

# Collins Mixer Collins Bay Yacht Club Newsletter





August 2004

## Commodores Corner

July 2004

I am very happy to be able to report that the Eastern Yachting Circuit (EYC) regatta held in July was a resounding success. Most importantly, we were blessed with good weather and some fine racing.

I would like to thank all club members for their contribution towards making this event a highlight of the 2004 season. The comments and feedback from participants and the EYC executive were consistent in their praise for CBYC and recognition that this was the most successful EYC regattas in many years. With over 50 boats registered for racing, there was no doubt that the CBYC is "on the map" as a racing venue.

Bill Visser, regatta chair, and his team of volunteers did a fantastic job in organizing the racing, advertising, logistics, food and entertainment. And of course, it would not have been possible without the excellent support from Miche, Hub, and the Marina staff. Thank you all!

I also want to acknowledge the financial contributions of our sponsors and advertisers, without whose support the event would not have been possible. In particular, the Investors Group and Robertson & Robertson Insurance were fantastic, and we thank you for your enthusiasm and support.

Lastly, a word to those who were not actively involved in the regatta either as a volunteer or participant, but who were as equally important in making the event such a success. For everyone who put up with the extra noise, the inconvenience of crowded washroom facilities and parking, or who temporarily vacated their slip for the visiting racers, on behalf of the Club please accept my appreciation for your understanding and patience.

## **Upcoming Events:**

- August 28th Pigeon Island Race
- August 13th Going South? Been South?
- September 4th-? Waupoos Cruise

Watch the clubhouse bulletin board for news and details of upcoming events!

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# Collins Bay Marina News

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WOW! EYC was a blast! With 57 boats participating. it was the largest EYC regatta in the past 15 years! We heard nothing but good things about the regatta. Congratulations to Bill Visser and his crew of volunteers – they ran a great show! We wish to thank those of you who moved to an alternate slip so that we could accommodate the racing boats on E-dock. It made for a super gathering of racing enthusiasts.

The week after EYC the marina grounds was the backdrop for a beautiful private wedding for Dale O'Neil and Mercedes Telles of the yacht *Allegria*. This was another first for the marina and it was a delightful event. The bride looked stunning adorned with a flower crown and flowing, full length waterblue gown. She was escorted off *Allegria* by her smiling groom and son and the ceremony was filled with laughter, applause and tears of joy.

There are more than 50 new boats in Collins Bay Marina this season. Our boating community has a reputation for making new and visiting boaters welcome. We are certain that many of you are taking the opportunity to meet them and expand your own knowledge about boating as you chat.

Many of you will be thinking of exploring the US side of the lake this summer at such charming destinations as Sackets Harbour and Cape Vincent. The latest information that we have received concerning

crossing into the US is that the I-68 program is still in use. The Canadian Border Boat Landing (I-68) Program allows certain applicants entering the United States by small boat to be inspected only once per year, and thereafter enter from time to time for recreational purposes without further inspection (however, you still must check in). For more information, check out <a href="http://uscis.gov/graphics/publicaffairs/newsrels/boatlanding.htm">http://uscis.gov/graphics/publicaffairs/newsrels/boatlanding.htm</a>. Videophone entries are still an option when the alert level is at Yellow or below. They are suspended in Orange or Red levels and all boats must report in person at the staffed border entry point – Hart Island. Radio licenses (for the boat radio, not for the person), while no longer required in Canada, are still necessary if you travel to the US until a treaty is concluded.

We continue to work at improving the function and appearance of the marina. The rock edging and lawn improvements from A to E docks are now finished. Shortly we will be adding fresh gravel, grading it and applying calcium chloride to keep the dust down. We have also upgraded all of the dock lighting to energy conserving bulbs.

The reciprocal agreements are in place for another year. As always, your cooperation in letting us know when you are out of the marina helps us accommodate other boats under the program. Thanks for keeping us current on your cruising.

Summer is upon us. We trust that you are building a new set of memories. Remember - these are the "Good Old Days". Happy Sailing!

- Hub, Miche, Mya & Landon



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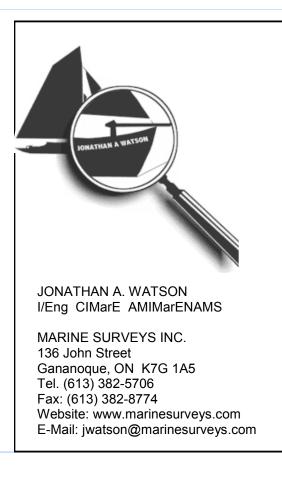
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#### REGALIA

A new order of "T" and golf shirts should arrive soon, sporting popular colours (Royal Blue, Navy, Yellow & White). Specific requests are welcomed and would be included in a subsequent order: as a minimum of 24 garments (combination of "T" & "G" shirts, hats, etc.) is required to avoid extra embroidery set-up charges. Current price list follows:

Burgee	\$25.00
"T" Shirt	\$15.00
Golf shirt	\$30.00
Mug	\$3.00
Tote Bag	\$12.50
Hat	\$10.00
Tie	\$10.00
Crest	\$3.00

Contact Norm Pothier (613) 584-3950 or Judy Adams (613) 389-1812 to purchase any of the above items or place specific requests. (Burgees can also be purchased by members at the marina office at the above price)





# Race

#### **Thursday night Races**

Summer 1st July– 5th August Fall 12th August– September

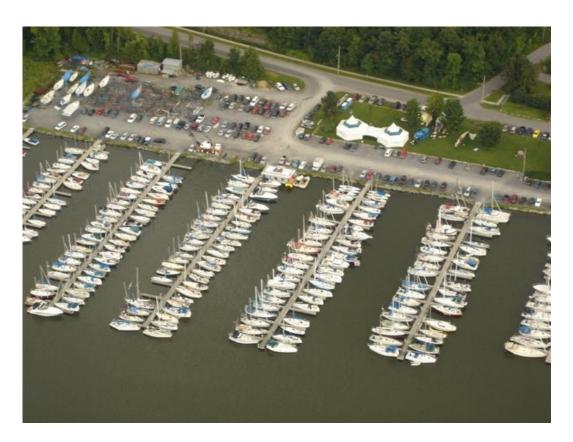
A minimum of four races to be completed to constitute a Thursday Night Series. More than one race per night may be held if conditions permit.

Pigeon Island Sat 28th August\* Frostbite Chase Race Sat Oct. 2nd.

#### **Other Events**

C.O.R.K. offshore Aug.12-15th Amherst Is. Pursuit Sat. Sept. 18th (Loyalist)\* Chase Race Sept. 25th (KYC)

\* These races are part of the Kingston Keelboat Championship Series



AERIAL VIEW OF MARINA DURING EYC

#### CRUISE

Picton Cruise to Prinyers July 2 to 4, 2004

As newcomers to the CBYC Cruises, we continue to learn more Universal Truths.

At the OJ & Bubbly Cruise in May, we learned:

Universal Truth # 1 – The weatherman lies....some of the time.

Universal Truth #2 – Sailors can always make a party happen, anywhere, anytime, regardless of the weather.

The Cruise to Picton, over the Canada Day long weekend was a perfect example of Universal Truth #3 – Sailors don't need schedules, itineraries, destinations or plans to have a successful cruise.

Here's what happened:

The July issue of the CBYC Mixer advertised a Picton Cruise for the long weekend – "see the bulletin board for details", the message stated. When Robert and I got to the marina on Thursday, we consulted the bulletin board and learned that there were only three boats signed up, but no details or plans outlined. We asked others on our dock if they knew anything about the event. Several people told us that they too wanted to participate but they didn't know what was happening. Someone else told us they heard that the Cruise had been cancelled, due to lack of interest.

So, Robert and I took off on Friday morning (after the horrific storms the weatherman predicted for Thursday, never materialized – see Universal Truth # 1). We decided to head west and possibly end up in Picton or Prinyers or Kerr or Lyons Island or.... dependent on the winds. The wind was all over the place as it moved from northwest to southwest, forcing us to take wild tacks and then moving from 15 knots to nothing

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and back again, every 15 minutes. It was a frustrating sail that tried our patience. So, we chose to spend the afternoon anchored in Prinyers, dinghied to shore and took a long walk.

When we returned from our walk, we discovered that the Picton Cruise really was happening....at Prinyers. And, it turned out to be an excellent event – as always!

Norm and Ina Pothier from *Cabernet* invited us over for Happy Hour along with Mike and Ursula Connal from *Ben-Varrey*. Giles and Betty Beaudoin from *Raymoni* and Ernst and Louise Letourneau from *Voila* had their own celebrations.

We agreed that we would touch base, by radio, on Saturday morning to decide the next stage of the Cruise weekend. Saturday was a perfect summer day....but, alas, no wind. So we spent the day doing important things....boat cleaning, swimming, reading, planning weddings, walks and jogs on shore, etc. And everyone stayed put in the anchorage. It was a truly idyllic day for gunk holing.

By mid afternoon, Mike and Walter Miles from *Ondine II* arrived. Bill and Claudia Stevenson on *Tamara C* followed and did some fancy anchoring and rafted up with Ondine II. Happy Hour was on *Day Dreams* with 10 cruisers in the cockpit. Phil, Angie and Alistair Morris and their wonder dog, Fern arrived on *Wavelength*, just as the Happy Hour party was breaking up. However, they rafted with Ondine II and continued the festivities.

For the eight boats that participated, the Picton Cruise to Prinyers was a roaring success and clearly demonstrated that a group of sailors, who enjoy each others' company, can create their own itinerary, plans and schedules. The destination is best left to the winds and the weather.

Marilyn Sykes

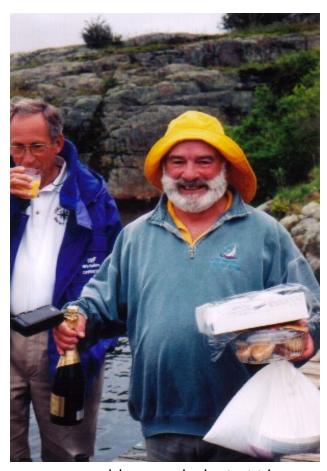
# Waupoos Cruise!

Make your plans now for the Labour Day Weekend cruise to Waupoos. This has one of the most well attended cruises in recent years and the folks at Waupoos Marina always show us a good time. Watch the boards for details, you must sign up ahead for this cruise!

## O J & Bubbly Photos



Playing dog dish overboard



Captain Highliner with the bubbly



On the dock

#### Picton Cruise to Prinyer Cove Photos



Wavelength, Ondine & Tamara C



Norm, Ursula & Marilyn



Ina, Michael, Claudia & Walter

Subject: NOTES FROM THE "GET 'ER DONE" CRUISERS

Date: Wednesday, June 30, 2004 1:59 PM

Chuck feel free to edit this for purposes of the MIXER. It was nice that you and Karen saw fit to visit us and thanx for that.

I'm sending off this missive from the Orillia library on a simply superb Friday. We've decided to lay over 3 days here to take advantage of the Canada Day celebrations. They are supposed to be pretty good here at the Port of Orillia Marina. Even a bunch of Yank boaters come here each year to take in the festivities. We've seen quite a few US boaters on our transit through the Trent Severn Waterway. We've transited 41 of the 45 locks on the TSW and are looking forward to completing the remaining 4, one of which is a railway lock at Big Chute.

We should complete this phase of the voyage and get our masts up by Sun 03 Jul. I for one am getting tired of being a "stink pot"! The TSW is a very impressive canal and the most exciting lifts to date have been the Peterborough and Kirkfield hydraulic lift locks. The Peterborough lock is the highest of its type in the world and it celebrates 100 years of operation this year. It lifts boats 65 feet in what amounts to huge bathtubs. We had an exciting moment on our lift in that the gates wouldn't open at the top of our lift so we were stuck 65 feet in the air floating in this thing. The women did not think that this was particular exciting and I have to ask why then were they excited??!

The flora and fauna of the TSW is absolutely amazing- ospreys abound with nests on poles (put there for this reason) and trees, there are abundant small fish for them to catch and feed their young (Dennis and I gave them some competition in that we caught about 30 small perch one afternoon and had a great fry for hor' deuvres). The route although in places is lined with old cottages and new obscene mansions also has many stretches of backwater (Ozarks) wetlands and trees overhanging the narrow passages. A beautiful doe was spotted taking a drink in a small cove. Water lands are perfect for our travels.

We have nicknamed Dennis variously "Rocky and Stumpy" and you'll have to guess why. He has also been entertaining us at trying various permutations and combinations as to how to enter and leave the locks. He's finally figured out that his 33 foot boat will not fit sideways in a 32 foot wide lock!!

The Girls are hanging on (no pun intended); spirits are high without the help of happy hour although that certainly does help; and you know that you are cruising when you add 10 garlic cloves to the homefries for breakfast! I have prepared 2 dozen pickled eggs which Janet will not let me serve. I intend to take them fishing once we get into the Georgian Bay!

Cheers

John and Janet, Gary and Carol, Dennis and Norma

July 16

Greetings from us all here and thanks to those who have been sending notes of encouragement and otherwise.

We have made it to THE BIG SOUND as folks here in Parry Sound refer to it. We have logged about 450 NM or 900 km so far and things have been going exceedingly well. We have really been enjoying the 30,000 Islands and have been staying at such places as Hockeystick, Coppperhead island, Frying Pan Island,"The Boulevard", Rawson Bay in the Massassauga Park and Wreck Island, final resting place for the Waubuno a ship that sunk here in 1883 with the loss of all pax and crew. Wreck Island is a very interesting

place from a geological point of view. It has beautiful "artwork" put here by Mother Nature in the form of swirls and curls in the granite rock; pink, black and grey whites. We visited a place called Deerhorn Lodge on (wait for it) Deer Horn Island and had a nice Lodge Meal of salmon ,lamb and steak. This lodge has been going since 1902.

WE had an interesting night in 'The Boulevard', a very narrow channel between two extremely hard granite islands, famous as a spot for cliff jumping. The water is about 3m deep here and flat granite on the bottom. A number of thunder squalls came through at about 0230hrs and all of us were up in our gotches trying to keep off the granite cliffs. We suceeded and were delivered a lesson on anchoring in these parts!

The 30,000 Islands are a tad disappointing from the point of view that seemingly every single piece of rock here has some sort of human habitation on it ranging from small historic family cottages to the mega obscene monster summer homes. We understand that these will thin out as we get further north towards Bing Inlet and Killarney. The Group of Seven, despite their talents have not been able to do justice to the beauty of the landscape here. Those White Pines eeking out a living on the granite rock with all their branches pointing away from the prevailing winds are something to behold.

Dennis and I have been doing a fair bit of fishing and we enjoyed a BBQ'd pike last night for supper. I caught a 3 1/2 smallmouth which jumped like an Atlantic Salmon. I released it, as it well deserved after having put on such a show!

We haven't been doing much actual sailing but primarily motor sailing due to the lack of searoom in the small craft channel. Some places are barely wide enough for one boat. We expect to be moving more out into the Georgian Bay as the 30,000 Islands begin to thin out. We will be leaving here on Sun and I have no idea when i will next find an Internet terminal.

So regards from the "Get 'Er Done gang until next time.

John



Dennis and John model their new fender hats (Martha Stewart eat your heart out)

#### SAILING SCHOOL NEWS

#### Sailing School News

Well, we're half way through and the Sailing School is going extremely well this year. Enrollment is way up over 2003. Our first two sessions for White Sail Youth were full at 20 each and our July session for adults was full at 10. The Bronze sessions have little space with seven in Bronze IV and five students in Bronze V. August is shaping up to be almost full in the youth session, and about half full for the Adults. I don't know if it's because of the Olympics this year or that people are really catching on to the fact that Kingston is a great place for sailing - but there are certainly no complaints regarding the 2004 enrollment numbers.

The Sailing School was able to add a boat to our coaching fleet this year. Each of our three instructors now have their own boat which provides even better on-the-water instruction for our students. We also have given each of our youth sailors a new CBYC Sailing School t-shirt this year. Thank you to Collins Bay Marina for supporting the Sailing School by funding these shirts. Why not provide our students with a keep-sake from their summer sailing adventures - and do a little advertising at the same time.

When we are able, the Sailing School is pleased to give something back to the Kingston Community. In 2003 we joined on as a proud supporter of the PRO Kids Programme co-ordinated by the City's Cultural Services Department. This summer, the Sailing School made a financial contribution to Kingston's own Sail for Gold team, Oskar Johansson and John Curtis, who are competing at the Olympics this month in the Tornado class. It is anticipated that Oskar and John will be able to pay a short visit to our students just prior to their leaving for Greece. Who knows, maybe one of our own Sailing School graduates will one day go on to seek gold in some future Olympiad.

Here's to fair winds and a medal this summer, Sarah Visser Administrator, CBYC Sailing School



# Going South? Been South?

Friday August 13th at 7pm in the club house.

Panel presentation

Organized by Al and Marilyn Pilon and Judy Greer



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