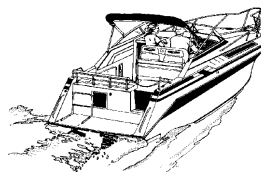


Collins Mixer Collins Bay Yacht Club Newsletter



May 2003

Commodores Corner

Welcome to another boating season. The weather finally is warming up, the ice is gone from Collins Bay and even a few boats are now in.

A winter project has been the creation of a website for the club kindly hosted by the marina <http://collinsbaymarina.com/cbyc>. We plan to have calendars, announcement of events as well as cruising and racing reports and even an on line version of the mixer. Check the site frequently as content is being updated regularly.

Another big announcement is after much debate the executive decided that we should bid for the Eastern Yachting Circuit regatta in 2004. We attended the EYC annual meeting and

our bid was accepted so we are now committed to this regatta. Bill Visser, who has a lot of experience of organizing similar events continues to lead this project and will be coordinating volunteer committees to make the event a success. This year's event is being hosted by PEYC.

The reciprocal committee met under Tony Johnson's chairmanship and based on feedback from some of the cruisers changes are being made to our reciprocal list. Dave Johnson is coordinating this.

Saturday May 10th sees the first Social of the year the annual Wine and Cheese party, you bring the wine and we will supply the snacks. This event is being organized Joan Le-

gris and the executive.

The annual OJ and Bubbly Cruise, takes place on 17th- 19th May (Victoria Day weekend). As of the time of writing this we are looking for a Cruise Captain for this -please contact Dave White to Volunteer.

A number of cruises are planned this year; the web site has more details. On 22nd May the spring series of Thursday night races starts. A number of improvements have been agreed to in a skippers meeting to improve the race procedures and the program.

The Safe Boating Week event is being held at CBM on 24th May. A CBYC boat will again be demonstrating Crew over-

board procedures that day.

Brochures for the Sailing School are available from the Marina or call Al Pilon (230-6311) or Sarah Visser (634-1035). This year we are running courses to meet the CYA White Sail I-III, Bronze I-V and the CYA Basic Cruising (keelboat) Standard. Again details and an application form are on the website. This year we add one more new Hunter 140 dinghy so we now have four. These boats were a great success in attracting students last year to the white sail programme.

Enjoyable and safe boating

Phil Morris
Commodore

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 10th Yard Sale 3-5 Civic Holiday Cruise

May 10th Wine & Cheese Evening

May 15th Practice Race

May 17th-19th OJ & Bubbly Cruise

May 22nd Start of Spring Series Races

June 14th Amherst Island Race

Watch the bulletin boards and website for details!

Sailing School News



The CBYC Sailing School is ready for another summer of fun and laughter with a 'whole lotta sailin' on the waters of Collins Bay. But in order to have the fun and laughter we need the students. Included in the mailing of The

Mixer is a copy of this year's Sailing School brochure. We are asking you to pass this brochure on to someone you think may be interested in either our junior or adult programmes. There are neighbours, colleagues at work, grandchildren, children.... or just post it somewhere for people to find out about the sailing school. If you have further questions about the programme, don't hesitate to contact Al Pilon at (613) 230-6311 or Sarah Visser at 634-1035.

The Sailing School would also like to thank those members who volun-

teered their time at the CBYC booth at the Parks & Recreation Showcase at Portsmouth Olympic Harbour, March 28 & 29: Gary & Carol Logan, Carmen Knapp, Chuck Francis, Phil Morris, Dan Desgrosseilliers, Malcom & Elizabeth Stott and Tony Johnson. We were very pleased with the number of inquiries the club received from people interested in sailing lessons as well as membership. We'll be calling for volunteers for next year's show... Thank you
Al Pilon and Sarah Visser



**Safe Boating Event at
Collins Bay Marina
10:00 am, Saturday,
May 24**

- Come see the Search & Rescue Helicopter Demo
 - Crew Overboard Demonstration by CBYC!
 - Fire Extinguisher Seminar (bring yours for an annual inspection)
 - Flare and Smoke Signal Seminar
 - Prizes, prizes, prizes (nice ones too!)
 - Children's activities
- Come on down, bring the whole family!**

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Spring launch is underway!
Launch days are Wednesdays,
Fridays and Saturdays May 3 and
10. Please call and let us know
when you would like your boat
launched.

G-dock construction is well un-
derway. The new 22' dock will
be ready for occupancy this June.
A thank you to all of you who
moved to accommodate these im-
provements. We will be in touch
soon to return you to your new
slips.

We are also in the process of up-
grading the power distribution to
docks A, B, C and D. A new
feed will be brought down from
the hydro pole to supply the in-
crease in demand for power. The
trenching will be covered up and
returned to lawn status shortly.

We are pleased to announce that

the new B-dock which was in-
stalled last fall is already 70%
spoken for! As a result, you will
be seeing a number of new boat-
ers joining us this year.

We are pleased to welcome Dick
Gee to our organization as our
new Office Manager. Dick has
been sailing on the Great Lakes
for 30 years and is a most knowl-
edgeable addition to our staff.

As always, it is wonderful to see
the marina come alive as a vi-
brant boating community. Please
let us know what we can do to
make this and every season a
more enjoyable experience for
you and your families.

• ***Hub, Miche, Mya & Landon***



Safety Seminar

Connie Muus and Collins Bay
Marina will be conducting a
Boat Maintenance Safety Semi-
nar at 10:00 am, Saturday, May
3. Various safety gear will be on
display. We'll show you what's
available, how to use it, where to
get it and what it costs. Drop by,
have a coffee and see how easy
and inexpensive it is to do your
work in a safe manner!



To be held on
Saturday, May 10th at
7:00 p.m. in the club-
house.

Please bring along wine
or beverage of your
choice and the executive
will provide the hors
d'oeuvres

Race Calendar

Race Calendar
 Thursday night Races
 Practice race 15th May
 Spring 22nd May-26th
 June
 Summer 3rd July– 7th August

A minimum of four races to be completed to constitute a Thurs-

day Night Series. More than one race per night may be held if conditions permit.

Distance races

Wolf Island Sat 7th June KYC
 race CBYC welcome

Amherst Island Sat 14th June

Main Duck Friday 18th July KYC

overnight CBYC welcome

Simcoe Island Sat 26th July

Pigeon Island Sat Sept 6th
 Frostbite Sat 27th Sept Chase
 race with KYC

Doug Wagner

Doug Wagner came to Kingston early during WWII as an RAF instructor for the Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm student Pilots. He met and married his wife Flo' and returned to Kingston after the war to run the local Flying Club. His early flying career also involved managing the Gananoque Airport, starting up Wagner Air Services back in Kingston as well as initiating international passenger and freight flights to and from Syracuse. This little airline was passed through a few hands until it became what you now see operating under the Air Canada banner at Norman Rogers Airport. He also started a Bonded Warehouse operation in Ottawa which included a major trucking business for delivery of overnight freight and parcels.

Doug, like many airmen, got into sailing and started up a Ships

Chandlery in downtown Kingston with his partner, retired mayor Ken Keyes. He also took his own sailboat, "Älpine Star" to the Carabean and back on three occasions however his wife Flo' only did the long haul part once! He enjoyed challenges and overcame many of them during his floating career. He was a "Doer".

Doug stayed initially at the Loyalist Cove Yacht Club but moved to Collins Bay and was directly involved in bringing our "Youth Sail Training" program into being. He also served as our Commodore several terms and during one of them, had a major part in building and launching our current floating club house. No mean feat. Just ask Hub!!

Doug also ran a sail training program on his own boat. He was never idle and participated in many

community events and programs. He was a past president of the RCAF Association and directly involved in the mounting of a Harvard aircraft on the pedestal at the entrance to our Norman Rogers Airport. As this was the aircraft he used while first stationed here, it must have been a great moment for him.

As a good airman, sailor, and friend, Doug will be missed by all who knew him.

May he find fair winds and pleasant times He has earned his rest.

(Thanks to Bill Worthy for this article)

SWAP/Flea Market Sale



The Swap/Flea Market sale will be held from 10AM-2PM on the 10th of May at Collins Bay Marina.

All proceeds go to the Collins Bay Yacht Club Sailing School. You can "rent" a table to sell your own articles at for \$15.00 or you can place them on the Collins Bay Yacht Club Sailing School table on consignment with the club retain-

ing \$5.00 or 20% for each item it sells (whichever is less.

Unsold goods or money for sold items can be collected at the Collins Bay Yacht Club after the sale.

Contact Al Pilon 613230-6311 or 328-8935 or onboard "Scaramouche" Collins Bay Marina.

Bluenose passing Collins Bay 2001



Waiting for Spring

