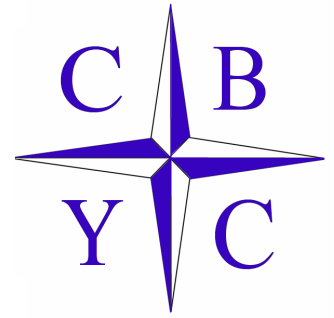
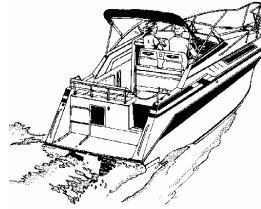


Collins Mixer Collins Bay Yacht Club Newsletter



September 2004

Commodores Corner

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Regretfully, summer is drawing to a close (although I guess it could be debated whether we really had a “summer”). Nevertheless, the days are getting shorter, nights are cooling off, and before you know it, the Fish’n’Chips Cruise and Frostbite race are just a few weeks away!

From all reports, the last month or so since EYC have been reasonably peaceful and productive. There was a big gap in the social calendar when the Reid Cruise was cancelled this year but it seems that folks have found plenty to do – lots of empty slips. Nevertheless, a couple of upcoming September events should not be missed. Dave White has organized the always successful Waupoos Cruise for Labour Day weekend. Hopefully I won’t be ignomini-

ously towed to the dock (c.2003), and will make it in time for dinner. This will be followed by the Fish’n’Chips Cruise in late September to Confederation Basis. With luck and assistance from volunteers, we might be able to sneak in a couple of other social events before October. Keep an eye on the Clubhouse board and your mailbox for announcements.

As a follow-up to the EYC Regatta, Bill Visser and his team met in early August to assess the event and discuss the things that worked well and those that didn’t. Fortunately, with respect to the latter, the discussion was quite brief! More details will be forthcoming as the feedback is consolidated, but I think it would be appropriate to make a couple of general comments. First the good news. From the racing perspective, there was unanimous praise for the organiza-

tion and quality of the regatta. Attendance was way up, and there was a “buzz” that’s continued in the weeks following the regatta. Logistically, the Club and Marina were able to accommodate the racing community with minimal disruption. From the Treasurer’s perspective, EYC was a financial success – we’ve paid our commitments and made a modest contribution to the Club coffers. And most importantly, CBYC racers “kicked some butt”, with excellent performances.

Unfortunately, with the good often comes the not so good. With large events such as EYC, the odds of unfortunate incidents increase. I’m sad to report that we did experience a situation involving verbal abuse of a volunteer – by another club member who was clearly intoxicated. This is unacceptable, and on behalf of the

Upcoming Events

Sept 4&5 Waupoos Cruise

Fish & Chips Cruise, watch the bulletin board for details

October 2 Harvest Pot Luck Dinner

October 2 Frostbite race

November 6 Awards Night / End of Year Banquet

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Regalia	Norm Pothier	613-584-3950
Historian	Judy Adams	613-389-1812

Club, I offer our sincerest apologies. please let me know. In particular, looking for volunteers and ideas to make this happen.

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I am also sorry to report that Ron prizes, coordinating the nomination of award winners, arranging for engraving of trophies/plaques and racing pennants. Finally, I would like to make a special acknowledgement for the work of Judy Adams. As both Club Historian and responsible for the Clubhouse, Judy has worked tirelessly to maintain the Clubhouse for the benefit of all members. I am sure that anyone who's used the Clubhouse this summer for club or personal functions, has noticed how well maintained and equipped it is. Please join me in thanking Judy for all her efforts in 2004!

On a more sombre note, the Club was saddened to learn recently of the passing of Bruce Fairbairn. Bruce and his wife Alda were active club members and cruisers in their day, and we offer our condolences to the family.

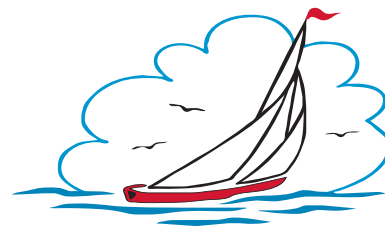
As one of the Vice Commodore's responsibilities is to coordinate arrangements for the annual club banquet, we are going to be actively looking for volunteers to fill in and help out. The banquet will be held on Saturday, November 6. If you're interested in helping,

As the year draws to a close, we should all be aware that 2005 is the 25th anniversary of the Collins Bay Yacht Club. I will be proposing to the Executive that we establish an anniversary committee to plan ways to mark this special occasion, and as always, we will be

Dave Johnston
Commodore

Collins Bay Marina News

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Ah the slow sunny days of August. The time when we finally get to ease off and enjoy a bit of idleness. The quiet time when the important news is that we are finally getting the fine boating weather that we so richly deserve.

But the scents and sounds and scenes of Autumn are starting to show themselves day by day and we are carefully counting the opportunities to be on the water, sure in our conviction that September is the finest sailing month of the year.

The cooler evenings and crisp mornings also tell us that we must soon be making our plans. The marina will once again be completely full this winter, with a waiting list. If you intend to store with us this year, we will hold space for summer dockers until

September 15th, then open it up to those waiting. Please let us know your intentions soon so that we can accommodate the greatest number of our boaters.

You will have noticed by now that the shower timers have been replaced with a more modern design... and no slot for quarters. Now we know that those timers are dear friends, having been here longer than most of you have, but we will just have to learn to live without them. You're welcome.

As always – Safe Boating.

- Hub, Miche, Mya & Landon



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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)



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BRUCE FAIRBAIRN

Many of us at CBYC lost a dear friend with the passing of Bruce Fairbairn on 1 August, 2004. Our condolences to his first mate Alda and family.

In 1980 when CBYC started, the Fairbairns were the very first people to join and contributed much. Bruce served on the Executive for several years in different capacities. They seldom missed a club function or a cruise. They won the trophy for most cruises attended almost every year.

Bruce was a good sailor. He attended Nonsuch Regattas in Toronto and won trophies. He took on the huge task of co-ordinating the event one year.

Bruce was a quiet man, but when asked to speak at CBYC functions he always did it with wit, skill and style. He delivered his stories in the same manner.

Bruce was foremost a gentleman, an admirable quality indeed. Bruce will be sadly missed but he left behind lots of fun and fond memories. See you later Bruce.

Louise Williamson

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HARVEST POTLUCK DINNER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

at 6 p.m

AT THE CLUBHOUSE

Please bring along your favourite dish, beverage, plate and cutlery.



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Notes From The Get 'er Done Gang

Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2004 1:43 PM

Well here is the little bugger again he's found another Internet Terminal! I guess it's been awhile since I've been Online to you folks and this time I'm sending this off from Little Current, which is at the entrance to the North Channel of Georgian Bay and the only road access to Manitoulin Island. We have logged something like 700NM thus far and by far most of it has been on the Iron Jib! We have had a couple of days of nice sailing of the boats have been working very well with a few minor problems. We continue to be amazed at the amount of development going on on the waterfronts all around Georgian Bay, it is nearly impossible to find a deserted cove. For example on our motor sail from Killarney to Little Current we were accompanied by at least 100 boats! We continue to fish along the way and would be starvbing to death if we relied on this as a food source. I continue to haggle Dennis about his fish finder which is constantly telling us that there are lots of fish in the water. I've taken to calling them electronic fish and am looking for a recipe to cook them. Any ideas??

We will be leaving here tomorrow, on our way to the Benjamin Islands and then we will be turning around for Tobermory and the trip down Lake Huron towards Sarnia. I'll keep in touch.

Date: Monday, August 09, 2004 12:02 PM

Well here we are in delightful downtown Goderich, and what a beautiful town it is hard on the banks of the wild Lake Huron. We had a wonderful and wild sail from Tobermory to Port Elgin. Winds were a steady 20kts and we were on a broad reach and running, waves 1.5 to 2m, it was a wild trip!

We logged 66NM on this leg which is quite good. I think this was the only time I got in ahead of Gary; due I suspect to the fact that my old blown out sails perform well in a drag situation. We spent 2 days in Port Elgin and then set out for Goderich. we started

out with reefs in but this quickly deteriorated to motor sailing in a very lumpy lake. We got into Goderich around 1900hr by which time the Lake had calmed down some, but it was still a fairly rough 65NM. We've got one long 65NM leg left to Sarnia which we're planning on getting done tomorrow.

I always seem to be in a hurry getting these things done. I'm in the Goderich library a very beautiful modernized Victorian building, and there is a line up to get at the internet terminals, and I'm about to get kicked off but until I do.....We seem to be missing the main summer events as we advance along on this adventure, more planning is required in this regard so that we get to the marinas either a day earlier or later. Must go

John and the Get 'er Done Gang.

Date: Saturday, August 21, 2004 10:40 AM

Yes we are indeed all alive and well. This is the first op that I've had at getting near a terminal and this one is in the library in Port Dover.

The last missive I sent was some time ago from Goderich and we have now transited all of Lake Huron and have 40 NM to go on Lake Erie which will visited the following ports: Sarnia- we left Goderich in very strong SW winds which put them right on the nose all the way to Sarnia. We logged 71.6 NM in very rough conditions on the Lake. Met a university buddy here who works for Imperial Oil. Her is doing very well and just came back from a 3 year stint in Germany as the lubrication engineer for the Toyota Formula One Team.

Windsor-Motor sailed 55NM down the St Clair River and across lake St Clair to Windsor. This was our first real encounter with the great lakes freighters and one must give them a wide berth, but the captains are usually considerate of pleasure boaters (even the idiots and there are plenty of them). Lake St Clair was flat calm and there were a million boats out or so it seemed. I have a fairly unorthodox radar reflector, an empty wine bag hung up on the spreaders, and the freighters say that they can see it very well. Of course this has been the brunt of some nautical ribbing and I've been offered a gold foil coffee bag

on the grounds (no pun here) that it is more summer festival. esthetically pleasing.

Scudder (Pelee Island)- another wonderful motor sail from Windsor to Scudder's Marina on Pelee Island and we logged some 55NM. We could have spent a week here on this very peaceful and pleasant place. I bought some silver bass from the local fishermen and BBQ'd them for supper. None of the folks here had ever eaten them so it was going to be a taste surprise. Apparently all of these fish are shipped off to California?? This fish tasted OK if not a little earthy. We of course visited the Pelee Island Winery here and toured their facilities, very interesting presentation by the sommelier. The marina has a tradition of carving boat names and dates into the docks so Gary used my Dremmel and carved "GET 'ER DONE" into one of the dock boards. For Posterity! Would Hub go for this??

Erieau- Finally had a reasonable sail from Pelee Island to Erieau logging some 50NM. This port has a manmade harbour as do most of them on Lake Erie as the eastern (Canadian) shore is pretty well devoid of natural harbours. As a result we have been staying at marinas varying from \$1.50 to \$1.85 per foot. We met a great guy here (Brian McNeill a retired insurance broker) who chauffeured us around this little port and took us grocery shopping to Blenheim the closest town. We got weather stayed in Erieau for an extra day due to strong winds. The problem would have been getting out of the port because of the huge waves in the port channel. Gary and Carol's

Daughter and husband (Ed and Cathy and Grandkids visited here on a holiday tour and spent a night with them on the boat) Actually I think it was a wine delivery as Gary and Carol had run out!

Port Stanley- Had a pretty good sail from Erieau to Port Stanley, a very pretty fishing town with lots of fishing "tugs" as they call their boats in these parts.

Port Dover-We were on the water at 0530hr at Port Stanley to make the first lift bridge opening and thus on our way to Port Dover another fishing Port on Lake Erie. We logged almost 90NM yesterday under the best sailing conditions that we've had all trip. Winds allowed for some reaching and were moderately strong at 15 to 18 kts. This was the longest day we've had and would not have done it except for the lack of stopping off points. We are spending 2 nights here and enjoying their weekend

We will be heading on our last leg on Lake Erie some 40NM to Port Colborne and the start of our trip through the Welland Canal which should be exciting! And thence on to Lake Ontario and home. We've all had our moments but this has been a great experience and everyone we meet seem astounded that 3 sailboats with husbands and wives could undertake this and stick with it. We've been sharing boats for the cocktail thing and toasting the completion of another leg. We then do the restaurant, cook on board or BBQ on the Morrison's community BBQ. All very collegial and communal. We certainly have been fortunate with the kit, but we all have become variously known as; Stumpy, Rockey, Muddy, Dockey, Catch Up. You'll have to get why in person.

Cheers from here.

John and the Get 'er Done Gang.

Certain Members of the Get'er Done Gang were last seen enjoying the Chateau Briand BBQ in Collins Bay. Looks like the gang got 'er done! Welcome home!







2004 Reciprocal Program

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Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club	
Bay of Quinte Yacht Club	Belleville ON
Brockport Yacht Club	Brockport, NY
Brockville Yacht Club	Brockville, ON.
Bronte Harbour Yacht Club	Oakville, ON
Cathedral Bluffs Yacht Club	Scarborough, ON
CFB Trenton Yacht Club	Trenton, ON
Cobourg Yacht Club	Cobourg ON
Crescent Yacht Club	Chaumont, NY
Dalhousie Yacht Club	St. Catherines, ON
Etobicoke Yacht Club	
Fair Haven Yacht Club	Fair Haven, NY
Fifty Point Yacht Club	
Frenchman's Bay Yacht Club	Pickering ON
Grimsby Yacht Club	<i>(Waiting to hear from)</i>
Henderson Harbour Yacht Club	Manlius, NY
Highland Yacht Club at Bluffers Park	Scarborough, ON
Kingston Yacht Club	Kingston, ON
Mimico Cruising Club	Etobicoke, ON
National Yacht Club (The)	Toronto, ON
Niagara On The Lake Sailing Club	<i>(Waiting to hear from)</i>
Oak Orchard Yacht Club	
Oakville Yacht Squadron	Oakville ON
Olcott Yacht Club	
Oswego Yacht Club	Oswego, NY
Pickering Yacht Club	Pickering ON.
Port Credit Yacht Club	<i>(Waiting to hear from)</i>
Port Hope Yacht Club	Port Hope ON
Prince Edward Yacht Club	Picton ON
Putneyville Yacht Club	
Rochester Yacht Club	Rochester, NY
Royal Canadian Yacht Club (The)	Toronto, ON
Royal Hamilton Yacht Club	Hamilton ON
Smuggler's Cove Boat Club	Virgil, ON
Sodus Bay Yacht Club	Sodus Point, NY
Stormont Yacht Club	
Thousand Island's Yacht Club	
Tuscarora Yacht Club	
Whitby Yacht Club	Whitby, ON

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