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COMMODORE'S CORNER

Hope you are looking forward to the Pigeon Island Race and Dinner (Saturday, September 9) as much as my family and I are! This year, Carm Knapp revived the recent tradition of the race committee as co-host of the dinner. Hub and Michele are the other co-hosts, sponsoring part of the menu and some prizes. Thank you Carm and the rest of your band of willing conscripts for organizing the annual Chateaubriand Steak Dinner. Tickets, a bargain at \$10 per adult and \$6 per child, are available from any of the racers, and also at the Marina office. (This dinner was initially sponsored by Judy and Bill Adams who hosted it earlier in the season. The race committee took it over a few years ago, and decided to hold the dinner in conjunction with the annual Pigeon Island Race in September.) In the past, we have sold as many as 100 tickets! Be sure to get in on the biggest social event of the season – and enter your vessel in the race too!

Also on the social front, it's not too early to mark your calendars for the annual Awards Banquet, to take place on November 4 at the Harbour Restaurant. The sponsors of this event are the boaters of Dock 'C'. Thank you to Judy Greer for bravely volunteering to corral her dockmates into service to organize this event. This is always a fun evening – a chance to swap tales about ports visited and escapades on the lake before we go our separate ways for the off-season.

The fall series of club races is now underway. If you haven't been out Thursday nights yet this year, now's your chance to extend the season by joining the fun on Thursday nights in September.

May the September breezes be in your favour!

Barb Yates. Commodore

COLLINS BAY MARINA NEWS

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The "Been South, Going South" get-together, which was organized and hosted by the Steenbakkers' and Woodiwiss' was a huge success! Around 35 people attended this new social event held at the CBYC clubhouse on Friday, August 18. Those who had been South brought stories, books, photos and charts, and were each asked to share a word of wisdom from their trip. Those who are headed South each asked a question about their trip/preparations which was answered by the more experienced cruisers. The discussions were lively and candid and covered a wide range of topics from electrical systems, to pirates, to whether or not to carry a weapon. The opinions were sometimes opposing such as the debates over taking your pet dog along or anchoring with one vs two anchors but all were unanimous in reassuring the novice to take the plunge and leave sooner rather than later. The excitement of adventure was catching and was enough to make any bystander want to stowaway on the next boat heading South! The formal discussion part of the evening was followed by informal mingling and networking, fuelled by delicious refreshments and snacks. Due to the great turnout at this event, we would like to plan a follow-up event next summer.

The marina will be a hive of activity this fall as we undertake a large dock refurbishing project. In order to maintain the high standard of our facility, we are rebuilding the fenders and floatation on C and D docks. Our key man, Ian Whitfield will be overseeing this project and working with him will be Henry Fierz, Don Woodiwiss and a team of

welders. **Weekday haulouts will be limited to Mondays and Fridays during this project in order to maintain our tight building schedule.**

Although the season is coming to an end, we would still like to formally introduce Jeff Lloyd, who has been working with us for most of the summer. Jeff is currently beginning his Grade 12 year at Frontenac Secondary School. Ellen will be leaving during September to go skiing out west for the winter, and Christine has started a Human Resource program at Fleming College in Peterborough. Our thanks to all our staff for their hard work this summer!

Hub, Miche and Mya

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- To help prevent shoreline erosion. watch your wake, slow down.

* ONLY Ontario forbids overboard pumpouts in ALL its waters.

Safe cruising, Safe sailing ! *Lloyd Miller, Fleet Captain*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Diver Down?

As Lloyd states in the "Safety" article of the August edition the "A" flag of the international code of signals signifies "Diver down" and as far as I know it is still used for this purpose by the navies of the world. However the "A" flag is a blue and white burgee. For some reason the recreational diving community ignored this usage and devised their own flag, the one Lloyd describes. Although it purports to protect divers, in fact it has been applied so promiscuously as to be meaningless. It is permanently displayed on vehicles ashore, commercial establishments catering to divers and dive boats whether they are moored, anchored or under way, whether they are in operation or idle. We should, of course, honour its warning but I do resent having thrust upon me the responsibility of protecting those who diminish the significance of a safety signal by making casual and inappropriate use of it. I, myself, do not take the flag seriously unless it is displayed on a float in the water.

Brice Wightman, "Peregina"

Agreed Brice, Chapmans Piloting 63rd Edition (1999) pretty much sums it up:

"Diver down:-There are two flags flown in connection with diving operations It is not proper for them to be flown on shore or by any boat not engaged in diving operations"

Dog Days

In our early days of sailing we met many families sailing with their kids. In the past few years, we've noticed that there are fewer and fewer families on the water. However, the smaller 2 legged crew members have been replaced in many cases by 4 legged crew members who are walked down the dock on their leashes as they head for the park adjacent Collins Bay Marina! There are some seasoned

Tamara C has a new crew member aboard this summer, but he doesn't get walked in the park. We recently adopted an 8 year old feline who we have nicknamed "Able Sea-Cat Fluffyfus" because he has adapted so well to life aboard. No one is more surprised than we are to discover that having an animal on board can give us so many chuckles! You will never know if your pet has sea legs unless you give them a chance.

Claudia Stevenson, Tamara C

REGALIA 2000

The Season is not over, good supply of club logo clothing. Mugs, crests, burgees all make nice gifts. Call, leave a note in the club mail slot, I'll sell you something!

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SIMCOE ISLAND RACE (A.K.A. Penitentiary Shoal Race)

July 29th 2000

The title just about tells us everything about this race. Instead of good old reliable South Westerlies at about 12-14 knots, we had South Easterlies at about 3-4 knots. At the skipper's meeting at 09:00 at CBYC's clubhouse it was decided to circle Simcoe Island in a due to the wind direction. "Wind" is not quite the proper terminology because I am not sure you can name something that doesn't exist. It was also decided that if we had not reached Penitentiary Shoal by 13:30 hrs that it would be the turning point and mark to shorten the course and return to Collins Bay.

That's exactly what happened and all nine vessels arrived there at 13:15 hrs. As we rounded the mark a slight increase in the wind? raised our hopes, but it soon died leaving all boats crawling back to Collins Bay at a snail pace. As time dragged on all it took was one boat to start the sequence. Sails started dropping and the "iron genny's" started firing up. When all was said and done only two boats finished the race- "Black Knight" and "Roo", in that order, crossed the finish line. (While the rest of us were tied up at the dock enjoying a cold drink).

The next long-distance race will be on September 9 2000, our annual Pigeon Island race. Skippers' meeting is at 09:00 hrs in the clubhouse. After the race our tremendously popular Chateaubriand steak BBQ, with all the fixings will take place on the beautiful grounds at Collins Bay Marina. This year as in the past CBYC and Collins Bay Marina are jointly hosting the event. The cost remains at a very reasonable \$10 per person. Please try to attend, tickets are available from members of the race fleet and the office at CBM. Let's hope for fair winds and weather for this event.

Just a parting request before closing. The race committee would welcome anyone who would like to volunteer as

committee boat for the Thursday evening and remaining long distance races. No experience is necessary we can easily teach you the procedures. We would be most grateful for either a powerboat or sailboat owners help. Anyone willing to volunteer give me a call and we'll get you started next race night.

See you on the water

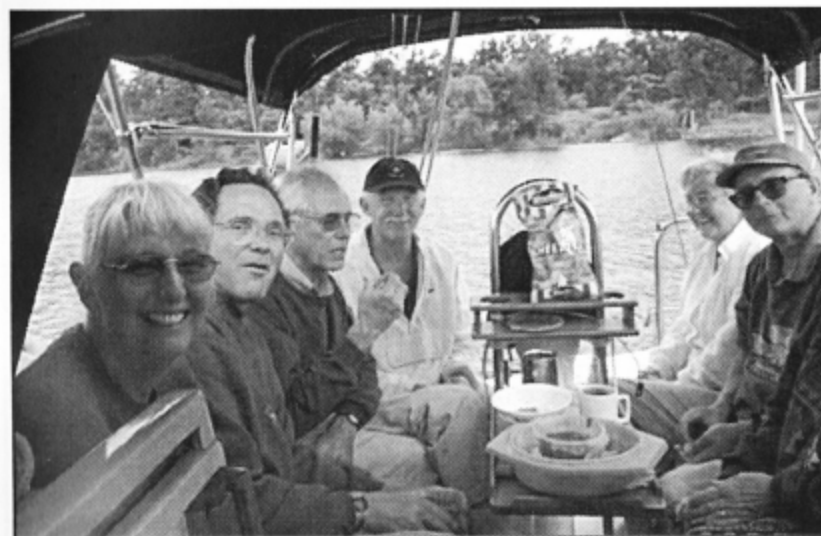
Carmen Knapp, Race Committee Chair 389-9452

MID-WEEK CRUISE, 18 - 20 JULY 2000

The first annual midweek cruise had an encouraging beginning with 9 skippers/mates/crews attending the pre-sail brief. Participants included **Accounted IV**, **Almitra**, **Ben Varrey**, **Cabernet**, **Iona**, **Purfection**, **Pyewacket**, **Sueño**, and **The Rose**.

With wind southwest at 15 knots, the race from the Collins Bay outer buoy to Cold Bath shoal buoy consisted of one leg (our kind of racing). (See page 11 for results)

Happy hour was nominally on board **Sueño**, but spilled over into **Almitra** due to the numbers. Happy hour was a great success, with more food and drink than could possibly be consumed.



The 19th July began with a wind shift into the NE at 25 knots, which made Brakey Bay an uncomfortable anchorage. Although it had been agreed that departure was to be leisurely and at a "decent" hour, that intention changed quickly as boats (no names) began to drag anchors sometime prior to 0800.

What with a night of choppy seas and the cool temperature, the cruise split into 2 groups – one heading west to warmer smoother places, the other (5 boats) heading east to Endymion Island. Arriving mid-morning, CBYC boats picked up four mooring buoys, with the 5th boat rafting by choice. Endymion provided protection from the NE wind and a very pleasant day followed.

Almitra hosted happy hour where amongst other news, it was reported that the water was still too cold for enjoyable swimming. We were joined by Karen and Chuck Francis (**Equinox**), who happened to be docked nearby.



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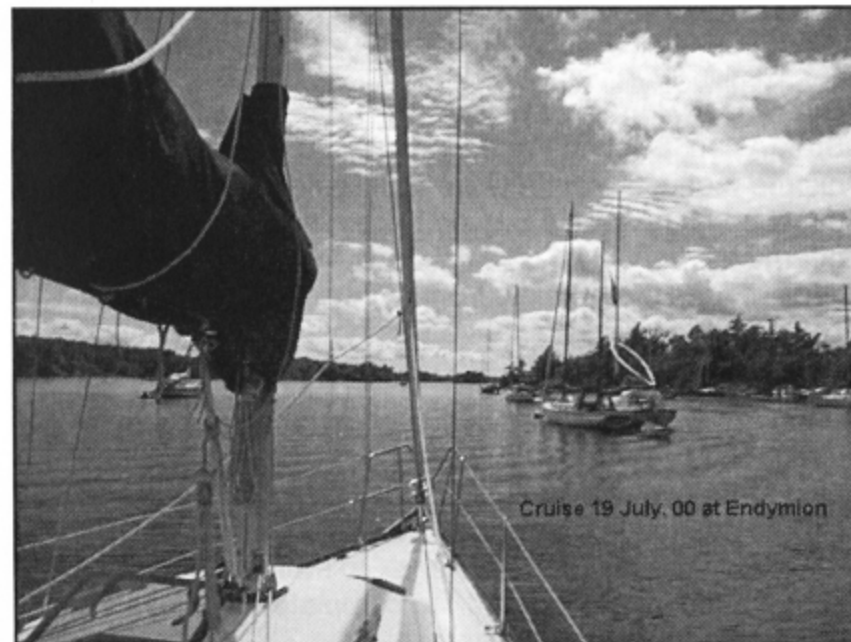
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The cruise was a great success; we got acquainted with newcomers to Collins Bay, we heard some new sea stories, and we proved the value of a midweek cruise, especially in a year plagued with wet weekends.

Marion and Meru Cameron

Race times were as follows.

Accounted IV -- 2 H 12 Min

Almitra -- 2 H 43 Min

Ben Varrey -- Time not received yet

Cabernet -- 2 H 24.04 Min

Iona -- 2 H 34.06 Min

Purrfection -- 2 H 34 Min 35 Sec

Pyewacket -- 1 H 54 Min 15 Sec

The Rose -- Time not received yet

Sueno -- 2 H 25 Min 05 Sec

PRINYER'S COVE CRUISE Aug 4-6

Gibwanasi, Ben Varrey, Slinge II, Sweetwater, Alpine Star, Aslan, Second Wind, Raymoni, Accounted IV and Innisfree met in Prinyer's Cove Saturday, August 5th. Some boats had left Collin's Bay on Friday, spending the night in nearby bays. A "gala cocktail Party " (thanks to contributions of refreshments etc from all) was held aboard Accounted IV and Innisfree --rafted together(joined later by Second Wind --- A great time was had by everyone!!

Sunday's weather report indicated a not so favourable forecast. Accounted IV headed home very early with an ill First Mate (we were all relieved to learn that Carol is OK). Others headed home as well. However , some sailed to Stella Bay or stayed in Prinyer's (to swim take a walk on shore or just relax onboard) to complete an enjoyable Weekend --despite the weather--!



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In Kerr Bay Raymoni, Sweetwater, Alpine Star and Aslan spent a super time ---Sweet water hosted "Happy Hour" on their boat. It was a VERY calm night ---they discovered that small Bays do have currents----so it became a calm---"Drifting"-- night with two boats waking to a morning "kiss" !! The Two then rafted together for a pancake breakfast. That day the ladies remaining enjoyed a walk around Stella , brousing in a craft shop----all agreed "Cruising is a great way to get to know fellow Yacht Club members .

Thanks to everyone for being there , for their contributions and friendship. A special congratulations to the " Intrepid Pair" aboard Aslan. We are looking forward to our next cruise!

Dennis & Norma Reed



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Did you know that... ..the Pigeon Island Race was the first event held by Collins Bay Yacht Club? The lure of this long distance race was so strong that the first Collins Bay Round the Pigeon Race attracted no less than 36 entrants. Held on September 12, 1980, the race committee devised a course around Pigeon Island plus umpteen navigation buoys to provide a course of 28 nautical miles as the crow flies. A SE wind of 15 knots blew for 6 hours resulting in an exhilarating race with 3-6 foot waves. All 36 boats were back by 1930 hours. The first to return were the two trimarans, Flyaway and Desiree in less than two hours. Bill & Mary Steenbakker provided an open air barbecue, corn roast and dance after the race. An evening rain did little to dampen spirits.

Thanks to..Sherrill & John Wright for their account of the 1st CBRTPR port from which the above was taken. and Dennis & Louise Williamson for a great picture of all the boats lined up at Waupoos Marina on this year's July 1 Cruise.

Judy Adams Club Historian

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D-BRIEF

Norm and Ina Pothier (D15) are sailing **Cabernet**, a beautiful Catalina 34. Initially, they picked Collin's Bay so that they could be close to Lake Ontario in anticipation of heading south on their boat. They spent the summer of 1998 getting the boat ready for the journey, leaving in September of that year and returning July 1999. They used to sail on the Ottawa River out of Deep River, which is about three and half hour drive from the club, so make the most of their time when they are here. They are still contemplating another trip south, so will stay here until they make up their minds. They enjoy the people in Collin's Bay and the social aspects of the club.

Rocques and Francoise Boisvert (D18) motor their Bayliner powerboat **Puffin**. They have been here at Collin's Bay for about 18 years. They like Collin's Bay for many reasons: it's so well protected which makes it a lot easier to dock than other places they've tried; it's close to home; and the people are very nice. They are a retired couple and enjoy the freedom of their time. By the way, Francoise is an accomplished artist! You can see her work at the Gannanoque Art Gallery.

Cathy and Ian Lahaye (D17) are new to the area. They love their sailboat **Big Cat**. They brought it up here from Flowermound, Texas - (just outside Dallas.) Cathy has relocated to work for the company that has just bought Nortel, so they will be moving to the Ottawa area. Ian has brought his golf clubs and will just check out the golf courses for the time being. Let's encourage them to join the yacht club.

Joan White

Note added in proof.

Phil, Angela and Alistair Morris join the

"Denizens" (moving from F26 to D14) with their "new" boat "Wavelength" a CS 30. *Wavelength* has spent her life at Bluffers Park Yacht Club and was sailed overnight in 25 hours to be here in time for the Hay Bay Cruise

Boating Recipes

Melted cheese appetizer (Served at the "Been South, Going South" get-together) from "Sail on both Sides Now"

- 1 cup grated cheddar
- 1 cup mayo
- 1/2 cup chopped onions
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp curry powder

Mix together in a bowl.
Bake in a two cup baking dish for about ten minutes til melted. Serve with french bread or Ritz crackers.

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- **Sept. 1 - 4** -Labour Day Cruise Hay Bay
- **Sept 9** - Pigeon Island Race & Annual Chateau briand BBQ
- **Sept 16 -17** -Fish & Chips Cruise to Confederation Basin & Homeward Bound Race
- **Sept 21** -Fall Series Races end
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CYA KEELBOAT COURSE (continued from last Month)

We left Bayfield in the afternoon and continued on Lake Huron towards Tobermory. We were seeing a number of squalls on the radar and sailed right into a severe thunderstorm. We had switched all the electrics off as a precaution but there was a crash of lightening and a bulb in one of the cabin lights burst. When the storm was over we found that the GPS was not giving a correct track, a great lesson in not relying on electronic navigation! Luckily a hand held GPS verified that at least the lat-long was correct on the ships GPS. That night fog rolled in and the winds became very fluky. Steering by the compass I was hit by a strong gust from a completely different direction and the main gybed and gybed back again. The instructor took the wheel and promptly gybed two times more. then suddenly we were in quiet air. I still don't know what it was. We were heading for Cove Island at the entrance to Georgian Bay. As we did not have the detail charts for Cape Hurd we decided to head north and come around Cove Island. We were on course for the lighthouse on the North of the island and while visibility was very restricted the chart indicated it was fitted with a horn. Suddenly no more than two hundred yards off the bow the top of the lighthouse emerged from the fog. We came about immediately and radiod the coastguard to say the horn was not functioning. "discontinued two years ago" they replied - a lesson to keep charts up to date!

We arrived in Tobermory mid morning and sailed into dock with the chief instructor playing the bagpipes on the foredeck! Quite a show for the tourists! After lunch we sailed on to a beautiful little anchorage Wingfield Basin with a narrow entrance indicated by a range. There we practiced anchoring under sail. We then headed out to perform COB maneuvers in daylight and at night and returned to anchor at night. The next morning we set sail for our destination Midland and refuelled and pumped out.

That night we wrote the exam which took around two hours and covered a wide range of topics from theory of sailing to collision regs, weather, boat maintenance and cruise planning.

After cleaning the boat the following morning tired but definitely more confident and certainly more competent we caught the bus for Toronto and home.

Phil Morris