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# Collins Mixer

#### Collins Bay Yacht Club Newsletter



#### **Upcoming Events**

- Wine and Cheese May 2
- Coffee House May 8, 9
- Sail Past June 6
- St. Jean Baptiste June 20

Also see
http://
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cbyc/social/

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#### ODE TO THE STRANDED SAILOR

**MAY 2015** 

Perched high overhead is your vessel, Zipped cozy in plastic and bags, Warn out is your yearning to mount her, She teeters and tosses and sags. You yearn to slip her in water. But the ticket says 1,001, You have to wait here for Gerry, They have yet to finish job 1.

#### (Chorus)

Here's an Ode to the Stranded Sailor, What does one do in the cold? Nose pressed up against the window, Feeling sad and alone and old. One day you will step in and ride her. One day it will come up real quick. With a drink in your hand, Far away from the land, Spring will be here in a whiff!



Don't worry, my dear, it will happen.
Your number will come up one day.
The crane will come lurching toward you.
And you will hear Gerry say,
Wear your hard hat, be proud and be strong,
Your boat will soon swing to the bay.
We'll ready her mast to be raised,
And you will soon sail her away!

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Poem and picture by Tammy Fergusson (Pandion)

Note from Tammy – We need someone to put this to music....Lionel, are
you up for it???

Spring was delayed, but not the crew. They have been very busy dealing with sinking docks and repairing them for summer as well as launching and mast stepping! The first launch was a busy day with lots of activity. It is great to see boats at the docks again and the sun shining bright. The flurry of activity is definitely a welcome sight.

When we are launching boats, we ask that you not park or drive into the yard, please park by the office or angle park on the lawn on Coverdale Drive. We are more than happy to assist you with bringing large/heavy items to the boat when we can. Please remember if the crane is lifting a boat you cannot be in your boat working, we want to make sure everyone is safe and no accidents happen. When it is your time for you to launch, you must wear a hard hat. We want to make this an enjoyable and safe experience for everyone and appreciate your support.

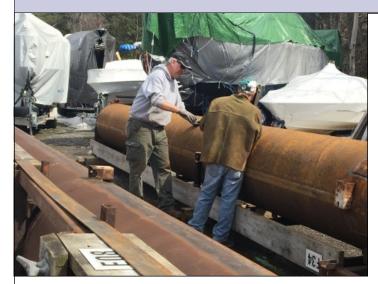


John Stevenson is busy helping Gerry weld the docks and Peter Bridgeland is hauling slings when Paul is not here and I am sure they are wondering what they have gotten themselves into! The extra help is most welcome and helps keep our facility the best it can be!

There has been a very generous donation of 2 bikes from Janet Cooper of Room 2 Play for everyone to borrow. There will be a sign up sheet at the office for anyone who wishes to borrow these bikes to run errands or tour around the parks or neighborhood. Thank you so much Janet for your generosity!











Gerry and Lori in the BVI's in December 2014

Coffee in the gazebo begins Friday May 1<sup>st</sup> 9am-10am until the long weekend and then it will be brewing 8am-10am every day!

We are looking forward to a fabulous season at CBM and hope you all enjoy your time on the water this year!

Lori, Gerry, Brittany, Caitlyn, Desiree & Elmo!

Collins Bay Marina



CBYC grew out of the desire of a group of enthusiastic sail & power boaters in Collins Bay, who had been involved in informal racing and social camaraderie over the summers in Collins Bay, and a desire to explore new harbours in the 1000 Islands & Lake Ontario.

Under the initiative of Bob Wright and Gord Unsworth, CBYC was launched, with the 1<sup>st</sup> CBYC Round the Pigeon Race in September 1980, with a focus on cruising, racing and social activities.

With a supportive marina, a great harbour and some of the best waters on the lake/river, CBYC has over the last 35 years become an established Yacht Club of Eastern Ontario.



#### **Some First's:**

Sept.1. 1980 - 1<sup>st</sup> Recorded meeting

Sept.13,1980 - 1<sup>st</sup> Pigeon Island Race – 37 boats

Jan.14, 1981 - Club Colours & Pennant Design established

Feb.7, 1981 - 1<sup>st</sup> Memberships \$5 at 1<sup>st</sup> Winter Social

April, 1981 - 1<sup>st</sup> Newsletter

June 1981 - 1<sup>st</sup> Clubhouse – abandoned houseboat donated by CBM

June27, 1981 - 1st Cruise to Main Duck Island

June, 1982 - Club Regalia & Reciprocal Program

Oct.16, 1982 - 1st Coffee Shop

Jan., 1983 - 1<sup>st</sup> Toronto Boat Show 'Cruise'

Aug., 1993 - 1st Chateaubriand Dinner fundraiser for new clubhouse

#### **Some Highlights:**

1983 Infamous Round the County Cruise

1984 The Great Circle Raft in Prinyers Cove

1985 Constitution adopted, CBYC joins CYA

1986 Women's Keelboat Skipper Course

1986 CBYC hosts CORK Hobie Cat Class

1987 Round the Lake Cruise

1989 Sailing School established

1992 Launching of the new clubhouse

1993 Club Incorporation

2004 CBYC hosts EYC

2005 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

2011 Gerry & Lori Buzzi acquired Collins Bay Marina

2012 CBYC Sails Croatia and CBYC hosts EYC (again)

2013 Buzzi's donate Sailing School trailer

2014 Celebrate St. Jean Baptiste Day for the first time

From Judy Adams Club Historian





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The Mixer is a vehicle to let club members know about club activities, present and future, member adventures, and executive member activities. Unlike Senators, we are volunteers with no remuneration. I tried to get my executive to accept bills for my residence in Napanee but the rules were pretty firm on that. They said "Just get another boat and dock will you!" Ok, I'm on that!

Not only does the executive handle planning, the ongoing, issues and try to assure the club activities run smoothly, we also handle the mundane activities associated with finance and protection of club assets through reviews with professionals from outside the club.



Last fall we were asked to provide an assessment of our Clubhouse values to the insurance company. We had not done this in the past and they had offered to reduce payments in the event of loss unless this was completed. Our treasurer, Ghislain Trudel, found someone who could do not only the evaluation but also as a marine surveyor give us some extra value by advising us of the condition of the floatation.

The conclusion of the survey was that, as expected, over time there has been corrosion to the pontoons. To me the pictures looked like a first trimester scan. In fact I said to him when I saw them. "Oh my: It's a boy!" However, to be serious, he has suggested that we do a more thorough underwater exam either using a diver or robotic vehicle. The diver option is fraught with safety considerations. We have not concluded how we move forward on this evaluation. In the meantime Gerry will be installing anodes on the docks and will be installing them on the Clubhouse. Measurements were taken in the water around the Clubhouse and there were no indications of stray currents that would adversely affect the underwater components.

In discussions with Gerry, he advised that the loss of buoyancy of one pontoon due to leakage would not cause a catastrophic situation and in fact we could remove one pontoon at a time, repair it, and reinstall it without removing the superstructure. This is good to know.

I met with Ken Price, Professional Marine Sales of Hub International HKMB, our insurance brokers. We discussed the Survey conducted by Campbell Insurance Surveys and its' conclusions. He feels that we did well to select someone with both a marine and insurance background to come up with the value. He feels they are representative of what we have. He is to provide us a quote based on the values. The value submitted has gone up from \$60,000 to \$117,000 which includes the labour costs to have the club rebuilt. It made no sense to think that Gerry would have the time to reconstruct the floatation or club volunteers would be available for a complete rebuild of the superstructure.

We discussed the floatation system and he advised that there is coverage for it, even damage caused by ice. He agrees we need to follow through with our evaluation of the floatation integrity.

There you have it. Wasn't that more interesting than Lionel's boat bashing?

Respectfully submitted by your Past Commodore. Lee Baker



# SAVE THE DATES

May 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Wine and Cheese

**Hosted by Chris & Al Maclachlan (Commotion)** 

May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

Coffee House

**Hosted by Pat & Lionel Redford (Knot Happening)** 

June 6th

Sail Past

**Hosted by Tammy & Angus Ferguson (Pandion)** 

June 20th

St Jean Baptiste

Hosted by Ghislain Trudel (Pfarr Aweigh) & Luc Tremblay (Blithe Spirit)

## Come out and play!!!

Volunteer OPPORTUNITIES for each event,

Sign-up sheets in the marina office

Check out the calendar on website <a href="http://collinsbaymarina.com/cbyc/events-calendar/">http://collinsbaymarina.com/cbyc/events-calendar/</a>

for details

# WINE AND CHEESE



May 2<sup>nd</sup> 7 PM

**JOIN US IN THE CLUBHOUSE** 

Bring your favourite beverage

We will provide the munchies

All are welcome

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

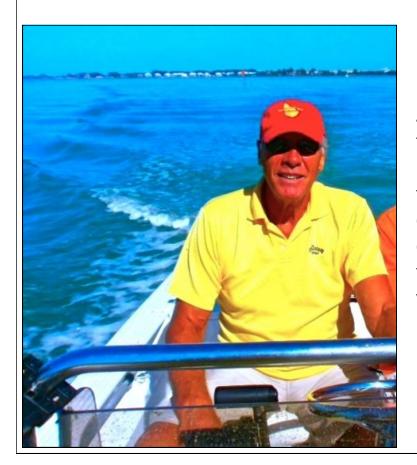




All racers as well as any cruisers that are interested in forming a cruising/racing fleet for Thursday nights are invited to a meeting on:

# May 16th at 2 pm

at the clubhouse.



As I pointed out in my introduction a few months ago, in our sailing club here in Florida, they have a fairly good turnout of cruisers that "race" with handicaps that are somewhat different from the normal race boats. See you there!

Ben Rotteveel Race Chair



# CBYC SAIL PAST

JUNE 6TH, 2015

# PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8-10 AM

PENDING A CAPTAIN, WE HAVE HELPERS TO HELP YOU!!!!
PLEASE EMAIL <u>SECRETARY-CBYC@COLLINSBAYMARINA.COM</u>

\$ 5.50 TICKETS AT THE DOOR

### SKIPPERS' MEETING IN THE CLUBHOUSE

**COMMODORE SAILPAST/COMPETITION** 

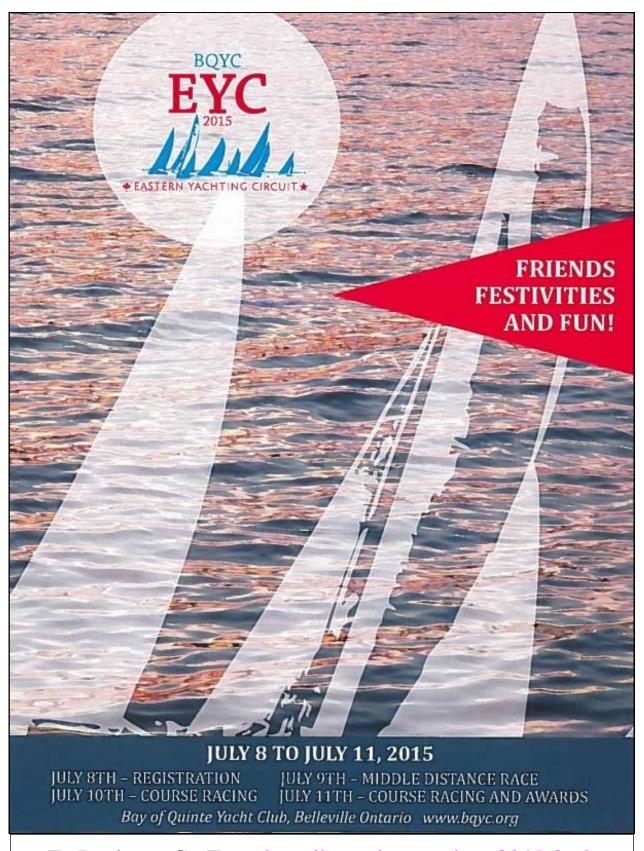
# POTLUCK-BBQ ON THE LAWN 5-9 PM

BYO...BEVERAGE, SALAD OR SIDE AND MEAT IF BBQ'ING,
AS WELL AS EATING UTENSILS
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO OVERSEE SET UP/CLEAN UP
SIGN UP AT THE MARINA OFFICE

PYRO-TECH WILL BE PRESENT TO OFFER

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ALSO KPSS WILL BE COMING THAT DAY TO DO COURTESY VESSEL CHECKS.



To Register Go To: http://www.bqyc.ca/eyc-2015-2.php

#### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**



There's only a short time left to take advantage of the Early Registration discount. If you haven't done so already, be sure to send in your membership renewal by May 15th as membership fees will be the regular amount after this date.

We really want to see you back again this year, so... Please send in your renewal with payment. Forms can be printed from the website at:

http://collinsbaymarina.com/cbyc/about/membership/

Full Membership Fees: Up to May 15th - \$125

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Edward Nash

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I started sailing before I can even remember on my dad's day-sailor on Rice Lake. Later my dad bought a Hughes 27 and took delivery just in time for us to load the whole family on board and sail to Montreal for Expo 67.

Mom, dad and five kids on a 27 foot boat. I don't know how it all worked out but somehow we managed. Later we moved from Toronto to Kingston, where I spent some time on the St Lawrence II and also at KYC learning to race with the Junior Squadron,

eventually becoming an instructor.

I bought my own boat - a C&C 33 in 1987 and kept it for many years at Portsmouth before moving to Collins Bay sometime around 2003. We always liked to cruise west of Kingston anyway, so Collins Bay was perfect. In early 2014 we sold Morning Mist IV, but we have a lovely reminder of her each time I go to see Lori at the office.

Eric Howarth Webmaster



#### PARKING NOTICE FOR LAUNCH DAYS

Hi all, please be advised that spring will arrive - eventually.

To that end, once the launch season opens, please ensure that you do not park on the roadway between the stored boats and the water on "launch days".

We know that it is inviting to just pull up beside your boat to work, and on "non-launch" days this is fine. On launch days parked cars mean that the crane cannot pass to get to the next boat.

For "launch days", please park by the washrooms, or on the grass by Coverdale. If you angle park there, we can get quite a few vehicles in that spot.

If help is needed to carry heavy things to your boat, a marina crew member will be happy to help once they are done launching.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

Al MacLachlan, Commodore

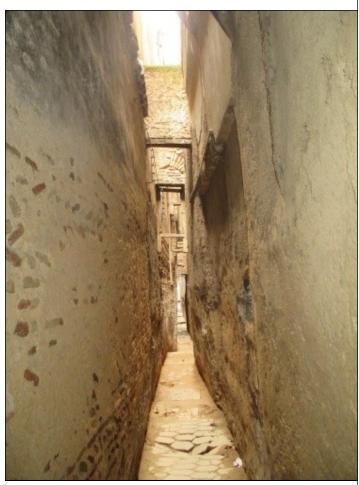
Morocco really is the land of Arabian Nights and magic carpet rides. It is a must see for anyone who likes to travel, somewhat off the beaten path, but in a gentle and very civilized culture. I thoroughly enjoyed my two weeks, this past February, in this mountainous, desert country.

As most of you know, Robert is much happier staying at home or even preferably, when the weather is good, on the boat. So, I was forced to sign up with Gadventures, a small group travel company out of Toronto. I met my seven travelling companions in Casablanca and had a fantastic time exploring the country, in a minibus, 4 x 4's. and on camels, with our tour leader Mohammed.

The tour took us to the fabulous ancient city of Fez, a warren of little alleyways, constructed in the 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> century, to confuse invaders. Today, over 250,000 people live in the old city – called a medina - in a total area of one square mile. The alleyways are very narrow, where it is sometimes impossible for two donkeys to pass each other. The markets, or souks, are absolutely fascinating, with each alleyway specializing in a different product. Several alleys have butchers, with whole sides of cows hanging, sheep's heads lying on the counters and live chickens in their coops, waiting for a customer to make them into dinner. In other alleys the vendors specialize in spices, olives, sweets, wedding clothes, hardware, and everything else that would be needed by the locals. This place is not designed for the tourists but those who live, learn, work, pray and play within the walled city.

Next stop was Marrakech with the famous Djemaa el Fna Square. During the day you see storytellers,







snake charmers, acrobats, henna painters, fortune tellers and assorted other individuals who are willing to entertain you for a few coins. At night, the square is transformed into a huge open air food court with stalls set up with every possible specialty of food you can imagine. There are picnic tables in front of each stall and you simply choose what you want to eat.....from boiled sheep's' head to shishkabobs, calamari, soups, eggs (from many different types of fowl), steamed or roasted vegetables, etc. The place is crowded with locals and tourists, 365 nights of the year.









Anyone who has seen the movies, The Jewel of the Nile, Gladiator, The Bourne Ultimatum will be familiar with the Kasbah at Ait Benhaddou. This is a UNESCO world heritage site in the Atlas Mountains and is absolutely fascinating to walk around. Morocco has a very thriving movie industry, and is able to attract many US and European production companies to film their stories in a unique setting.

Although the movie Casablanca (with Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman) was filmed in Los Angeles, Rick's Café is a popular stop in the city. I enjoyed a lunch at this popular drinking hole.

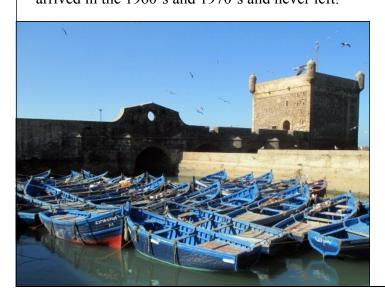
A visit to Morocco would not be complete without a camel ride in the Sahara desert. We drove deep into the desert in 4 X 4 jeeps to spend a night in a camp. On arrival, we were introduced to our trusty steeds and taken for a leisurely ride over the sand dunes, to one of the highest peaks in the vicinity.

We dismounted and were invited to climb to the top of the dune and watch the most magnificent sun set over the desert. We returned to the camp for a dinner around a camp fire and under the stars with a new moon smiling like a Cheshire cat at us. It was memory of a lifetime.



Morocco has some amazing vegetation. Arriving in February, we were treated to olive and almond trees in full bloom. However, the most intriguing trees were the argon trees. Argon oil is highly valued throughout the world for use in cosmetics. The local goats climb up into the trees and eat the nuts and then poop it out. The local ladies collect the poop, extract the nuts, crush them make the argon products.

Our final destination was a fishing village on the Atlantic coast, called Essaouira. This town has been very popular with the hippie crowds, who arrived in the 1960's and 1970's and never left.







There are many art galleries and both high and low end boutiques. The best part of Essaouira are the hammams, traditional spas and steam baths, where I had, probably the best two hours of scrubbing and massaging I have ever had in my life....and those who know me, know I love my spa treatments.

The mountains, desert, beautiful valleys, intriguing towns, sensuous markets and fascinating culture is worthy of a visit. I gave Morocco two thumbs up!

Marilyn Sykes (Day Dreams)



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Our **Pat Ur Boat Potluck** was held April 11<sup>th</sup> in the Clubhouse with a little help from our heaters and a lot of hard work from the marina staff, getting the washrooms opened.

Our past commodore Lee Baker welcomed everyone and kicked off the season officially. He also noted the need for volunteers to fill positions on the executive such as social and cruising.

Forty or more attended, and it became standing room only. **Lots of food, friends and fun!** It was great to catch up with everyone after a particularly long and brutal winter.







Many thanks to those who stayed to help with the clean-up; Sarah, Bill, Lisa, Peter and many others.



So, officially, the sailing season begins.

The next social gathering is the Wine and Cheese, May  $2^{nd}$ , 7:00 to 9:30 pm. See the posters and the Mixer ad for details.

Sue and John Stevenson, Pat Ur Boat Captains

#### **DD Buffalo Dip**

1 roasted chicken cut up and de-boned.

Place on bottom of 9x13 pan and cover with Frank's Hot sauce (we use almost a full bottle). Add 1 can chopped chilis (mild or jalapenos).

Mix 1 cup Blue Cheese Dressing (I use the yogurt dressing to cut fat and I like the tangy flavour) with 12 oz softened cream cheese and 3 cups of shredded cheese.

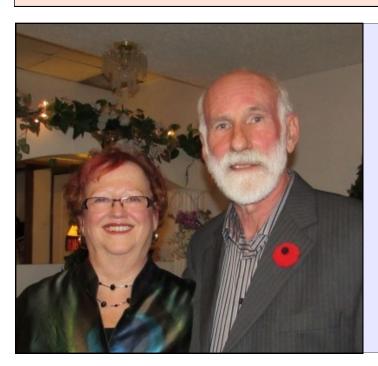
Place layer in pan.

Bake at 350 for ½ hour.

Serve with chips, carrots and celery.

Gluten free

Contributed by Ann and Bruce Rand



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