

# **Collins Mixer**

# Collins Bay Yacht Club Newsletter





25th Anniversary 2005

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### Commodore's Corner

Saturday, June 25, 2005 marked the occasion of the club's 25th Anniversary. In addition to some exciting dinghy racing, the Marina was awash with flags and colours, and a wonderful banquet was held to celebrate this occasion. The banquet was an opportunity to meet many of the founders of the Club, partake in a great meal, and enjoy a few....well many, laughs. A picture of the Club emerged though a series of stories from these members – a Club founded on common interests and objectives, a Club that encouraged informality and participation, and a Club that above all shared the joy of boating.

As the original members described how the Steenbakkers family was instrumental in establishing the Club, providing facilities and encouraging Club activities, it was evident how the synergistic relationship between the Club and the Marina began and why it continues that there continues to be value in today.

I would be remiss, however, not to When Renza and I joined CBYC use this space to share a few obser- for the 2002 season, our primary

of the challenges and opportunities hone our sailing ability, and perthat face the Club in the future. Club in its early years was its clear focus on a common purpose and vision, shared by all its founding members. One of our largest challenges will be to build on this strength and re-affirm our vision for the future.

As CBYC has grown through the years and expanded to its current level of about 100 families and individuals, members have been attracted to the Club for different reasons. Some may have joined for the opportunity for friendly competition on Thursday nights, while others have joined simply to enjoy the benefits of our reciprocal relationships. Whatever the reason, the challenge for the future is to ensure the Club remains relevant to its members, and at the end of the day, give folks the feeling being a member.

vations on this occasion, and some interest was to enjoy our new boat, haps participate in social cruising One of the obvious strengths of the and maybe the occasional race. We were ultimately convinced to join by a friendly, but persistent me mber! We knew very little about the many other facets of the Club. But we've participated in just about every activity and program organized by the Club and been struck how much this has enhanced our enjoyment of the boating life and improved our sailing skills. For us, CBYC has been a community, where we can interact with others who share common interests. Today, we all seem busy and overloaded with so many things. There are so many ways to allocate our time and invest our dollars. Boating remains an oasis for many, I suspect, but I believe we have an opportunity to reflect the changing demographics and continue to offer value to every member as we plan for the future. So while I think it is very appropriate to reflect and reminisce on the past 25

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#### **Upcoming Events**

July 30 - Aug 1 Civic Holiday Cruise to Prince Edward Bay Aug 12

Dock Party

Aug 27 25th Anniversary Regatta Aug 28

Pigeon Island Race **Sept 3-5** Labour Day Cruise to

Waupoos

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years, I think the Club needs to be equally focused on examining where it wants to go in the future, and start plotting the waypoints!

I believe we must continue to encourage and promote sail training - these kids (and adults) are the future of CBYC and will ensure the Club survives well into the future. There will always be cruisers and racers (...and neither the twain shall meet!), but both are crucial to the success of the Club and need to be nurtured. And, I believe every Club needs a gathering point – the Clubhouse serves this need admirably, and we should be encouraging and supporting its regular use.

Finally, CBYC must remain an inclusive organization, encouraging participation in activities that reflect our member's priorities and expectations. As we move towards 2030 (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), it is my sincerest hope that we will continue to espouse and strengthen these principles, and along the way create new memories to share at the next anniversary banquet.

To the founding members, we thank you for your vision, your enthusiasm, your dedication, and your memories.

Dave Johnston

Commodore



Bruce Rand and Hub Steenbakkers crewing on the 80' maxi *Nirvana* in the 100th Anniversary of the Marblehead - Halifax Race. When not busy doing this, they also like to demonstrate their prowess on a 14' Hunter dinghy (see last photo on page 5).

# Collins Bay Marina News

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What an anniversary party that was! The weather was perfect, the food delicious and the company of friends, old and new, made the night one to remember. A highlight for us was when the club presented the marina with a gift certificate and beautiful plaque to commemorate the strength of partnership we share with CBYC. Our warmest thanks to the club members for the thoughtful gift.

It is high season for cruising the lake and we are seeing quite a number of transient visitors. Thank you for remembering to let us know when your slip is empty so that we hear of your experiences with the clubs and marinas that you visit. Stop in and let us know how we measure up!

It is wonderful to see the lively spirit of boating at the marina evidenced by the assistance being ofto help others in the sometimes perilous task of docking their boats. We do monitor 68 and help when requested, but many helping hands are the best possible resource when the winds are up. Thank you for helping to make this a friendly spot to visit and to call home port.

facilities with two improvements to the washrooms -- a new metal roof to keep out the rain and a much stronger ventilation system to keep things as dry as this midsummer weather will allow. Later in the season we will be carrying out some interior cosmetic work to keep them looking spiffy.

Sadly, we have had a dinghy theft in the marina -- during the night with the boaters asleep on board! Our best defence lies in being alert to who is in the marina and a willingness to greet strangers and ask if they need help. Please let the staff know if you are uncomfortable with any visitors.

We are also sorry to report the sinking of El Loco at her slip in July. We do not yet know the cause of the sinking, but it is a



fered by the membership warning to us all to check hoses, close sea cocks, keep bilge pumps in good order and take all appropriate manner of precautions to safeguard our vessels.

On a much brighter note, we were pleased to be invited to help celebrate the wedding of Ian Whitfield's son Zane and his bride Lori Jo. Many of you may remember Zane from his years working here as a dock attendant. After all of the trials of wedding preparation, We continue to upgrade the marina Ian and Gayle have left on a cruise of their own on Osprey, their Albin Vega 27.

- Hub, Miche, Mya & Landon



# Civic Holiday Cruise July 30 - Aug 1

#### Civic Holiday Cruise to the Waupoos area and the Black River Cheese Factory

The cruise would depart Collins Bay Marina on Saturday 30 July at around 0930 hrs (this gives the people from out of town a chance to join us). We will sail to the Waupoos area and find a good spot to anchor. On Sunday morning, 31 July, we could take a trip in the dinghies to the cheese factory - weather permitting!!! The cruise would end with a sail back to Collins Bay on Monday 01 August. Please try to let us know if you will be attending this cruise no later than Wednesday 27 July 05.

- Gary & Carol Logan (613) 634-1308

## Dock Party (Happy Hour) August 12, 2005

This is a good opportunity to come out and meet your fellow members. To be held on the lawn of Collins Bay Marina (if a rainy day, in the Clubhouse), between 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. It would be greatly appreciated if you would bring a small snack of some kind to share (chips & dip, cheese & crackers, veggies & dip or dessert). Bring your own liquid refreshment. Hope to see you all.

- Connie Muus (613) 569-0854 - Carol Logan (613) 634-1308

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# 25th Anniversary Dinghy Challenge Regatta













# June 25th Anniversary Celebrations

June 25th was a day to remember and for remembering. To mark the occasion, CBYC members dressed up their boats and the mselves and Collins Bay Marina was by WW Fitzgerald. A special a festive sight!

day was a huge success and an event which will be repeated. 21 people participated in the 3 heats which began with rigging the boats. In the final heat, the sailing school instructors, Amy, Nick and Mackenzie raced against the winners of the preliminaries. The wind Adams for sharing their memories built throughout the day, the sun shone, the water was warm for those who capsized and everyone had a great time! Organizers Ed and Joanne Billing declared a tie for first place. Congratulations to Neil Anderson and Marilyn Taylor (Loonacy) and Steve and Barb Yates (Black Knight) who were awarded gift certificates for the Red Lobster.

The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner began with happy hour and live music provided by Spencer Evans. 114 people enjoyed the dinner catered thanks to those who helped to make the evening a success: The dinghy regatta held during the Dennis Reed as the Master of Ceremonies; Bill Worthy for keeping us all amused; Larry Norman for providing the blessing; Gary Logan, Carmen and Susan Knapp, Maxine Cohrs, founding Commodore Bob Wright, Bruce Rand, Lloyd Miller and Judy with us; Carol Logan and Colleen Hepburn for decorating the tent; Jay Dirago for the wonderful calligraphy on our name tags; Lloyd Miller for his research and invitations to previous members: Karen Francis for the nautical door prizes; Collins Bay Marina for donating the lanterns which adorned the centers of the tables: the staff of Collins Bay Marina for their continued support to the club's ac-

tivities; Judy Adams for all of the research into the past 25 year's activities which resulted in the historical highlights which were printed and displayed on the tables: our Commodore, Dave Johnston for printing the tickets, programs and historical highlights for us and Ian Whitfield for providing the sound system. I apologize if I have missed anyone, but as you can see, a lot of CBYC energy went in to making June 25<sup>th</sup> a day to remember!

For those who were unable to attend this 25th anniversary celebration, we hope you can join us for one of the other events this summer.

- Claudia Stevenson

**P.S**. Thank you to Claudia Stevenson for arranging the caterer, tent, tables and chairs.

- Judy Adams





# 25th Anniversary Dinner



Dinghy Challenge Regatta winners













Current and founding CBYC Commodores
Dave Johnston and Bob Wright

#### Race

The Spring series is now over and so is nearly the summer series. Steve Yates in Black Knight took first place for the spring and the summer series is still up for grabs. The fleet has expanded with the arrival of a new Olson 30 *Offliction 2* trucked up from California by Dave Wilby. Could this be the start of an O30 fleet?

By the time of printing we will have completed the Simcoe Island long distance race and be getting ready for the 25th anniversary regatta. The regatta

will be a two day event with at least 3 short course races on Saturday August 27 and the Pigeon Island long distance race on Sunday August 28. The annual Chateaubriand BBQ will take place Saturday night and on schedule for a change. Come out and celebrate sailing and 25 years of CBYC by participating in the Regatta, all boats are welcome!

- Bruce Anderson

#### **Thursday Night Races**

Summer series June 30 - August 4 Fall series August 11 - Sept. 15

#### **Distance Races**

Pigeon Island Sunday August 28 \*
Frostbite Chase Race Saturday October 1

#### Other Events

C.O.R.K. offshore August 11 - 14 Amherst Island Pursuit Saturday Sept. 17 \* KYC Chase Race Saturday Sept. 24

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



# 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Regatta

Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> - Short Course Racing Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup> - Pigeon Island Long Distance Race



# Saturday Night – Chateaubriand Barbeque

. BBQ Tickets on sale in August, stay tuned for details.

#### ALL WELCOME

for further details phone Bruce Anderson 389-2499 or email cbyc\_racing@yahoo.ca

### Parrotts Bay Cruise July 2, 2005

A perfect setting for our Canada Day Cruise! Many thanks to our gracious hosts, Angela and Phil for opening their home and beautiful property on Parrotts Bay for our enjoyment.

Everything was exceptional, yet again a cruise record; the least boats - ONE - *Aslan*, and the most land yachts, (11) - *Sabrina IV*, *Purrfection* (welcome Jay), *Ondine II*, *Coco Loco* (along with our youngest member, Ocean), *Innissfree*, *Desiree*, *Beluga V*, *Yer Out*, *Sir Rodney*, *Wind Song 1*, George and Colleen and *Gibwanasi* with new first mate Joanie. Hope I didn't forget anyone?

Let it be noted that our one boat, *Aslan*, was treated to a gourmet breakfast the following morning along with all the trimmings, hosted by Paul and Desiree. A special thanks to Cruise Captains, Gary and Dennis and loyal assistant Carol, for all the work, planning and cooking!!! Head Chef Gary - delicious BBQ as always. Thanks 'D' for picking and providing the strawberries. A big thanks to all who provided great tasting snacks (the traditional olives were A-1 - thanks Lloyd) and helped make it all go smoothly.

- Norma Reed















## Mid-Week Cruise July 12-14 2005

Eight boats left Collins Bay on Tuesday morning 12th July - *Dream Haze*, *Russ II*, *Lofn*, *Sabrina IV*, *Ondine II*, *Second Wind*, *Raymoni* and *Aslan*. After a brief "Skippers" meeting on the docks *Sabrina IV* headed out to be the committee boat to start the "Race"..... Around 1100 hrs the horn sounded and the race was on!! With light winds and lots of sunshine *Ondine II* took the lead from the start (although it could be said that they "cheated" because they didn't have to pull a dinghy)!!!

We eventually arrived at our destination, Prinyers Cove, around mid afternoon. Meeting us in Prinyers were *Maren III*, *Beluga V*, *Innisfree*, *Day Dreams*, *Ben-Varrey* and *Whiskey Jack II*. On arrival at Prinyers, most of us tied up to the docks although some of our members chose to anchor out. Shortly after we arrived Gary, Dennis and John started to prepare the delicious punch and hors-d'oeuvres that we all enjoyed on shore. A special thanks to the new owners of Prinyers Cove Marina for giving us a helping hand with the setting up of tables and the use of their large BBQ, thanks Barb and Don.

Although *Ondine II* won the race from Collins Bay, numbers were put into a hat to win a prize (sorry Mike) and the winners of a bottle of Pelee Island wine were *Lofn* - Hans and Natalia. Then we picked another number and Dave and Janet from *Dream Haze* won a bottle of wine donated by Barb and Don from Prinyers Cove Marina.

The temperature on Tuesday was in the mid 30 Celsius range and the water felt very refreshing as most people took a dip....thanks Janet for helping me with the noodle!!!

The BBQ that evening was a great success and as usual we all had too much food....I guess we always bring just a little extra?? The picnic tables were covered with cloths, provided by Barb, and I think everyone had a great time. As per usual, although arriving a little bit late, the mosquitoes invaded to carry us off....so the party ended around dusk.

Wednesday morning, after we had breakfasted, and listened to the weather (which as usual was wrong)... we decided to have a race to the Morse A marker, between Picton and Hay Bay. This time Ondine II started the race, giving some of the other boats a chance to win.....Eleven boats entered into the race -Maren III, Dream Haze, Russ II, Beluga IV, Innisfree, Lofn, Sabrina IV, Day Dreams, Ondine II, Second Wind and Raymoni. Shortly after we started the race Sabrina IV took the lead, then about a third of the way enroute, the wind gusted to strengths of 30 + knots.....causing some boats to broach but most carried on with shortened sails. The winner of that race was Sabrina IV (towing dinghy)....Beluga V deserves special mention because not only did she tow a dinghy she also had the motor on the dinghy... well done Joe and Diane!!!

Norma and Dennis had invited everyone to come ashore at their lovely home on Adolphus Reach. Many boats anchored behind Lyons Island with *Sabrina IV*, *Maren III* and *Lofn* dropping anchor right in front of the Reed's residence. Joining us for the BBQ and happy hour was Phil Morris along with a group of his students....a great time was had by all and many thanks to Norma and Dennis....as always... the most gracious of hosts.

Thursday morning dawned wet and windy....while some boats stayed out for another day...some returned to Collins Bay arriving early afternoon....just before the big storm. All in all a great mid-week cruise. Hoping for another great turn out for our next cruise on the 29 July- 01 Aug Civic Holiday cruise.

- Carol Logan

#### Memorable Moments

#### 22 Years at CBYC

The 25th anniversary of CBYC has come, been celebrated and was certainly a great occasion. Many people gave good coverage of all aspects of the development of the club from 1980 and it was good to see founding members here.

Norman and I arrived at Collins Bay Marina in July 1983 and were warmly greeted by Bill and Mary Steenbakkers. Then a prompt visit from Gord Unsworth who must have been "recruiting officer" as he invited us to join the yacht club at a fee of \$10 per year for the assets which were fun and fellowship. We were happy to join as it was our custom to join and participate in wherever we were. eat. A good move! Each year we had more people, more pancakes, more help and, of course, more fun. Sadly for the cruisers, the cottage was sold when the S/M quartet moved to Kingston. However, they have never stopped giving and doing for the club. Speaking of which - in our later years, since we cannot be so active, we do appreciate those energetic

We were living aboard *Almitra* that summer and except for 1984 in Australia, we did this each year until 1989. On rainy days we went house hunting as it was our plan to move to Kingston.

We joined many of the cruises (we organized a few as well), sailed with a flotilla around Lake Ontario, participated in lots of happy hours, found happy and safe anchorages, spent 9 weeks doing a North Channel cruise with the Camerons. Norm did the sailing school one year and I helped in the old kitchen and organized the new kitchen as part of the "house" portfolio. So participation was certainly a good feature of life at CBYC. Friendships are also a great feature.

A very happy series of events was spent in Hay Bay at the Stevenson/Miles cottage. Saturday evening pot-lucks became popular with theme menus. One Sunday morning, Norm and I invited the anchored fleet to come aboard for a pancake breakfast, Claudia insisted we come ashore to the cottage to cook and eat. A good move! Each year we had more people, more pancakes, more help and, of course, more fun. Sadly for the cruisers, the cottage was sold when the S/M quartet moved to Kingston. However, they have never stopped giving and doing for the club.

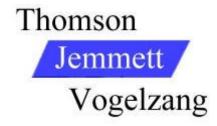
Speaking of which - in our later years, since we cannot be so active, we do appreciate those energetic and dedicated volunteers who do the many detailed activities Thank you I am sure from everyone. Certainly great appreciation goes to Hub and Miche for the use of pristine facilities, lawns and picnic tables - without which we would be much deprived.

Do you need a last laugh? Since bionic joints do not adapt well to swim ladders and since I am truly missing my swims from the boat, Norm might just rig up a bosun's chair with tackle etc. and swing me aboard. If it doesn't work I'll just scream - may have to stay in the water!

Have a fun summer.

- Maxine Cohrs

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Did you know that.....this is the 125th issue of the CBYC newsletter?

Issue #1 was published in April 1981. The idea of a club newsletter was proposed by Margaret George (Charlotte Rose) and Stephanie Payne (power) who, with the support of Bill Steenbakkers, became the first editors. They set an ambitious goal of 8 issues for the year. This first issue contained a list of the members of the executive, letters from the commodore and editors, a calendar of dates and events, a list of founding members and write-ups about the 1<sup>st</sup> CB Round the Pigeon Race and the February social.

In April 1985, the newsletter became the "Collins Mixer" (John Grimes) with a new picture on the cover designed by Paul Kruger Jr. depicting the Thursday night races with the committee boat, *Clockwork Orange* (Dennis & Louise Williamson). From the first years, typed on an old portable typewriter and a collage of cut & paste to today's classy computer-generated editions, the newsletter has been a vital part of the club, linking power and sail, racers, cruisers and socializers. Its special role of keeping all members informed and involved is an important one for CBYC.

The following editors have done a great job keeping members informed since 1981:

Margaret George Rick Kennedy John Harman Hans von Rosen Peter Dodd Mike Miles Stephanie Payne Desiree Kruger Tim Muldoon Chester Copeland Phil Morris Bob Dendy Judy Adams Bruce Fairbairn Bill Worthy (6 yrs) C & K Francis

- Judy Adams, July 18, 2005



All members are invited to send their memorable moment to Judy Adams or Mike Miles

## 2005 Reciprocal Program

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**Fifty Point Yacht Club** 

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Grimsby Yacht Club
Henderson Harbor Yacht Club
Highland Yacht Club at Bluffers Park
Kingston Yacht Club
Mimico Cruising Club
National Yacht Club (The)
Pickering ON
Grimsby ON
Manlius, NY
Scarborough, ON
Kingston, ON
Etobicoke, ON
Toronto, ON

Niagara On The Lake Sailing Club Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON

Toronto, ON

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