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## Collins Bay Yacht Club Newsletter



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## Commodore's Corner

For the benefit of those who were unable to attend this year's AGM, below is my address:

*Good morning ladies and gentlemen. Let me start off by thanking all of you for coming to this year's AGM. This is an important meeting that will help the executive establish the club's direction for the next year. This is an opportunity for you to see what we, the executive, has been up to over the last year. This will also provide you with an opportunity to voice your ideas, your thoughts, your concerns and perhaps grievances with respect to how the club is doing in different areas. This club belongs to all of us and as such, we all have a voice in moving it forward.*

*I think that this has been a good year. Despite the challenging start to the season due to the high-water levels, our marina fared very well compared to many other marinas along the seaway and across Lake Ontario where many of them were operationally crippled*

*and in some cases, didn't even begin launching boats until well into the summer. Kudos go out to Gerry Buzzi and his amazing team for putting on a stellar performance which made it such that the problems caused by this past season's weather challenges ultimately did not affect our ability to launch and enjoy the services and facilities that our marina offers.*

*I'm going to get right to the point here and go over my past year as commodore. First, let me say that it has truly been an honor serving you as club commodore. I thank you for the vote of confidence that you gave me when you elected me in this room at last year's AGM.*

*Given that I have only been a member of the club for perhaps the last 3 years, it has been, to say the least, a steep hill with respect to getting to know the club's inner workings and how things operate. Quite frankly, I'm still learning.*

*Perhaps like many commodores who've preceded me, I had great aspirations with respect to where I wanted to drive things in the first year. One eventually realizes,*

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however, that working in a volunteer-driven organization isn't quite the same as working in other work environments. There are certain realities that seem to set the pace as to what happens and how fast we can move on issues and initiatives. Sometimes good, sometimes not so good. I will be frank and tell you that I've not accomplished everything I'd hoped to through 2016-2017. I had, for example, hoped that by now we would have had improved the status quo with respect to our club's accounting and financial reporting system, which I feel is in dire need of an overhaul. Unfortunately, for various reasons, this has yet to happen. I have, however, made it a point to being involved in all club activities and have taken great pride in doing so.

You will also see that through the various reports prepared by the executive members that overall, we've had a successful year:

- The sailing season began with a great Sail Past day with thanks going out to Angus for organizing this.
- The sailing school, which has been very well administered by Richard and Keith, has managed to hold its own in terms of participation and membership.
- I believe that there's been an uptick in the attendance at many of our social activities

thanks to Leigh.

- Membership has risen somewhat and thanks to our Membership Chair, Ed, the PayPal payment system was up and running for the last membership renewal cycle and we are hoping that it will be extended to also include the sailing school registrations in the upcoming season.
- During her tenure as the newsletter editor, Helene has decided to publish the Mixer for 12 months of the year, keeping members up to speed with club comings and goings even through the non-boating months.
- Our updated constitution is now online on an improved web platform thanks to Geoff's efforts.
- We had a number of highly successful cruises thanks to Robert and, of course, the various cruise captains.
- Robert Van Dyk is well on his way to completing the digitizing of our past club newsletters and important documents, an effort that is literally taking him hundreds of hours.
- John led a great racing year, introducing a number of new race initiatives.
- As per the clubhouse report, you will note that following a request I made to Gerry, we had the floatation pontoons inspected and it was confirmed that they are in

excellent shape and will not require repair or replacement in the foreseeable future which, needless to say, is very good news from a financial perspective.

- While sailing around Lake Ontario this summer, H el ene and I personally benefitted from a great reciprocal program, managed by Phil, effectively covering our club dues for about two and a half years.

Here are the things that I feel need to be discussed and considered today. In some cases, these are reflected in this year's set of executive reports.

1. A renewal of the club's accounting and financial reporting system
2. A review of the sailing school's management and operational and possible new initiatives
3. Upgrades to the clubhouse
4. Our web service offerings to members

Let me say that it has been an honor working with the members of the 2017 executive: John Giles, Claudia Stevenson, Richard Dickson, Keith Davies, Bill Amirault, Geoff Roulet, Ghislain Trudel, Phil Morris, Leigh Marsalekova, Ed Nash, Robert Van Dyk, Robert Mackey, Angus Ferguson, Dan Delorey, Gerry and Lori Buzzi, and last but not least, H el ene. Everyone of you

*stepped up to the plate and did what you had to do and for that I thank you. For those who are stepping down, thank you for your time and effort and for those of you who will continue to serve for the next year, I look forward to working with you again. Gerry and Lori, thank you for giving us such a wonderful home and playground.*

*In closing, there is another group of people that I wish to recognize and thank on behalf of all recent and new members such as myself. These are the long-standing members of our club who make up the small, and sadly diminishing, percentage of the CBYC membership that have been around for many years, as a matter of fact, I understand since 1979. Having read many of the past Mixer articles, that our club historian Robert Van*

*Dyk has been digitizing for our club archives, and I am struck by the amount of work that has been done over the years to get our club to where it is today. The initial creation of the club, the building of the SS Maria by club members, the development and writing of our club constitution, the development of the club sailing school and many of the other initiatives and instruments that form the foundation of our club as it exists today. On behalf of myself and I know, of all the other members, we recognize your efforts and offer you a heartfelt thank you for having given us this rich club heritage, in many respects, making our jobs easier.*

*For myself, I hope that during the remainder of my tenure in this position, I can successfully meet your expectations and hopefully continue to lead the club towards the vision that you*

*would have had.*

If you haven't had a chance to read the reports, you can easily access them [here](#).

I am pleased to welcome Jacqui MacKinnon (*Bittern*) as a new member of the Executive Team. Jacqui is our new Treasurer. Robert Mackey has stepped down as Cruise Director and is our new Fleet Director.

We are still looking to fill the following positions:

- Clubhouse Director
- Cruise Director
- Social Director
- Sailing School Operations Manager

If you have questions about any of these positions, I invite you to contact our Past Commodore, Claudia Stevenson.



## From the Helm

2017 was a very unique weather year; the high water levels proved to be a bit challenging but we were able to keep our launch schedule on task and carry on despite the challenges. Although the high water was a bit of extra work for the crew, they were fantastic at keeping the marina going through the whole thing.

The service kiosk got a makeover after the water levels receded, which included a new roof, flooring, trim and exterior paint!

There was a small decrease in transient boaters (120 compared to 150-200 as in previous years) but still a great number considering some marinas around the lake did not launch this year. There were no issues with the reciprocal program. Everyone was welcomed and seemed to enjoy their time at CBM.

We welcomed a new crew member this year - James Duquet (*Phyxius*). He was a great asset as he is a master diver and was able to help repair the chains and keep the docks in good working order. We replaced just under 1500 ft of chain! James also dove to inspect the clubhouse (see the attached report)

Last year we purchased a hot water, high-pressure washer and offered a washing/waxing/detailing service. Bill Amirault has been instrumental in providing these new services to customers who either don't have the time to do the work themselves or who can't do it any more. This new initiative has gone very well and we will continue offering it.

The service dock was expanded from 60 to 80 ft providing space for two boats to be docked at the same time.

As well, to reduce the slope when water levels go down in the fall, the crew rebuilt A dock's ramps and, for increased safety, added handrails.

We welcomed many new marina customers this past season, many of whom have joined the yacht club. We have received a lot of positive feedback from them. They are enjoying the social aspect and the new friendships they are making. Great job to the executive for all they have done to welcome the new members! We truly believe in the great relationship between the marina and yacht club and are very excited for the future.

We continue fighting the airport expansion. We have some upcoming court dates and pre-hearing dates at both the federal and provincial levels. We believe in this cause. We know we have a strong case and we will continue this fight to protect the marina. We truly thank you all for your support.

This winter we are continuing the dock repairs and we will be upgrading the washrooms. We have been working with Bell to bring fiber to the marina to be able to provide a reliable wifi service.

Collins Bay Marina has been awarded GOLD in Kingston's Readers' Choice Awards. We are very humbled by this award and appreciate the support.

We are looking forward to 2018! The Collins Bay community is amazing and we are proud to be a part of it!

Lori and Gerry Buzzi  
CBM Owners and Operators



**774 Baker Crescent, Kingston, ON**

# Annual Awards Banquet

This year's *Annual Awards Banquet* was again held at the elegant and historic *Renaissance* event venue.

The evening had a holiday feel to it. The room was beautifully decorated with wreaths, garlands and lights; everyone was dressed for the occasion; many got caught in the Santa Parade; as on Christmas morning, anticipation filled the air - everyone anxiously waiting to see if they were the recipient of an award; and finally, our inner child was really, really hoping to win one of the many door prizes.

It took many hands to organize this enchanting evening. So, from all of us who enjoyed the evening to all of you ... a BIG thank you! As well, an appreciative thank you goes out to all of the local businesses who provided gifts for the door prizes, and the members who went a-knocking on their doors.

Here are the results of the 2017 CBYC boating season:

## Sailing School Award

### Junior Skipper Award

*(Student who has shown the strongest development)*

- ♦ *Ocean Fierz*

## Club Awards

### Annual Cruising Award

*(Most frequent cruising participant)*

- ♦ *Marilyn Sykes & Robert Van Dyk*

### Gostlin Jewellers Award

*(Best contribution to the club)*

- ♦ *Lori and Gerry Buzzi*

### Alpine Star Award

*(Member who contributed the most to cruising)*

- ♦ *Hélène Hubert & Peter Feltham*

### Lead Life Ring Award

*(Most unique/humorous sailing "accident")*

- ♦ *Hélène Hubert*

### Moondance Challenge

*(Waupoos to Collins Bay cruisers' race)*

- ♦ *Seafarer*

### The Orgueil Cup

*(Most improved sailor)*

- ♦ *Geoff Roulet*

### Excellence in Sailing Award

*(2017 Women's National Keelboat Championship)*

- ♦ *Janice Wilby*

### Sportsmanship Award

*(All around good sportsmanship)*

- ♦ *Robert Mackey*

### Wavelength Topmast Cup

*(Exemplary seamanship and safety)*

- ♦ *Mike Miles*

### The Commodore's Cup

*(Outstanding club member)*

- ♦ *Ed Nash*

### Special Mention Award

*(In appreciation for hosting the Ottawa Winter Cruise for many years)*

- ♦ *Pat Russell & David Ward*

## Racing Awards

### Spring

PHRF 1

- ♦ *Investors Group*

PHRF 2

- ♦ *Rainbow Chaser*

### Summer

PHRF 1

- ♦ *O'Naturel*

PHRF 2

- ♦ *White Knight*

### Fall

PHRF 1

- ♦ *O'Naturel*

PHRF 2

- ♦ *White Knight*

### Amherst Island Race

PHRF 1

- ♦ *Rock & Roll*  
*(Loyalist Cove Marina)*

PHRF 2

- ♦ *Horizon Dancer*

### Simcoe Island Race

PHRF 1

- ♦ *Breakaway J*  
*(Kingston Yacht Club)*

PHRF 2

- ♦ *White Knight*

### Collins Bay Marina Award

*(Pigeon Island Race winners)*

PHRF 1

- ♦ *O'Naturel*

PHRF 2

- ♦ *Horizon Dancer*

**Frostbite Chase Race**

- ▶ *Happy Puppy*

**Étienne Brulé Award**

*(Winner of Long Point Challenge)*

- ▶ *Peregrine*  
*(CFB Trenton Yacht Club)*

**Overall Racing Awards**

PHRF 1 Fleet Champion

- ▶ *Investors Group*

PHRF 2 Fleet Champion

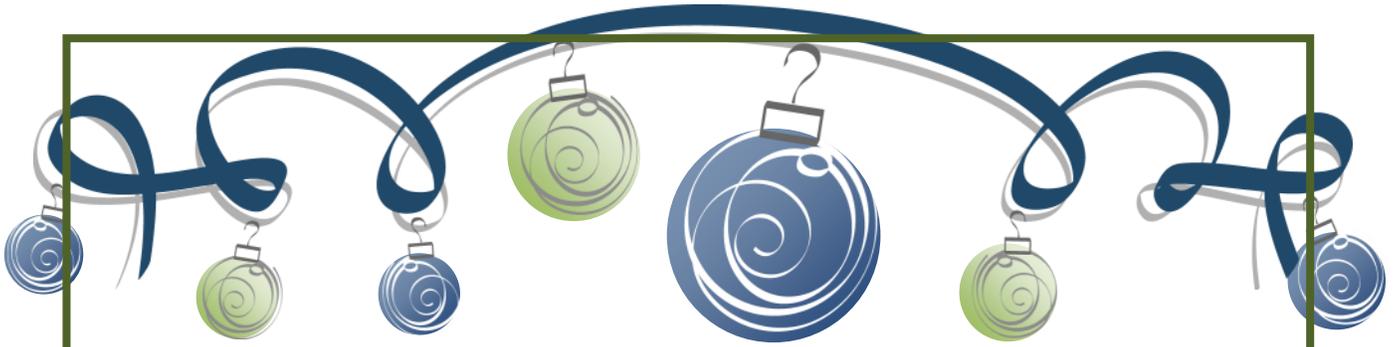
- ▶ *Rainbow Chaser*

CBYC Club Champion

- ▶ *Investors Group*

Click [here](#) for more photos.





# CBYC HOLIDAY PARTY

December 16, 2017  
7:00 p.m.

Come celebrate the holiday season at the  
Kingston Brewing Company  
34 Clarence St. Kingston (upstairs).

Stay for dinner or just have a holiday cocktail with  
friends.

**Please Contact Leigh Marsalekova to confirm  
your attendance @**

**[social@collinsbayyachtclub.ca](mailto:social@collinsbayyachtclub.ca)**



# Slip Slide & Giggle

Yes, it's time for the sixth annual curling classic, an event enjoyed by a great number of our members and friends.

Put aside **Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup>** for this fun event. So many of our members have been introduced to this mixed-gender sport over the years and now it's an opportunity for all of us to have another crack at the game and the ones who have never tried the "Roaring Game", a chance to give it a try with no pressure!

The festivities will begin at 7 p.m. (1900 hours in sailor speak) at **The Royal Kingston Curling Club**, at 130 Days Road (almost at Front). Please bring a pair of rubber-soled shoes to cavort in, preferably not shoes worn to the curling club (meaning clean soles) and a warmish sweater. Brooms and sliders will be provided by the curling club. Pants are optional but know that the ice is kept at 20 degrees and the air temperature is 42 and these are real degrees, not the ones forced on us in 1975!

The cost is **\$15 per curler** and spectators are certainly welcome as their fee is \$50!

Please let me know if you are a new curler or a grizzled veteran so that I may balance the team as best as possible.

After the great event, we will stay at the club for a beverage or two and the inevitable boasting of curling prowess.

Last year we filled 5 sheets of ice with 8 curlers each so this year we hope to cover all 6 sheets so be sure to let me know early if you will be coming.

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# Blast from the Past

For many of us, our clubhouse, the S.S. Maria, has always been a part of our Collins Bay Marina/Collins Bay Yacht Club experience. Let's go back in time to see how it evolved from an idea to our social gathering place.

The first clubhouse "Northern Lights", an old houseboat, was donated to the club by Bill Steenbakkers in 1981. Northern Lights remained on land and served the club for the next ten years. Due to age and



deterioration it had become unsafe and needed to be replaced. The roof was leaking

and the floor was rotting out.

During the summer of 1991 Hub Steenbakkers made an offer to build and provide a floating platform on which the club could build a clubhouse. He would build a large (approx. 20' x 40') steel floating platform consisting of steel pontoons similar to those used for the floating docks.

At a special meeting of the executive on 10 June 1991 CBYC accepted the offer and created Finance and Building Committees to implement the plan.



First meeting

The Building Committee was responsible for the structure's design as well as the organization and supervision of volunteer work parties.



The work parties

The Finance Committee was responsible for raising sufficient funds to allow successful completion of the project within the time frame.



Construction



In the Fall of 1991 a work party demolished the old clubhouse. In 1992 the construction of the shell for "SS Maria" was completed by various work parties. Dedication Ceremony conducted by the Steenbakkers.

On Friday, August 7, 1992, a Grand Opening Celebration complete with a Champagne.



Champagne ceremony



First BBQ

**NOTE:** Bill and Maria Steenbakkers were the original *Collins Bay Marina* owners and operators; their son Hub, and wife Michelle, took over the family business in 1986.

*C-Dock Gossip\** (September 1999)  
\* (jokes about CBYC boat owners)

“The more things change, the more they remain the same” attributable to Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr (1908-1990). His actual words were “plus ça change, plus c’est la même chose”.

*Tamara - C*

Semi-floating platform joined to a basement by an oversized station wagon, filled and emptied semi-annually through countless trips up and down “C” dock by Claudia and Bill. Occasionally departs *Slip 24* to exercise the stereo alternators and chase the wind.

And from some other members of C-Dock:

There's a REAL little lady on Dock C  
Her age is a mystery to me,  
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