

# Collins Mixer Collins Bay Yacht Club Newsletter



#### SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 6
Anniversary
Regatta and BBQ

**AUGUST 19** Ladies' Night

**AUGUST 27** Simcoe Island Race

LABOUR DAY WEEKEND Waupoos Cruise

SEPTEMBER 10 Collins Bay 45th Anniversary

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Interested? Sign up in the marina office.



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#### **Commodore's Corner**

As I write this it is nearly August. It feels like I have spent May, June and July working on the boat, finally fixing that annoying little leak. In reality, we have had some weekends out, are planning a two-week trip in August and have enjoyed quite a few coffees on the porch.

The Sailing School is up and running and Friday night dinghy racing has started for club members. If you ever had a desire to try the excitement of racing a dinghy, without the expense of purchasing one, then this is a golden opportunity for you.

With respect to the sailing school, it seems that numbers are down somewhat from previous years. This trend seems to be true for other schools as well. If you know of anyone who is thinking about putting their children in a summer program, please suggest the Sailing School, I know I am eagerly awaiting my grandchildren to be old enough to join.

So, with half of the summer left to go, lets get out on the water.

Safe Sailing,

Al

#### From the Helm

Summer is well on its way and we have had plenty of great winds and beautiful sun! We hope you have been enjoying your time on the water, we have seen many visiting boaters from all around the lake and even some boaters doing the Great Loop from North Carolina!

There have been a few cruises, BBQs, races and Friday night dinghy races for all to enjoy! Even the Collins Bay Marina crew had their annual "teambuilding" weekend at Main Duck Island! We hope everyone takes the opportunities to enjoy the great events that are planned—you won't be disappointed! If you have any ideas for an event or if you would like to hold an event, please let us know!

Although it feels summer has just began, winter confirmations will be mailed out soon. Please confirm your spot by the end of August with your deposit.

If you know now that you will not be needing winter storage this year, please let the office know right away so that we can offer spots to those on the waiting list.

On a happier note, if you are going to be away from your slip — enjoying your time out on the water — please don't forget to let the office or dock hands know so we know what slips are open for reciprocity.

Mark your calendars!! 2016 is Collins Bay Marina's 45th anniversary! To celebrate this milestone, Gerry and I will be hosting a pig roast on the lawn on September 10th. A signup sheet will be available soon (with a cut0-off date of September 1st). We hope to see you all and hear your stories from the beginning to the present!

Lori and Gerry Buzzi



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#### Races

Summer is well under way with beautiful weather for sailing.

The Spring series ended on June 23rd and the scores were as follows:

- PHRF1 was won by Investors Group. O'Naturel and The Baron came in second and third respectively.
- PHRF 2 was won by Horizon Dancer with Lei Line and Rainbow Chaser coming in second and third.

We had a pretty good turnout for the Amherst Island race with moderate winds for the first half of the race. Then the wind started to die and we had to shorten the race at K9. O'Naturel took first place followed by Investors Group and Grandpaw in PHRF 1.

Rainbow Chaser came in first in PHRF 2, followed by Tingirrautalik and Horizon Dancer. With only 4 boats competing in PHRF1 it was best to make an adjustment in the split between the two fleets. So now I bumped up the PHRF rating split to 155 which will give us at least 6 boats in each fleet.

The Summer series is well underway at the moment and it is anybody's call at this time.

The Simcoe Island race has been postponed to August 27th due to the summer holidays and lack of boats being able to participate.

The crew bank on our website is working well and we have some who were placed on different boats as regular crew.

Three Kingston boats took top spots in the National Olson Championship which took place in Kingston on July 22nd-24th:

- O'Naturel of CBYC took first place
- ⋄ Investors Group of CBYC took second place
- Ritalin of KYC took third place



The first day of racing was pretty hectic with 20 to 25-knot winds. Four races were held that day resulting in ripped spinnakers, a broken boom, a man overboard and a snapped backstay.

The next day was the long-distance race of about 20 miles which started off with winds around 15 knots diminishing to about 6 knots near the end. Investors Group won that race by 3.15 minutes over the next boat and 22 minutes over the last boat. O'Naturel and Investigators Group tied for 1st place after 2 days of racing. The last day saw very light shifty conditions and O'Naturel was able to hold on to first place overall with Investors Group finishing in second place overall. All-in-all it was a great regatta.

Happy Puppy and Jeannie participated in the 2016 Lake Ontario 300 Challenge with Happy Puppy also participating in the 2016 Lake Ontario 600 Challenge.

Happy sailing!

Ben Rotteveel Race Chair



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### 2016 Lake Ontario 300 and 600 Challenge

Congratulations to Danny McKindsey and crew, Luc LaVallée, Bill Reid, Susan Fraser and yours truly, Bruce Rand, aboard Happy Puppy.

Our adventure started off with a delivery from Collins Bay to Port Credit with a massive lightning show as we were between Cobourg and Rochester. We managed to get all sails down and stowed with observed gusts to 42 knots. I slept soundly through the event. We arrived in Port Credit and set to work finishing the final boat prep and provisioning. I had the opportunity to be the human worm and got myself semi-wedged in the starboard rear, wiggling under the quadrant to install tether points.

Saturday morning arrived and we set off to the start line with the rest of the crazed sailors getting under away ourselves around noon. We set off on planned route based on wind models and elected a route closer to the North Shore with the rest of the fleets sticking to the rhumb line. We had lots of wind and were able to log lots of quick miles doing a 3-sail reach for hours.



At a point near Brighton we adjusted course and set off across the lake towards Ford Shoal near Oswego. Our wind predictions didn't go the way we had planned and we wallowed in glass like conditions ghosting along in search of any wind to push us to Oswego. The wind eventually found us and we converged with fleet and found ourselves in  $7^{th}$  place in fleet and the bottom  $3^{rd}$  overall.

Our next leg saw us sailing upwind to round the Ducks to port. As we arrived at the Ducks, the wind was on with all her fury and lots of chatter on the VHF. One of the competitors in the single-handed fleet had an issue with a furling spinnaker and was washed ashore at Long Point. The skipper was rescued safely and the boat refloated some 36 hours later and towed to Waupoos. We settled in for the long upwind slog up the lake to the Niagara mark. We set the boat up in survival mode with a J4 storm jib and double-reefed main.

As the night wore on many competitors were forced to retire due to equipment break downs and illness. At one point, while off watch on port tack, I experienced what I described as the boat falling off a cliff and crashing into the bottom. I was discovering interesting water leaks and new ways of sleeping using various bits of gear and padding to try and get some sleep without much success.

Eventually it was time to try a starboard tack and my world was suddenly turned upside down. A frantic race to grab my life jacket and a dive to the deck and leeward rail followed. A full-on bout of Technicolour Yawn followed with me clipped in on the low side and trying to fix my gaze on something on the horizon not moving. Eventually it subsided and I took my turn at the wheel.

At the end of the upwind bashing we rounded the mark at Niagara  $2^{nd}$  in class and back in the top  $3^{rd}$  overall. We credit our progress in that regard to being on what we felt was the best prepared boat on the lake and having the tools and skills to overcome the challenges thrown at us.

We finished the first leg just off the entrance of PCYC in darkness  $2^{nd}$  in class. A brief celebration and right back to work.

The second time around we had a slightly different plan - head to the south shore as quickly as possible to take advantage of the forecasted higher wind strengths. We hoisted our spinnaker and set out on our goal with all of us having to hunt for wind working towards the south shore. Mid-lake the winds were light to non-existent but we always kept the boat moving. We had an unwritten watch rule, if the boat is not moving at watch change, your relief person gets to stay in bed. Thankfully we never had to invoke that rule. We eventually made it to the south shore with our light-weight kite and with Sue and I setting a new best of 8.5 knots of boat speed in 5 knots of true wind. As we hit the south shore the wind built steadily and we opted to change

kites to an ounce and half chicken kite. We were blasting along surfing beautiful waves, with all five of us taking cracks at setting the daily speed record. The eventual handsdown winner was Luc with a top speed of 15.3 and uncanny knack of surfing continuously over multiple waves.

We had what we thought was going to hairy gybe just off Rochester in



25 knots of wind. The crew made themselves ready, full on safety gear with everyone clipped in. We accelerated the boat down a wave centered the boom and somehow swung the pole across without incident. We charged into Ford Shoal in Oswego for the second time around sunset and had managed to put almost 80 miles on our closest competitor.

The second passage to Main Duck and turning to head back to Niagara was uneventful except for the dodging of freighter traffic. Being on a sailing vessel with AIS was a godsend and it helped in establishing communication with freighter traffic. Two separate radio calls were made to ships and crossing paths became much safer as a result. Knowing the freighters' intent and discussing the crossing was worth their weight in gold.

As the upwind leg wound on we eventually hit our pre-established curfew at 22:00 hours on the Wednesday. We had pre-arranged that if we had no hope of finishing by a certain point or the wind became elusive we would retire and head to the closest port to offload crew with prior commitments.

At 22:05 we were ready to pack it in when the slightest of breeze filled in and we started forward progress. We started to ghost along at 2.5 – 3 knots and we all agreed we had come too far to quit.

The crew as a group united and we pressed on. Eventually we had a stunning moon-lit sail tight to the south shore and were able to maintain 7.5 – 8 knots and rounding the Niagara mark for the second time as the sun was rising. We made the turn and made a b-line for Port Credit and eventually hoisted a code zero reaching sail. The last leg of our journey was a quick blast reach to the finish with everyone forgoing their off watch time. We were all tired of our sleep deprived hallucinogenic dreams anyway.

We crossed the finish line and heard a horn and were contacted by VHF to make our way to PCYC visitors dock. We were greeted by one of the race organizers and presented a magnum of champagne.

Champagne and lasagna on the lawn for breakfast was a most fitting end to the adventure. We learned a couple of days later that we were the overall winner of the 600.

A heartfelt thanks and congratulations goes out to Danny! It was a pleasure to sail such a well prepared boat and the finest bunch of sailors I have ever been on the water with.

Bruce Rand (Ben-Varey)

### T.G.I.F. BBQ

Boats and burgers are better on Fridays!

On a steaming hot Friday evening the CBYC hosted a TGIF in the clubhouse that was filled with laughter and full bellies. Many visitors commented on how amazing our club life is and how wonderful the marina is.

Thanks to everyone who came out and made the evening a memorable one. Its nice to know the heat can't beat our club from having fun with friends.

Leigh Marsalekova Social Chair







### **Dijabringabeeralong**

July 17, 2016, turned out to be the most beautiful day for renaming the boat that we love so much (a 7.6 Aura). Finding its new name wasn't as easy as one might think. My husband (Adam Marsalek) and I debated and battled it out until we finally agreed on the perfect boat name that represents the two of us.

Neither one of us had ever attended a boat renaming ceremony before, so we were a little unsure about how to go about it. We took care of the ceremony ourselves. We've since found out that it's tradition to ask the Commodore to do the honours — ooops, we're still learning.

We started by purging the boat's former name (Amazing Grace) from the records of the sea. May her stories be forever stored in the locker of Davy Jones. Next we asked the Gods to recognize our boat as **Dijabringabeeralong**, the name of the boat that will save us from the pressures of the seas. Next, we honoured the four wind gods, asking for their mercy no matter the direction we are heading. Last-

ly, we paid tribute to the sailors of

the past and of the future.

**Dijabringabeeralong** is kept on F dock - the Fun Dock - in slip F20. We'll be using her to go cruising. Rainbow Chaser, the Viking 28, kept in E14, will continue to be used for racing.

We had a great time with our friends, family and CBYC members who served as witnesses.

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Cheers! We can't wait to see you out there.

#### Leigh Marsalekova



### **Art Among the Ruins**

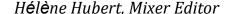
Have you heard of *Art Among the Ruins*? This is a very popular and anticipated annual outdoor art show held on the grounds of Dave and Viola Anderson's property in Newburgh near Napanee. Dave and Viola are also the owners of *Royal Suite* on B dock.

Their property is the former site of the Newburgh Paper Mill built in 1872. This is a description as found on the website, ".... gorgeous gardens among the preserved stone ruins of the mill. A lazy creek winds its way among the woods, and natural pathway to a large pond in the middle of the site. When the mill was operational, it was this waterway that helped propel the machinery and electricity within the plant, by diverting some of the Napanee River, whose beautiful rushing waterfalls are adjacent to the site, to the mill and beyond. Some machinery from this process remains on the site."

Aside from the art show, it is worth the drive to experience the grounds. There are chairs set up around the property to enjoy a relaxing day overlooking the river and taking in the natural beauty of the gardens which are tended by Viola herself.

Dave and daughter Stacey, who are artists themselves, have organized this art show for the past 12 years, attracting many talented regional artists. Believe it or not, admission is free and there's live music as well. You can purchase a barbequed lunch, with profits going to support local programs. It's a real class act! This year's event was held on a perfect summer day and was attended by many.

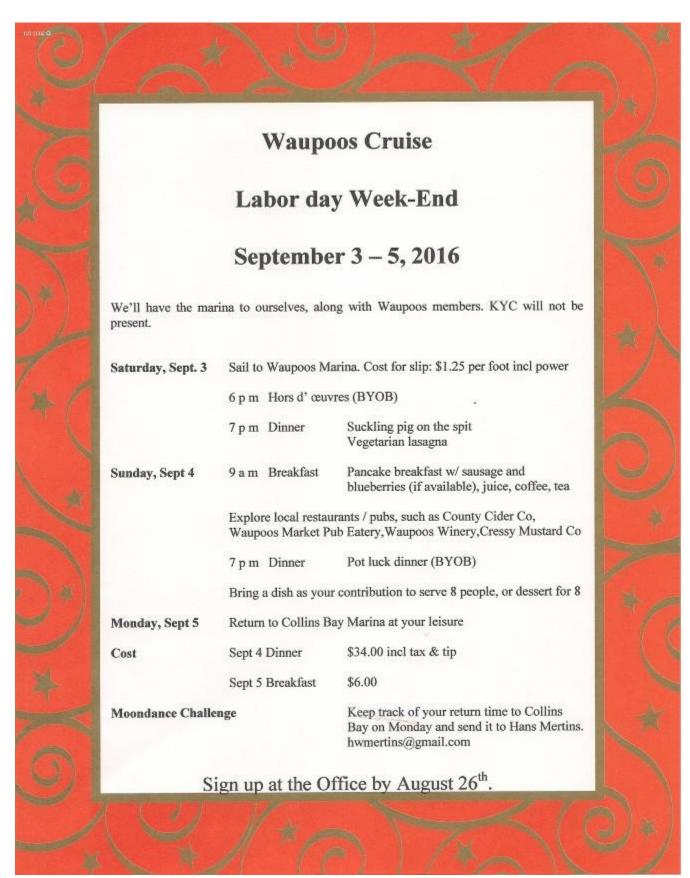
Next year's event will be held on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Visit their website for more information at www.artamongtheruins.com.

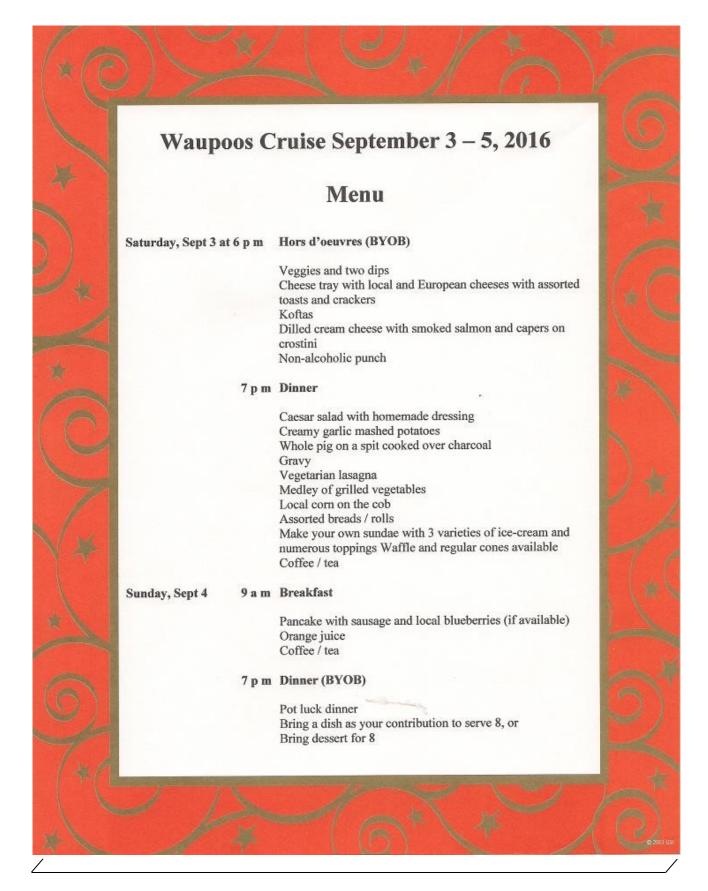






# Waupoos Cruise Labour Day Weekend





# REMINDER

Bring your own dishes and cutlery for Sunday's breakfast and potluck dinner



#### **IN MEMORY**

Jake, the Wilby's family pet, who has been a fixture at Pride Marine/Marine Outfitters for the past 15 years passed away this month. Many of us will remember him as a friendly and laidback cat who enjoyed being part of the action. In his younger days, you would often find him sleeping/hanging out on the counter, purring as he enjoyed the attention that was showered on him by many of the customers. His presence will be missed.



### **The 2016 Executive Committee**

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