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from The Commodore

What a great summer this has been! both in terms of the weather and in the development of our club. The informal, friendly, and supporting atmosphere and the amiable mix of power and sail make Collins Bay rather special. Thanks to Ron's committee, the club cruises have been very successful this summer with many new participants (there were 16 boats at Prinyer's Cove on Sept. 3!) and as well many small groups of CBYC boats are showing up all over Lake Ontario and the Islands.

Thursday night racing continues to draw a good number of boats, despite holidays and other commitments, and provides a chance for both the serious racers to practise and the novice (which many of us still are) to learn. (Jerome even gives spinnaker lessons alongside!) Members who have participated in races at other clubs and at Cork are making CBYC known around Lake Ontario.

Although many of us have run out of holidays, I am sure we are going to enjoy some good days of fall sailing and I hope to see everyone at the Pigeon Island Race and Family Barbecue on September 17th.

Judy Adams.



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HAVEN AT LONG POINT

As I peered through the last glimmer of daylight at the white breakers pounding on the eastern tip of Long Point, my heart sank. I could see the lighthouse about a quarter mile off the port beam and the spar buoy nearby that marked the turn to the Long Point cove entrance, but I couldn't see the entrance. The wind, which had slowly but inexorably increased in strength since mid-day, was screaming from just north of east at 40 - 50 knots, blowing the tops off the 10-12 foot seas in sheets of spray. My crew was below, incapacitated by illness since late morning and I had been at the helm for nearly fourteen unrelieved hours. It was beginning to look as though I would have to run offshore for the night.

Six boats of the round - Prince Edward County - cruise had left Presqu'ile Point shortly after seven that morning after a fiery red sunrise and a forecast of rain and NE winds at 20 - 25 knots. We all started with at least one reef (I had two) and although it was wet and visibility was only fair, we made good progress during the morning. We were still fairly close together when we rounded Point Petre, two-thirds of the way to Long Point, in early afternoon. Now we were out of the lee and the wind was almost dead on the nose from the east so we started an interminable series of tacks, staying well offshore because of the reefs. By mid-afternoon Roundel and Trinco were well ahead and Spellbound had cut and run under motor. The wind had increased to 30 knots and, even double reefed, my Nonsuch was making near hull-speed through the 6-8 foot waves. As long as I hove away on the downside and headed up to the oncoming wave, it handled the seas beautifully.

About an hour later, I could hardly believe my eyes when, out of the rain and spray and gloom, appeared Roundel and Trinco who had come back to see how the stragglers were doing. The wind had picked up another 10 knots and with 250 square feet of sail still active, I gradually forged into the lead. With



mixed feelings because I wanted to get to Long Point as soon as possible, but on the other hand I'd never been there before even in fair weather and I was hoping for someone to show the way in through the reefs shown on the charts.

The afternoon wore on, the weather worsened, and the shore line to Long Point seemed to stretch to infinity. By 1730 I realized that there were only three hours of daylight left and that I might have to use one of the options discussed at the previous evening's meeting, e.g. run offshore all night. This was the first big storm on open water I had been in and the noise was unbelievable from the shrieking wind, the crash of sheets of rain and spray, and the boat's motion through the waves. Finally I could make out Timber Island on the horizon and by 2030 I was off the east tip of Long Point vainly looking for the cove. Trinco and Aslan were barely visible well astern of me and Roundel and Carol M were out of sight.

I was debating whether it would be best to try for Prinyer's Cove, Main Duck Island, or run for it when, "calloo - callay," a light started to flash at me from where the cove was supposed to be. It took me 15 minutes to get my sail down the rest of the way in these mountainous waves, but I finally came about and ran downwind using the green buoy and the lights as a range. I got through the 50 foot entrance unscathed and eventually tied up to a fisheries boat at the end of the dock with the help of the good Samaritans on shore. Once secured, the adrenalin stopped flowing and an immense fatigue settled over me. My crew began to revive and by next day was almost recovered. I slept well but spent all night long in my dreams tacking to 30° then 120° then 30° off Long Point's south coast.

Aslan and Trinco came in about 30 minutes after me, guided by the same beautiful lights, relatively unscathed. Roundel and Carol M ran offshore all night, Roundel made it to Prinyer's Cove at first light, and Carol M, single handed, out of gas and heavy in the water, ran aground at the cove entrance in the morning and lost her mast when attempts to pull her off dragged her through a tree.

I know now that my Nonsuch can shrug off Lake Ontario's worst and that I can take up to 14 hours of it, but please don't ask me to try for 16. I'll always be grateful to Spellbound who got in before dark and set up the lights with the help of local residents.

Bruce Fairbairn.



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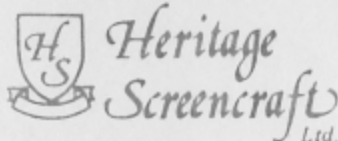
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