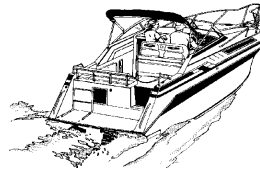


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Commodore's Corner

Summer Pot Porridge

Now that we are into the official summer sailing season, having completed our Sailpast and related festivities, the sailing school being in full gear, racers regattaing, cruisers cavorting; we can anticipate the good times outlined in our July schedule. Speaking of regattas: that's a sailing competition where your skills are pitted against your competitor's luck. We start our July with the Canada Day Cruise to Parrotts Bay. This is not what you would consider an endurance cruise, but the hospitality of our Past Past Commodore and Commodore, Phil and Angela Morris, is well worth the sail or drive. The real endurance cruise begins about July 14th and is a rejuvenation of a CBYC event of the past; the "Round the County Cruise", Prince Edward being the county. While the racers are into their weekly summer series, there is also the Simcoe Island Race scheduled for the 22nd which I heartily recommend. Check the website schedule and clubhouse posters for more information on all the action.

I would like to remind all members that it is never too often to do a recheck of the condition of all your required safety gear. And, is your safety gear within easy reach? Do you and your crew know where it all is? Have you practiced your safety line tossing skills recently? Should you organize a man-overboard drill? I did one last year simply by looking up at the masthead in a gust, my best Tilley landing astern. We almost hooked it on the first loop, but lost sight of it on the second, third, and fourth. Mr. Tilley was kind enough to provide a discount on a new one. However, a hat being the size of a head makes you recognize the importance of keeping a person in sight at all times, and the difficulty in doing so without added visual assistance gear properly used. Practice recommended. I have since resolved to institute hat locking devices in apparent wind greater than eight knots!

As we enter the prime yacht club cruising, racing and social events, your executive would like to encourage your feedback; what went well, what could be

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Upcoming Events

- July 1 Canada Day BBQ at Parrotts Bay
- July 13-15 EYC (Bay of Quinte Yacht Club, Belleville)
- July 14-21 Round Prince Edward County Cruise
- July 20 Lake Ontario 300
- July 22 Simcoe Island Race
- August 4-8 Civic Holiday Cruise

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improved, how we might make improvements. Your comments should be directed toward me or any member of the executive, preferably to the event organizers.

We organize a system of reciprocal docking opportunities for our club members at other marinas and yacht clubs in return for similar privileges for visitors to Collins Bay Marina. It is therefore very important to inform the marina staff of your being away from your slip for any extended period. So, go enjoy sailing to somewhere...anywhere...and provide a spot for a visitor, everyone wins!

Enough Already, It's Summer, Let's Sail,

- *Dave Sansom*
Commodore

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Safety Event. The 2006 *Don't Rock the Boat* Event was judged a success by all who participated. It was the largest event ever with free boat rides courtesy of Boat Warehouse, Ward's Marine and CORK. Thanks to those of you who helped out or just came along to learn. It is always a challenge to launch all of the boats in the west yard and clear it out in time for this important contribution to boating safety. Thank you all for your cooperation.



Weeds. Progress! Our permit for mechanical harvesting was approved on June 6, the harvesting began on the 10th and was completed on the 14th. We owe thanks to the many folks who moved their boats to allow the cutting and especially to the hard workers like Barry and Roger pictured here with the harvesting machine and crew.

Birds. Mother Nature likes to send many of her creatures to share the marina with our boaters, most notably ducks and geese. Unfortunately, they are not very good guests and we are doing our best to shoo them off to other locations. In addition to morning dock checks by our attendants, we are having a border collie patrol the docks in the early morning to put our feathered friends to flight. Our boaters can help the effort. First, please do not feed the birds. Second, if you are walking your own dog and see them nesting, please feel free to let the canines follow their instincts and chase them away.



Anniversary Tree. We have planted the CBYC 25th anniversary tree! A lovely new Gingko Bilboa now graces the front lawn of the marina. We selected the Gingko for its beauty and longevity. It is a very slow growing, hardy tree that is known as a "living fossil" for it is the oldest tree species alive today. A unique and special tree to symbolize the partnership between CBYC and CBM. Our thanks to the club for their generous gift. It was very exciting for us to pick out a tree, and we got so enthused about it that we also acquired a Locust and Serviceberry tree to keep it company on the grounds.

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New Faces. We have a few new faces on staff this year. Heather, Austen and Kyle have been taking their first aid and radio training and learning our procedures over the past month. Devon, as our senior dock attendant, has been showing them the ropes - sorry, make that lines. They are a keen bunch, fast learners and eager to serve. Please let us know how they are doing – we welcome your feedback and training suggestions. One suggestion that we had was that the new staff have nametags, which we have now given them. Their only concern is that the boaters will know their names while they still struggle to learn the boaters', so please feel free to introduce yourselves when you can.

Enjoy a Wonderful Season!

Hub, Miche, Mya..... & Landon!



Social

The first Pancake Breakfast of this season, held on June 10th, 2006, was a success. Captain Marilyn Sykes ran a tight ship! Many thanks to the Crew ... Hubby, Robert, Joan & David White, Ina and Norm Pothier, Pat Russell & David Ward, Lloyd Miller, Colleen Hepburn, Norma & Dennis Reed.

46 breakfasts were purchased. After expenses, we had a profit of \$106.17. Thanks to the rather chilly weather, many stayed around to chat and get caught up on news. Welcome to new members, Normand & Lynn Lord, *Red Basket*.

Thank you Captain Marilyn for a job well done!

The next Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, August 26.

- Norma Reed



Photos by Judy Adams and Robert van Dyk

Racing

The 2006 spring Thursday night series and Amherst Island distance race are now over and we're looking forward to the Simcoe Island race on July 22 (see poster).

The decision to split the fleet into PHRF 1, PHRF 2 and white sail divisions has generally gone well, though we've dealt with a few teething pains – like which line to start on, which fleet is in starting sequence and keeping starting and finishing fleets apart. Thanks to all skippers for their co-operation and patience.

For those of you considering racing but concerned about a lack of experience or equipment, take heart. We are running a separate fleet for boats racing white sail (i.e. no spinnaker or “flying sail”) and for boats with higher (i.e. slower) PHRF ratings.

Don't have a spinnaker? Join the white sail fleet. Don't have a PHRF (i.e. handicap) rating? Just ask – you're welcome to race without a formal certificate, you just need one to claim any winnings.

Don't know the racing rules? Standard sailing right of way rules apply plus those described in the Racing Rules of Sailing, posted online at <http://www.sailing.org>

The more boats that come out the more fun we have. Racing gets you off the dock, hones your sailing skills, and is a great opportunity to socialize with other sailors. All new boats will be greeted with enthusiasm!

- *Bruce Anderson*

Photos:

The following photo sequence is of a PHRF 1 start on June 15. They provide a great example of right of way rules at a start.



Photo 1, less than one minute to start, all boats are on starboard tack so leeward over windward applies. The start line extends to the right from the committee boat. There is no proper course before the race starts so leeward boats can sail as high as they want to claim space and windward boats must keep clear. Boats cannot claim room to round the committee boat.



Photo 2, *Ritalin* is in a bad spot with no room between the leeward boats and *Barney*, the committee boat.



Photo 3, *Ritalin* does the proper thing and tacks back to avoid competitors and the committee boat. Note the race has now started (see the flag coming down) and all boats must now sail a proper course – which they do.



Photo 4, the race is on, clean start with *Black Knight* in the lead.

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Cruise

Canada Day Cruise - July 1, 2006

CBYC members are invited to travel by boat or land yacht to the home of Phil & Angela Morris on Parrotts Bay. Please bring an appetizer or salad and your own beverage. There will be a nominal charge for the BBQ and dessert.

Round the County Cruise - 15-21 July 2006

This year CBYC Cruise Directors are going to re-institute this former cruise. It is planned to play the event according to the weather. Boats will depart from Collins Bay Marina on Saturday 15th July or 14th July (your call) and arrive at the Reed anchorage near Lyons Island and come ashore for a "Meeting" and BBQ (bring your own meat).....The next morning we will depart and head west. Probable anchorage Sandy Cove just east of Belleville. After

passing through the Murray Canal we will spend the night in order to have a full day to "round the county" and arrive in the Waupoos area. Plans may be to stay in this area for 2 days. We want to have fun - a few surprises and good sailing. Call Dennis at 373-0288 or Gary at 634-1308. Look for signs at the Club House.

Civic Holiday Cruise - 4-8th August 2006

Tentative plans were to go to the US side of our cruising area. Due to Borderland Security concerns, the Cruise Directors have decided to cruise in Canadian waters instead. Details will be posted on the club bulletin board. Phone with your suggestions, please.

- Gary Logan and Dennis Reed

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SIMCOE ISLAND RACE



SATURDAY, 22 July 2006

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- Skippers Meeting 9:00 am
- First Signal 10:00 am

ALL WELCOME!

for further details see Bruce Anderson:
phone 389-2499 or email cbyc_racing@yahoo.ca

Notes from the Fleet Captain

I have two items to report on this issue – an update on visiting the US and some thoughts about an issue raised after the last long distance race.

First, those considering visiting the US should make sure that they understand the procedure for checking in with US Customs and Immigration (and the limitations placed on their visit once they have entered the US). The May 2005 issue of the Mixer has a brief overview, but boaters requiring more information should check the US website: www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/pleasure_boats/cbbl.xml (or phone the US Embassy in Ottawa at 1-613-238-5335 if you have specific questions).

Several people have reported a new wrinkle this year – they have been asked for proof of ownership for their boat. Make sure you have a copy of the certificate showing your boat's registration number (and make sure the number is shown on your boat!).

My second item concerns safety on the water during Club races. The Amherst Island Race was held on June 10, with strong winds. As a crew member on *Simmac*, I can tell you that it was a great day to be out sailing. After the race, I heard a couple of stories of incidents that could have had serious consequences.

There was an accident a few years ago that seriously injured a Club member. We go out on these races because they are fun and because they give us a chance to improve our sailing skills. We don't want our fun to turn to sorrow because of injury to a crew member.

The Club expects that skippers and crews will exercise their best judgment when racing. That doesn't mean being overly cautious – part of the thrill of racing is to push yourself and your boat maybe a little further than you have done before. But crewmembers have to think about whether a maneuver is just a push or whether it might be beyond the crew's immediate capability to execute safely. Crewmembers should also consider that their skills may not be as sharp at the end of a race as they were at the beginning. Crew should make sure that they have informed their crewmates if they begin feeling unwell and cannot be counted on to be as quick and nimble as they usually are.

All of our racers must know – in theory – how to rescue a crew member who has gone overboard. But how many of us have practiced? And practiced in rough seas?

The first skipper I crewed with was a bit of a fanatic about safety. We would go out in miserable weather to practice sail changes and to do crew-overboard drills.

He wanted to be sure that if he had to rescue (or be rescued), the crew would know what to do and would do it well. Skippers at CBYC might consider whether they think they and their crews might benefit from some practice.

Our practicing gave our skipper confidence that he could push us and the boat and that we should be able to recover from mistakes made. He wasn't very cautious – I learned many ways to broach a boat while sailing in his crew (not lessons to repeat with your significant other on a cruise!).

I am not suggesting that we should try to eliminate all danger from our races. What I am suggesting is that we acknowledge that there are some dangers inherent in sailing, especially in strong winds and rough weather, and that we should be aware of those dangers. And we should be aware that we tire as the race proceeds.

There is no shame in finishing a race near the bottom of the standings, if the crew had fun and maybe learned some more about sailing. It's far better to talk about doing better next time while sitting at the Clubhouse than to pace the floor at the hospital emergency room.

See you on the water!

-Dave Athersych

Reciprocal Program

The letters received from reciprocal clubs are kept in a binder in the CBYC clubhouse. There is a list in the front of the binder if you wish to view a summary of clubs included for the 2006 season. I have also been providing updates to the Mixer and to our webmaster and Phil Morris is doing a wonderful job of keeping the list on the website up to date!

The master copy of the reciprocal list will be maintained in the Marina office since it is the Marina who manages reciprocal visitors.

Collins Bay Marina allocates reciprocal slips to visitors according to the number of CBYC members who have "checked out" with the office when they leave their slip. Since Kingston is very popular with visiting boaters, there will be lots of visitors from reciprocal clubs looking for reciprocal docks in the next couple of months. The marina appreciates our co-operation in letting them know when our slips are available.

Happy boating!

- *Claudia Stevenson*

Vice Commodore

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Landon shows Hub how to operate the tractor.
Will the crane be next?

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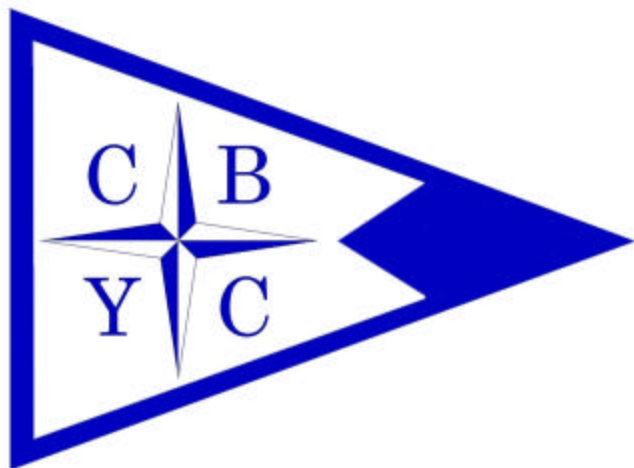
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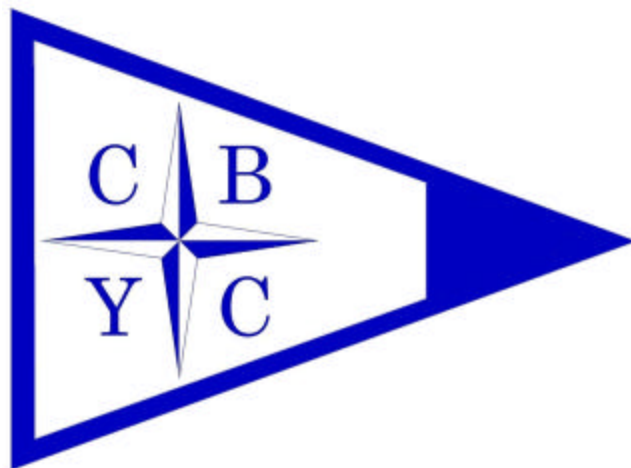
Our club burgee was designed by the first commodore, Bob Wright. The compass rose with the letters CBYC was established as the club logo and blue and white as the club colours. In 1983, the special burgees below were introduced to designate the commodore, the vice commodore and the past commodore. As a member of CBYC, fly your club burgee proudly.

Club burgees may be purchased from Norm Pothier (*Cabernet*) or the Marina office for \$25.

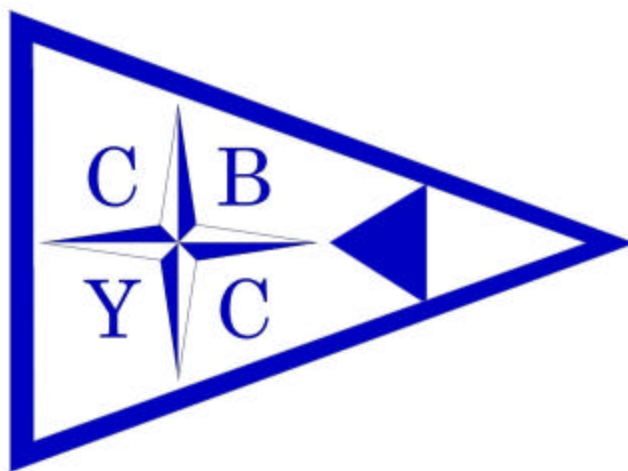
- *Judy Adams*



Commodore



Vice Commodore



Past Commodore

Anyone with pictures of club activities from 2005 or earlier are asked to please send them to Judy Adams. Also, any pictures of the 2006 OJ & Bubbly or the Amherst Island Race.

2006 Reciprocal Program

The following clubs have been confirmed for the 2006 season:

Alexandra Yacht Club	Toronto ON
Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club	Toronto, ON
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
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
Kingston Yacht Club	Kingston, 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
Rochester Yacht Club	Rochester, 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:

Dalhousie Yacht Club	St. Catherines, ON
Smuggler's Cove Boat Club	Virgil, ON
Thousand Islands Yacht Club	Iroquois, ON

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