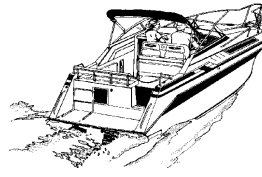


Collins Mixer

Collins Bay Yacht Club

Newsletter



August 2002

Commodores Corner

Another successful month has gone by and Summer is well in progress. Congratulations to Hub and Miche for the excellent articles in Kingston this Weekend and Boating East on their work to establish the "Clean Marine" environmental programs for Marinas. Congratulations on not only taking a lead in the organization of the program but also in achieving a four anchor rating for Collins Bay Marina. We all need to continue do our part to support and further this effort and I have asked Hub to consider how we can best help!

While on environmental matters, I was horrified this weekend to see how fast that the cormorants

are taking over the most Easterly of the Brother Islands. Most of their activity is hidden from our normal view as it is on the South-easterly shore of the island. I am very concerned that it will soon be reduced to the lifeless states of Snake, Salmon and the Westerly Brother. Despite newspaper articles and other communications the Ministry of Environment seems to be unresponsive. I would like to see the club take a proactive stance on this and would welcome your comments.

We have decided to go ahead with the replacement of the flotation for the clubhouse. After various options were considered and a number of inquiries into plastic barrels were made it was decided to go with steel pipes, similar to those which support the docks. Main reasons were the durability and experience with this system vs uncertainties with availability, logistics in transport and foam filling and potential environmental issues with plastic barrels. The pipe is now on order and Hub has kindly agreed to support the project both practically and financially with welding and installa-

tion. This is an expensive but essential project and the material costs will deplete the Club reserves significantly. We will need help from members to paint the floats with epoxy paint to avoid the labour costs, so later in the season please consider volunteering for this task.

Also please consider the proposal to host EYC in 2004 which was published in the July mixer. There is a suggestions box in the clubhouse or you can contact Bill Visser or any member of executive. I have heard one concern regarding potential overload of the facilities at the Marina during the event. This was something we realized that we would need to avoid and was addressed in the planning. We would propose to have temporary washroom and shower facilities for the event. As we have said the event will need the support of all members if we are to host it so please keep the suggestions coming!

The executive is hosting a Friday night social to get

together and to welcome new members. It is in the CBYC Club House at on Friday August 16th. The prime rib dinner will be at 7pm. Cost is \$10-12 and please let John Giles at 384-8039 or Joan Legris at 548-1164 know if you plan to attend.

Finally it is with great sadness that I record the passing of a fine member Joan White. Our condolences go to Dave. Joan was a talented person, always willing to help and contributed to the club as membership Secretary through 2001 even though her health was failing. Her enthusiasm and determination to continue sailing even when she was clearly in pain and very weak was an inspiration. She will be missed.

Enjoyable and safe boating

Phil Morris Commodore

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From the Archives

In July 1989, CBYC purchased the Loyalist Cove Junior Sailing dinghy fleet of 3 Laser II's and 5 Petrels and a chase boat, motor and trailer to begin a Sailing School Program in Collins Bay. To finance this new venture, several club members purchased \$500. loan agreements, which were repaid as the program grew. We received a good response to the White Sail Program that first season which ran from July 17 to August 25 with an average of 10-12 students per one-week session.

It seemed like a big undertaking for a relatively new club. Could we really do this? The program has grown and become a very successful facet of CBYC. From 1990

to 2001, the CBYC Sailing School has graduated 715 youth and adults in White and Bronze Sail. You can see our next generation sailors practicing in Collins Bay each week-day in our new fleet of Hunter 140 dinghies.

Thank you to Mike Miles and Bruce Fairbairn for their input for this look back in history. Thanks too to Collins Bay Marina for their very valuable support of this program.

Thank you to Carol Logan for pictures of the OJ Cruise and Wine & Cheese. Anyone else have pictures to contribute? All

Welcome!

Judy Adams

For more information - 389-4455



Thoughts on Safety

We sailed from Niagara-on-the-Lake to Whitby today. Wind was 25+ knots from the north east and we made the passage on one tack. Seas were up to two meters and there was some spray, but other than that, it was a good run. Knowing that the deadline for the Mixer had arrived, I was forced to start dredging for some ideas.

Some great thinkers decided in their time, that the Great Lakes are not lakes at all but inland seas. The premise was that the lakes are so large that they behave like oceans and should be treated accordingly. That is an interesting thought. Would you think of sailing from Halifax to Atlantic City with the same confidence as sailing from Windsor to Thunder Bay? They are roughly the same distance. Given the number of books written about shipwrecks on the Great Lakes, the inland sea idea bears thinking about.

Weather was something we kept in mind today vis a vis safety.

After some very nice days, a change in the weather should be expected. First, there was an east wind, which is bad news. As the day progressed, clouds built in the west in text-book order. By the time we arrived in Whitby, the blue sky had been replaced by a very threatening one. It is not a very pleasant night tonight. In the "Wind, Weather, and Waves" book, which may be found in the clubhouse, there is a very revealing observation: "As the skies appear to a man, so is his mind. Some see only clouds there; some, prodigies and portents; some rarely look up at all."—Thoreau, Jan 17, 1852.

One last point. In Niagara-on-the-Lake I saw a happy boating day turn unsafe and hence unhappy in a very few moments. A large power boat made an ill conceived approach to the gas dock. Ignoring the fact that he had a line ashore, he backed out, was caught by the wind and current and turned crossways in the

approach to the marina inner basin. At that moment, a sailboat under power was leaving the inner basin (single handing). Although the space between the power boat and the corner of a dock was disappearing at an alarming rate, the sailboat held on. A few seconds later, the sailboat essentially became a fender between the power boat and said dock. Well, there didn't appear to be any material damage and the sailboat proceeded on its way. The power boat which, at this time, seemed to be commanded by committee, finally went alongside the gas dock. The problem (s) here stemmed from lack of foresight by all concerned. A little planning and thought about 'what if' could have avoided this whole incident.

Of course, there are safety factors to consider in boating, but this is enough for now.

Have a safe and happy boating holiday!

Merv Cameron
Fleet Captain

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Some of you may have noticed the media attention we have received recently for our environmental initiatives. We've been on the radio and in the newspapers and magazines for our Environmental Best Management Practices and involvement in the Clean Marine Program. While we are proud of our achievements, we feel there is still plenty of room for improvement. The fact that we still find waste oil thoughtlessly thrown into the garbage pails (twice in the past week) compels us to bring this issue forward. We need the support and cooperation of each and every boater in Collins Bay Marina to help keep the environment clean for everyone to enjoy! How can you help? Read on...

Please familiarize yourself with our Environmental Policy which is posted on the bulletin board and is included in our annual General In-

formation mailing. The following are examples of easy steps you can take to make a difference.

Waste oil, antifreeze and batteries are accepted free of charge, however, it is important that these materials are actually handed over to our staff for proper handling. Please keep the materials in closed containers to prevent spillage. If you see new or visiting boat owners looking for a place to dispose of these materials please tell them to bring them to marina staff.

Recycling totes for cardboard, paper, plastic, glass and cans are conveniently located throughout the property - please use them! We are surprised at how often we find cardboard boxes, bags of cans and other recyclable material thrown into the garbage cans instead of in the adjacent recycling

Waste fuel, paint and other hazardous wastes are not safe for us to store. They can be taken free of charge to the household hazardous waste drop off located at 70 Lappans Lane (open every Thursday and the second Saturday of each month from 9 am to 2 pm).

In other news, we would like to announce a service we are providing for sailors heading south this fall. We are desteping masts and shipping them to Hop O' Nose Marina in Catskill, NY. Hop O'Nose will step your mast and you'll be on your way to the sunny south. If you have any friends who are heading south, tell them all of the details are available on our website at www.collinsbaymarina.com.

- Hub, Miche, Mya & Landon

CBYC SOCIAL August 16, 2002

Your executive is hosting a Friday night social to get together and to welcome new members
 Location - CBYC Club House - Collins Bay Marina

Drinks at 6:00 and dinner at 7:00 p.m.
 Dinner is Prime Rib, baked potato and the trimmings
 Bring your appetite, cutlery, drinks and desserts if desired
 All members and friends welcome

Cost is approx \$10-12
 RSVP by August 14 to John Giles at 384-8039 or Joan Legris at 548-1164

Race Report

The racing season is well underway with the Summer Thursday Night Series starting July 4th. Some new boats are racing with us: at the fast end of things are Icarus (Steve Yates) and Synergy (Bruce Rand), and at a less frantic pace is Yoko Lintu (Bruce Anderson). Ten boats have been racing regularly but there

is room for more at the start line. Contact Malcolm Stott if you are interested in racing your boat, or if you wish to crew.
 The first of our long distance races, The Amherst Island Race, was held on Saturday, June 15th. Light shifty winds at the start settled into brisk southerly winds as the morning developed, the wind strength-

ened becoming strong and gusty by the western end of Amherst Island where there was a vicious chop. One by one boats retired anticipating conditions worsening on the south side of the Island, and no boat finished the race. A rerun of the Amherst Island Race will be held Saturday, August 17th.
 Malcolm Stott

The Wine and Cheese Party in May was a great success!





Midweek Cruise to Cape Vincent and Chaumont 16-18 July 2002

Six boats left Collins Bay on Tuesday 16 July at around 1030 hrs. The weather was perfect and we had light winds for most of the sail. Members on this cruise were Gord and Taylor Binnington on Abeqweit; Norm and Maxine Cohrs on Almitra; Norm and Ina Pothier on Cabernet; Dennis and Norma Reed on Innisfree ; Larry and Shirley Norman on Slinge II and Gary and Carol Logan on Sabrina IV. Alison Froese and Judy Adams on Aslan met up with us along the way. While enroute it seems that Dennis tried to lose his "dingy" in an effort to catch up with Sabrina IV. Alas, owing to Ina's eagle eye he had to turn around and retrieve it.

We arrived at Cape Vincent around 1530 hrs and were met on the docks by Henk and Yvonne Muis on Ya Ya . Henk and Yvonne gave everyone a helping hand and soon we were all "ship shape". En masse we trotted over to see the friendly American Customs officer; who upon seeing so many Canadians with passports in hand; just took our names and boat names and didn't want to look at any identification (too bad Norm!!). We had a short stroll along the main street and found a small store that provided some of us with "provisions". On our return to the docks we had a small get together and munchies and drinks found their way onto the one picnic table that was on the docks. Later we took another pleasant stroll along the main street and had a great meal at the Cape Restaurant.

The next morning found us up bright and early. Taylor and Gord

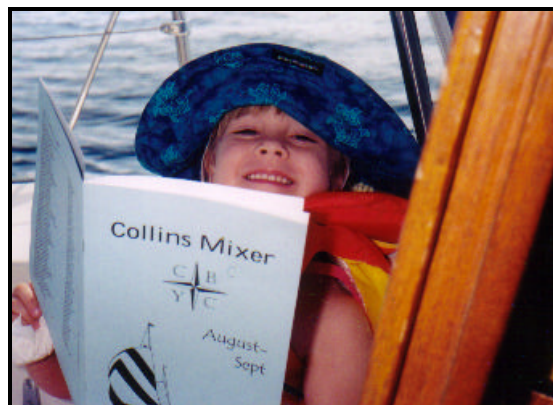
left to return to Kingston. This left just six boats to sail to Chaumont Bay. After listening to the weather forecast, which called for lots of wind, we left around 1030 hrs for Crescent Yacht Club, Chaumont Bay. We had a great sail with wind speeds of up to 23 or more knots.

On arrival at Crescent Yacht Club, friendly and helpful club members gave us all a helping hand to dock. A storm warning had been issued so we were all glad to be docked and safe. Once again we got together for munchies and drinks. Crescent Yacht club had nice facilities and the showers really felt great. Luckily, the storm

did not hit us and we spent a very calm evening tied up to the docks. Next morning was a little overcast but great wind. We motored out of the bay, then it was up with the sails and one tack home to Collins Bay.

All in all a great mid week cruise and don't forget the "Civic Holiday Cruise" to the Reed's home August 3-5.

Gary & Carol Logan (Lobster Heads)



Our youngest reader? Leah Munro - Gary and Carol Logan's Granddaughter.

EASTER SEALS REGATTA 2002

The 2002 Regatta was another great success. Through skippers, boat sponsors, silent auction, raffle, food & bar sales and the infamous "Bribe Bucket", over \$55,000 was raised for area children with physical disabilities. This brings the 6 year total to over 1/4 of a million dollars...\$286,000! That is a lot of money from Kingston donors and volunteers!

CBYC was represented by Commodore Phil Morris on *Wave-length*, Carmen Knapp on *Stardust IV*, a combination entry comprised of Chuck Francis' crew from *Eclipse* sailing with Gary Logan's crew on *Sabrina IV*, and boatless Past Commodore John Giles who was able to commandeer *Osprey*, a Hunter 356, from a couple en-route from Toronto to Ivy Lea.

The "White Sail" race was won by *Sabrina IV*, both officially under

PHRF handicap, and after abundant use of the "Bribe Bucket" by some deep pocketed challengers who were unable to knock *Sabrina* off the podium. Thanks to everyone who helped keep her there. Third place went to *Stardust IV*.

The "Best Dressed Boat" was won by the lobster heads on *Sabrina IV* with help from Chuck Francis and the Red Lobster restaurant.

The races were well run and the day was great. Our hats are off the organizing committee and the Easter Seal staff..

Next year, Trident Yacht Club will be joining KYC and CBYC in the fun and camaraderie for a two day regatta. Consider coming out for what is a very enjoyable event raising money for a very worthwhile charity.

John Giles
Past Commodore



Stardust IV at Easter seals Regatta



The Smile on this face is what it is all about! Join us next year! You won't be sorry!

CIVIC HOLIDAY CRUISE

August 3rd – 5th

Where: Adolphus Reach at the Reed's Home – Depart Friday or Saturday (Anchor behind Lyons Island)

Pork BBQ (or bring your own meat)

Pot Luck for desserts / salads / veggies / nibbles ...

- Please phone Dennis at 373-0288 to let us know if you are coming and if you want porkchops.

Sunday - Pancake / Sausage Breakfast at Reed's

Destinations for Sunday / Monday to be decided

COST: approx. \$6. for Pork & Breakfast.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 3-5 Civic Holiday Cruise
August 16th Prime Rib Dinner
August 17th Re-run of Amherst Island Race
August 31-Sept 2nd Labour Day Cruise
Sept 7th Pigeon Island Race
Sept 21st Fish & Chips Cruise
Sept 29th Frost Bite Race
November 9th Awards Night
Watch the bulletin boards for details!