



Collins Mixer

Collins Bay Yacht Club Newsletter



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FEBRUARY 18 Mid-Winter Cruise (Ottawa Area)

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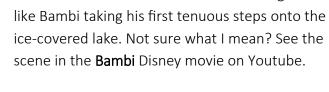
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Commodore's Corner

Well folks, here we are, near the end of the first month of 2017 already, roughly 14 or so weekends away from the first launch date at our beloved marina. Although we have a modest pile of snow here in Ottawa, old man winter seems to be having a hard time deciding if he's staying or if he's going. A day of light snow is typically followed by a day of light rain, followed by a day of light snow, followed by a day of light rain, followed by day of... well you get the picture.

Last weekend, Hélène and I attended the boat show, along with thousands of others, and of course dropped a few "boat units" (measured in dollars) on toys and jewelry to adorn our beloved Cattitude. We were fortunate enough to have made the journey to Toronto by train with several other Ottawa boating couples who of course multiplied the fun factor enormously. I must say that I love visiting Toronto and spending time with great boating friends, dining out in some fine eateries, and exploring some of the city's quaint, eclectic neighborhoods. This mini holiday is a delightful little interlude and "pick me up" to help pull you through the month of January.

Several weekends ago, many of us attended the annual CBYC curling event which was held at Kingston's Royal Curling Club. If I'm not mistaken, this year's event drew a record number of members. A truly wonderful time was had by all, even for those of us who have never curled and were making out







Having never flung granite in my life, I did learn two things. Only put sliders on one foot. Never both feet. Very dangerous. Also, never step onto the ice with the foot that does have the slider on it. Also, very dangerous. This was one of the few times in my life where I've been completely airborne, albeit very briefly, without any mechanical aids. Given the number of novices to the sport who played this great Canadian game that evening, I'm pleased to report that other than a few very inelegant spills, (yours truly included) there were no injuries. Many thanks to Lionel and Pat and all the others who pitched in to put together this memorable event. We are all looking forward to doing this again next year!

Here in Ottawa, as the city is busy getting ready for Winterlude, and the National Capital Commission prays for weather cold enough to keep the Ottawa canal frozen for the duration of this annual winter Carnival, we boaters are anticipating the annual Ottawa area **Mid-Winter Cruise** which will be held by Pat and David at their lovely home in Ottawa's Westboro neighborhood. This annual potluck event, which has been going on for many years now, has become a winter tradition for many Ottawa-based CBYCers as well as a few members who make the trek up from Kingston way. Please see the notice for this event included in this newsletter for more details.

Finally, during our January 18th CBYC meeting, the executive discussed the possibility of organizing a 150th Canada Day anniversary event at the marina. The idea was clearly popular and several viewpoints with respect to how we could celebrate were brought forward. Ultimately however, the executive wisely decided in the end to solicit the membership for their thoughts and ideas. Canada day this year will fall on a Saturday. What would you, the membership, like to do on this very special birthday for our country? Some ideas include a BBQ, music (live or DJ), dancing, lawn games, water sports among others.

Needless to say, we will need some volunteers to assist with putting this together. Please take the time to ponder this and consider sharing your ideas. I will point out that given that this is going to be a very significant event shared across many communities we will need to plan our event as soon as possible as we may be competing for resources such as tent rentals, music services and other things required to put on a great "fête".

You may send your ideas to our talented and lovely Social Committee Director Leigh Marsalakova at social-commons.com.

Until the next month, all the best, take care and safe travels for those of you heading south. Remember to take pictures and send us your stories.

Peter Feltham (Cattitude) Commodore

From the Helm

Not much to report other than the Christmas lights have been removed from each of the docks and the welding repair projects are ongoing, which brings us closer to launch! The launch calendar is now on the website!

If Gerry has downtime before winter is over, I wonder if he might consider taking on this interesting ice carousel project? Seriously though, just as water can be a lot of fun (boating, swimming, paddle boarding, kayaking, fishing, etc.) it can also be a hazard if we aren't careful. The same is true for ice. It's fun to go out skating, ice fishing and playing hockey, but not so much fun slipping and falling on ice. Many winter hospital visits are due to injuries resulting from slipping on ice. You've heard of "Walk Like an Egyptian", but have you heard about "Walk like a Penguin"? (Tip: don't try walking like an Egyptian on ice!)

We're not sure how many of you will venture out on a frozen body of water this winter, but just in case, here is a chart showing when it's safe and when it isn't (looks like ducks are safe no matter what):



The ice in the bay is **not** safe to walk on, skate on, etc.

Be safe out there this winter everyone!

Lori and Gerry Buzzi (A Perfect Waste of Time) Collins Bay Marina

Racing Report

In my last Racing Report, I noted that I'd been in discussion with **Kingston Yacht Club** (KYC) with the intent to encourage more inter-club racing and to implement the Kingston **Keelboat Championship** (KKC), but that a couple of conflicts still needed to be worked out. Well, I'm happy to report that most of them have been eliminated, however, it means that some previously planned race dates have changed and the new, hopefully final, racing schedule is as follows:

Date	Event	CBYC	KYC	KKC	Notes
May 27	Pigeon Island		\checkmark	\checkmark	
June 10	Amherst Island	✓		\checkmark	
June 10	Single/Double Handed		✓		<u>not</u> in the KKC
June 17	Harbour Race		✓	✓	Includes Pigeon Island
June 24-25	Long Point Challenge	✓		\checkmark	
July 7-8	Main Duck Island		✓	\checkmark	
July 22	Partridge Bowl		✓		<u>not</u> in the KKC
July 29	Simcoe Island	✓		\checkmark	
August 12	Anniversary Poker Run	✓			<u>not</u> in the KKC
August 26	Wolfe Island		✓	✓	
September 9	Pigeon Island	✓		✓	
September 16	Carruthers's Series		✓	✓	course racing
September 30	Chase Race		✓		<u>not</u> in the KKC
September 30	Frostbite	\checkmark		✓	

Kingston Keelboat Championship (KKC)

There will be ten races in the Kingston Keelboat Championship series, five at each club. Boats wishing to challenge for the KKC will count their best four finishes but must count at least one race from the other club. There will be no entry fee for CBYC boats racing in KYC races or vice versa in an effort to encourage inter-club racing. Don't forget that you can use your reciprocal privileges to spend the night at KYC. Check their website for specifics at .

Marine Outfitters is sponsoring the KKC with a trophy that will be awarded at the winning club's respective awards night, to be displayed at Marine Outfitters.

If the 2017 KKC is successful, then racers will have an opportunity to discuss and/or suggest revisions to the format going forward. We have discussed the concept of alternating our Long Point Challenge and their Main Duck Island races in the future in order to encourage more participation in these overnight races.

Cruisers Take Note!

The inaugural Poker Run and Chateaubriand BBQ date has changed from August 19^{th} to the 12^{th} .

Racing Boat Owners Take Note!

All crew, after racing in more than four Thursday night or weekend events, must be full, associate or youth members of CBYC. Please ensure that your boat complies to help support the finances of our club.

John Giles (Investors Group & Poppy), Race Chair

Membership Report

As preparations for the 2017 boating season begin, I know a lot of us are anxious to get back on the water. But as is always the case in spring, there are a number of chores we must do before we can start enjoying the fantastic sailing afforded by Collins Bay Marina. In preparation for the upcoming boating season, the executive team and I have been working hard to ready the yacht club with new CBYC website features and more payment options for membership fees.

In a few weeks you will be receiving your membership renewal packages with an updated membership renewal form. Among some of the changes is a new field to add your First Mate's email address (if you have a First Mate that is). I have heard of a number of cases where members realized they were not receiving emails. Often the cause was an incorrectly entered email, but other times members did not supply an email address. Also, because we use a mail campaign service to send and track the emails, some email servers (very few, in fact) would reject the emails as spam. If you think you have not been receiving emails from the club, let me know. I will check to make sure that the email address I have on file is correct, and I can also check to see if the emails are being delivered or are being bounced back.

One last note on emails — if you would like to add another email address to the email distribution list, there is a **Forward to a friend** link at the bottom of each email you receive from CBYC. By clicking on this link and filling out a short form, your friend can choose to subscribe to club emails.

My email is membership-cbyc@collinsbaymarina.com and I welcome any questions or feedback you may have.

I look forward to seeing you on the docks and around the marina very soon.

Ed Nash (Bay Breeze) Membership Director

CBYC Takes One More Digital Step

For several years the CBYC has had an Internet domain (www.collinsbayyachtclub.ca) and website where we display club information. We have also been using e-mail to send focussed messages to members and have for the past few years employed the MailChimp service to assist in mass mailings. The Mixer has been available in digital form for quite some time now and we have progressed to the point where all club members receive the newsletter in PDF format via a download from our website. So, despite the fact that the average age of CBYC members might make it difficult for us to claim to be a club for teenagers, we have managed to sneak our way into the Net Generation! We are now taking the next step in this direction and have set up a CBYC Twitter account (@CollinsBayYC).

If you have a Twitter account you can locate the club feed by searching on "@CollinsBayYC". Once at the club feed you could opt to follow @CollinsBayYC and receive news via your Twitter link. If you are not as yet a Twitter user but wish to explore this media channel, you could install the Twitter app on your smart phone and/or use any web browser to go to: https://twitter.com/ and then sign up for an account.

Using Twitter will allow us to send messages to a wider audience, all those who opt to follow the **@CollinsBayYC** feed. This should help us make our public events and services more widely known, and in particular help us attract new students for the sailing school, the parents of whom are likely to be users of social media such as Twitter. Since anyone with a Twitter account can sign up to follow the CBYC we will not use the service for messages aimed exclusively at club members. For that we will continue to use e-mail. In addition, the club website will continue to be the place to go to find out about CBYC events and each month collect your digital Mixer.

Geoff Roulet (*Jeannie*)

CBYC Webmaster



CBYC Winter Classic 2017

The annual **Winter Classic** took place on the 7th of January 2017, at the Royal Kingston Curling Club. We had a great turnout this year, with many agreeing that it was "the best turnout ever!" A few of the club members even travelled "from away" to participate in this annual event. Thanks again to those who opened their homes to us "out-of-towners," allowing us to stay overnight without the worry of driving home in the somewhat unpredictable weather this time of year.

There were ten teams of four participating along with many others in attendance just to watch the fun from within the warm confines of the lounge while catching up with fellow sailors on their winter vacations and holiday festivities. The bar was open for all to enjoy libations prior to, during and

after the event.

Thankfully, we had a nice mix of curling expertise on each team, with more experienced players taking the lead as skip, teaching the other team members who were either social curlers (curling only once or twice a year) or had never curled before. The experienced curlers were very patient and more than happy to share their knowledge of the game.

Special thanks go out to Lionel and





John has a text to provide

Pat Redford (Knot Happening) for organizing such an enjoyable event again this year. You did a great job of advertising the event early and advocating the amount of fun we would all have, and you did not disappoint. Everyone had a great time and I think there were a few newcomers interested in the "Learn to Curl" program run by the Royal Kingston Curling Club (information about this program can be found on their website).

Due to so many curlers this year, the Loyal Oarsman was not able to accommodate such a large crowd for food and drink afterwards, as they had done in previous years. So the plan was to have drinks and pizza in the curling club's lounge. This worked out well because most participants stuck around for at least one drink. It was nice having the place to ourselves; making it easier to get up from our chairs and socialize with everyone. For the most part, members had already eaten so potato chips and snacks was all that was called for. Thanks to Lee (Baker) for volunteering to take pizza orders even though there were no takers.

All in all, it was a cheap night of entertainment, exercise, laughs and a great opportunity to catch up with fellow yacht club members after the hustle and bustle of Christmas, ramping us up for the boat show in Toronto and bringing us closer to boat launching season. Thanks again Knot Happening, I am already looking forward to next year!

Shelley Nickerson, Panacea





More photos here

BVI GetawayNovember 22 - December 5, 2016



It all started over the third drink at Happy Hour on a hot and humid day in July. Day Dreams, Innisfree and Rebel Yell X had sought the safety behind Ram Island in Hay Bay during a storm warning. Barb & Clarence Hood (Rebel Yell) were telling us of their plans to go to the British Virgin Islands for four weeks in November. They were clearly excited about the prospect. Dennis (who has been to the BVI's a few times) turns to Norma and says...."I'd love to do that again". Norma thinks for a moment and says something like "yes, dear, that would be fun". Dennis turns to me and says,

"Marilyn, what about you?" Well, Robert and I have been there 13 times over the last 30 years, and we have always had a good time, so I said, "Sure, let's go". Robert, as most of you know, hates to travel, but this time, he was quick to respond that we could not go sailing without him. The plot was hatched.

Now, we know that many of you, the loyal readers of CBYC's Mixer, have been to the BVI's, so there is no need to tell you about the fabulous anchorages with mooring balls awaiting lazy sailors who don't want to set out two anchors. You know all about the fun times to be had at the Willie T in the Bight; Foxies at Great Harbour, Jost van Dyke; and the Soggy Dollar Bar, at White Bay on Jost. You know about the fabulous snorkeling, the swimming in warm, turquoise water and the phenomenal sunsets at Cane Garden

Bay.

The fun part of this trip was the anticipation of meeting up with Barb and Clarence (and their crew, Barb's sister and her husband) on our third day out. We arranged to meet at Marina Cay over drinks at Pusser's bar. There, Barb and Clarence told us of their chance encounter with Hans (Moondance) at Saba Rock Café on Virgin Gorda. Hans had just finished a boat transfer and was celebrating with his new friends. Goes to show you how small the sailing community is.





One of the highlights of our trip was doing a "CBYC Cruise" to Anagada with Barb and Clarence. We left Leverick Bay at sunrise and had a gentle but delightful sail to Settling Point, with Dennis on the wheel and Robert watching for nav markers. Norma and I made out as exceptional deck fluff. We knew it was Lobsterfest Weekend and had assumed that we would be competing with lots of tourists for the mooring balls. But, when we arrived, the anchorage was half empty.

Going ashore, we quickly learned that Lobsterfest was a weekend party for the locals who mostly travelled by ferry or cigarette boats from Virgin Gorda and Tortola. Although everyone was welcome, every restaurant was hopping with live (and loud) calypso music and filled with families with many kids in tow. Each menu featured lobster and for US\$5 you



could have a lobster sampler. This encouraged folks to move around getting the best of each restaurant.



On shore we headed to the taxi stand for a quick ride to Cow Wreck Beach. We had been there years ago, and my memory was of a quiet, long and pristine beach, great for walking and bobbing in the waves. What we found was a chaotic bar and restaurant with lots of the locals dancing, playing pool and generally having a great time. The eight of us quickly lubricated ourselves with sun block (and

beers, of course) and strolled the length of the beach. Once away from the bar, we found joyous peace and opportunity to do our own thing – a great way to spend an afternoon with friends from home. Barb and Clarence and their crew left early to try some more of the lobster samplers. Norma, Dennis, Robert and I took another walk along the beach and headed back to Settling Point. We decided we preferred a quiet dinner and chose a restaurant far from the madding crowd. We had a spectacular meal of Mahi mahi and watched the sunset over shrimp appies, wine and beer.



The next day was a deluge, with a heavy leaden sky and some light winds. Dennis and Robert decided we should sail back to Virgin Gorda, so they slipped off the mooring ball, and by the time we got out into open water the wind was whistling at ~ 30 Kn. Norma and I stayed down below and read our books, until one huge wave wacked us so hard, that Norma declared that we must be in the middle of the Poseidon Adventure. We made it back to Leverick Bay and went ashore to rent a car for the next day's land tour. Virgin Gorda has magnificent vistas that need to be seen from shore, including



the Copper Mine at the far south corner, Spanish Town, the Baths (where there were way too many tourists from the Cruise ships). We drove a few minutes north of the Baths and found a secluded beach to bob in. On the way back, we made our way up to Hogs Heaven for drinks and a view of North Sound. For those of you heading to the BVI's, put a land tour of Virgin Gorda on your itinerary.



We spent the next day doing a long and hot down-wind run to Cane Garden Bay. I loved Dennis' philosophy that it was happy hour somewhere in the world, so we pulled out the beers at about 10:00 am and kept ourselves happy as we drifted along.

Another highlight of this trip was a visit to Diamond Cay at the north end of Jost van Dyk, Ashore, we walked to the Bubbly

Pool and spent a couple of very happy hours in this large natural Jacuzzi. Norma, Dennis and I then got out the snorkel gear and, with Robert in the dinghy, we found an excellent array of fish and coral close to shore. Dinner, with lots of wobbly pops and cribbage aboard rounded out the perfect day. So, what were the most significant changes in the BVI's from our first trip in 1987 to now?





First, Robert commented daily about the number of party catamarans that significantly outnumbered the monohulls in every anchorage and the fact that they seemed to motor everywhere rather than sail. We figure that within the next few years, the catamarans will not even have a mast or sails! My observations were that the Cruise ships that arrive two per day at Road Town and disgorge their passengers onto tenders heading to the Indians (for snorkeling); the Willy T (for drinking); the Baths (for sightseeing) and to White Bay (for Painkillers at the Soggy Dollar Bar) have essentially ruined the charm and solitude of the islands for the charterers. I guess this is seen (by some) as progress. I just prefer the quiet and laid back places we have visited in the past. Non-the-less, the BVI's is a great place to visit, for easy sailing and gentle times.

All in all, we had a fabulous two weeks with Dennis and Norma and would gladly do it again with such great and amenable company.

Scribes: Marilyn and Robert (Day Dreams) / Photos: Marilyn, Dennis (Innisfree) and Barb (Rebel Yell X)



Executive Team 2017

When Peter Feltham expressed an interest in being our Commodore for 2017, I gave serious consideration to coming back onto the executive as **Past Commodore**! The opportunity to work with an enthusiastic soon-to-retire and spend more time at Collins Bay Commodore was irresistible. The executive functions best with a mix of old and new ideas and I can certainly help fill in some of the gaps about things we have done in the past.

What does the Past Commodore do? The primary responsibility is to recruit the new executive for the coming year and help with the year end activities. During the earlier part of the season, the Past Commodore provides backup for anyone on the executive, participates in work groups, walks the dock and welcomes new members and visiting boaters, and generally does whatever can be done to promote our yacht club. The 2017 executive has several members residing out-of-town and having a Past Commodore who lives in Kingston is useful.

Lee Baker, our last Past Commodore, did a great job of filling most of the positions for 2017. The position of Clubhouse Chair is the only vacancy and I hope we can fill it before the boating season is in full swing. An enthusiastic group of boaters (note I did not say sailors!), have undertaken a few projects for the *SS Maria*, funds have been approved and work is well underway. This is a great introductory position for anyone contemplating getting involved in club activities. If you are hoping to use the club BBQ this summer, remember that someone needs to refill the tanks!

If you have any questions about CBYC, past or present, you can contact me at:





Claudia Stevenson.

Tamara C, Slip C20

Executive Team 2017



I recently retired in Ottawa after serving twenty-nine years in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. My wife Wendy and I have two grown children, Amanda and Cameron.

I have been sailing for about ten years, after completing my skipper course with Phil Morris. I currently sail **Entre Amis I**, *a* CS 33) moored on **C Dock**. I previously sailed *Sapphire* (CS 27) at Britannia Yacht Club in Ottawa.

I served on the Board of Directors at Britannia for a number of years leaving as Vice-Commodore. I was very involved in Public Relations and Communications initiatives at BYC. I hope this experience serves me well in my capacity as Secretary.

Dan Deleroy, Secretary

My name is **Robert Mackey**. This is my second year serving on the CBYC Executive, but my first as **Cruise Coordinator**. CBYC cruises are planned every summer to allow members opportunities to discover new anchorages,

learn from other cruise participants, and hone their sailing skills. Themes and informal activities also make these cruises a lot of fun.

Traditionally, a handful of events are organized between the end of May and September. Volunteer cruise captains are essential for each event.

Your opinions, ideas and suggestions are important to making each cruising season a success. To share these with me, I can be reached at cruise-cbyc@collinsbaymarina.com and, come May, on **Tingirrautalik** in slip **C07.**



Executive Team 2017

Here we go again! Hello I am **Leigh Marsalekova** and this will be my second year as **Social Director**. As Social Director I try my best to arrange fun events for our members to attend. The fantastic people and the events that we attend together is what makes our club great.

By day, my job is working in the Human Resources Department at the Lennox and Addington County General Hospital. One of the many things I do there is organizing fun events for the staff, so hopefully my skills transfer to this role.

When I am not attending and organizing CBYC events, you will find me out on the water with Adam, my husband (and avid racer) and Hank, our dog (and very seasoned sailor). We had a wonderful season last year and hope this year is just as terrific.

Make sure to introduce yourself to me this season at one of the events or stop by our boat **Dijabringabeeralong** on **F dock**. If you have any fun ideas for events or want to help out you can also contact me at social-cbyc@collinsbaymarina.com.

Cheers! I look forward to a fun and safe boating season.





My name is **Hélène Hubert** and this will be my second year as the **Editor** of the club's newsletter, **The Mixer**. The Mixer is one of the primary sources of information about club activities. I'm responsible for collecting information and for publishing the newsletter on a monthly basis to inform CBYC's membership of current and upcoming activities.

Being passionate about photography, I've taken it upon myself to record, through photos, as many activities as I'm able to attend. It gives me great pleasure to then share these with you, CBYC members, through the Mixer, and Facebook when the Mixer can't accommodate the overflow.

There are so many special moments each boating season ... I do need your help to capture them all. Everyone is welcome to submit articles and photos. Ultimately, the Mixer is for you. So your opinions, ideas, and suggestions are important. If you have any thoughts on how the newsletter can be improved, I invite you to come see visit me on **Cattitude** at **B22**, grab my attention at one of the activities, or send me an email at mixer-cbyc@collinsbaymarina.com.

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