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Collins Bay Yacht Club Newsletter



Upcoming Events

- Apr 27th Coffee House
- May 2nd Spring Practice Race
- May 4th Wine and Cheese
- May 9th Spring Series Race

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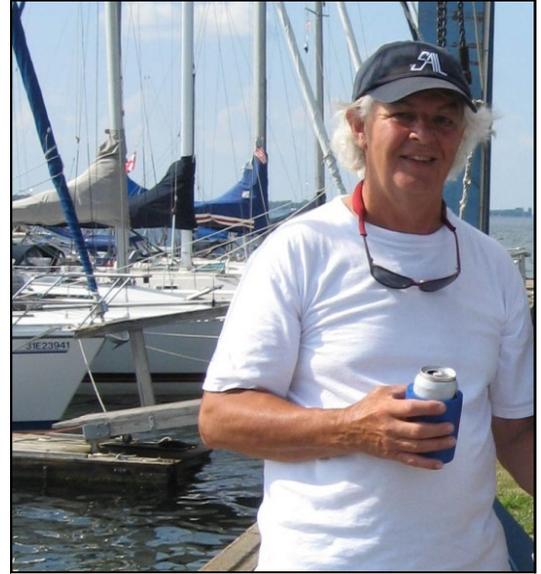
COMMODORE'S CORNER

APRIL 2013

Your outgoing Commodore



Your incoming Commodore



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Over the past two and a half years it has been work, reward and even a little bit of fun to serve on the CBYC Executive Committee. Both in my role as Commodore and Vice Commodore and as the unofficial support team to the Social Chair, I have had the chance to meet and work with a lot of really great people. Racing, cruising and just hanging out in the boat yard have been great too but it's time to alter course.

Carissa and I are thrilled to report that we will be having a baby this summer so we're hanging up our racing gloves

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Since Crystal and I retired to the area five years ago, we have had the pleasure to meet many new friends thanks to the activities associated with the Collins Bay Yacht Club. We have always found it rewarding to volunteer for various activities and club executive positions. My last three years on the executive as House Chair and Vice-Commodore will hopefully enable me to contribute more to the Club in the role of Commodore. I have inherited a very knowledgeable and enthusiastic executive with whom I am looking forward to working. I am honoured to be

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and preparing a nursery, building a crib and getting ready for exciting family time ahead. I write this commodore's report as my last as I will be stepping down in April and have asked Lee Baker to take over my post for the remainder of 2013. Lionel has also agreed to stay on as your Past Commodore so be ready for more propaganda about the Douglas!

We've sold the C&C 29 - Candy Cane II – before ever getting around to officially renaming it – and the J will remain in storage this season. Sailing is very close to our hearts and we're committed to getting back to it soon. In the meantime, I'm sure we'll find lots to keep us busy as our family grows.

Thanks to everyone who has stepped up and volunteered their time to help make a CBYC event a success. Having seen races, coffee houses, regattas, skippers meetings, pancake breakfasts and Sailpasts from both sides of the organizing committee, I can truly say that the people make the difference. This club has some great volunteers – you know who you are and I'd like to thank you.

I wish Lee and the rest of the Executive the best of luck for the rest of 2013 and beyond.

Until we meet again, all the best,

Owen Bird

able to take over the role of Commodore.

On behalf of all the executive and club members I'd like to thank Owen and Carissa for their club service and wish them well in their new adventure.

The executive is here to serve Club members. To keep the executive fresh we call on club members to step into positions every couple of years to provide new ideas and leadership. Our Past Commodore (Lionel) may be seeking your help to fill upcoming roles over this season.

Similarly; Social, Race, Cruising, House, and Sailing School chairs need help from time to time to ensure successful events. Many hands make light work.

Tired of Winter? Hopefully everyone has weathered this long, cold, and snowy winter. Spring is nearly here and we can start to get together again. Hopefully we'll see you at Pat Your Boat or the Wine and Cheese.

Lee Baker

CBYC Commodore



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CBYC Membership Renewal 2013

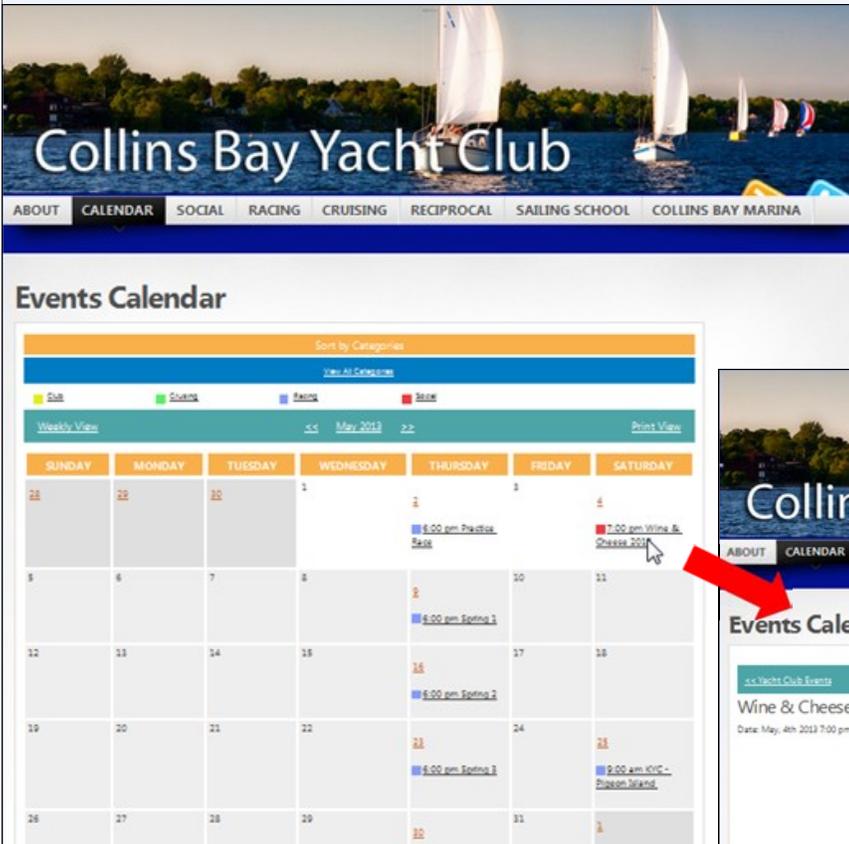
Reminder: It's time to renew your CBYC Membership before May 1st.

- Full Membership: \$125 (before May 1st) or \$135 (on or after May 1st)
- Associate Membership: \$50 (before May 1st) or \$55 (on or after May 1st)

RENEWAL FORMS WERE MAILED OUT OR YOU CAN GO TO <http://collinsbaymarina.com/cbyc/about/membership/> TO PRINT ANOTHER FORM.

Club events for the 2013 season have been posted on the calendar at the CBYC website:

www.collinsbayyachtclub.ca. Clicking on the title of any event will bring you to a second page where you will find additional details.



The screenshot shows the Collins Bay Yacht Club website. The header features the club's name and a navigation menu with links: ABOUT, CALENDAR, SOCIAL, RACING, CRUISING, RECIPROCAL, SAILING SCHOOL, and COLLINS BAY MARINA. Below the header is the "Events Calendar" section, which includes a "Sort by Categories" dropdown, a "View All Categories" link, and a "Weekly View" calendar for May 2013. The calendar shows events for various days, including "6:00 pm Practice Race" on Thursdays and "7:00 pm Wine & Cheese 2013" on Saturdays. A red arrow points from the event title in the calendar to a larger screenshot of the event details page.



The screenshot shows the event details page for "Wine & Cheese 2013". The page includes the club's name and navigation menu. The event details are as follows:

- WINE & CHEESE 2013**
- Date: May, 4th 2013 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- JOIN US IN THE CLUBHOUSE FOR OUR ANNUAL WINE AND CHEESE PARTY.
- BRING YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE AND WE WILL PROVIDE THE MUNCHIES.
- THIS YEAR'S WINE AND CHEESE INCLUDE SOME SPECIAL EVENTS SUCH AS THE NAMING AND CHRISTENING OF THE CLUB'S NEW BOAT AND MORE!
- THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO NON MEMBERS INTERESTED IN CHECKING US OUT.
- GUARANTEED TO BE AN ENTERTAINING EVENING, SEE YOU THERE :)

At the bottom of the page, there are links for "Download Photos as PDF", "Photography by [Dana Egan](#)", "Login", and "Website Designed and hosted by [Ocean Blue](#)".

The Executive encourages club members to regularly check the website and explore what we have ahead this sailing season.

We know that some club members would like to be kept informed about boating events in the Kingston area and also provided with links to information that could be valuable to those sailing in local waters. The Executive debated how we might provide this information to club members and decided against sending out general e-mail messages. Instead, information and links will be posted to pages listed in a **Of Interest to Kingston Area Boaters** menu found on the right hand side of the CBYC website mainpage.

Geoff Roulet
CBYC Webmaster

In order to provide ongoing fuel service to our customers, we had to do the necessary upgrades, as the old system did not meet the TSSA regulations.

Over the winter we hired MA Barr to replace the underground fuel lines and purchased a new dual sided fuel dispenser. The old lines were dug up and new secondary containment piping was installed just before Christmas. The new electronic fuel dispenser is now ready for use!

An upgrade to the mast crane will be completed in time for spring launch also. We have a new electric winch for the boom. This will make the mast crane much more maneuverable.

We are happy to report that the application for weed control has been submitted and received. We are committed to doing all we can to combat the weeds!

The marina office has undergone a little renovation, with the marina logo done in tile at the entrance to the office. Gerry and Paul did a great job! When you are around the marina, come in and take a look!

It has been a snowy winter and we are looking forward to spring and all the hustle and bustle that launch brings! See you all soon!

Gerry and Lori Buzzi.

Helm, Collins Bay Marina



CBYC Upcoming Social Events

Coffee House 10-2, April 27th, clubhouse

Wine and Cheese, boat naming May 4th open to guests and non members

Sailpast Fun Day/BBQ June 8th, tickets \$5, door prizes

Check out

<http://collinsbaymarina.com/cbyc/events-calendar/>

for details



Coffee at the Clubhouse
April 27th 10 am - 2 pm



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"PAT YOUR BOAT" EVENT

was a huge success. Many, many thanks to the 32 club members who came out and enjoyed our first 2013 Club-house social. The food was good, and the company, great! The heaters certainly did their job and everyone was comfortable. Thank you to the Buzzis for the offer of their home facilities, although I think we were ok.



Thanks to those who helped with the clean up. One of the highlights of the evening was the impromptu announcement of the change of command in the Commodore role, as a result of Owen and Carissa's delightful upcoming arrival (Congrats!). Lee, previously our Vice-Commodore will be filling the position as Commodore. Congratulations Lee.

A more formal hand-over will take place in the future. Some members even patted their boats. Having done that, Jack Frost can leave quickly now and let Mother Nature bring on Spring. See you all at the Coffee House April 27th!

Sue Stevenson
CBYC Social Chair



The First Annual Winter Classic

Well sports fans it was a gala event at the Royal Kingston Curling Club on February 23rd as 23 curlers and several thousand spectators gathered to participate in the inaugural curling event for CBYC members and friends. For those new to the game instruction was provided by several experienced curlers with stick instruction for those who could not bend down (Dave Sansom & Bill Worthy) and for those who could bend down (Garry Logan & Jean Harvey) and even those sinister people (left-handed Lionel Redford).

After a moderate amount of instruction, being as though everyone there was a world-class athlete, games got underway with opponent changes after two ends to give everyone a chance to mix with their club mates.



Some folks had a tough time sliding the rocks over the hog line at first but then “got their weight down” and made some particularly good shots. Experienced curler, Chuck Francis made a highlight-reel shot through a port to “hit and stick” whereupon Dave Sansom ruined that with a draw to the button. A certain person, who will remain nameless but she walks the docks incessantly trolling for new members, launched a shot that was a little too hard and when we retrieved the rock from the back parking lot play resumed in a more orderly fashion.

The left-handed instructor failed to make a shot all night but looked real good doing it. The girls let

Lori and Gerry Buzzi come to play and they had good time, especially when opposing one another, hummm. It was noticeable that Catalina owners seemed to be really good curlers so I guess they’ve got something going for them!

Until next year’s Second Annual Winter Classic
then HURRY HARD!

Scribe: Lionel Redford



Calling all Cruisers for the 2013 Season



When we bought Beluga V five years ago, Romie and I joined the CBYC attracted in part by the organised cruise program. Having a new-to-us boat on new-to-us cruising grounds we were looking for some guidance, local knowledge from the other cruising members and a level of security in sailing with other boats. Over the past years we have met many new friends, increased our confidence in cruising, visited places that we would not have ventured to alone all while having an undue amount of fun. This year we have taken on the role of Cruise chair(s) and are putting together the 2013 schedule. We plan to build on the successes of the past but would be happy to discuss any suggestions to add to the ones we have already had. The usual calendar starts with the OJ and Bubbly shake down cruise on Victoria day followed by the Canada day cruise to Kingston for the parade and fireworks. Mid July brings our personal favorite, "the long cruise", the Civic holiday weekend provides another opportunity for a cruising get together. The Waupoos extravaganza over the labour day weekend is the highlight for many CBYC cruisers. The cruising season has historically closed with the fish and chips (or frost bite) cruise in October.

We need cruise captains to lead the individual cruises. Please contact us with suggestions and to lead a cruise, we already have a volunteer captain for Waupoos so don't delay get your name to us while there are still spaces for other cruise captains.

Geoff and Romie, Beluga V
CBYC Cruise Coordinator

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CBYC's 'Winter Cruise' was held on 9 Feb. 2013 at the welcoming home of Geoff and Romie Kelland. Notwithstanding that the water was still quite hard, 30+ souls braved the winter and swapped stories and reminiscences about cruises past and plans for the coming season. Old friends were reunited and new friends made. Regrettably, Bill & Claudia Stevenson were snowbound in Kingston so they could not contribute their animated intelligence on life and sailing from the north shore.



The potluck fare offered hungry sailors much variety and a delicious array of lasagnas. Of course, there was an ample selection of liquid courage but fortunately no reveller became particularly courageous!

Last Summer's Team Croatia was well represented by Robert van Dyk and Marilyn Sykes and we learned of fascinating ports and sometimes gnarly passages. Given the nature of the Croatian experience, we should expect to see many more Med style moorings this season at Collins Bay Marina...hopefully without the drama and carnage frequently on display in the Med!

Remember it is always better to watch the circus than become a circus performer. Good thing the sweat equity was invested in those International Certificates of Competency last summer!

Of course there was much speculation over what new adventure Hans Mertins was on. A winter without SPOT updates from the BVIs means a very long winter indeed. In addition, there was the usual banter about boat sales, boat shows and dreams of the next water borne conquest. There was even



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the familiar introspection about the true legacy of the Douglas 32 but in the absence of Lionel and Pat Redford this discussion lacked some zest so we ‘prop-walked’ on to other subjects.

Having survived our close neighbour’s ‘Fiscal Cliff’ and on this evening not yet dialled into the imminent risks associated with ‘Sequestration’, there was bold talk about organizing a summer flotilla to Sodus Bay, Little Sodus Bay and Rochester Yacht Club. Maybe after our American cousins finally understand Canada’s real role in ‘Argo’,

they will give us free passage to their ports of call!

Attendees were also keen to learn of the improvements that the Buzzi’s had made to Collins Bay Marina. News spread quickly about the new fuel pump and associated infrastructure. All told, it is fair to say that spring 2013 can’t arrive soon enough. Thanks again to Geoff and Romie for opening up their home to the Ottawa watch of CBYC.

Scribes: Andrew & Wendy Hope



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The 2012 AGM was held at the Royal Kingston Curling Club on November 18, 2012. There were 23 members present. The Commodore, various Chairs and Marina owners tabled their reports.

The Election of Officers for the 2013 season was held and we welcome some new members and are pleased to see some familiar faces returning. Complete list is on the CBYC website.

There were two items of business deferred until the spring; presentation of a 5 Year Financial Plan and the naming of the CBYC Race Committee boat.

In 2013 we plan to return to our normal schedule and hold the AGM on the Sunday following our Annual Awards Dinner. This will enable more out-of-town members to attend both events.

Claudia Stevenson, CBYC Secretary

The Lawn at Collins Bay Marina in March



PLANNING YOUR 2013 ROUND LAKE ONTARIO CRUISE?

Check out the CBYC Website for Reciprocal Agreements

<http://collinsbaymarina.com/cbyc/reciprocal/reciprocal-clubs/>

2013 Racing Program

A little different weather from last March, as I wonder how much back pain shoveling all this wet snow will cause... Maybe a couple more visits to the ski hill are in order before the cover comes off the boat for the 2013 season.

Speaking of sailing... There will be a few changes to the 2013 Racing program.

First, the club now owns a Tanzer 22 Race Committee boat. That being said, guess who needs to help take care of her? No, not just me... I trust that all racers will help out with getting her prepped for launch. There will be a christening ceremony during the spring wine and cheese. We will be following the tried and true christening ceremony available through any half decent search engine. We will also be announcing the name of the lucky person who picked the new name for the sailboat. Might even be a prize!

Second, and as a direct consequence of the first above, the race fees per boat will need to be increased to offset some of the costs of maintaining this vessel at the marina. There will be an additional \$35 charge per boat for the season. The new Race registration form is available on the club web site.

In other news... The race schedule has a couple of minor changes from last year. There are 6 Spring Series, 7 Summer Series, and 8 Fall Series race nights scheduled. As always, if you are taking your boat to a regatta and will miss racing at the club, regatta points can be used.

We are in discussions with KYC to have the Long Point Challenge start at CBYC and finish at KYC this year. The LPC SI's will have all the details when they're published.

We are considering holding a double-handed race this season. If this might be of interest to you, let me know so that we can organize this race, if there is sufficient interest.

And finally... Our cruising brethren have put forward a suggestion to get our two fleets together in a common cause. The proposed idea is to have racing crews sail with boats from the cruising fleet, and offer / teach / suggest performance tips. I think this means that they believe we know what we're doing and have the secrets for making any boat go faster. I'm always up for sailing on someone else's boat, and hopefully lots of the race crews are as well. More to follow...

I will be sending out an invitation to the Spring skipper's meeting soon, and hope to see you all there. The 2013 SI's are posted on the club web site, and I ask that everyone review these before the spring meeting.

See you in April!

Dave DePlanché

CBYC Race Chair



After 16 months of planning, 26 members of Collins Bay Yacht Club and 10 friends departed for our Sunsail flotilla in Croatia in September 2012. We had overcome our first major challenge earlier in the summer by acquiring International Certificates of Competence (ICC). The Croatia government, along with most other EU countries requires that all skippers provide proof of competence to operate pleasure craft in Greater European Waters. Although many of the CBYC Croatia cruisers had taken Canadian Yachting Association courses, we were dismayed to discover that the courses were not recognized by any government authorities, either in Canada or in Croatia. So, with the help of Phil Morris, we arranged to “challenge” International Yacht Training’s examination. Phil proctored a three hour written exam and tested each skipper’s knowledge of key sailing manoeuvres out in Collins Bay. All the skippers passed, with flying colours.



Finally, after long discussions on the docks over the summer about flights, land tours, weather forecasts, itinerary, packing clothes, provisioning, currency exchange, we were ready for the big day.

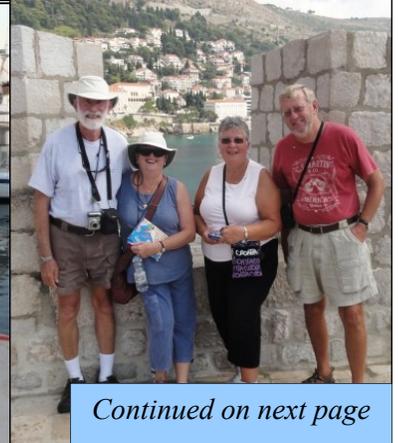
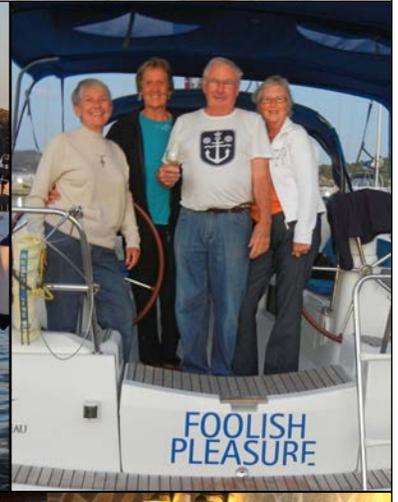
On Saturday Sept 15, 2012 the 36 CBYC members and friends descended on Sunsail’s base at Kremik Marina in Croatia, with luggage, beer and provisioning on hand. We were quickly assigned to our boats and checked out by our Flotilla leaders: Guy, an extremely personable and proficient Captain, Goulash our technical guru and Katrina, our charming hostess.

Now, the next challenge was remembering the new boat names of our colleagues so that we could call each other on the VHF radio. Dennis and Norma Reed, with Alison Froese and Judy Adams were now on “Foolish Pleasure” instead of Innisfree and Aslan. To hail Norm and Ina (normally on Cabernet) we had to call “Travels of Tin Tin”. Try saying that fast three times! Needless to say, we had great fun checking out the boats, the marina and sharing impromptu happy hours.

Our flotilla started officially on the Sunday with a breakfast, hosted by Sunsail. Here, Guy provided an overview of our itinerary and most importantly explained, the secrets to med mooring at the docks and the use of lazy lines. Katrina, told us about the requirements to register at each marina by handing over the boat papers on arrival and the consequences of not picking up the boat papers before departure the next day.

One of the many joys of flotilla cruising with Sunsail, is that there are no worries about boat maintenance, fuelling and engine checks.....Goulash would look after this for us. We were ready for departure. Our first destination was a short distance to the town of Marina.

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Now, I will let Capt'n Salty (aka Dave Sansom from Dream Haze) take over the story telling with some highlights of our two week cruise.

Marilyn Sykes & Robert van Dyk
CBYC Newsletter



REFLECTIONS OF CRUISING THE DALMATIAN COAST OF CROATIA, NATURALLY NAKED

We were anchored in a narrow passage between an islet and the island of St Klement, located off the north-west tip of the major island of Hvar. Mid-day coffee had been served with a lunch prepared by Admirals Jan and Pat and they are enjoying

the balmy breeze and beautiful sunshine reading their books with eyes that seem closed, and Co-Skipper David is off fixing something. I am just drying off from a refreshing swim and snorkel to check the anchor, which is lying in 30ft of crystal clear water on a fairly sandy bottom among the grass growing to about 2ft in length. I had carried on swimming to the shore of the tiny island off our bow, passing another boat from our flotilla, also anchored for lunch. A few small fish were curious, but not plentiful. The water was very refreshing.

The islands that surround the anchorage are rough raw limestone rock carved for millions of years by the full force of the westerly winds blowing from the Italian Peninsula across the full width of the Adriatic Sea of about 100nm. The islands are low, with very little vegetation because of the continuous salt water spray and very little soil remaining in which to grow.

I awoke from my thoughts hearing Capt Salty hailing a passing boat from the bow and, turning toward my location in the cockpit, yells, "Ahoy, Skipper Dave! Grab your camera, there's a picture coming across the bow!" I grabbed my Nikon D5200, conveniently prepared and fitted with a 70-300mm vibration reduction lens, and began taking a series of interesting pictures.

A local fishing boat was moving at substantial speed, skippered by a naked sailor, steering with the lengthy tiller strategically placed solidly in his rear right cheek, towing a second fishing boat with more naked or partially clad fishermen. The attached photos should illustrate the technique adequately. An additional picture of the fishermen prior to their passage past our vessel, Kala, shows them at work, but fishing for what? What could these naked men be enticing from the rocky crevasses? We never did find out!



But the experience did tune our senses to the wonderfully natural tendencies of native Croatians and visitors to sail, and swim, and relax as naturally as possible.

But I have gotten ahead of myself. The above events took place on day 4 of our flotilla excursion. Ten boats had left our Sunsail Charters base in Kremik harbour on the coast of Croatia, nine boats of us charterers and one with our flotilla leader, our social director, and our mechanic. Guy, Katarina, and Gulash were a lot younger than any of us and must have had some trepidation about their last flotilla of the season; shepherding a flock of seniors from Canada and the United States, the majority of these being members of an unknown, at least to Croatian sailors, yacht club located in Collins Bay on Lake Ontario, Canada.

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Our first stop had been in the town of Marina a short hop south from Kremik. But, of course, we had to get there and it was the first venture out of Kremik harbour on the Adriatic Sea, and the boat was still a bit new to us, and when we proceeded to raise the main halyard we recognized that it was nicely wrapped around the running/deck light fixture located on the front of the mast above the spreader. No manner of flipping, jiggling, or swearing by Skipper David or me, Skipper Dave, succeeded in loosening the halyard as we balanced ourselves on the gently bouncing deck. The Admirals manned the tiller and provided encouragement, while our flotilla mates waved as they sailed by.

At this point, my old friend and mentor, Capt'n Salty, appeared from below decks where he had stowed away, and gleefully exclaimed, "Ye'll be need'n my help now! Just tie your jackknife to the small line I've got here, and tie the line to the halyard. Now we'll toss the knife over the spreader, between the mast and side stay, shake the halyard from the light fixture, and toss the knife back over the spreader again, with the halyard, and away we go!" Well, it took a lot more than a few tosses, but we did as suggested, and that problem was solved. Sails were raised and off we went to Marina. But we were left with an extra passenger, Capt'n Salty, who some of you may remember from previous passages, and by now was looking around at the islands, and murmuring, "It's been a long time, but I remember this place. That looks like the town of Trogir to the east. It seems to have grown a bit."



Sunsail's CBYC Flotilla at Marina Harbour, Croatia

Marina was a nice snug harbour with its' tall square medieval guard tower. Then on to Milna Harbour on the island of Brac, stopping for a swim and lunch in one of the bays on the east coast of the island of Solta, and viewing the historic city of Split about 10 miles eastward. Milna has been made more historic by our celebration of birthdays for Ina "Ballast" Pothier and Giles "Stretch" Beaudoin. And it was from here that we left for the island of Vis by way of picturesque St Klements!

The harbour of Komiza at the north end of Vis was very pleasant with the harbour as foreground, the large cathedral above the main town and the mountain behind. We were on a mooring ball for the night, surrounded by other sailboats. In the morning, while making the first pot of Sumatran coffee, roasted and ground in Canada, I was interrupted by the sounds of nature in the raw again, as nine guys proceeded in order to the back deck for their morning shower. Through their portholes, the Admirals gazed with wonderment, Pat commenting, "Oh, My!" and Jan, the retired nurse, suggesting, "No big deal!" I enjoyed my coffee and took pictures of the morning sun bathing the cathedral, mountain and boats in the harbour.

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Having arrived via the east side of Vis, we left Komiza and sailed down the west side of the island. At this point we were furthest from the Croatian coast that we would be during the cruise at 40 nm, and 60 from Italy. Our destination was the town of Stari Grad on the island of Hvar where we had a two night stay, and experienced a true downpour in the late evening.

On day seven, we sailed north in light breezes to the town of Maslinica, on the island of Solta, followed the next day by our choice of Tigat Is. It was Sunday afternoon and we were not surprised to see many picnickers when we came in to anchor, as the deserted island is near the mouth of the Krka River and the city of Sibenik. By late afternoon, the city folks had left and just a few of us sailors, including an appropriate number of naturists, were quietly anchored for the night.

And it was up the Krka River to Skradin the next day, a narrow winding river that has worn its way through the limestone to create a canyon with 300 ft walls. This was our chance to visit the waterfalls in the Krka National Park.

For our supper, we experienced a local traditional cooking method referred to as “cooking under the bell”; a meat, potatoes, and vegetable mix sealed in a pot under the bell shaped dome and slowly heated by wood or gas flames. Most of us chose the chicken, or lamb, or veal; but Skipper David and Capt’n Salty chose the octopus. Most of us had an appetizing looking stew, with nice chunks of meat in a sauce with vegetables and potatoes. The octopus eaters had whole animals the size of a plate in a purple sauce, with tentacles hanging over the side, sliding around as they tried to cut them. They swore they were delicious!

It was much windier the next day when we returned down the Krka to the sea, and the forecast was for dirty weather, so we ventured only as far as Zlarin town on Zlarin Island. The following day we had a lazy motor-sail to the port of Murter on the island of the same name.



Beautifully steady south-westerly winds were the makings of the most exciting sailing for our following day’s journey. We were finally going to experience the famous Koranti Island chain! So with the genoa reefed to working jib size, and two reefs in the main, we close hauled from the north end of Murter Island to the southern islands of the Kornati chain. Our companion boat for this journey was Adventures of Tin Tin IV, better known as “Scrap Metal”, although on this day

she looked rather spirited in a rakish way. Maybe it was the 22 knot breeze that helped. All the sailors were wearing big smiles that day as we plowed through the white caps on the 10 nm haul to the entrance to the inner channel of the islands at the southern tip of Kornat Island. As we ran up the inner channel, we were surrounded by these unique islands of grey solid rock, big rocks, and small rocks; strange and hauntingly beautiful. What vegetation there was, were stunted and sparse, more like a desert scene than the lush semi-tropical expectations for a Mediterranean geography. The islands had stone fences, similar to all the other islands along the Dalmatian Coast that we had experienced, but no animals were ever in sight.



Lavsa Harbour

We had chosen the small island of Lavsa as our destination. The entrance to the only sheltered bay was on the north east, narrow, but opening to a good sized harbour with a number of mooring balls.

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And the bay really was sheltered, being almost completely surrounded by high hills, and here's where we hunkered down for two nights.

When we were settled and enjoying another great mug of Sumatran, I challenged Capt'n Salty about his earlier reference to having been here before. "It was a long time ago", he said, "when I was just starting out in the seafaring trade. I was just a simple seaman then and got hired by that Odysseus fella when he needed crew to get back to Ithaca from all the fighting at Troy. It was a heck of an odyssey, but I sure learned a lot, covering most of the Med, even got as far as the Atlantic Ocean, but it wasn't called that then, it was just the edge of the world." "Sure Salty", I replied, tongue firmly planted in my cheek, "sounds like a great tale! So you made it as far as Ithaca?" "Aye, sure did young fella. Now, ya see, Ithaca is just south a here, just off the coast of Greece, and Odysseus was the king. So when he was having his reunion with Penelope, a comely woman with luminescent grey eyes, I went exploring up the coast here. Weren't as many people but a lot more animals! I guess the islands got grazed out over the last three thousand years." "Well that explains a lot, Salty, thanks", I smirked. "No problem, kid, but have you noticed all the pretty grey eyed girls on the trip?"

Besides wild stories, the haven of Lavsa Island was a hive of activity. We dove to retrieve parts for a neighbouring boat. We caught a boat before it hit the shore after a line had wrapped around their propeller; and the five Czech sailors agreed that rafting to our Kala for the night would be prudent. We enjoyed more naturists at play. We hiked to the top of a hill through rock outcroppings that would slow down any sheep or goat, and especially us, to get a full scan of the horizon, and safely returned. And we saw four sheep!

We reluctantly left Lavsa to meet the flotilla at Kapije Town, Kapije Is. then on through sad and sluggish water to Kremik Harbour. Our last supper as a group was a boisterous affair in the town of Primosten, hosted by our three young leaders; Guy, Katarina, and Gulash. I do believe that their last flotilla was the best they had all season. I also believe we, flotilla participants, all had a grand time that we will remember fondly for many years.

Happy Sailing,

Capt'n Salty & Dave Sansom



Better than walking the plank.....locked on the boom !!



View of Hvar Town and Harbour with more islands in the background

Our boats may be covered in snow but we are well underway with plans for the 2013 Sailing School season. We are pleased to welcome back many of our instructors. Our team for 2013 will be:

Ellie Clark Head Instructor
Kevin Doucette
Mark Taylor
Cathaleen (CJ) Flynn
Sabine Monroe

Crystal Baker continues as our very able administrator, We say goodbye to Camila and Kanon as they move to the next stage of their lives! Good luck in their future endeavors.

New for the season we have purchased two more Topper Topaz Uno Race + to bring our compliment of top-pers to 8. We will retire two of the Hunter 140s. We have also bought a new coach boat, a Whaley, made from rotomoulded plastic. It is very durable and stable and less likely to damage dinghies than the aluminum boats.

This will be our second season using the Checkclick database which records all student details and progress. This makes it a lot easier to keep records and parents can log in to see progress of their child. One feature which we have not used yet is the ability to collect credit card payments and thus integrate payment records into the registration system. It does reduce the burden of administration, collection of cheques, depositing them, not to mention chasing up payments which unfortunately we have had to do on more than one occasion. We may consider using this feature in the future.

While the majority of the students are returning from last year we still need to attract new students and especially adults. We were at the recent Kingston Leisure show promoting the school. Thanks to Lee and Claudia for helping out!

There was a suggestion to start a dinghy loan program with the two surplus Hunters. We conducted a survey of around 120 members and also parents who had expressed interest in purchasing the Hunters. Of the 50 replies 30% expressed interest and would be willing to pay up to \$200 per year. Most considered themselves novice dinghy sailors and would plan to take the boats out for 1-2 hours up to 10 times per season. I would recommend that if we adopt this it should be run separately from the sailing school. We plan to discuss this further in an upcoming executive meeting.

The Cansail 3-4 program (formerly bronze) continues to be strongly supported and we really need to enhance our fleet of five 420's. While the 420 is the dinghy of choice especially for those who wish to continue into competitive sailing it is not the most durable of dinghies especially for sailing school use. Our average annual repair bill has been around \$3,000. Last year the repair bill for the 420s was over \$6,000. We are looking into more cost effective alternatives such as a part time boatswain.

Finally this is the last year that I will continue as School Director and Crystal is not continuing as Administrator next season. It would be very good to get understudies in place who could help with this year's program and take over for next season. If you are interested please contact me.

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