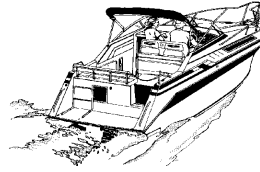


# ***Collins Mixer***

## **Collins Bay Yacht Club Newsletter**



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### *Commodore's Corner*

#### **Winter at the Yacht Club**

Captain Salty has told me that there used to be a time, in Canada, when yacht clubs really closed down for the winter and Commodores could hibernate for the season. No such luck. We celebrate our successes of the year in October with an Awards Banquet and then turn around and start planning for the Annual General Meeting which was held near the end of January. Twenty-seven brave souls came out to the AGM on a less than ideal day to help us officially close off one year and propel us into the new with an invigorated Executive Committee. The result was exceptional with all positions filled and incumbents raring to go. We are pleased to welcome a foursome to manage the Cruising Chair; Marilyn Sykes, Robert van Dyk, Joan Le gris, and Dave White. This may be the reward for winning the Cruisers of the Year Award twice, but what better than to have keen cruisers leading us? Ruth and John Abbott stepped up to the scuttle butt at just the right time to volunteer to share the Social Chair position. We promised them that there would be lots of volunteers to help at all the events and I know they will not be disappointed. Dave Wilby has taken over the Racing Chair which, based on recent history, seems to lead to the Chair and Crew receiving more racing trophies and pennants. However, there are others that might challenge that theory; we shall see. Joan Legris has also taken on responsibility for Regalia.

Some of our past executive members have taken on new roles. Our Past-Past Commodore and Webmaster, Phil Morris, has added Fleet Captain to his responsibility, which allowed Dave Athersych to accept the Membership Chair. The remainder of us are staying on in our current positions; Claudia Stevenson as Vice Commodore, Dave Johnston as

Past Commodore, Joanne Billing as Secretary, Hans Mertins as Treasurer, Ed Billing as Sail Training Chair, Mike Miles as Newsletter Chair, Hank Muis as Clubhouse Chair, and Judy Adams as Club Historian.

A special thanks is appropriate for those leaving the Executive Committee; Gary Logan, Dennis and Norma Reed, Norm Pothier, and Jim Guest. These volunteers provided our club with their energy and expertise, ensuring that we all enjoyed every event! The good news is that these gun'l kickers will have even MORE time to volunteer for club events.

The full minutes of the AGM will be posted on the web when they are completed but club members should be aware that some discussion has taken place related to a change in the timing of the AGM, the financial year-end, and, therefore, the initiation of a new Executive Committee at the end of October coincident with the Year-End Banquet. This would allow the months over winter to develop new budgets and plan events and be better prepared for the start of sailing season in May. This does require a constitution change and we will be planning a General Meeting associated with the Wine and Cheese event to conclude our direction. Please provide any feedback to your new Executive Committee on this potential change. Formal notice will be forthcoming in the March /April period.

Gotta go ashore now, Captain Salty wants to go diggin quahogs, you know, the large clam that lives in a shell made of two ashtrays. Wish us luck!

Your Commodore,

*Dave Sansom.*

## 2007 CBYC Executive

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## CBYC Coffee Shops

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### What We Did On Our Winter Vacation!

Well, that and a little skiing and a bit of southern sunshine and a bunch of preparing for the upcoming season.

We hope you've enjoyed your winter. As our snowman begins to melt, we know that spring launch is just around the corner. We hope you are looking forward to another great season as much as we are.

See you next month!

- Hub, Miche, Landon and Mya



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## Sailing School

### Spring Ahoy!

The sun is out and the melting snow are two key signals of the seasons changing for any sailor. And the CBYC Sailing School is no different. It's March - our website has been updated (thank you Phil), registration forms sent out to last year's students and we're ready to roll for the 2007 season. Now it's pass-the-word time.

If you know anyone interested in learning how to sail or have children or grandchildren looking for a new adventure this summer, please don't hesitate to suggest they check out our program. All the info they need (and the registration form) is clearly outlined on the club website. If they have further questions, suggest they get in touch with Ed Billing or Sarah Visser whose contact info is right at the top of the web page. The Sailing School was full last summer. We couldn't fit extra students in any session. We intend to have the same situation this year.

The investment the Sailing School has made into new sailboats, new coach boats and motors, as well as an expanded staff of instructors, is really paying off. Enrolment has jumped from 80 adult and youth students in 2003 to 120 in 2006. Last summer our

adult programme took on a life of its own offering a new beginner and intermediate programme focused around the CYA White Sail levels. We have added this summer the opportunity for students to return for instruction at an advanced level - Bronze IV. We are contemplating offering Bronze V for adults as well.

Anything you can do to pass the word will help to ensure that the CBYC Sailing School continues to offer this great program on the fabulous waters of Collins Bay. We have the best location to learn how to sail in Kingston and one of the most modern sailing school fleets around. Let's blow our horns - we've worked very hard to get where we are.

- **Sarah Visser**  
**Administrator, CBYC Sailing School**

**P.S.** *We'll be at the City's Leisure Showcase at Portsmouth Olympic Harbour on Friday March 23 (5-9pm) and Saturday March 24 (9-2). Drop by and say hello to all the club members who are helping to pass-the-word for the sailing school that weekend. We are looking for volunteers so please contact Ed Billing if you can help out for a while on either day.*



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## Notice from the Sailing School

Are you looking for a great deal on a fast, easy to sail dinghy?  
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Well look no further.

The CBYC sailing school is offering for sale one its 2001 Hunter 140's. The boat is complete with mast, boom, a suit of sails, centre board, rudder, all running rigging, full flotation and is in good shape. Our plan is to rotate the fleet replacing one boat every year. This is your chance to give that enthusiastic teenager or yourself a great opportunity to enjoy time on the water.

Offered for Sale @ \$2,000.00 complete.  
Contact Ed or Sarah for more details:

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## Race

I would like to formally thank Bruce Anderson for his outstanding efforts over the past few years as CBYC Race Chair. He has fostered growth and interest in the racing program at Collins Bay and I hope to carry on with this momentum during my tenure as Race Chair.

As I am new to this position, I would like to make it known that I am looking for fresh ideas to improve the racing at CBYC and interclub participation with KYC and LYC. Please send any ideas you have to me at [wilby@pridemarine.com](mailto:wilby@pridemarine.com). I have met with the KYC race chair and we have coordinated a tentative schedule for 2007. KYC is very interested in expanding interclub participation at their events and I have encouraged them to reciprocate by attending our weekend events. The tentative schedule can be found here:

<http://www.collinsbaymarina.com/cbyc/racing/schedule/index.html>

Please mark your calendars for two racing oriented meetings during the month of April. On April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at the clubhouse, we will meet to discuss the sailing instructions and PHRF splits for the 2007 season. On April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at the clubhouse, join us to discuss the keys to setting a good race course.

We have redesigned the "Racing Section" of the CBYC website to include a crew bank. I would like to thank Clive Webber for his efforts in the redesign, please send Clive your high quality CBYC racing images for future inclusion in the site to [clive@pridemarine.com](mailto:clive@pridemarine.com). The crew bank has been set up to list not only people looking to crew but also boats needing crew! So if finding crew has been holding you back, please make use of the crew bank. It would be great to get more boats enjoying the racing at CBYC.

Looking forward to a great 2007 racing season!

- David Wilby

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## CBYC Winter Activities

CBYC members enjoy getting together during the winter to share tall tales over a glass of liquid sunshine or better prepare themselves for the next season on the water. On December 16th, CBYC held their second Christmas season social event at Fort Henry. Thirty-four people, including Betty & Giles Beaudoin (*Raymoni*) from Stoney Creek, Daniel and Brenda Guitard (*Sequala*) from Gatineau, Quebec and Dave Johnston and Renza Pelkey (*Yer Out*) from Merrickville, enjoyed an evening of good food and good cheer. Larry Norman (*Slinge II*) was selected to be the Colonel for the evening and in lieu of giving a toast to the Queen, startled us all by choosing

to toast Michaelle Jean, our beautiful Governor General! Bob White (*Moon Shadow*) followed this by proposing the Saturday Naval toast of the day to "Wives and Sweethearts"!

Did we have fun? Did we sing Christmas carols and make lots of noise? You bet we did!

Our new Social Chairs are already making arrangements for the next Christmas get together!

- Claudia Stevenson



## CBYC Ottawa Area Squadron February Get Together

Lately, it seems, everyone is complaining about the winter blahs. You won't hear that from us.

We attended the **CBYC Ottawa Region February Pot Luck Dinner** on February 17<sup>th</sup>. What an evening! Twenty people made up the lot. We had hoped to arrive as near to the requested hour as possible (6pm) without being late, since we brought appetizers. We found our way into a lovely neighbourhood in town (where you can still walk to the bakery for fresh bread) and rang the doorbell of "No. 14". Pat, our wonderful hostess, greeted us at the door. She seemed to be taken aback somewhat by the size of our boots. Not that our feet are oversized or grotesque or anything like that but because city people have no need for Arctic-sized boots just to get to their car. Yes, you've guessed it. We live in a rural setting.

Pat and David's charming home is so warm and welcoming – homey – that you get a sudden desire to just curl up somewhere and hope they don't find you. Pat and David, of course, are a big part of the warmth and welcoming feeling. We wish to thank both of them for being such wonderful and generous hosts for opening their home to a bunch of sailors whose upper lips were beginning to curl into a snarl because winter is becoming an annoyance. They must have sensed there could be tension among us and so quickly directed us to the table where a vast selection of red and white wines were available for the choosing.

After some great wine sipping, lots of chatter and laughter, we sat down to white-linen covered tables, china white plates and real silverware. What a nice touch, it gave an elegant look to the table. ... sure beats

the top-of-the-line heavy duty paper plates and plastic utensils I've been using for company.

Oh yes, I believe there was also a photo session by *Dream Haze* prior to dinner. Apparently, the Commodore took pictures of someone who had won the KYC Cruiser's Challenge Trophy from Kingston Yacht Club in honour of CBYC. Hey, was that us!!! What a beautiful trophy. The trophy will be held in the clubhouse for all to see come Spring. The challenge race was held on Labour Day Weekend from Waupoos Marina to Brothers Island. This will be an annual event, I am told, between any challenging yacht club and KYC. Anyway, on with the evening. It was Lasagna night galore!





## CBYC Ottawa Area Squadron February Get Together



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The dinner was just terrific. The company was superb, and, as *Loonacy II* so eloquently put it "The evening was fantastic". It was just the thing we needed to forget about winter for a while.

While wine tasting (actually in some cases it was bottoms up) we started with the appetizers:- shrimp, along with curried cheese and crackers. The shrimp were juicy and the curried cheese... well, it was such a hit that I believe copies of the recipe are still being printed – it's loonacy. We had Vegetable lasagna, Seafood lasagna and Meat lasagna along with three different salads, bread, three desserts and coffee and tea. Everyone brought food for the ta-

ble. The shipless (or shiftless) attendees were *Wind Song I* (our hosts), *Toucan Duet*, *Wilru V*, *Loonacy II*, *Freyja*, *Tamara C*, *Day Dreams*, *Shawnawdithit*, *Dream Haze*, and *Sequala*.

We had plenty of stories about sailing adventures as far as the Bras D'Or Lakes and anchoring experiences more locally. Everyone on Dock C and D, be forewarned. Apparently, *Loonacy II* departs and arrives to his slip by not noticing certain boats. The conversation then turned to the history of wine making including regions and grapes. Thank you, to Bill Stevenson (*Tamara C*) on his expertise, wisdom and good memory. It was amazingly interesting and we learned quite a bit. He

even knew the types of grapes used in various regions. I thought to myself of how one person could remember so much. Our host honoured us by opening one of his treasured 6 year old handmade wines.

I pose a question to all CBYC members. Does anyone know what **Shawnawdithit** means? Hint -- Part of Canada's history.

Last year's get together at Pat and David's home was such a success that they decided to have another one this year. This year's pot luck dinner was such a success that.... a story for another newsletter.

- Dan Guitard  
*Sequala*

## Fish and Chips Cruise September 23-24, 2006



The annual Fish and Chips Cruise to Confederation Basin was well attended again this year. However, only two boats, *Prospero* and *Sabrina IV*, actually sailed to Confed on a somewhat breezy and rainy Saturday combined with a worsening forecast for Sunday. Everyone else came by land yacht and we all had another great dinner at the Merchant Pub. We enjoyed the company of about 10 couples on our two boats for happy hour (and a few post dinner!) until

the wind kicked up to gale force from the west with plenty of rain sometime after midnight. Neither boat was able to leave on Sunday. The Logans managed to make way early Monday morning... we weren't actually able to leave Confed until very early Tuesday morning.

- Joanne Billing  
*Prospero*



## CBYC Winter Seminar Series

On February 9<sup>th</sup> John Mason gave an informative and entertaining talk on “Winning the Power Wars” to sixteen members. It was a wide ranging discussion on electrical loads, battery types and configurations and charging systems. The refrigerator is typically the biggest power drain and John gave tips on how to measure thermal losses and ideas on how to insulate the fridge. Finally John described several of his ongoing boat projects.

On March 9<sup>th</sup> Phil Morris will give a seminar on GPS and Coastal Navigation. Based on the CYA seminar, it will cover aims of navigation, conventional coastal Navigation and some simple techniques for sailboats. We will also discuss how GPS works and uses of GPS and electronic chart plotters.

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Despite the heavy rain, sleet, wind and cold temperatures, on Saturday morning, October 14, some slightly damp people came to the club house for the 'haul out' coffee and muffins and a warm and friendly place to wait for a reduction in the rain. By noon, the weather improved and the 'haul outs' were much easier and pleasant.

Thank you to Captain Barb Hood, and Crew Norma Reed, Carol Logan and Orla Myrfield who served coffee, hot chocolate, tea and brought baked goods. Thank you as well to Shirley Norman and Elizabeth Cohoe who also brought in baked goods. The CBYC cleared about \$50 on this day.

- Orla Myrfield, *Duck Soup*

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Enjoying a great Thai dinner on Tortola



Carm's in his element

## 2007 Reciprocal Program

**Invitations have been sent to the following clubs for the 2007 season:**

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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
Burlington Sailing & Boating Club	Burlington, 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	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
Thousand Islands Yacht Club	Iroquois, ON
Tuscarora Yacht Club	Wilson, NY
Whitby Yacht Club	Whitby, ON
Youngstown Yacht Club	Youngstown, NY

\* Indicates Clubs which have so far extended Reciprocal invitations to CBYC for 2007.

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