

Collins Mixer Collins Bay Yacht Club Newsletter



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June 2006

Commodore's Corner

Ahoy, to all well dressed Captains and Crew.

The 2006 Social Season is getting into high gear with the Wine and Cheese Get-together having occurred on Saturday May 13th. There was an overflow crowd on the SS Maria, creating a definite list; that's when a boat leans to one side because of misplaced ballast, or it's the inventory of repairs or replacements needed on the boat, such as ballast. Norma Reed certainly set a great table of munchies with the help of a few friends. There were several corks pulled, some legs pulled, and many new and old yarns were spun. Judy Adams kindly set up a table allowing members to replace regalia that a month away. Saturday the 24th had been worn out from heavy winter use. I do believe everyone enjoyed the camaraderie and the efforts of all involved. My thanks to all!

While attending events such as the Wine and Cheese Get-together is enjoyable, it can be even more satisfying to be part of making the event happen effectively. All members are invited to volunteer to help make a few goodies, get the goodies on the plates, set the table, make a pot of coffee, and all the added jobs that make an event sparkle. It's good exercise and you can meet the nicest people! There's a great form in the website to send your volunteerability to Norma Reed. Please add your name to the helper inventory!

And speaking of great events you can volunteer for and plan to attend; the **CBYC Fun Day** is only of June will see Collins Bay as the centre of excitement for all yacht club members with **Three** major events: the Annual Sailpast in the morning, Dinghy Races in the afternoon, and the Commodore's **Bash** starting late afternoon and through supper time.

The **Sailpast** is an event which all vacht club captains look forward to, allowing them to celebrate the official opening of the yachting season. Dave Athersych, our Fleet Captain is organizing this event and he tells me that all club captains will be meeting at 10:00 hours to have coffee and muffins. and to ensure they understand the correct protocol for the Sailpast. They, of course, have already ensured that their crews have been well fed, wearing appropriate tucker and of good humour. The captains will assist the Commodore in exiting the harbour safely and follow in an orderly fashion, while said Commodore brings his boat safely to anchor. The Sailpast allows the captain and crew of

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Upcoming Events

- May 28 Safe Boating Event •
- June 10 - Pancake Breakfast
- June 10 Amherst Island Race
- June 24 CBYC Fun Day Sailpast, Dinghy Regatta & BBQ
- July 1 Canada Day Cruise to Parrotts Bay
- July 14-21 Round Prince Edward County Cruise

2006 CBYC Executive

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Reminder: Membership fees for 2006 are due by May 31, 2006.

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each boat to approach that of the Commodore and provide a signal of some respect (or courtesy, or tolerance, or, at least, friendship), after which all will repair back to the docks and dress their boats with all the yachting regalia necessary to win the approval of the Commodore's 1st Mate. With such a clear and compelling purpose, we are certain that ALL captains will wish to set a great example and meet the Challenge.

Then, it will be on to the **Dinghy** Races starting at 13:00 hours and organized by Ed Billing. This will be undoubtedly the wettest and

funnest part of the day for club members that want to return to their early memories of learning to sail on small boats and show their mastery and prowess at maneuvering around the marks. I am sure that all members will have maintained all of the agility and ability needed to stay upright and WIN! During the afternoon, all kids are welcome to play on the Marina lawn and Joanne Billing has agreed to organize some games for will be kids BBQ food available at them.

The day culminates in the Commodore's Bash beginning at 17:00 hourish, with welcomes, recognitions, and prizes; followed by

a great barbeque feast at 18:00 hours. This event is especially intended to welcome all new members into the club, so we are confident that all members will be providing encouragement to the new members to attend. This is the only event of the day for which a minor charge applies and tickets (\$10/person) are available at the Marina Office. Please bring your own liquid refreshments. There no charge. So, bring the family and have a great time!

Dave Sansom Commodore

Collins Bay Marina News

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Ah Summer! Time to enjoy being on the water and among friends. We will do our part to keep it enjoyable, quiet and fun. There are no major projects, dredging operations or dock construction slated for this season. Our plans call only for good weather, sunshine and fair breezes.



Web Cam. The Web Cam seems to be a popular item for those of you visiting us on the internet. If you have not yet tried it out, you





can find a direct link to it in the lower left hand corner of our home page at www.CollinsBayMarina.com. You can pick the marina view of interest to you and check out your boat or the bay weather conditions from home. Here is a sample photograph of C Dock.

Emergency Preparedness. We also used the web cam to capture the action during a practice fire drill at the marina. We never want to see a real fire here but it is nice to know that these firefighters are up to speed on their equipment and procedures and familiar with our facilities.

Weeds. We expect two bouts with weeds this season. The first has already started with Curly Pondweed which we expect to rise and then quickly subside. It should not pose any serious problems for boats. The second will be with Eurasian Milfoil. If last year is any indicator, it is the potential problem maker. We



have applied and are waiting for permits for chemical treatment later in the season when regulations permit and are investigating the application of natural predators to reduce the incidence of the weeds over the long term. Both approaches are exceptionally expensive but should alleviate the problems that we experienced last season.

WiFi. The WiFi system is in full operation again this season. If your laptop is equipped for wireless, you can check out our web site and the Government weather site for free. Sign up and support functions are available directly from the service provider, iWave Canada.

Have a Great Season!

- Hub, Miche, Mya & Landon

CBYC Strategic Plan

You will recall last year that the Executive embarked The survey results, along with the full plan and the on a 5-year strategic plan, **CBYC 2010**, for the Club, AGM presentation, will be available shortly on the including a survey of members to get input and ideas. At the AGM in January, I presented the results included in the newsletter and will be posted in the of the survey, along with the plan, for consideration by the members. The plan included an updated "vision" and "mission", guiding principles, and 10 strategies, with accompanying actions and recommendations for the Executive that will help guide the Club over the next 5 years.

I'm pleased to report that the plan was approved at the AGM, and that the Executive has already taken steps to implement many of the recommendations. As time goes on, we will measure our progress against the plan and report back annually to the membership. As with any plan, there will be opportunities to review and modify the plan as circumstances change.

web site. However, a 1-page summary of the plan is Clubhouse.

There were many who contributed their time to the plan. In addition to the nearly 60 survey responses, several brainstorming sessions were held over a series of weekends last fall. I would like to thank everyone who gave their time and ideas, reviewed early drafts, and supported the directions we proposed. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to give me a shout.

Dave Johnston Past Commodore



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COLLINS MIXER COLLINS BAY YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

Collins Bay Yacht Club - CBYC 2010

Vision		
We are a community of boaters who promote seamanship, competition, recreation and good times.		

Mission				
CBYC is committed to developing and fostering yachting for its members by encouraging and promoting seamanship, goodwill and sportsmanship				
Encourage the development of seamanship and knowledge of sailing, powerboating, navigation and safety	Arrange competitions and recognize participation and success by establishing and granting prizes and awards			
Regularly provide opportunities for social interaction and camaraderie throughout the year	Foster development of sailors through formal training sanctioned by the Canadian Yachting Association			
Keep members informed of Club activities and other information of interest	Participate with other yacht clubs in promoting yachting and provide a reciprocal program			

Guiding Principles

CBYC welcomes sailors and power boaters alike to join the Club and participate in quality programs and activities.

CBYC offers an affordable opportunity for its members to join a "yachting community", characterized by informality, camaraderie, goodwill, and friendly competition.

Volunteerism is a cornerstone of the Club - CBYC would not exist without regular and broad-based contributions from all its members.

CBYC enjoys and respects a synergistic relationship with Collins Bay Marina, and is committed to working cooperatively with the Marina to achieve our respective goals and objectives

Strengths	Weaknesses
Proximity to great sailing areas and destinations	Constraints on facilities inhibit growth and options
Well established and respected sailing school	High proportion of out-of-town members and small pool of volun- teers
Proximity to variety of recreation (Lemoine Point), chandleries and sail loft	Resources required to maintain club facilities
Informality, inexpensive and friendly	Not a true reciprocal club. Immigration requirements and uncertainty inhibits cruising to U.S. destinations
Relationship with Marina and excellent facilities	
Flexible use and well maintained club house	Difficulty recruiting Social Director and other executive positions
	Significant administrative responsibility associated with sailing school
Nucleus of skilled and enthusiastic racers	Member communication can be difficult
Reciprocal program	
Cruising & Social program	New members often initially feel excluded

Strategies and Action Plan				
Strategy #1 – Ensure the Club Executive Remains Responsive and Effective Limit term of Commodore/Vice Commodore to two (2) years Combine position of Fleet Captain: Power and Fleet Captain: Sail Recognize position of Social Director as key executive position	Strategy #2 – Attract and Retain Members Eliminate requirement for sponsorship of new members Create members orientation package Encourage participation in club events, particularly new members			
 Strategy #3 – Increase Volunteerism to Spread the Effort and Ensure Quality Social Committee Chair develop and communicate a proposed Calendar of Events for the coming year, including volunteer requirements Focus on quality, not quantity 	 Strategy #4 - Maintain Our Assets To Retain Their Value to Members Allocate a portion of club fees to asset maintenance and re newal Develop 5-year maintenance/renewal plan Retire outstanding debt as soon as possible Establish reserve/contingency fund for major capital expenditures 			
 Strategy #5 - Improve Clubhouse/Other Facilities for the Benefit of Members Replace existing carpeting in the Clubhouse within the next 2 yrs Re-paint the Clubhouse exterior in 2007, and thereafter at 5-yr intervals Assess condition of Clubhouse floatation in 2010 and if necessary, develop a maintenance or replacement plan 	 Strategy #6 - Maintain Cruising As A Club Priority and Strength Support/encourage events for all members Discontinue Officer of the Week Maintain current reciprocal cap of 40 clubs Continue to monitor program in conjunction with Marina 			
 Strategy #7 – Grow the Racing Program Maintain focus on friendly competition Support regional events only (e.g., EYC) Encourage more participation in Thursday Race Nights 	 Strategy #8 – Maintain a Dynamic & Respected Sailing School Maintain current offering of courses Recruit and support high quality administration and CYA certified instructors Provide and maintain top quality equipment 			
 Strategy #9 - Improve and Encourage Effective Communications Keep members informed through a multi-channel approach, including newsletter, website, and event advertising Expand website as a primary source of information on Club events and information Remind members to keep contact information/email address up-to-date 	 Strategy #10 – Protect and Manage Club Finances Base membership fees on budgeted fixed costs + contingency/3-yr avg. # of members Reserve balance should not exceed the total planned future capital/maintenance expenditures identified in the 5-year plan Annual operating budget form the basis of financial decisions in the current operating year and should be linked to the clubs strategic goals 			

Social

The Wine and Cheese Party was a success! The weather cooperated quite nicely. A good time was had by all (approximately 80). New and "Old" members helped weigh the Clubhouse down quite significantly!! Hub said "The lower She goes the more fun we are having".

A special thank you to Lloyd and Judy for all their chopping, cutting and arranging the food trays and thank you to George Hepburn for doing our signs. Also, thank you to ALL who helped with the cleanup. It was truly "Many hands make light work." Plans are under way for the Pancake Breakfast on June 10th from 8:00am to 10:00am. Marilyn Sykes has graciously volunteered to be our Captain for this event. She is looking for crew. Any volunteers willing to help please let me know (Norma 373-0288) We hope to see you there-----Racers, Cruisers and those working on their boats. Visitors welcome.

Thank you to the volunteers who sent me their sheets or indicated they would like to help. Let me know which events interest you as soon as you can.

- Norma Reed Social Chair

Wine & Cheese Party



Photos by Judy Adams

Greater Kingston Area Safe & Sober Community Alliance



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Race

The racing season is officially underway and we're trying something new this season. The fleet has been split in two, well actually, three - PHRF 1 for boats under 145 rating, PHRF 2 for the slower boats and a third fleet for white sail. The recognises the growing number of faster boats participating in the CBYC races and the preference of sailors to race head to head with boats of similar ratings. All races this year will also have a white sail fleet so don't let the lack of a spinnaker hold you up from racing!

All racers are reminded that there are a number of changes to the PHRF-LO rating methodology this season. All handicaps have increased +6 from last year and there are new limits on no-penalty sails - be

sure to check out the news at www.phrf-lo.org. As always, all boats are welcome to all races whether or not they hold a PHRF-LO certificate - but you'll need one to be scored officially.

Weeknight racing is underway on Thursday nights (6PM starts) and the first long distance race is almost here - specifically the Amherst race will be on Saturday June 10. If you've considered coming out to race in the past but keep finding reasons not to, don't let it happen again this year - more boats means more fun - we need you!

Bruce Anderson





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CBYC members are invited to attend a Fun Day on Saturday, June 24th.





- 10:00 am. Join us in the Clubhouse for free coffee & muffins
- 10:30 am. Skippers Meeting for Sail Past
- 11:15 am. Sail Past Starts
- 12:00 pm. Fleet back at the docks, Dressing their Boats
- 12:30 pm. Skippers Meeting for Dinghy Regatta
- 1:00 pm. Dinghy Races (back by popular demand!)
- 1:00 pm. Kids Games Kick-off
- 5:00 pm. Commodore's Bash beginning with Welcome to New Members
- 6:00 pm. Barbecue pork steaks, salads & cake. Bring your own Beverage. Tickets available at the Marina office for \$10.00 per person. Kids fare will be available at no charge.

Don't Miss It!

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Notes from the Fleet Captain

June 24 will be a busy day at the Club. In the morning, the Commodore will review the fleet and receive their sails or by lowering their foresail somewhat. salutes from the crews, in CBYC's traditional Sailpast event. In the afternoon, we will have the dinghy races – an event that proved quite popular last year. We'll end the day with a barbeque to welcome new members.

The dinghy race and the barbeque will be described elsewhere in the Mixer; I want to tell you a bit more about the Sailpast.

Traditionally, many yacht clubs have Sailpast as their event to open the season. In Canada, where the weather is not so cooperative (I found ice in my cockpit on May 21!!), many clubs schedule Sailpast closer to the beginning of summer sailing as we are doing.

How Sailpast works is this: The Commodore dresses his boat, and anchors stern-to in the Bay. The fleet sails out at the same time, and organizes itself into a queue. (Some clubs assign positions, but we let the fleet organize itself.) On signal from the Commodore's crew, the fleet begins a parade around the stern of the Commodore's boat (watching out for the anchor line and avoiding collisions!). As each boat

passes the Commodore, the boat salutes by luffing The Commodore acknowledges each salute with his own hand salute. Once all boats have passed, the fleet heads in to the harbour. Once the fleet has tied up, the skippers can dress their own boats.

The specific times are: 10:30 Skipper's meeting in the Club House

11:15 Expected beginning of actual Sailpast. 12:00 Fleet back at the docks, dressing their boats.

In the past, we've had between 15 and 25 boats participate in Sailpast. I would like to see us break a record this year, and I've suggested to the Commodore that we'll see between 30 and 35 boats this year. Come on out and show the Commodore how big the fleet is!

Contact me (Dave Athersych) about the Sailpast; Ed Billing or Bruce Anderson about the dinghy racing; and Norma Reed about the New Members Welcome and Barbeque.

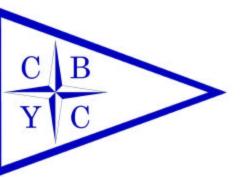
See you on the water!

-Dave Athersych



2nd Annual CBYC Dinghy Regatta June 24

- Is it safe to go back on the water?
- You ask yourself "Self, do I feel Lucky?"
- The Dinghies are returning to the Water
- 12:30 pm Skippers Meeting in the Clubhouse
- Sign-up sheet on the Clubhouse bulletin board



email Ed Billing for more information jbilling@cogeco.ca

- **Remember** the instructors have been warned if they lose this year they will lose a week's wage!!
 - The Dinghies are tuned
 - Time to do your exercises and come out for this great annual event
 - Huge Bragging Rights to the winner along with a huge prize to be determined at a much later date!!!
- Winners will be announced at the BBQ Saturday night
- All ages are welcome
 - All experience levels are welcome
 - If you do not have a partner, let me know and we will pair you up with somebody
 - No animals please!!
 - Winners from last year will probably have to do one full turtle during the upwind leg or maybe no rudder for the start (we will decide that rule on the day)
 - Bribes are very welcome and can be in any form!!!

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2006 OJ & Bubbly Cruise

Wusses, Wimps and Rainbows

Ok, now I am totally disappointed! I always believed that sailors were party, hearty folks who cherished braving the elements for every opportunity to have fun. This weekend, alas, I learned what wusses and wimps are all about. Only two boats arrived on Cedar Island for the OJ and Bubbly cruise.

Robert and Marilyn on Day Dreams and Chuck and Karen on *Eclipse* celebrated the first cruise of the year and have earned bragging rights to spending two days and three nights of raging winds, pissing rain and freezing cold while the rest of you stayed cozzied up at the dock. And, the worst, Phil, who was supposed to bring the "bubbly" ended up sharing Scribe: Marilyn Sykes - Day Dreams it with those who were too chicken to make the sail.

Well, we showed you! We had two Happy Hours – with OJ and vodka. We shared stories, went on walks, helped move *Eclipse* (several times) so that her keel and rudder weren't able to bang on the rocks and generally had a good time. Even the sail over to Cedar Island on Friday was superlative (beam reach – speed 6.5 to 7 knots).

And, the best part – on Sunday afternoon, we were treated to an awesome rainbow! So, all in all, it was a great party. Thanks Chuck and Karen for sharing it with us. Sorry the rest of you missed it.

Photos: Robert van Dyk – Day Dreams



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Regalia

Arrays of "T" and golf shirts, sporting popular colours (Royal Blue, Navy, Yellow & White), are readily available for purchase. Ball caps, emblazoned with the 25th Anniversary logo, are also available. Specific requests are welcomed and would be included in a subsequent order; as a minimum of 24 garments (combination of "T" & "G" shirts) 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
НАТ	\$10.00
TIE	\$10.00
CREST	\$3.00
BALL CAP	\$15.00

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2006 Reciprocal Program

The following clubs have been confirmed for the 2006 season:

Alexandra Yacht Club	Toronto ON
Bay of Quinte Yacht Club	Belleville ON
Brockport Yacht Club	Brockport, NY
Bronte Harbour Yacht Club	Oakville, ON
CFB Trenton Yacht Club	Trenton, ON
Crescent Yacht Club	Chaumont, NY
Etobicoke Yacht Club	Etobicoke, ON
Fairhaven Yacht Club	Fairhaven, NY
Fifty Point Yacht Club	Stoney Creek, ON
Frenchman's Bay Yacht Club	Pickering ON
Grimsby Yacht Club	Grimsby, ON
Henderson Harbor Yacht Club	Manlius, NY
Highland Yacht Club at Bluffers Park	Scarborough, ON
Mimico Cruising Club	Etobicoke, ON
National Yacht Club (The)	Toronto, ON
Niagara-on-the -Lake Sailing Club	Niagara-on-the -Lake, ON
Oak Orchard Yacht Club	Oak Orchard, NY
Oakville Yacht Squadron	Oakville, ON
Olcott Yacht Club	Olcott, NY
Oswego Yacht Club	Oswego, NY
Port Credit Yacht Club	Mississauga, ON
Port Hope Yacht Club	Port Hope, ON
Prince Edward Yacht Club	Picton ON
Pultneyville Yacht Club	Pultneyville , NY
Royal Canadian Yacht Club (The)	Toronto, ON
Royal Hamilton Yacht Club (The)	Hamilton, ON
Sodus Bay Yacht Club	Sodus Point, NY
Stormont Yacht Club	Cornwall, ON
Tuscarora Yacht Club	Wilson, NY
Whitby Yacht Club	Whitby, ON
Youngstown Yacht Club	Youngstown, NY

Invitations have also been sent to the following clubs but replies have not yet been received:

Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club Brockville Yacht Club Cathedral Bluffs Yacht Club Cobourg Yacht Club Dalhousie Yacht Club Kingston Yacht Club Rochester Yacht Club Smuggler's Cove Boat Club Thousand Islands Yacht Club Toronto, ON Brockville, ON. Scarborough, ON Cobourg, ON St. Catherines, ON Kingston, ON Rochester, NY Virgil, ON Iroquois, ON

Please refer to the binder in the Clubhouse or the web site for the latest updates.