



# Collins Mixer

Collins Bay Yacht Club  
Newsletter



## SAVE THE DATE

**AUGUST 5-7**  
*Civic Holiday Cruise*

**AUGUST 12**  
*Poker Run & Chateaubriand BBQ*

**AUGUST 19**  
*Sailing School BBQ*

**SEPTEMBER 2-4**

## Commodore's Corner

Much has happened this month within the club and around the marina which you can read about in this issue of the Mixer: a *Canada 150 Celebration*, the *Gananoque Cruise*, Mother Nature versus Collins Bay Marina, the *Long Point Challenge*, the Tall Ships in Bath, and the Sailing School's participation in *KYC's Youth Regatta*. You'll be able to read about the *Around-the-County Cruise* in the next issue. Hélène and I took a drive to the "County" to meet up with this cruising gang and to have dinner with them at the Waupoos Pub.

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Our hosts and passionate sailors, Rob and Monica from the Coburg Yacht Club graciously shared the experience of sailing their beautifully appointed schooner with us. Monica is the Commodore of the Coburg Yacht Club. Following a brief flag exchange ceremony between Monica and this Commodore, we set sail from Phil's Parrot Bay mooring and proceeded west where we enjoyed front row seats as we wove our way through the majestic tall ships that in Bath for the event.

The Sailing School is planning a BBQ for later this month - on Saturday 19 August - to bring together students and parents from all of the summer's sessions, and again, all CBYC members are encouraged to participate. Through events like this one, as well as offering the parents of the sailing school students an associate membership to the club, we are hoping to increase the school's visibility across the Kingston area and improve enrollment to the program in future years. I would like to point out that the sailing school is an important asset to the club as it promotes sailing to new generations of youth. This of course will keep our community active and vibrant in years to come. I am always pleased to meet long-term adult club members who, in their youth, have been part of student sailing school programs in the past. Needless to say, this is a testament for making sure the we maintain an active and successful program as part of our wonderful club.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Raigilie and Zeulewan for their achievement at the recent KYC Youth Regatta. You can read about the regatta on page 21.



Thank you to Gerry and Lori for the stellar effort they have been putting in to keep our marina operating at the top of its game through a season which has been challenged by the high-water levels as well as the somewhat dull weather we've experienced this month.

Finally, I want to send out a heart-felt thanks to all the members who stepped up and helped with the planning and staging of some of our July events. H el ene and I could not have done this without you and I would like to say that this club is truly fortunate to count you as members. Thank you & merci !!

Cheers,  
Peter Feltham (Cattitude)  
Commodore, Collins Bay Yacht Club



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# From the Helm

It has been an unusual start to summer due to high water levels. On Sunday, June 25th, the mix of high water levels and high winds created a lot of pressure on the dock's chains, which proved to be a bit too much for them. This caused part of A dock to swing out from the break wall. But thanks to fast-acting Bruce Rand, who jumped from his boat (Ben Varrey), over all of the other boats and to slip A01, A dock was quickly secured. Then, the chains on C and D docks could be heard breaking, somewhat musically ... but this was not music to our ears! Luckily Gerry's brothers were visiting and were quickly put to work to help secure these docks. The next day James (Phyxius), our newest Collins Bay Marina crew member and a master diver, geared up and worked under water securing new chains.

Checking all of the chains throughout the marina was one of our planned projects for this year, but we were forced to reprioritize our projects and bumped this one way up to number one and got it going A.S.A.P. All is good now, and we are continuing to examine the chains at all of the docks and replacing any old or tired looking ones. All in a day's work for Gerry and the crew. 😊

As the water levels are slowly receding, the marina is once again beginning to see transient/visiting boaters. To be able to provide a reciprocal slip to a visiting yacht club, please remember to sign out with the office or inform the dock hands when you are leaving your slip.

Thank you to Peter and Hélène, the Commodore and Mixer Editor (and captain and first mate of *Cattitude*) for having donated, for all to borrow, a volleyball/badminton set, bocce ball set and croquet set. They are in the marina office to sign out. This is a wonderful addition to the marina/ yacht club. We look forward to seeing them being enjoyed!

Lori and Gerry Buzzi (Collins Bay Marina Owners and Operators)



## Long Point Challenge (June 24-25)

The *Long Point Challenge*, CBYC's longest race, takes boats on a 100 plus nautical mile course out into Lake Ontario, around the ODAS 45012 weather buoy on the Canada/US border south of Wellington, and then back to Collins Bay. This year the June 24-25 race provided boats with a variety of winds; including 35 knots from the west Sunday afternoon as they headed home from the Upper Gap. The winning boat, *Peregrine* a Nonsuch 33 skippered by Catalin Obreja completed the course in 27 hours 19 minutes. *Peregrine* is from CFB Trenton YC, but is presently moored at Bluffers Park where she serves as Catalin's year-round residence.

This year the Lake Ontario Offshore Racing (LOOR) group helped us advertise the Long Point Challenge and this brought *Peregrine* all the way from Scarborough to CBYC to participate. Hopefully this points to a stronger future for the race.

Geoff Roulet (*Jeannie*)



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# Canada 150 Celebration



It had been a dreary, gray, cloudy, rainy few days leading up to July 1 at Collins Bay Marina. Our vision of a fun-filled day spent on the marina's lawn were fast disappearing when we awoke on Canada's birthday. Gathered on the porch, enjoying Lori's hot morning coffee, we watched the rain come steadily down across the whole marina while discussing the option of holding the celebration in the clubhouse. But miraculously, our wish came true! Mother Nature gifted us with a bright, warm sunny day - a most perfect day!

Forty-six people had signed up for this celebration, but in the end, in excess of 80 attended. Woohoo! A sea of red and white and smiles could be seen across the lawn. The day consisted of games and prizes, a potluck happy hour, a BBQ, and the day ended with a game of Canadian Trivia. It was good family fun and new members to the club/new clients to the marina got the opportunity to make new friends and get a feel for the friendly, helpful and fun-loving group that we are. (A BIG welcome to all of you joining us this year.)



We couldn't have done it all by ourselves, so we want to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful people who contributed towards making this day a success. There are too many to name individually, but you (and we) know who you are. Your help really meant the world to us! (Below are just a few examples of the support we got.)

Peter Feltham and H  l  ne Hubert (*Cattitude*)



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# August Civic Holiday Weekend Cruise

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 - Rendez-vous at Prinyer Cove

- ◇ If arriving by water vessel, drop your hook OR take advantage of the services provided by the [Prinyer Cove Marina](#) (i.e. mooring balls available on a first-come, first-served basis @ \$1 per foot OR docking - if available - @ \$1.50 per foot)
  - **NOTE:** there is a cost of **\$5 per person** if **anchoring** or arriving by **land yacht**; this is to cover the use of washrooms, barbecues, picnic tables, garbage, clean-up, etc.; this cost is **not applicable** if using a mooring ball or a dock
- ◇ Happy hour begins anytime after 3:30 p.m. .... **BUT the sooner the party starts, the more fun will be had!**  
**REMINDER:** BYOB/drinking vessel, an appetizer to be shared and serving utensil if required, your dishes/eating implements, lawn chairs, mosquito repellent, weather-appropriate clothing for the evening, and your fun-loving attitude
- ◇ BBQ dinner @ 6 p.m.
  - **\$10 per person** (pork chop OR veggie burger, salads, corn-on-the-cob, buns and dessert)



## SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 - Sail from Prinyer Cove to Hay Bay

\*\*\* An informal race may be organized \*\*\*

- ◇ Afternoon arrival at the Baker's homestead, located a little east of Witlow Point
- ◇ 6 p.m. potluck dinner
  - Bring your own protein (barbecue and microwave available for use), plus a salad, side, or dessert to be shared, lawn chairs, your own dishes and eating implements, and beverages and drinking vessels, if required
  - corn-on-the-cob will be provided



## MONDAY, AUGUST 7 - Return to Collins Bay Marina, or other destination of your choice, at your leisure

A few more volunteers are still required to make this event a success. For questions or more information contact: [cruise@collinsbayyachtclub.ca](mailto:cruise@collinsbayyachtclub.ca).

**DEADLINE**

- Sign-up & payment for Saturday's dinner is due at Collins Bay Marina's office by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 3
- Fee for Prinyer Cove Marina services due upon arrival at the marina

Cruise Captains for August 5/6 - Robert Van Dyk and Marilyn Sykes (*Day Dreams*)

Cruise Captains for August 6/7 - Lee and Crystal Baker (*Knot Again*)



Join us on **Saturday August 12**  
at the  
**CBYC POKER RUN & CHATEAUBRIAND BARBEQUE**

- ♣ All boats (power and sail) are welcome to join in the **Poker Run**
- ♦ \$10 entry payable at the 9 a.m. competitors' meeting in the clubhouse
- ♥ Cards will be dealt during the run and the best poker hands (1st, 2nd, 3rd) will win cash prizes
- ♠ The **CHATEAUBRIAND BBQ** will follow at 6 p.m. (the BBQ fee is **\$15** payable at the Marina office **prior to August 9**)

# WAUPOOS CRUISE

## Labor Day Week-End (September 2 – 4, 2017)

We'll have the marina to ourselves, along with Waupoos members!

### Saturday, September 2

Sail to Waupoos Marina (\$1.25 per foot w/power)

6 p.m. Hors d'œuvres & BYOB

7 p.m. Pig roast dinner (vegetarian option: lasagna)

### Sunday, September 3

9 a.m. Pancake breakfast w/sausage, home fries, blueberries (if available),  
juice, coffee, tea

Explore local restaurants pubs (e.g. County Cider Co., Waupoos Market Pub Eatery, Waupoos Winery, Cressy Mustard Co.)

7 p.m. Potluck dinner & BYOB (bring a dish or dessert to serve 8)

### Monday, September 4

Return to Collins Bay Marina at your leisure

**Cost:** \$34 (catered dinner, including tax & tip; see pg. 6 of June's Mixer for  
[detailed catered dinner](#)  
\$6 (breakfast)

**Moondance Challenge:** Keep track of your return time to Collins Bay on Monday and send it in to Hans Mertins @ [hwmertins@gmail.com](mailto:hwmertins@gmail.com).

Sign up at the Office [by Monday August 28<sup>th</sup>](#).



# Gananoque Cruise (July 14-16)



## PART 1 - OUT AND ABOUT IN GAN

Our Commodore, Peter Feltham and his lovely wife, H el ene Hubert (our Mixer Editor) planned a fabulous and busy weekend cruise to Gananoque, with lots of fun activities for both the Friday and Saturday evenings. The cruise instructions for Saturday were pretty general – “free time during the day with something for everyone....”. So, Robert and I decided to play tourists in Gan. In the morning, we went for a long walk along the waterfront, up the main street, explored a few fabulous shops (didn’t buy anything), back down around the 1000 Islands Playhouse (home of the *Million Dollar Quartet*, the Saturday evening entertainment), and even checked out the up and coming condos which will be built on the old Gordon Marina site.

Back onto our boat, Day Dreams, for lunch and a couple of hours of down time, chatting with our neighbours and listening to the huge cigarette boats rumble in and out of the marina.



At 2:45 p.m. we walked back down to the waterfront to check out the *Thousand Islands Boat Museum Boat Show and Parade*. We lucked out by finding two big chairs to sit in, a beer garden to enjoy

and front row seats to watch the activities. The *Thousand Islands Boat Museum* is fairly new to the area and has expanded its facilities to include a huge dock to display its beautiful antique boats. The parade of about 25 old power yachts and sailboats started promptly at 3:00 p.m. It was our sense that it was akin to herding cats to get the boats to line up and move at the same speed, but it was fun to watch. The highlight was after the parade when the boats were all tied up to the new docks and we were invited to check them out up close.

The *Thousand Islands Boat Museum* is working hard to expand its collection of antique boats and is well worth a visit when in Gananoque.

A special thanks to H el ene and Peter and to their family for making it a memorable weekend. Their organizational skills made everything happen efficiently. Well done!

*Marilyn Sykes and Robert van Dyk  
Day Dreams (C25)*

## **PART 2 - THE TOUCAT AND MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET**

The large wraparound porch was an ideal location for the CBYC pre-theatre BBQ hosted by the Feltham family. Cruise organizers, Peter and H el ene, arranged to host an enthusiastic group of boaters at the "Toucat", a very impressive B&B owned and operated by Peter's brother Clifford and sister-in-law Gloria. As the group assembled, we mingled on the porch enjoying "Happy Hour" and meeting new friends.





Chef Clifford, and Peter's other brother Danny, barbecued assorted burgers and sausages while Gloria prepared accompaniments and directed her guests to tables awaiting additional snacks, salads & desserts. We were very well fed! Meanwhile Peter and H  l  ne buzzed around helping with the BBQ, food prep and taking care of their guests. It requires a lot of co-ordination to feed 45 guests on a fixed schedule, but they did it!



After dinner, we made our way to the Thousand Islands Playhouse for the final performance of one of this year's hits, "Million Dollar Quartet". What a show! Where were you on December 4, 1956? Those who were fortunate enough to see this show, know where Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley were on that date. They were at an impromptu jam session at Sun Records, the birthplace of Rock & Roll. The packed Playhouse rocked with the music on stage! We didn't want the show to end! The Playhouse is one of our local gems and this year's program looks to be one of the best.

Gananoque is full of treasures, and the "Toucat" is definitely one of them!

*Claudia Stevenson (Tamara C)*



### PART 3 - PEOPLE OF MANY TALENTS



The various activities offered during the cruise provided us with opportunities to meet people with many talents. Cliff Feltham volunteered as the disc jockey and cook at the Gananoque Brewery on Friday night, providing us with excellent dance music.

Bruce Davis, the owner of the Gananoque Brewery, provided to all those interested, a tour of the brewery, explaining the process and to answer any questions that the group had.



Gloria, Cliff's wife/owner of the Gananoque Bag Co. and co-owner of the Toucat, provided us with a display of her sewing talents. Using pre-loved sails, she produces all kinds of bags, seat cushions and other products that not only look great but provide a second life to what used to be dear to sailors. For those interested to donate their old sails, or purchase something special, look for [Gananoque Bag Co.](#)'s Facebook page.



Last but not least, we had the pleasure to be entertained during Saturday's Happy Hour and BBQ by Gerry Doucet, a friend of the Commodore's and a retiree from the federal government who picked up playing guitar and singing two years ago. Not only does he have a wide repertoire of known songs, but he is also a composer. His warm voice provided the ambiance to fully enjoy the warmth of the sun, excellent food, company of fellow club members and the warm hospitality of Cliff and Gloria.



These gifted people added significantly to the success of this cruise and we feel grateful and privileged to have been given the opportunity to meet them.

Marco Rancourt (*Le Rêve Possible*)

## Blue Containers

### ***A REMINDER***

The blue bins found at the garbage stations along the marina's parking lot (see photo below), are for whatever can be returned to the Beer Store for recycling and for a refund. They are NOT for regular cans/glass or paper, and certainly not for garbage.

There are bins for regular cans/glass and paper, which are labelled, and garbage should be disposed of in the grey barrels.

For those who contribute towards proceeds for the CBYC Sailing School and who use the blue bins as intended – thank you! For the others, just remember that a kind volunteer must sort through the content of the blue containers before bringing them to the Beer Store to be recycled and for a refund.

Assuming that we all used the blue containers as intended, it is still a time consuming exercise for the volunteer who has to:

- ✓ Bag the beer cans by the 100s
- ✓ Separate clear and dark wine bottles
- ✓ Sort beer bottles by brand/coloured glass

You can well imagine the additional work it causes when non-refundable cans/bottles and garbage are thrown into the mix.



To find out more about CBYC's blue container program click [here](#) and [here](#) (see Tales of the Blue "Beer" Recycling Bins).

## Blast from the Past

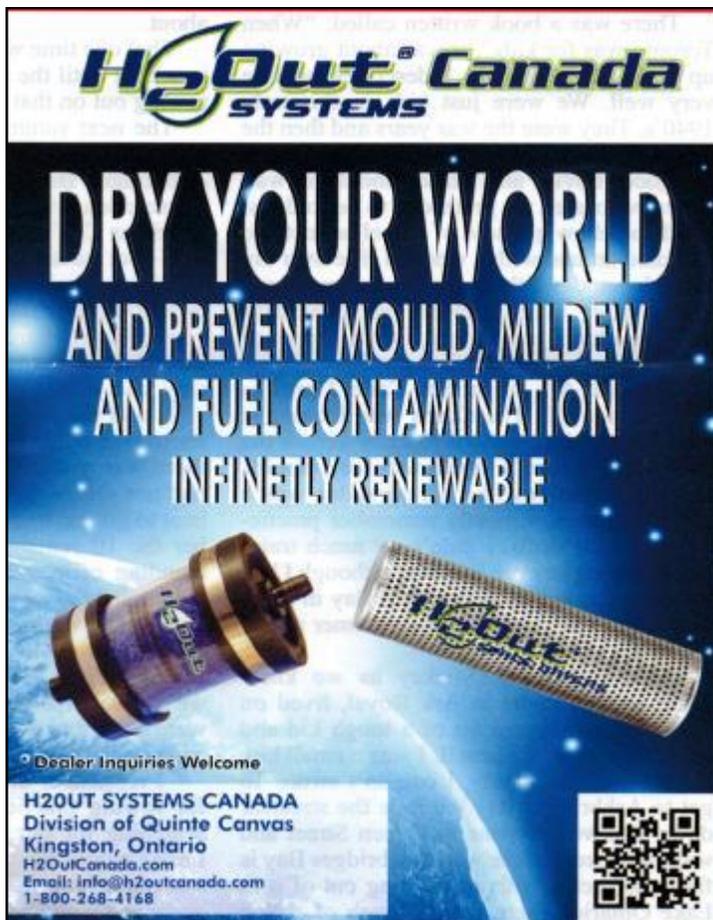
Our club historian, Robert van Dyk, has been busy digitally scanning old issues of the *Mixer*. The plan is to eventually make them available on the club's website. But until then, some fabulous stories will be published for your reading enjoyment.

Did you know that:

- ▶ our illustrious club is 37 years old
- ▶ the first *Mixer* was published in April 1981
- ▶ the club had 45 boats—36 sailboats and 9 power boats

Included in the first *Mixer* is an article titled "*Tales to Tell – The Story of the First Annual CBRTPR, on 12, September 1980*". It is most interesting to observe that ALL 36 of the sail boats participated in the race! Following is the tale as it was recorded.

*Marilyn Sykes & Robert van Dyk (Day Dreams)*



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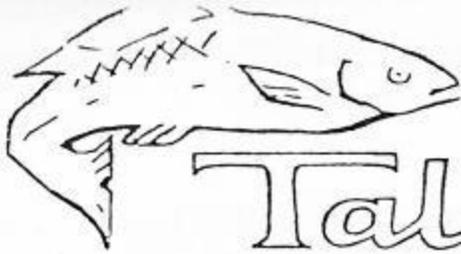
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# Tales to Tell

THE STORY OF THE FIRST ANNUAL CBRTPR ON

12 SEPTEMBER 1980

Sept 12, 1980, 0720. Resignedly, I opened my eye to peer at the clock radio. It's supposed to wake us up to cheerful morning music, but invariably mixes stations and static in a nerve grating fashion. I reach to hit the doze button to gain the usual extra fifteen minutes. The movement triggered by my memory bank and a shot of adrenalin brought me to my feet. This was a unique day.. The day of the very first annual Collin's Bay Round the Pigeon Race. Others there will surely be, but this was to be the first.

I can hear countless sailors from the western part of Lake Ontario saying to themselves, "Collin's Bay, isn't that on the left as we sail past the Brothers' Islands on our way to Kingston and the Islands?"

The answer is of course, "yes". How many know that what the chart shows as a weed-ridden shallow bay is the home of well over 100 sailboats and motorboats, many in the 24-35 foot range, and drawing up to 5' in draft.

Bill and Mary Steenbakker maintain a thriving, growing marina in this, the most sheltered bay in the area. With gas, pump-outs, lawns and a small club house, this could be an attractive and restful alternative for those visiting the area. Next to the marina is the new Township Rotary Park with swings and beaches for children, barbeques and washrooms.

The marina is the home of the newly formed

Collins Bay Yacht Club. The eager executive has conceived of an annual race open to sailboats of all types, and of special interest to cruising sailors.

Bill and Mary were providing an open air barbeque, corn roast and dance after the race. The lure was so strong that the first CBRPR attracted no less than 36 entrants.

The race committee had devised a course that was challenging, interesting and not in need of portable markers. Pigeon Island was an obvious choice. It is a long way out in the lake, is highly visible, offers no safe anchorage for cruising sailors, and is never visited. Thus racers would be seeing it close up for the first time for many, and anyway, what else should one do with a useless island but race around it.

Not content with selecting the main feature for the race, the committee then included ump-teen navigation buoys to be rounded, thereby lengthening the course to be sailed to 28 nautical miles as the crow would fly, or about 35 miles with normal tacking.

The weather threatened rain as a rag-tag line of boats crossed the starting line at the sound of the gun. However the wind soon picked up to 15 knots from the SE and blew steadily for six hours. The result was an exhilarating race with waves of 3-6 ft. on the beam all the way back from Pigeon Island to Amherst buoy. From there on it was an uphill beat to Salmon Island and those of us in the rear watched with chagrin as the lead boats rounded the windward buoy and took most of the wind with them on the downward leg to the finish line.

Only a few boats were left to finish in the drizzle which developed late in the day. Those already on shore eating, drinking and frolicking did not feel too guilty. In spite of continuous downpour, the party-goers ate, drank and danced outside until the mountains of burgers and corn were demolished, and then packed in the clubhouse until preliminary results were announced.

One boat lost a rudder, and one ran out of wind but all 36 boats were back by 1930 hours. The shortest elapsed time for the race was for the two trimarans which finished in the astonishing time of 1 hr, 43 min. 37 sec. and 1 hr 47 min. 24 sec. After applying the Portsmouth rating system, the winners were:

First Place - John Mayo with a Holland 25  
"Peregrine"

Second Place - Dave King with his 33 ft, Tri  
"Flyaway"

Third Place - M. Thomas with a C&C 27  
"ARAGORN"

Many thanks to our Commodore Bob Wright, Gordon Unsworth who figured out all the rating, and to all the members who pitched in, for all their work and dedication. To Bill and Mary Steenbakker a hearty thanks for making the day so successful.

Sherrill and John Wright

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# KYC Youth Regatta

KYC invited Collins Bay Yacht Club's Sailing School and HMCS Ontario (sea cadets) to participate in its KYC Youth Regatta on July 27. Eight of CBYC Sailing School's CANSAIL 3 & 4 students took part: Cynthia, Jacob, Levin, Morgan, Ocean, Oliver, Raigilie and Zeulewan.

There were 3 classes: Optis, 420 with spinnaker, 420 without spinnaker. Our students were in the 420 without spinnaker class. There were over 30 boats from the three sailing schools. Coaches Sabine and Meg provided on-water support to our sailors. Though we don't yet have the final results, the unofficial result is that partners Raigilie and Zeulewan finished 3rd overall in the 420 without spinnaker class. Congratulations to you both! You represented CBYC Sailing School very well!! This



regatta was a great experience and learning opportunity for all of our eight students, our coaches and volunteers.

Participating in the regatta involved a considerable amount of coordination as we needed to bring our four 420s to KYC. The winds were light the evening prior to the race so instructors Sabine and Katelyn were able to tow the four dinghies behind two coach boats from Collins Bay Marina to KYC, taking them a couple of hours to reach their destination. However, because of high winds/waves on the day of the race, the dinghies and coach boats needed to be trailered back to CBM. Thankfully we were able to count on the support of some volunteers and students' parents who either helped with trailering the boats, loaned a vehicle for towing boats, or otherwise helped with preps at CBYC or on site. Much appreciation goes out to Keith Davies, Robert Mackey, Sally Elsayegh, Dave Redford, Brent & Andy White and Colin Mandin.



On behalf of the Collins Bay Yacht Club Sailing School, I wish to acknowledge and thank KYC, especially its Junior Sailing Head Instructor Grace Whiteside and her team for a very warm welcome and well-run day. They put this on without fee and treated us like club members while we were there.

Richard Dickson  
CBYC Sailing School Director

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# Executive Team 2017

## Lori and Gerry

Last, but certainly not least, are Gerry and Lori Buzzi (*A Perfect Waste of Time*), who have been Collins Bay Marina's owners and operators for the past 6 years. More about them in next month's issue.



Recognize these beauties? You can thank Gerry and Lori!



## The 2017 Executive Committee

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