*, joined us at the Wine & Cheese. They have many years of cruising experience at the western end of Lake Ontario, and moved their CS 36 here last summer from the Bronte Outer Harbour. Retirement in Kingston suits them to a T! Mike is an ABYC certified marine electrical technician. They also have 4 non-sailing cats. They should fit in purrfectly at CBYC.

**Busy Mother's Day Weekend**

While many of us were working on our boats on Mother's Day weekend, avid cruisers, Romie and Geoff (Beluga V) were busy in Ottawa. They welcomed two new members to their family that weekend; a new daughter-in-law on Saturday and their other daughter-in-law presented them with a new grand-daughter on Sunday! What a Mother's Day gift!



Is your cabin sole tired? I am ordering Teak & Maple 18 mm ply from Noahs (www.noahsboatbuilding.com/) G2S 2" x 0.6mm Engineered teak with 1/4" x .6mm Maple. Waterproof Glue lines.

It will be \$160 per sheet with a shipping charge of about \$40 per sheet. By combining orders we can save on waste (& cost)

Contact Phil Morris 613 881 0199



If you have some personal news or request that you would like to share with CBYC Club Members please contact the Mixer News Editor - Glenda Levesque at:

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Pictures taken by Chuck Jones and Jacques Levesque, May 2011

To Varnish, Seal, Cetol, Oil or Not To....

By Jacques Levesque

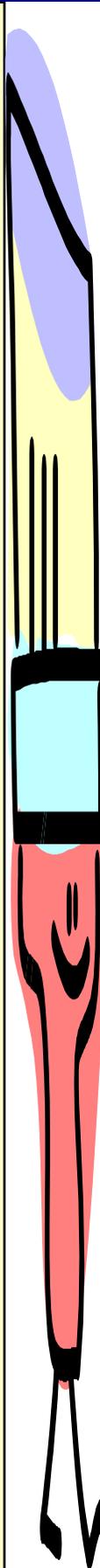
That is the question that sailors must confront when maintaining teak and it seems to be a more complicated puzzle than the Bard's Danish Prince ever had to solve.

First a disclaimer - I am novice on the subject and this article only highlights some of my acquired insights to date. Second, there will undoubtedly be many different views on this, almost as many as what polish to put on your hull and there is probably no right answer. In fact, the answer to what is the best teak treatment seems to be - it depends!

If you are finishing surfaces that do not take foot traffic, such as handholds, toe rails and companionway boards, then varnish or its synthetic (e.g. varathane) equivalents seem to be the favourite. Varnish generally requires multiple coats, some say 3 to 8, to get the best glassy finish and longevity. You typically need to lightly sand between coats with 220 or finer sand paper and make sure you use a tack cloth to remove all the debris before re-applying to get the best finish. The result can be mesmerizing, but will require ongoing maintenance.

The teak foot surfaces on the swim platform and cockpit seats on *Miranda* had been treated with either varathane or varnish by the Previous Owner (PO). Unfortunately we found them to be extremely slippery when wet and decided this had to be corrected. You can apparently lightly sprinkle or blow very fine silica or sand onto drying varnish surfaces to make them rough, but this seemed more risk than we were willing to endure.

Yours truly began the heat gun and scraper stripping process and quickly came to the conclusion that this was (1) time consuming, (2) required lots of patience, and (3) was best suited to a detail oriented person. *Miranda's* First Mate (a.k.a. the Admiral) was therefore pressed into service. She investigated the potential use of chemical (soy) stripper, but found that it requires relatively warm temperatures and can be expensive. So, 2 days later she



had heated and scraped off the varnish and we were now ready to sand and select a treatment. The safety improvement was immediate - the inlays are no longer slippery when wet.

Miranda's teak inlays are about 1.25 inches wide with rubber in between each strip so that you cannot use a larger sander without damaging the rubber. We opted for sanding blocks that we will be using in the coming weeks. The goal, I am told, is to get down to bare wood in preparation for the next step.

Some suggest that once you are down to bare wood you should leave it that way and let it go "gray". As the new owners of this boat we still have enough enthusiasm to try and make her look pretty so we discounted this option - check back in 5 years for changes in attitude.

We then considered Cetol treatment since many in the club swear by this, but it seems to turn the wood dark over time. We had also heard about traditional teak oiling with either linseed or tung oil, but learned that this will also darken the wood after a few months and will require multiple initial and ongoing coats. Further discussion with others (*Ondine II*) indicated that a sealant might be the best solution for our particular needs.

Sealants such as Semco have become popular since they (apparently) achieve a natural look by sealing out moisture and dirt while sealing in natural oils and resins. If the wood is already heavily weathered in its natural state, then you might need to bleach and oil it to restore the resins and wait a few weeks to dry. You then wash the wood and wipe with a rag soaked in detergent to remove all oil from the surface. When dry, the sealant can then be applied using a throw away brush and the excess wiped away with a rag. Apparently two coats should be applied in the same day for best results.

We hope to get the sanding and sealing done in the next month, assuming the deluge ends and warmer weather prevails. Stay tuned or come by and visit *Miranda* on A11 to see the results and share your own views and experiences on this boat maintenance topic!

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Ashbridge's Bay YC	Toronto ON
Bay of Quinte YC	Belleville ON
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Brockville YC	Brockville ON
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CFB Kingston*	Kingston ON
CFB Trenton YC	Trenton ON
Cobourg YC*	Cobourg ON
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Dalhousie YC	St. Catharines ON
Etobicoke YC	Etobicoke ON
Fairhaven YC	Fairhaven NY
Fifty Point YC	Stoney Creek ON
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Grimsby YC	Grimsby ON
Henderson Harbour YC	Manilus NY
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Kingston YC	Kingston ON
Mimico Cruising Club	Etobicoke ON
National Yacht Club (The)	Toronto ON
Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club	Niagara-on-the-Lake ON
Oak Orchard YC	Oak Orchard NY
Oakville Yacht Squadron	Oakville ON
Olcott YC	Olcott NY
Oswego YC	Oswego NY
Presqu'ile Yacht Club*	Brighton ON
Port Hope YC	Port Hope ON
Prince Edward YC	Picton ON
Pultneyville YC	Pultneyville NY
Rochester YC	Rochester NY
Royal Canadian YC (The)	Toronto ON
Royal Hamilton YC (The)	Hamilton ON
Sodus Bay YC	Sodus Point NY
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Whistling softly during a calm, however, is an acceptable way to awaken Saint Anthony, the patron saint of breezes and winds. It can be useful in that it may bring on a suitable wind, as can gently scratching the backstays or taking an old broomhead and heaving it overboard in the direction from which the wind is desired. (not recommended).

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