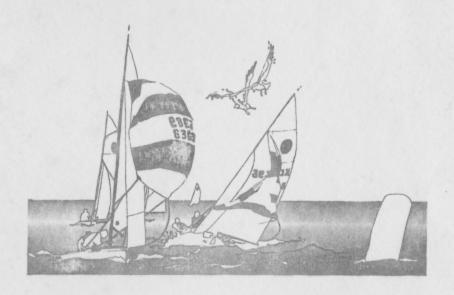
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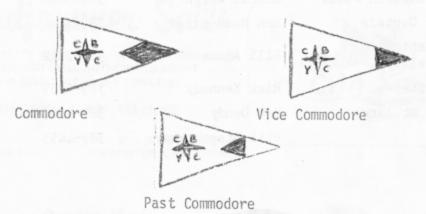
ffrom The Commodore

The 1983 boating season is underway and the clubhouse is fast becoming the hub of a great deal of activity. More use of the clubhouse is something we hope to promote this year. We have made a good start at making it the gathering place for friendly conversation, tall tales, and some good-natured kidding? with the coffee and donut shop during the two major launch week-ends.

We have also started to hold our meetings in the clubhouse, now that the warm weather is (supposed to be) here, and welcome members to join us. We urge you to gather in the clubhouse after the Thursday night races, as well, non-racers, too.

To let everyone know when something is happending at the club, Bill and I have contributed a large club burgee to fly on the clubhouse during special events.

We have also introduced the following special burgees this year.



I look forward to seeing you at the club and on the water this summer.

Judy adams



COLLINS BAY YACHT CLUB CRUSING SCHEDULE

- 1983 -

	Sun. June 12	Club Day
Cruise #1.	June 18 & 19	Aubrey Island Ron Mackenzie
Cruise #2.	July 9 & 10	Gananoque Town dock Gordon Island Bob Wright
Cruise#3.	July 30 & 31 and Aug. 1 (Monday holiday)	Main Duck Is. (Rendezvous with K.P.S) Chaumont Bay (Crescent Y.C.) Bill Adams
Cruise #4.	Aug.6 to 14	Around Prince Edward County (week long) Bill Worthy
Cruise #5.	Sept. 3, 4 & 5 (Monday holiday)	Picton (P.E.Y.C.) Hay Bay Paul Kruger



RACING

Our 1983 Thursday evening racing schedule starts on 26 May, with an 18.00 start time at the mouth of the bay. This means getting away from the dock by around 17.30. Many of us don't but I suspect that being able to sail leisurely around the start area instead of going through the usual last minute panic procedures may be quite a pleasant experience. Actually, I always start last so that I can finish last quite nonchalantly and blame my shabby performance on having to start the race!

I would like to ask all members who race, or may be interested : in racing, to sign the sheet which will be on the club notice board. This is not a committment but it helps us to dig up a handicap rating for your boat so that when you race, there will be no problem in producing the results "promptly".

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT - RACE DATE CHANGE

The Amherst Island Race will be on 11th June and not, as previously posted, on 4th June.



COLLINS BAY YACHT CLUB RACING SCHEDULE

- 1983 -

THURSDAY EVENING RACES - Members only

(a) SPRING SERIES

May 26

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

(b) SUMMER SERIES

July 7, 14, 21, 28

August 4, 11

(c) FALL SERIES

August 18, 25

September 1, 8, 15, 22

SPECIAL EVENTS

(a) June 11 Amherst Island

- Open event

(b) July 23 Simcoe Island

- Closed event

(c) Sept.17 Pigeon Island - Open event

AN EXTRA SIX FEET

Dad,

Your birthday's come around again
You like presents from the heart
I thought and thought and then, ah ha!
I think I've done my part

I know you have a love of sailing You have many boats to prove it Through many years of trial and error You've finally got one that will 'move it'

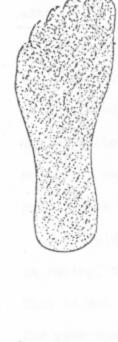
First you invested in "PORYGTE" A fine 20 foot boat It wasn't really your fault That she wouldn't float!

So you tried your hand at building To release you from your bind But an eight foot sabot wasn't really What we had in mind

Next it was a racer
A bright red fireball
But when we tried to all fit in
We found it rather small

Then you found a beauty
To free us from our fix
We thought it was a GRAMPIAN
No! A CONTESSA 26!

You call this boat "NAJADE"
Yellow hull and bright white sail
She certainly is a dream come true
Cures allergies which tend to ail:





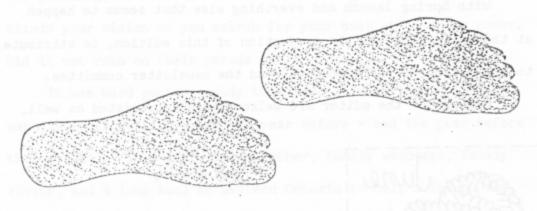
I thought you would be satisfied With your big new toy But you look for something better A CONTESSA 32? Oh Boy!

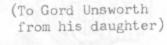
A birthday present of six funny feet
No! Not jogging season
A mathmetician you need not be
To understand my reason

Attach this present to your bow Don't hesitate to do It will turn your 26 Into a CONTESSA 32!!

Happy Birthday

Sue Unsworth.





From the Editor's Pen

What we have been able to compile for you, the members, is the third newsletter of the 83 season. A special thanks goes out to the individuals who have taken time to contribute articles. Some wish to use this forum to launch their writing careers. Others, for one reason or another, use pen names or remain anonymous. None the less, we appreciate all submissions and encourage others to do the same.

With Spring launch and everthing else that seems to happen at this time of year, the production of this edition, is attribute, to dedication of the executive, and the newsletter committee.

Letters to the editor are welcomed and appreciated as well.



Rick Kennedy



LAUNCH PARADE '83

It was too good to be true, and some how deep down, I had a rotten feeling that what reprieve we enjoyed from the cold this past winter would only be served up later. As I am writing this now, and it is almost June we are still awaiting a warming trend, or at least two days back to back when rain is not in the forecast.

But there is the hardy and the organized, who have been ready since the beginning of April. You know the ones. Their boats are the gleaming, fresh from the factory looking craft, whose shine blinds your vision as you search for your boat still under cover.

Did it not rain on their parade too?

It was hard getting ready this year I found. Actually, it
was difficult getting ready the year before — and the year before
that as well. This year, poor weather, family weddings, family
visits, and a long haul to western Ontario to help a friend buy
his first racer/cruiser, really slowed down the launch of
"Leprechaun".

But I'm not complaining. The weeks preceeding the "Big

Splash" is always an exciting and rewarding and an interesting

experience for boaters. Its exciting because all the plans that were made during the winter can be put into action. Buy new equipment, replace old, add this, change that. We thought it all out over a period of 4 - 5 months and it all has to be done on a few weekends - Right? Right! Then the time comes and what seemed to be planned so right seems to be going so wrong.

It's not the gear that didn't arrive, or the sun that didn't shine, or the unexpected gift that requires major surgery to your lovely lady, or the family situations that require our presence - it's the time! Where is the time and where do some find it, when I can't? Exciting? Exciting to the point of endangering one's health!

Maunch time is rewarding, I said. You have probably heard your parents quote the old pharse A friend in need is a friend indeed I have found a lot of friends since becoming involved with boating. Generally speaking, when I've encounter a problem having to do with any part of boating, there never seems to be any lack of advice, support and outright help available from my fellow boaters.

This is especially evident during pre launch activities.



Acquaintances that have been cradled for the winter, are crewed again. Relationships pick up, where they left off last fall and everyone seems to be willing to help the other into another season.

It's interesting in that on land, be it at home, or office there is a tendency to be more reserved, in our relationships and our privacy is closely guarded. We tend not to get involved. As a means of escape from the modern day jungle we set off in our valiant vessels, away from it all. However, on our journey we enjoy meeting others, we go out of our way to assit others and in many ways are closer to our boating friends in one season than we have been to others on land in years. Interesting.

"Leprechaun's" spring launch '83 was successful. Thanks to the able assistance of a bigger and stronger crew and dedicated caring team. The younger members of the family were more excited this year about getting in the water than ever before. Launch day was May 7th and what a beautiful day it was. Sunny, warm and perfect. After working late the pervious evening on a thorough hull fitting and waxing hard, being sustained through it all by goodies prepared by the Admiral, on Saturday. The captain and crew were rewarded with splash down, at sundown.

We may have been a little late, but like everyone else,

we thought we were the prettiest entry in the parade.

Rick Kennedy



The APRIL 23rd SOCIAL EVENING was very successful, thanks to a great committee of Ann Unsworth, Louise Williamson, Bob Wright, Ron Mackenzie, Bill Adams, Bill Worthy, and Desiree Kruger. Door prizes, a donated prize from THE PORT HOLE, a club T-shirt and two bottles of wine were won by the lucky holders of tickets 16, 10, 94, and 87. A special thanks to BILL and MARY STEENBAKKERS who donated a special membership prize. This portable cooler was won by Bob and Bonnie Wright who hold membership #1.

Thanks to Ann Unsworth, Joyce and Bob Dendy, and Bob Wright for a very successful Launch Coffee Shop on May 7, 14 & 15. Those donuts and coffee sure hit the spot, a welcome break from the scrubbing and cleaning.





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