



Collins Mixer

Collins Bay Yacht Club Newsletter



SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER 18

Annual Award Banquet

NOVEMBER 19

Annual General Meeting

DECEMBER 16

Holiday Party

*More activities coming
in the New Year!*

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Commodore's Corner

After last weekend, Gerry and his team only had a few boats to haul out. Here in Ottawa, the weather is finally turning fall-like with leaves falling, the rains starting and the temperature dropping. It's time to start thinking about the upcoming **Annual Awards Banquet** which will be held on November 18 (*see details on pages 4 and 5*). This is an opportunity to put on your finest duds, mingle, enjoy a great meal, perhaps win an award or two, door prizes, and of course, have a good time in the company of your fellow members.

The **Annual CBYC General Meeting** will be held the following morning (November 19) from 10 to noon at the [Royal Kingston Curling Club](#) (130 Days Road). This is where the members have an opportunity to hear what the executive has been up to, how the business of the club in coming along and where important decisions regarding club matters are put forward by the executive committee as well as by club members. If you have a desire to share your thoughts and ideas about the club's future direction,

bring up any concerns, or even just to thank the executive members for keeping the ball rolling over the past year, this is certainly the time and the place to do so. This is also when vacant positions are filled - either through a vetting process or by election.

If you are interested in being part of the Executive Team, speak with our Past Commodore, Claudia Stevenson. She can fill you in on which positions are vacant, what their responsibilities and the expectations are and answer any questions that you may have.

October was a fun-filled month with a number of events having taken place, starting with another very successful annual Chilifest.

This year, the club also put on a hamburger lunch for Gerry's work team in appreciation for all of the "little extras" they throw in during the course of their daily responsibilities. Having spent several weeks watching them at work, putting our boats away, gave me an appreciation of the effort and teamwork involved in the work that they do, keeping themselves and of course our boats safe. Lunch was prepared by

this commodore and his wife and was attended by all of the marina crew members, Gerry, as well as a few of the club members who were around working on their boats that day.

Though not a sanctioned club event, a party was held in the clubhouse for this commodore to celebrate my 60th birthday. Many thanks to all of those who attended. Your good wishes were greatly appreciated! Thank you as well to my lovely wife for having taken the time to organize the event! Click [here](#) for photos of the party.

The club also held a weekend-long *Fall Coffee House* for members working on getting their boats ready for the end of the season. Both days were very well attended by members who were treated to sandwiches, soup, sweets, snacks and of course coffee, tea and hot chocolate. A heartfelt thanks goes out to our departing social coordinator for having organized this event along with the *Chilifest* earlier in the month. Leigh, thank you!! Your efforts, as well as your originality, over the past couple of years have been nothing less than stellar. You will be missed.

On a final note, there will be a special meeting of the executive on the 8th of November to finalize the preparation of the AGM. Once again, I am strongly

encouraging all members to attend the AGM. This is after all, your club. An information note will be sent out to the membership at large roughly a week before the meeting with specifics.

Should you have any questions regarding the meeting, please feel free to reach out to me or to other members of the executive.

Cheers!



Peter Feltham, Commodore



774 Baker Crescent, Kingston, ON



From the Helm

We are often asked, “Why do we have to take our mast down?” An article published in the Fall 2016 issue of the GAM yachting magazine explains many of the reasons why we do things the way that we do here at Collins Bay Marina. Below is part of the article which describes the risks of storing sailboats with the mast up.

“Winter storage is as important a boat maintenance issue as oil changes and bottom painting. Some boaters are tempted to leave the mast up to save time or a few hundred dollars, but this is often false savings, considering the resulting vessel damage. Yes, damage can occur while stepping and unstepping a mast, but it usually pales in comparison to the damage, sometimes unseen for years, due to leaving the mast up. During the summer, most sailboats sit in a slip, gently rocking back and forth in their slip. The motion is continuously water dampened by the very nature of the boat design. They do call it “On the Hard” for a reason, and this can be very hard on the boat. The cradle offers little softening to the harsh pumping the mast may be subject to, as the winter wind

whips through the boat yard. The next is windage. Many a boat has been knocked off its cradle or stands due to high winds, and is much more likely if stored with mast up. Additionally, if knocked off the cradle, it is more likely to be dismasted and perhaps dismast nearby boats too.

Why not take the mast down in controlled conditions, rather than allow Mother Nature to do it for you at her discretion. There has never been a better time from year to year to inspect and repair or do improvements. Far easier to do on the ground with a cup of coffee in hand, than when swinging from the bosun’s chair hanging on for dear life. Oh and by the way bosun’s chairs are meant for use when the boat is in the water, not on land. In the water the boat’s righting moment will keep you aloft. On the hard if something supporting the boat fails, you better hope you bounce. We know a boat that was the subject of an insurance claim of many tens of thousands of dollars last year, when rain water entered the stepped mast, froze, split it wide open and destroyed the in mast furling system. But the owner saved a couple of hundred dollars by not having the mast

stepped.”

This article explains the very real issues of leaving the mast up for the winter. We thank you for all your support wintering with us at Collins Bay Marina! (Click [here](#) for complete article.)

We are very proud to have been voted third best marina in **Ontario** (click [here](#) for details). As well, we’ve been awarded **gold** for the **2017 Readers’ Choice Award** (results to be announced in [Kingston This Week](#) on November 2).

Reminder that we are happy to collect items for the **Food Bank** until November 1.

See you all at the Annual Awards Banquet at the Renaissance Event Venue on November 18th and at the Annual General Meeting on November 19th!

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Annual Awards Banquet

November 18, 2017

Reception Starts at 6:00 p.m. Followed by
Dinner and Awards



[Renaissance Event Venue](#)

285 Queen St, Kingston

Tickets \$50 Per Person

Sign-up Sheet in the Marina Office. Tickets must be
purchased by **November 04, 2017**

Please Specify Seating Companion Choices on Sign-up
Sheet.

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Menu

Starter

Choice at the Table

Chef's Soup of the Day with fresh rolls;

or

Garrison Garden Salad with Sweet Vinaigrette

Main Course

Choice at the Table

*Chicken Breast Fricassee with a White Wine and Mushroom
Sauce, Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable Medley;*

or

Maple Glazed Salmon with Rice Cake and Vegetable Medley;

or

*Georgian Stuffed Pepper with Garlic Mashed Potatoes; and
Vegetable Medley Topped with a Tomato Piccalilli Sauce*

[VEGAN]

Dessert

Tea or Coffee

**If you have any allergies or dietary requirements,
please specify on sign-up sheet.**

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Chilifest 2017

Chilifest is one of my favourite events. It is so easy to organize. All you need to do is set up tables and the clubhouse gets packed with CBYC members and pots of delicious food.

This autumn has provided us with such amazing weather that it seems almost out of season to have a chilifest. This, however, didn't seem to faze

assortment of chilies. Even though all of the contributions were fantastic, only three participants could leave with a prize (and bragging rights) for their award-winning recipe.

Congratulations to the winners of this year's chilifest!

Best in Show

Bev Shatler
(Sarah-Michaela)

Tastiest Vegetarian

Ann Rand *(Ben Varey)*

Most Unusual

Ildiko Zold
(Chardonnay)

Cheers!

Leigh Marsalekova
Social Director



Ildiko Zold *(Chardonnay)*



the membership who love this traditional fall party.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to make this event a success. This year, 14 pots of chili (and one pot of meatballs) were entered into the contest. Everyone who attended had a chance to taste and judge the

Fall Coffee House

Members are usually asked to donate baked goods for the fall coffee house which are sold, along with tea and coffee, to raise funds that go towards supporting other events.

However, this year’s executive committee decided that it wanted to give back to the members who contribute to making our club so great. So that’s what we did. Instead of asking for donations and charging the members, the items were purchased and offered free of charge to the members.

The fall coffee house took place on October 14 and 15, 2017 starting at 10 a.m. and running until late afternoon. Above and beyond the usual baked goods, yummy sandwiches, hot soups, fresh fruit, and an abundance of treats and snacks were provided. This drew in many members and was a huge success. The clubhouse was so full that at times it was difficult to find a spot to sit down to eat.



Maryse Beaupré
(Dream Weaver)

Members appreciate the coffee house, welcoming the opportunity to grab a bite and to relax after hauling out their “baby”, while catching up with friends to talk about the sailing season. A special thank you to Peter and H el ene for making the delicious sandwiches and for providing the tasty soup for all to enjoy.

Cheers!

Leigh Marsalekova
Social Director

Practical Joker in our Midst!

Someone ... we won’t mention who (cough, Dave White, cough cough) ... had a HOOT taking these photos when we weren’t looking.



Blast from the Past

Here's this month's story from past Mixer issues which our Club Historian Robert van Dyk (*Day Dreams*) has selected for your enjoyment.

THE FIRST REAL RACE OF THE SEASON

Can beating a Snail in a race be a lot of fun? For me, you bet. Then to top it all off, beating the other 14 boats in the Amherst Island Race has to be the ultimate. Of course, Charlotte Rose crossed the finish line 18 minutes ahead of me and "Desiree" about a half hour ahead of her, but they don't count. So how come I keep feeling like I missed all the fun during the race?

I had been determined to hug the north shore of Amherst Island during the first leg, to be first to catch the S.W. thermal that had to come in some time during the afternoon. Of course I wouldn't want anyone to think that the real reason I was over there was because the Snail was, although I have learned that the only way to beat her is to stay ahead of her. I also noticed Najade on my tail and that no-name Tanzer 22 (who had clearly won until I finally got the chance to put up my spinnaker) was way out in front.

It was during the slow, slow period before the wind picked up, that my crew and I took a momentary break from the heavy strain of doing half a knot to check out the other boats.

"Why is everybody else following the main shore?" asked Terry, who up to that point had been sure that I knew what I was doing.

"Gee, I don't know," I replied hesitatingly as I began to suspect that maybe the Snail didn't really know why we were over here either.

"Hey look! Those guys on that big red boat are jumping overboard for a swim. They must have decided to quit" said Lee. "Sure" said Terry. "Jump off the stern and "accidentally" thrust the boat forward." But then we noticed "Desiree" way out in front of that group heading back. "Guess they're quitting too," quipped Lee. "I don't think so," mused Terry. "Looks more like they're slowly doing a 360 degree with their spinnaker up." "Good God!" I jumped, shocking my crew into instant alertness as I dove for the racing instructions.

"wait a minute. There's no buoy out there. They couldn't possibly have hit a mark. I wonder why they're doing that?" he watched for awhile to see if she'd make it.

"Hey, isn't that Trinco III heading straight for the main shore with her spinnaker up?" "Hey ya," I pondered. "And there goes another one with a yellow and white spinnaker." "whose Grampian is that going the wrong way over there? Looks like he's trying to blanket Carol M moving up behind him." "Can't tell," said Terry. "They're too far away."

Meanwhile, "Desiree" look like she was going to try another 360 degree.

"Listen!" whispered Lee. "I hear laughter coming from those boats. I wonder what's going on over there?"

"Damn! Look where Snail is!" I cried. while we had been somewhat dumbfounded by the main – shore boats, she had snuck by on the other side of us with that cursed DRS. We immediately slumped back into our frozen postures; me staring at the tickers, Terry on the sheets, and Lee sitting on a cleat searching for some wind.

I glanced at the needle hovering on the zero. "Gripes, aren't we moving at all?" "Just a sec, I'll check," said Terry as he leaned over and spit in the water. About a minute later he said "Yup!"

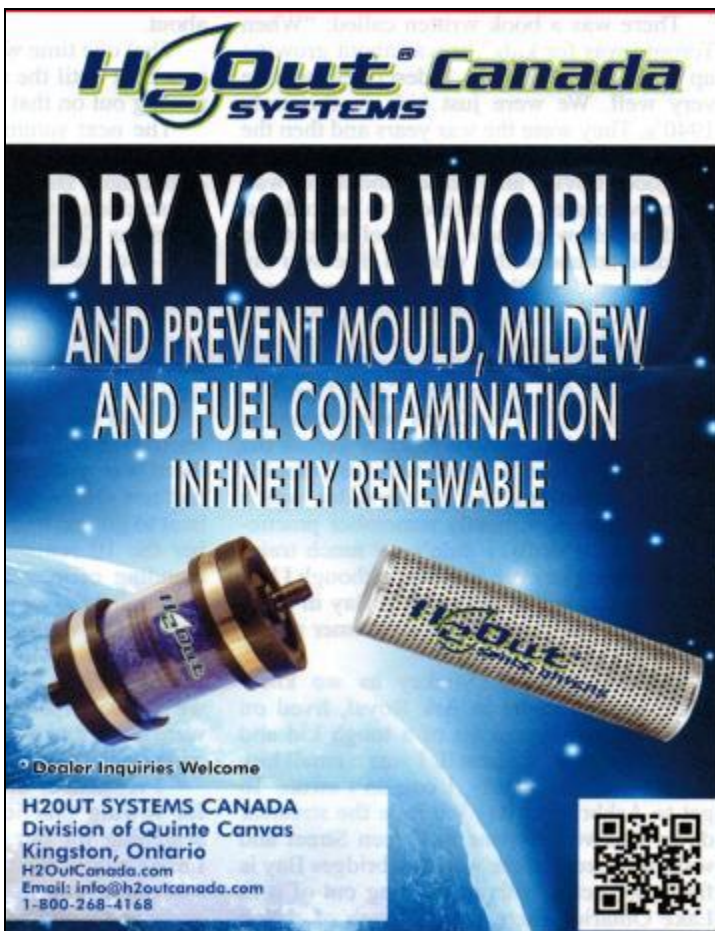
It wasn't until after the race when the others came in all happy and cheerful and saying how much fun they'd had, that I wondered again what had been going on along the main shore that afternoon. I was about to ask Bill that very question but I lost my nerve. Maybe it's obvious, I thought, and he'll think I'm really stupid.

"Reflections"

Jerome Guindon

Oh No!

SACKETS HARBOR — Long time restaurateur Andrew T. Hanzlian is getting ready to sell his two Main Street businesses, [Tin Pan Galley](#) and [Chrissy Beanz Bakery](#). Click [here](#) to read the full story published in the *Watertown Daily Times*.




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