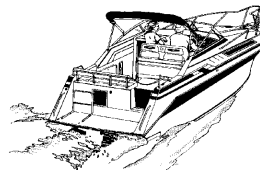


Collins Mixer

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Commodore's Corner

I was complaining to my mentor, the Maritime sage and master of the sea, Cap'n Salty himself, about the deadline for submission to the Mixer and the anguish that develops as Mike's gentle reminders are received. His response was something to the effect that I should tell members about something of which I was knowledgeable. This did not seem of much help! Upon complaining that the suggestion, while appreciated, could be more specific, he replied with a not so gentle cuff upon one of the more withered aspects of my anatomy, "Tell 'em the latest scuttlebutt from the Poop!" The light having come on in the recesses of my now recharged cranium, I exclaimed, "Oh! The club strategy review!" To which the Cap'n simply mumbled, "Keep on rowin' lubber", as he pegged his way to the head to check on the need for a pump out.

Well, yes, as I was going to mention, your club executive has been actively reviewing the strategies and action plans resulting from a visioning exercise issued in 2006 and based on a membership survey implemented earlier. We have had one meeting to this date and anticipate several more in the coming months with improvements (surely, any changes will be improvements) made over the next boating season.

The areas of opportunity for improvement are consistent with the Vision 2010 document and directed toward the following types of questions. Can your executive be more effective by improving our structure or processes, particularly by improved documentation of annual processes that can allow a new incumbent to quickly and effectively assume a position? How can the club continue to attract and retain members, while expecting all members to volunteer for assisting in activities and events, as well as, assuming leadership positions?

How can we improve our facilities for events through ideas such as a revamping of our Clubhouse as a social centre or obtaining the use of a large events shelter, e.g., a tent? How can the club improve upon the three key activity areas of cruising, racing, and sail training. Excelling in effective communications must be a key goal. We have moved increasingly to electronic media to do this, through this newsletter, our website, and periodic email notices directly to members. Can these methods be enhanced? Finances are always a concern, needing to be effectively managed and protected while providing the services of most interest to members. Can an improved budgetary process help us to manage this?

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Upcoming Events

- Sept. 29 Frostbite Chase Race
- Sept. 29 Chili Pot Luck Dinner
- Nov. 3 End of Year Banquet at Royal Military College
- Nov. 4 Annual General Meeting (details to follow)
- Dec. 1 Christmas Get Together Dinner at Fort Henry

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Finally, what does our current membership suggest for improving these strategic areas. Here is your chance to contribute! Just send an email to the Commodore under Contacts in the CBYC Website and I will receive your suggestions and improvements with appreciation. They will be a major step above the current level of dubious solicitations and promises to which that address seems prone. Your suggestions are eagerly anticipated!

Gotta Go! Cap'n Salty is yelling that we really need one now,

Your Commodore,

Dave Sansom.

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Collins Bay Marina News

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Haul Out

Your boat has a date with the new crane – or should have. If you have not yet confirmed a haul out date, please call the marina office to make arrangements. Available dates are shown shaded in grey on the calendar. Preparation notes are available on the web site at

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

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October	30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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Airport Expansion

The revised Kingston Airport master plan was accepted by the EIT committee on September 19 and sent on to the full city council for adoption. It recommends eventual runway expansion to a maximum of 6000 feet with no change to the existing aircraft approaches. With this revision, the impact of long term airport growth on the marina, its operations and its ambiance is expected to be minimal. Our thanks to those of you who involved yourselves in communications with the city on behalf of the marina. The entire plan can be viewed on line at

<http://www.cityofkingston.ca/residents/transportation/airport/masterplan/documents.asp>

Boat Buying Scam

We have had our third report this year of a boat buying scam attempted in the marina. People who have listed their boats for sale have had offers to buy the boat unseen, usually to be shipped overseas. The con artist then sends a cheque for more than the purchase price and ask the vendor to refund the difference. The original cheque from the supposed buyer is of course no good, and they keep the vendor's refund. Some deals are just too good to be true!



Happy Halloween

From our favourite goblins!

- Hub, Miche, Landon and Mya

CBYC Awards and End-Of-The-Year Banquet

Saturday, November 3rd, 2007
Senior Staff Officers' Mess
The Royal Military College of Canada

Cocktails: 1800 Hrs

Dinner: 1900 Hrs

Cash Bar

Tickets: \$40.00 per person (same as last year)

- cheques made payable to Collins Bay Yacht Club

The tickets are now available at the Collins Bay Marina Office. At time of purchase, please indicate menu preference (chicken, beef or vegetarian). Tickets must be purchased by Thursday, October 25th.

Also mark your calendars for the **Chili Pot Luck** to be held at the clubhouse on Saturday, September 29th, following the Frostbite Race.



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Sailing School Report

It is with mixed emotions that I submit this, my final report on the state of affairs for the Collins Bay sailing school, to the membership. I turn back to the membership a very vibrant and successful (both in Instruction and Financial) Sailing school. All members should be very proud of the tremendous efforts put forward by all involved.

The Sailing school has come and gone for the 2007 season. Participation was excellent in all classes although this year started out very slowly and definitely caused us some nervousness (*right Sarah?*) as we had a very ambitious budget that had been presented and accepted by the executive earlier in the year. We also had additions to the staff and a commitment had been made to purchase a new Hunter 140 from Schooner Yacht Sales which was not delivered until the middle of July (*very frustrating as Hunter have now moved to Florida*). After realizing there were no sails and the rudder bracket was put on by an alien, we were able to carry on with Schooner Yachts help. Hull number 1 was sold to Andy at Ahoy rentals where I am sure the boat will continue to spend most of its life upside down. Because of the way the month of August fell, we included an extra week at the end of the month as a way to increase revenues. This was a gamble that paid off handsomely with 20 students registering for the session. All the staff, even though they were exhausted, rose to the occa-

sion and gave a first rate class to a very willing group of students. We held an adult course in June as an experiment that also was a success.

All classes throughout the summer were fully booked and this year we had NO refunds that we had to fulfill. Once again, under the watchful eye of Amy Guest, our head instructor, the school enjoyed tremendous success in regard to planned activities and relationships with the Marina and the house committee.

This year we continued with the position of a full time paid volunteer to complement our staff. This allowed us to offer a more concentrated effort on a planned and fun filled experience for all the students. We added an additional CYA certified Instructor, Jordan Allen, and Lynsey Yates graduated from paid helper to a certified CYA Green instructor. Many congrats. Nick Allinson came up very responsibly to be Head Instructor in training, garnering his CYA Blue level during the winter and looking after the Bronze program. Our paid volunteer was Jean Jamieson-Haynes. All the instructors, including the paid volunteers, fulfilled dual duty instructing the Adult course on Tuesday and Thursday Nights. The feedback from the adults was great and we even offered a Bronze program for adults this year during the month of August. Unfortunately, it could not be co-coordinated this year to have Bronze students out on

Thursday nights. This very worthwhile project should not be abandoned; they are the future and might buy your "Abbott". In past years, with the help of Bruce Anderson and Doc Johnson, we were able to include some Bronze sailors in the Thursday night racing program which proved very successful for all involved.

The Dinghy regatta in the late spring was a success and with recommendations should continue.

We purchased a new Hunter 140 this year that rounded out the fleet. The bonuses to our staff were contingent on a positive report from the Marina at the end of the school and I am very pleased to say I had great joy to write the cheques and give them to all the staff. Amy, Nick, Jordan and Lynsey, stand up and take a bow; you deserve it. Your professionalism and teaching skills are well beyond your years. You made my job a lot easier and a lot more fun.

A full financial report was presented to the Executive in September and was accepted as presented. (*a copy of which is being presented to the general membership*) The highlights of the report were that we were able to exceed our budgeted revenues and meet our re-payment commitment to the CYA (*in regard to the purchase of the Club 420's*). This along with replacing an out-dated motor and purchasing a new boat, plus leaving an opening balance to start

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next year in excess of \$14,000.00 was a credit to all involved.

My recommendations for next year are to add flotation devices to the top of the masts (*our muddy bottom is brutal when they turtle*) and leave the fleet as status quo. The 140 is now discontinued from Hunter. The 146 is not suitable as a replacement for the whole fleet and therefore planning needs to start as to what type of boat will eventually replace the 140. The fleet is now the youngest it has ever been with 5 boats less than 3 years old. The coach boats are perfect for what we need them for and are in great shape. The motors are all new and we now have a very good spare (*the mariner 9.9*) that Hub has stored for us. There are 3 brand new suits of sails for the Hunters, plus spare rudder heads and breakable parts. So now is the time to potentially bank \$18K a year which would allow us to replace all the Hunters in four years for cash.

Our fleet suffered only minor repairs this year and I believe were well taken care of by the Instructors and students alike. All in all, I would declare the 2007 season a huge success and look forward to building on this for a successful school in 2008.

We did encounter some fairly significant damage prior to the start of school during the CBYC Fun Day Regatta. In the aftermath, it is my recommendation (*and a reso-*

lution was passed at the July Executive meeting) that whenever the Dinghy's are used in a club sanctioned event, the club will pay one of the Instructors to lead the day and be on the water for disaster recovery.

In 07 we held an Open House in May. We sent an invitation to students and parents and it was a huge success and should continue on for 08. We started in 06 and are proud of the hand-out we have developed to educate newcomers and returning students alike.

In March we attended the Sports and Leisure Show at POH. This must be continued and is a wonderful way to promote the school. We also ran the one week course at the end of August which was a success with 20 students.

One note that continues to amaze me is the communications when there is a perceived problem by our membership. To date, Sarah and myself have received zero complaints from the membership but many complaints have been lodged to the Marina. I feel the staff have been incredibly responsible and approachable (*taking very seriously their individual responsibilities to the school, the marina and the club*). It would be nice to know that the membership and the school were trying to strive toward a common goal. For the future, it would be nice to have the membership's input, either good or bad, and be receptive to dialogue as to why we may be doing some-

thing that looks wrong to you but makes sense if you have all the facts or maybe something we are doing indeed needs to be changed. For the 08 Season, the Staff are hired (contracts have been signed, and wages negotiated). The Fees have been posted and the dates set for the school.

It is with great sorrow that we Bid Adieu to Amy Guest, our Head instructor. For those of you fortunate enough to have met this dynamic young lady, she was the driving force behind the huge success that we have had with the school. Her motherly way to ensure her words were acted on and her passion for sailing kept bringing students back year after year for more. Amy, my undying thanks for a wonderful job "well done". Your shoes are going to be huge to fill. (*Good Luck Nick I know you will do your best*) We bid also farewell to Jean, good luck in all that you do, many thanks for a job well done. To note once again, all our staff are graduates of the school and are all enrolled in scholastic endeavors, maintaining our commitment to help students and their parents with their personal scholastic financial burdens. They all bring a fabulous level of enthusiasm and skill. (*I know first hand that our school is second to none from all the schools around.*) We should all be very proud of their commitment and team spirit. Good luck guys.

Take a moment and introduce yourself to our staff. They are all

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graduates of the School and all have a passion for sailing and teaching, Claudette started sailing this year (*Yes, she had never been on a sailboat before*) and is a very determined young lady. She not only ended the year as a Bronze 5 graduate, she did so well that we hired her. She is also this year's recipient of the junior skipper award. (Watch out for this young lady, if she say's she is going to do something, she will!!) Your staff is made up of the following:

Head Instructor	Nick Allinson (Blue)
White Sail Instructor	Jordan Allen (Green)
White Sail Instructor	Lynsey Yates (Green)
Junior Instructor	Claudette van Zyl (Green)
Paid Helper	Nathan Emmons

Many thanks to the members that helped and provided great insight and support and special thanks as always to Sarah Visser for her tireless help and her meticulous attention to detail that made my job a very rewarding and easier one.

It is now time to sign off. Many thanks for allowing me to be part of this wonderful experience. It is time for *Prospero* to sail off with my good wife into the sunset and allow my son Nick the space to spread his wings without the encumbrance of the "Old Man" breathing down his neck. Good Luck to you all.

Submitted by Edward Billing
Sailing School Director, Collins Bay Yacht Club



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2008 Executive Positions

As Past Commodore, it is my responsibility to prepare a slate of positions for the 2008 Executive. We have several members who have agreed to continue on the Executive over the coming year.

However, the following positions are currently vacant for 2008:

- Vice Commodore
- Sailing School Director
- Cruise Chair
- Social Chair
- Webmaster

Over the coming month, I will be working with the Executive to fill these positions, and I sincerely hope that you will consider volunteering.

The Vice Commodore is an important role, responsible for the reciprocal program that is so important to our cruising members, as well as coordinating the awards portion of the Year End Banquet and Awards night. With Claudia Stevenson agreeing to take on the role of Commodore in 2008, there will be lots of help and guidance available!

The Sailing School has enjoyed tremendous growth, has a well maintained fleet of boats, and is in a solid financial position, thanks to the efforts of Ed Billing and Sara Visser. Sarah will be continuing on as the School Administrator, leaving an opportunity for someone with a strong interest in promoting and supporting sail training for both youth and adults.

Over the past few years, the position of Cruise Chair has been shared. In 2007, the team of Day Dreams and Gibwanasi shared the workload and highly recommended this approach. This would be an excellent opportunity for a new "team" to continue the cruising program.

The Social Chair was also co-chaired by John and Ruth Abbott in 2007 to promote the Club's social calendar, supported by numerous volunteers and event captains. This is an important role intended to get both new and old members together throughout the season.

Finally, the Webmaster! Phil Morris has been our webmaster since the outset, and will be devoting his time to the role of Fleet Captain. This creates a unique opportunity to be only the 2nd CBYC webmaster in history! Ideally suited for someone comfortable with Internet, the website is an important channel for information and communication.

Over the next few weeks, please consider volunteering for a position on the Club Executive. The events and programs offered by the Club can only happen through the volunteer efforts of its members. If you are interested, or believe you know someone you think would be great for one of the positions, let me know. I'll be happy to accept your nominations and/or follow-up with them!

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CBYC Waupoos Cruise 2007

A WONDERFUL WAUPOOS WEEKEND!!

The Labour Day cruise to Waupoos was sensational!! Exceptional weather coupled with supreme organization and outstanding participation made for a truly memorable experience.

No fewer than 21 boats joined in the festivities with a number of other folks joining the events by land. Those attending included:

Marilyn Sykes and Robert van Dyk (*Day Dreams*), Joan Legris and Dave White (*Gibwanasi* – without *Gibwanasi*), Kerstin and Tim Cairns (*Toucan Duet*), Renza Pelkey and Dave Johnston (*Yer Out*), Krystyna and Jim Gough (*Rus II*), Claudia and Bill Stevenson (*Tamara C*), Pat and Lionel Redford (*Naiad IV*), Mike and Walter Miles (*Ondine II*), Joanne and Ed Billing with Peter and Lisa Bridgeland (*Prospero*), Jan and Dave Sansom (*Dream Haze*), Alison Froese and Judy Adams (*Aslan*), Glenda and Jacques Levesque (*Commotion*), Phil, Angela Morris and family (*Wavelength*), Natalia Aldana and Hans Mertins (*Moondance*), Pat Russell and Dave Ward (*Windsong*), Marc and Carrie Myers (*Poco Loco*), Dottie McClelland and Rod Sieffert (*Purrfection*), Cathy Trant and John Skoropada (*Indy*), Jenny Molson and Bruce Rand (*O'Naturel*), Pat and Alec Trefry (*Crazy Legs*), Betty and Giles Beaudoin (*Raymoni*).
WHEW!!!

Saturday began as a cool day but fair. Those of us who sailed Saturday enjoyed reasonable winds and most arrived in time for a brief relax prior to heading to the Duke of Marysburg to enjoy local fare. Following dinner, some stayed on to dance to the music of a local band while others returned to the marina to their boats. For some, a luxurious soak in the marina's glorious hot tub while gazing at the amazing light show offered by the stars shining brightly over the bay!!

Sunday morning dawned with beautiful blue skies and warm temperatures. Some enjoyed a full breakfast ashore while others waited in anticipation of the planned visit to the Winery and Cider House. Our cruise chairs (the 'chesterfield' Marilyn Sykes, Robert van Dyk, Joan Legris and Dave White) arranged shuttle service (thanks Joan and Dave!!) to enjoy the local venues. Those that participated enjoyed a fabulous 'county' afternoon!! Cocktail time was enjoyed by most with members of CBYC contributing to a delectable assortment of pre-dinner appetizers. The dinner, shared by participating members of KYC, was excellent and consisted of roast beef, chicken, fresh local corn, potatoes, salads, rolls and absolutely amazing camaraderie. What a wonderful evening!!

But, of course, Monday was RACE DAY!! The now annual race from Waupoos to the race mark B (that's at the middle Brother Island) between CBYC and KYC was on!! A number of CBYC and KYC boats decided to race; averaged time – all sails allowed. The wind was southwest, about 15-20 knots. Participants left in their own time and recorded their start and finish times independently. We understand from skipper Dave Johnston (*Yer Out*), who organized and negotiated race parameters with KYC, that CBYC was again victorious!! Well done CBYC race fleet!!

All in all, a truly fabulous Labour Day weekend. Many, many thanks to Joan Legris, Dave White, Marilyn Sykes and Robert van Dyk for their tireless efforts in making the cruise (and this entire year of cruising) an incredible success.

- Edward and Joanne Billing (*Prospero*)

CBYC Waupoos Cruise 2007



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CBYC Waupoos Cruise 2007



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CBYC Retains Cruiser Challenge Cup

The annual trek to Waupoos Marina is one of the highlights of the cruising calendar. A relaxing sail up the North Channel, quietly slipping past the Rock, vineyards to starboard, Green Island to port, the diamond sparkle of Waupoos Island...Waupoos – where time stands still. Waupoos time. Happy hour. A leisurely jaunt to the “Duke”. Ice Wine chocolates, a glass of cider, and hot tub. Good food, good friends, good times.

Yet beneath this idyllic setting, the tension builds. As the sun rises on another Labour Day Monday, crews are checking weather forecasts, wind strength and direction, sail selection. By 9am, boats are starting to circle just outside the Marina, setting sails, planning strategy, and building a full head of steam to pass between the Marina and Waupoos Island dock. Gusts up to 20 knots, right on the nose for the first leg – a tough slog so early in the morning. Ease off around the island, Green Island to port, start to pick-up speed....crap the cruising chute ripped. Crap again, the jib halyard jammed. Finally, out comes #1 and wing-on-wing, past the Rock, blast through the Gap and roar past Kerr Bay, dodging other “cruisers”, ferries, and assorted obstructions.

Can't see *O'Naturel* – man those “cruisin’” Olsens are fast! The Brothers are in sight...note time... we're done! Time for a pump-out!

With 20 boats competing in the 2nd annual Cruiser's Challenge Cup (10 from KYC and 10 from CBYC), this year's event once again showed there's a little racer in every cruiser! With KYC proposing the lowest average time to determine the winning club, CBYC countered with no restrictions on sails. When all times were collected, computed and verified, once again CBYC came out the winner, with an average time of 4:26:53, vs. KYC's time of 4:32:51.

Congratulations to the CBYC fleet of *O'Naturel*, *Commotion*, *Moondance*, *Purrfection*, *Yer Out*, *Poco Loco*, *Dream Haze*, *Rus II*, *Ondine II*, and *Aslan* ! The Cruisers Challenge Cup will be presented to CBYC at the annual KYC Cruisers Banquet later this year. In the meantime, keep those cruising skills honed for next year as we defend the Cup once more!

- Dave Johnston (*Yer Out*)



CBYC Archives

MEMORIES

PICTURES

PICTURES

We need pictures of the 2007 season for the archives.

Please send prints to Judy Adams and digital photos to Mike Miles.

Thanks to Mike for agreeing to make a digital record of the club photo card plus any photos e-mailed to him. Thanks to Marilyn and Robert for offering to provide a CD of the "Cruising" season.

We are reviewing a variety of ways in which to store and display the history of CBYC.
We need and appreciate your help.

- Judy Adams
Club Historian



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