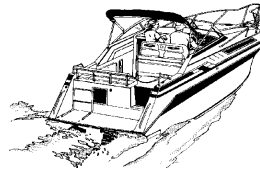


# **Collins Mixer**

## **Collins Bay Yacht Club**

### **Newsletter**



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## **Commodore's Corner**

Ahhh.....Retirement is in sight..... well, semi-retirement anyway. Yes, Commodores do retire and become Past Commodore, at least I hope that is the case; being a Passed Commodore has implications that would not be appreciated. However, I do realize that I will be joining an august group of Pasts that are very active on the executive and in club activities, and hope I will be able to continue to help as well.

But it is only September and the boating season is still in high gear with many races to be won and several cruises to be enjoyed, so why discuss retirement? Well, the Annual General Meeting is now planned for early November, coincident with the timing of our Annual Banquet on November 3<sup>rd</sup> (mark your calendars!) and a new slate of officers of our Collins Bay Yacht Club will be confirmed for the 2008 boating season. This constitutional change was voted on in May and is intended to allow a new executive to be organizing and planning earlier for next year. Therefore, it is timely to consider the faint but real possibility that some existing members of the executive may wish to relinquish their responsibilities,

all be it reluctantly. That's the bad part. And, hence, opportunities for other members to get involved with the exciting prospect of running the club operations are available. That's the good part!

Let me then remind existing members of the executive and those of the general membership who might aspire to join them, of the rewards and prerequisites of the job. Firstly, there will be a guaranteed front row seat at the Annual General Meeting. Then there are free tickets to the Sailpast. There will be priority status for purchase of Club Event tickets. There are free exclusive social evenings on the second Wednesday of every month (except November, December, and August; BYOPP [pencil & paper]), lots of e-mails to read when you are lonely, and lots of chances to express yourself. It will look really good on your resume; what prospective employer could reject an "executive boater"? But really, it's all about helping to continue the goal of learning more about safe and enjoyable boating, meeting new people with similar interests, and having fun. I have!

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## **Upcoming Events**

- Sept. 1-3 Labour Day Cruise to Waupoos Marina
- Sept. 22-23 Fish & Chips Cruise to Confederation Basin
- Sept. 22 Amherst Island Pursuit Race (Loyalist Cove Marina)
- Sept. 29 Frostbite Chase Race
- Sept. 29 Chili Fest
- Nov. 3 End of Year Banquet at Royal Military College

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If I have created some interest, please contact me, or Claudia Stevenson, our Vice-Commodore, who is “gnawing on a knot” to move into the Commodore’s dock (which opens her position.....hint, hint), or Dave Johnston, our Past- Commodore (who will be looking for a new executive position, right Dave?!), or any of our other executive members. Remember, Claudia needs you!

Your “Retiring in Two Months” Commodore,

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## Collins Bay Marina News

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### Haul Out

Yes, it's time again. Notices for boats with confirmed winter reservations have been mailed. Please respond to the confirmation notice so that you do not lose your spot for the winter. If you know that you have other plans, please let us know early so that we can take care of other boaters on the waiting list. Dates and preparation notes are available on the web site:

<http://www.collinsbaymarina.com/haulout.html>



### Airport Expansion

The master plan for the Kingston Airport is scheduled to go to committee this month and with their recommendation, it will then go to full council. We are told that the plan will recommend a goal of runway expansion to 6000 feet rather than the 6500 foot maximum that is possible. If so, there will be minimum impact on the marina and its operations. We will keep you informed of any developments.

### Supply A Caption Contest

Sorry, none of the suggestions were suitable for a family publication!

- *Hub, Miche, Landon and Mya*



## Race

### Greetings All!

Well, the Summer Series results have been tabulated and *Black Knight* and *Yoki Lintu* continue their winning ways in PHRF 1 & 2, respectively. The runners up were *Ritalin* and *Ongiara*, respectively. Well done! Race participation has been really strong this summer and the camaraderie in the clubhouse following the races has been very lively!

The CBYC Anniversary Regatta and Chateaubriand BBQ was held this past weekend and was enjoyed by all. Saturday's course racing was held in blustery conditions with many reefed mainsails and #3's deployed. *Yoki Lintu* emerged victorious in the course racing followed by *Black Knight* and *O'Naturel*. The BBQ was catered this year by W.W. Fitzgerald's who did a fine job. Many thanks to Hub and Miche of Collins Bay Marina for providing the incredible desserts! Sunday's Pigeon Island Race was sailed in lighter, shifty conditions and though we are still awaiting some finish times, it appears that *Ritalin* likely won the race in what turned out to be a battle of the Olson 30's.

Although the schedule is starting to wind down, please mark your calendars for September 22<sup>nd</sup> for the 7th Annual Amherst Island Pursuit Race run from Loyalist Cove Marina in Bath. This year's event will be run in conjunction with the Easter Seals Regatta and will feature a Pig Roast and Live Band for the incredibly low price of \$10 per person. Join us for a great day and support a great cause! White sail entries are welcome and this race always draws a lot of cruisers as well as racers.

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, the CBYC Chase Race will be held and we are still considering a Thanksgiving weekend event. Please let me know what you would like to do on Thanksgiving weekend and I will gauge interest.

Cheers,

- David Wilby  
Race Chair

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## Social

The Pancake Breakfast on August 25<sup>th</sup> was a lively affair as multiple chefs did their creative best with pancake mix. The supporting crew kept the plates, glasses and cups full, and all pitched in for the clean-up. We cleared \$128. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and who attended.

Mark your calendars for the **Chili Pot Luck**, September 29<sup>th</sup>, following the Frostbite Race.

Tickets for the **End-of-the-Year Banquet**, to be held in the Senior Staff Mess, Royal Military College of Canada, on November 3<sup>rd</sup> will be available in the near future.

- John and Ruth Abbott



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## Civic Holiday Poker Run Cruise 2007

What do you get when you combine 16 boats, excellent organization, mind twisting challenges, shifting winds, good weather and unlimited cards to construct a winning hand? A terrific poker run!

The event began with a thorough briefing from the cruise co-chairs Marilyn Sykes and Robert van Dyk (*Day Dreams*) on Saturday, August 4th. I may be wrong here, but if 4 co-chairs makes a chesterfield, are two co-chairs a love seat? In any case, everyone soon got underway after receiving their instructions and challenge sheets. Unfortunately, a few cruisers did not look over the complete list of challenges only to discover that their numerical sequence did not match the most direct sailing route to obtain the required information. In fact, a discussion to this effect led to one boat being called a "slow learner" over the VHF when the discovery was made. Isn't cruising relaxing!

All the boats managed to anchor at Lyon's Island after a minimum of tacks into gusty westerly winds by about 16:00. We were then extremely fortunate to be welcomed by Norma and Dennis Reed (*Innisfree*) at their terrific house, which Dennis built himself. Sorry folks, he says we won't take on any more house construction projects.

Mike Miles (*Ondine II*) volunteered his signal flags and some well-researched sea shanty flag picture puzzles to keep the cocktail and hors d'oeuvres crowd busy. *Moon Shadow's* Bob and Jean White were the puzzle winners with gracious assistance from their onboard guests. They seemed to have so much fun that we hope they will buy a boat and join us next year!

Dinner officially started with a great corn roast courtesy of Dennis Reed having picked the corn himself earlier during the day. It was standing room only at the barbeques as everyone cooked their own. It wasn't long, however, until Marilyn had tabulated the results of the challenges and started handing out additional poker cards. It takes a little getting used to working from 3 decks of cards and unlimited hands (this was a modified rule from the 10 maxi-

mum allowed by the co-chairs at the start of the cruise – you've got to be flexible you know!).

To give you an idea of the challenges used to obtain cards, did you know that:

- The public dock at Stella reads "No overnight docking, except during weather emergencies".
- The small building in the cove east of Nicholson Point (a gazebo) has 6 sides.
- The speed limit on the road into Bath just east of the Loyalist Cove Marina is 60 km/hr (I still think people guessed at this one - you can't see it from the water!)

Finally, we all got to check the expiry dates on our flares. One boat (we won't mention your name) won the booby prize with a manufacturer's date of 1985.

The poker hands were then tallied up and the winners were Jean and Bob White (*Moon Shadow*). A prize for the most creative approach was awarded to Anneke and Terry Smyth from *Stamina*.

There was also a rare appearance that evening from the chief Fender Head – Dennis Reed himself. He filled us in on the long history of the Fender Heads and even wore the Chief Fender hat for us to gaze upon. Unfortunately, the official "John" in the Dennis and John Fender Head Society was not available for the event, so John Skoropada (*Indy*) did his best to take on this heady responsibility, at least for the evening. The fender "helmet" fit not too badly too!

After a more or less safe return to the boats in dinghies, the armada settled down for the night only to be roused by our co-chairs Robert handing out instructions for the day and Marilyn providing running commentary on challenges over channel 6. *Day Dreams* was repositioned to form one end of the starting line and the race was promptly started at 9:30! Well almost.

Mike and Walter Miles (*Ondine II*) won the "I picked up the biggest weed ball" prize when they

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weighed anchor, which meant they weren't first to the starting line. *Stardust IV* and *Indy* (Carmen Knapp, John Skoropada, Cathy Trant et al) were runners up as the "best imitation of a catamaran with a large weed ball". We never did get an answer about whether they planned to "race united" or not.

In any case, it seems that *Slinge II* (Larry and Shirley Norman) was first across the start line followed in hot pursuit by *Toucan Duet* (Tim and Kerstin Cairns) and then the rest of the fleet. The story changed by the first mark where *Commotion* (Jacques and Glenda Levesque) and *Mango* (Wayne and Louise Nicholson) were neck and neck, but *Mango* turned first by half a boat length. We suspect the youngest member of the *Mango* crew may have caused a "commotion" during the next leg because *Commotion* crossed the second turn and finish line by herself (hey I'm writing this so I can brag a little!) followed a short while later by *Mango*.

We learned that *Raymoni* (Giles and Betty Beaudoin) were the first in the next group (over 35 feet) to reach the first mark, but *Toucan Duet* beat them around the second and final marks. It was then a bit of tacking back to Prinyer's Cove for the evening's festivities.

We had another great meal and there was still some corn left. The "most intriguing piece of barbeque meat" went to Larry Norman (*Slinge II*) who might share his butcher with you if you ask nicely. We then received cards from the race and challenges.

This time the winning hands with 5 of a kind were Richard and Penelope Deering (*Shawnawdithit*) and Terry and Anneke Smyth (*Stamina*) – some people just have the luck of the draw. Those who had anchored made it back to their boats for the night and we all managed to escape to shelter before the hordes of mosquitoes showed up. By the way, if anyone found a spare plastic wine glass on the picnic tables, we would love to get it back; *Commotion* seems to have misplaced one during the evening – thanks in advance!

The wind shifted during the night (again) and we awoke to a foggy, humid, grey day. This did not dampen the spirits of our co-chairs, but did call for a revision in the day's activities. The race was put off in favour of simply completing the challenges on the way back. It seemed that everyone managed to sail most of the way back to CBYC and a few even flew their spinnakers.

The final gathering in the SS Maria was supported by some ice cold champagne which was most appreciated by all the participants. Among other things, this is where we learned some creative new definitions for "SNAFU". We'll leave you wondering what these were, aside from one particularly creative nautical approach: "Serious Nausea And Fouled Underwear". Also, Dan Smith from *Irish Mist* won the sympathy vote by managing to connect his forehead with the dock while docking. What some people will do for just a few more cards!

After the final cards were dealt, the winners of these hands were: Richard and Penelope Deering (*Shawnawdithit*) and Terry and Anneke Smyth (*Stamina*) with four of a kind. No, this is not a cut and paste error in my word processor. Some people really do have all the luck at cards!

It is pretty safe to state that a good time was had by absolutely everyone and this was largely due to the terrific effort and skills of the co-chairs (Marilyn Sykes and Robert van Dyk from *Day Dreams*). Our collective thanks go out to them, including:

*Raymonni, Ondine II, Toucan Duet, Mystic Moon, Innisfree, Irish Mist, Commotion, Shawnawdithit, Slinge II, Moon Shadow, Stamina, Indy, Stardust IV, Mango and Moondance*

We look forward to seeing you on the Poker Run next year!

- Jacques and Glenda Levesque (*Commotion*)



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Henderson Harbor Yacht Club *	Manlius, NY
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Oakville Yacht Squadron *	Oakville, ON
Olcott Yacht Club *	Olcott, NY
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Thousand Islands Yacht Club *	Iroquois, ON
Tuscarora Yacht Club *	Wilson, NY
Whitby Yacht Club *	Whitby, ON
Youngstown Yacht Club *	Youngstown, NY

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