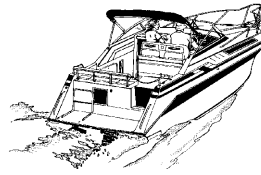


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Collins Bay Yacht Club Newsletter



No. 143 May 2008

Commodore's Corner

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back existing members as they renew their CBYC memberships and to extend a hearty welcome to our new members! If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact any member of the executive. We look forward to meeting you in person.

The CBYC Sailing School has been actively preparing for the 2008 summer season. In March, we had a booth at the Leisure Show at Portsmouth Olympic Harbour and in April we participated in the Kingston Boat Show at the Cataraqui Community Centre. Thanks to all of the volunteers for their assistance, particularly to the Visser family.

Now that the ice and snow have finally melted, we can resume our

summer activities on our home turf at Collins Bay Marina. Preparations are underway for two coffee shops while we are doing our spring boat launching and rigging activities. On May 10th we hope you will be able to join us for our Annual Wine & Cheese. These events are open to all Collins Bay Marina customers, so if you have a dock mate who is not a member, please invite them to come along, meet some fellow boaters and learn more about CBYC.

On May 24th, Collins Bay Marina will be hosting their annual Safe Boating Event and our Fleet Captain, Phil Morris, is organizing a crew overboard demonstration. Please contact Phil if you are able to help out (but not go overboard!) We encourage you to bring the whole family to learn about safety around the water. This is always a

fun event, especially if the weather co-operates!

One of the joys of spring is getting outdoors again and enjoying the companionship of boating buddies, especially on warm days when we can catch up over a Loonie shake!

Hope to see you on the water!

Commodore Claudia



Upcoming Events

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| • May 10th | Annual Wine & Cheese at the SS Maria |
| • May 17 th | OJ 'n Bubbly Cruise |
| • May 24 th | Safe Boating Event |
| • May 31 | Crew Overboard Seminar |
| • June 8 th | Pancake Breakfast & Amherst Island Race |

2008 CBYC Executive

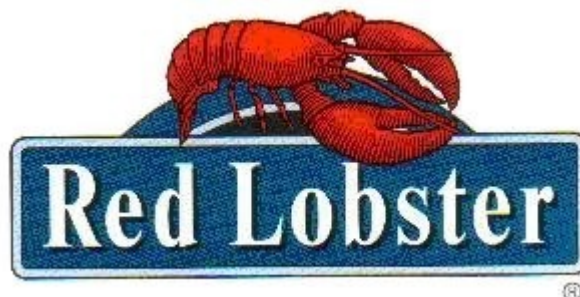
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Congratulations Hub!

Hub has recently received his designation as a Certified Marina Manager (CMM) from The Association of Marina Industries (AMI).

The CMM designation is a professional qualification and certification program assuring marina customers, investors, bankers, insurers and the public that marina properties are professionally managed and run. The award follows his completion of the Advanced Marina Management course, providing training in site planning, marina-development skills, marina-operation techniques, business strategies, risks and liabilities and environmental policies. Hub becomes only the 4th person in Canada and the 212th person in the world to attain this certification since the programs inception in 1992.

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Water Levels Management Plan – Current Status

The International Joint Commission (IJC) formed a Study Board in 2000 to research and produce a new water level management plan to replace the current plan which was developed in 1958. Five years and \$20M later the Study Board produced 3 different plans: Plan A+, B+ and D+. Each struck a different compromise between interests and elements of the system such as the environment, Montreal flooding, recreational boating, hydroelectric power, shipping concerns and riparian rights. Plan B+ was widely accepted as the best plan as it was best for the environment, hydro power, shipping, boating and the environment. The IJC has stated that they would like to adopt plan B+. The problem is, B+ is not good for the 3500 south shore (of Lake Ontario) residents. In fact, these flood plain dwellers threatened to sue the IJC. So the IJC took it upon themselves to ignore the \$20M worth of wisdom and conjure up their own plan - Plan 2007. This new plan takes good care of the flood plain dwellers by lowering water levels in the fall at the expense of all of the other interests. The sad fact is that of all of the interests, the boating interest suffers the most. The bottom line is that some 3500 people who have built houses in precarious flood zones are holding the tens of millions of other users hostage! They have their lawyers cocked and ready to fire. And this is what is holding up true progress for all of the other interests.

The IJC says they can move toward Plan B+ once sufficient mitigation is in place. They are considering shoreline protection measures,

buyouts and insurance packages. The problem is, who will pay? The IJC won't, nor will the flood plain dwellers that created the problem. It is expected that state, federal and potentially the provincial governments will have to foot the bill. How much you ask? Nobody has stated a definitive number but it has got to be in the hundreds of millions. It is going to take a huge amount of public pressure to convince the governments to cough up that kind of money for that kind of issue.

The good news is that the environmental interests closely align with the recreational boating interests – they are our allies. The environmental interests are supported by a strong lobby group. Furthermore, the IJC would like to adopt Plan B+ to help reverse the 50 years worth of damage to the environment that the current Plan 1958 has caused if it wasn't for the lawyers. If you wish to delve deeper into this topic, go to <http://ijc.org/en/activities/losl/index.php>.

So, what can we (you) do you ask? We need to make noise, lots of noise. Enough noise to drown out the lawyers. At best, this would prompt the IJC to adopt Plan B+ in the best interest of the vast majority. At the very least, intense lobbying would drive the IJC into a state of paralysis, unable to make a decision for fear of repercussions. In this case, the old Plan 1958 would continue which is better than the proposed Plan 2007.

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Collins Bay Marina News

Water Levels Management Plan *Continued from page 3*

How do you make said noise? There are a number of ways:

Email your comments to the IJC at comment@ottawa.ijc.org.

Attend and speak at the hearings, see http://ijc.org/en/activities/losl/hearings_date.php

Write to your MP and MPP.

Tell them that you are appalled that the 3500 south shore residents are holding the rest of us and the environment hostage and standing in the way of a sensible water level management plan that is in the best interest of the vast majority.

I urge you to take action to protect your boating interests and help keep boating affordable by helping to prevent marinas from incurring massive dredging expenses.

How Did We Get Here?

You have to ask, "How is it that 3500 people were allowed to build in flood plains?" The answer is interesting.

New York State government policy gives each town jurisdiction to determine where people can or cannot build. You would think that not allowing people to build in a flood zone or too close to the shoreline would be a no-brainer. No. The problem is that same town has a conflict of interest in that it is the beneficiary of property taxes generated by expensive shoreline properties. You might think that the town would be concerned about lawsuits by property owners that get flooded out. But alas, FEMA the Federal Emergency Management Agency will come to the rescue with flood insurance to bail out the homeowner, and, in essence, protect the town from any flood liability. The result is a positive feedback loop working to exacerbate the situation and produce more downward pressure on water levels. Dumb! The IJC admits this is the case but clearly states that it is not in its jurisdiction to make any change.

How does it work on our side of the border? In Ontario, there are 36 Conservation Authorities that grant or deny permission to build based on a rigorous set of rules that are driven by flood plain elevations. Each authority is funded by the numerous municipalities within their region as well as by the provincial government. There is no direct link between an individual's property tax and the coffers of the Conservation Authority. Hence, their decision making is not influenced by a would be homeowner's property taxes.

The question that I ask is why is it that I have had to spend well over \$1M on dredging to solve my water level issues and these people won't spend a fraction of that amount to solve their water level issues. This is an unfair situation and Plan 2007 would make it worse.

- Hub Steenbakkers, Collins Bay Marina, CMM



Annual Wine and Cheese **Saturday, May 10th 7:00 – 10:00pm**

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6:30 PM Dinner



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- ☐ Dinner Price: \$8.50/person.
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CBYC Ottawa Squadron Winter Feast

by Jacques Levesque
pictures courtesy of Marilyn Sykes and Robert van Dyk

The third annual Ottawa get together was a roaring success courtesy of the fine hosts and organizers – Pat Russell and David Ward. The pot luck event on February 16th was attended by some 18 sailors, including our new Commodore – Claudia Stevenson who ensured we properly upheld the social traditions of the CBYC. Oh yes, and we cannot forget to mention that our unofficial event mascot – Sapphire (also known as Claudia's laptop – ask her about it), was also in attendance.



We were treated to a fine array of tasty lasagnes and salads, wonderful appetizers and sinful desserts. A special thanks to David Ward who contributed two lasagnes, including a new seafood recipe he executed brilliantly as was attested by its early disappearance.

Once the Happy New Years exchanges were completed, the talk inevitably turned to past and future sailing experiences. It seemed that many had made the winter pilgrimage to the Toronto boat show and were now better equipped, but poorer for it. Others were just returning from bareboat charters down south. This prompted suggestions

of setting up a CBYC bulletin board that would allow those interested in finding cruise mates to get together. We will need to see if our webmaster, Geoff Roulet, can create this feature on our website.

Of course everyone was eager to get back into the water and get some sailing done this coming summer. Rumour has it that the Collins Bay Marina is at capacity and finding a spot for your current or larger boat may be a challenge if you have not reserved with Hub. Time is of the essence in this regard and it could put a real damper on your season!

It can be said without a doubt that everyone present had a terrific time. Everyone contributed to the success of the event, but we owe a tremendous thanks to Pat and David for offering their lovely home and being such gracious hosts – job well done and thank you!





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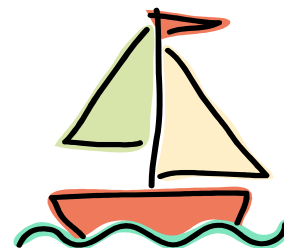
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CBYC 2008 Cruises

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<i>When</i>	<i>What's happening</i>	<i>Volunteer Cruise Captains</i>
May 17 & 18 	OJ & Bubbly Cruise Join us for the traditional kick-start to the sailing season!	Dave Johnston & Renza Pelkey
July 1 	Celebrate Canada Day <i>Raft & Watch</i> In Kingston's Inner Harbour – great anchoring, shore access, happy hour celebrations and the best seats in the house for the fireworks!	Joan Legris & Dave White
July 12 to July 18	 Round the County Cruise <i>"The Journey is the Adventure"</i> This cruise is always great fun as we explore the delights of Prince Edward County!	Dennis & Norma Reed
August 2,3 & 4 	Pirate's Poker Run This will be a new twist on how getting involved, playing poker and honing your cruising skills results in a fantastic time. Everyone is a winner, it is guaranteed. Not to be missed!	Barb & Clarence Hood
Aug 30, 31 & Sept 1	Waupoos Extravaganza & KYC / CBYC Cruisers' Challenge Join us and the Moose at Waupoos for a fun filled weekend and Defend CBYC's honour in the 3 rd Annual KYC / CBYC Cruisers' Challenge 	Pat & Lionel Redford
Sept 17 & 18 	Fish & Chips Cruise End the Cruising Season with a sail over to Confederation Basin and dinner ashore!	Anneke & Terry Smith

Crew Overboard

You are sailing in heavy weather and one of your crew is suddenly washed overboard. Unlikely, yes, but it has happened to at least one club member. What would you do: call the coastguard, get the sails down and motor back, return under sail but how and how would you get them back on board?

Just like any emergency procedure the key is to practice beforehand to know what to do, to know what is the best technique for your crew, your boat and your equipment. There is no universal best way so you need to have practiced, ready to use what works for you and/or your crew (remember you may be the one that is in the water).

So plan to come to a seminar followed by practice on your boat with your crew. The event will be held on Saturday May 31st the week after the safe boating event where we will be demonstrating a crew overboard with a willing victim going overboard.

Mark your calendars and watch out for more details.

Phil Morris Fleet Captain.

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Your Time is Not My Time

A boat painter was awarded the job of painting a small sail boat and when he was asked by the owner, how long it would take him to finish the job, he re-

plied, "Two weeks". Three weeks went by and the owner, a little concerned of the delay, confronted the painter. "Hey Mel", said the owner, "You told me that it would take you two weeks to paint my boat and it's been three weeks....What's up with that?" The painter put his paintbrush down, looked the owner square in the eye and said, "That was two NAUTICAL weeks, like a nautical mile, they're a little longer".



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CBYC Race

Hi folks, the practice race is only a few days away now (May 8th) so I thought I would update you with some minutes of the meeting. Thanks to all who attended.

- 1) We will start off the season with PHRF 1 starting 1st. This may change for the second Thursday night series. Let me know if you want to change the order of starts.
- 2) Note the constitution amendment which states that all crew who sail more than 4 races are required to be assoc. members of the club. This will cost \$40.00 per crew member and is the best deal going! We will not be able to protest boats violating this rule in 2008 but boats violating this rule will be "politely reminded"
- 3) A lengthy discussion ensued on "sportsmanship". There have been several concerns voiced about competitiveness and worries that CBYC will lose its tremendous camaraderie amongst the sailors who race in our fleet. This may have been triggered by the advent of a large one design fleet now racing. The overall consensus was that we need to

take steps to ensure that our behaviour in and around racing at CBYC continues to be exemplary. Please take a moment to review the goals of the racing fleet at Collins Bay. They are documented on the racing website. CBYC is dedicated to developing and fostering yachting for its members by encouraging and promoting seamanship, goodwill and sportsmanship. Suffice it to say that at Collins Bay we may try to win a race but winning that race is less important than having a good time and ensuring that those around us have been treated with respect. Several ideas have been put forward in order to maintain these goals and a small committee will be set up with the sole purpose being to ensure that racing is fun for all of us, no matter how competitive it becomes. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have concerns as the season goes on.

See you on the water (if I can ever get my new old boat rigged).

Steve
Surfer Girl



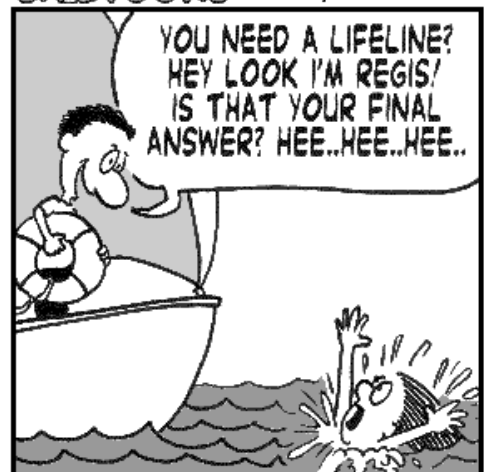
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SAILTOONS

by Michael Mazone



Mary knew at that moment if she survived, one day she would kill Frank!



Mourning dove sitting on a nest

The owner of a Tanzer next to Tamara C removed the nest on a board before his boat was launched and the mother has remained on the nest with 2 babies. The fellow clamped a cardboard sunshade for the mother and left a note to pass by quietly!

Politics

A novice sailor was lost. Manoeuvring his sailboat close to another sailor's boat he shouted, "Excuse me sir, I promised my wife that I would be home on time and I'm afraid I don't know where I am. Can you help me?" The other sailor replied, "Sure, You are on a lake. You're in a sailboat with a 9.9 HP gas outboard motor. You are between 43 and 44 degrees north latitude and between 77 and 78 degrees west longitude in about 53 feet of water." "You must be a Conservative," said the novice. "I am and proud of it," said the other sailor. "How did you know?" "Well," answered the novice, "everything you've told me may be technically correct, but certainly not responsive to the intent of my question and my current need. I have no idea what to make of what you just said and the fact is I am still lost. Frankly, you've not been much help to me at all and now I'm going to be late getting home!" The other sailor responded. "You must be a Liberal." "I am and proud of it," replied the novice, "but how did you know that?" "Well," said the other sailor, "you don't know where you are or how to get where you want to go. You made a promise that you have no idea how to keep and you expect me to solve your problem. The fact is you are lost and in danger of being late getting home before we met, but now, somehow, it's my fault."

CBYC 2008 Reciprocal Program

Invitations have been sent to the following clubs for the 2008 season.

Alexandra YC	Toronto ON
Ashbridge's Bay YC	Toronto ON
Bay of Quinte YC *	Belleville ON
Brockport YC	Brockport NY
Brockville YC	Brockville ON
Bronte Harbour YC	Oakville ON
Burlington Sailing & Boating Club *	Burlington ON
Cathedral Bluffs YC	Scarborough ON
CFB Trenton YC *	Trenton ON
Cobourg YC *	Cobourg ON
Crescent YC *	Chaumont NY
Dalhousie YC *	St. Catharines ON
Etobicoke YC	Etobicoke ON
Fairhaven YC	Fairhaven NY
Fifty Point YC *	Stoney Creek ON
Frenchman's Bay YC *	Pickering ON
Grimsby YC *	Grimsby ON
Henderson Harbour YC *	Manilus NY
Highland YC (Bluffers Pk) *	Scarborough ON
Kingston YC	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 YC *	Oak Orchard NY
Oakville Yacht Squadron (The)	Oakville ON
Olcott YC	Olcott NY
Oswego YC	Oswego NY
Port Credit YC *	Port Credit ON
Port Hope YC *	Port Hope ON
Prince Edward YC	Picton ON
Pultneyville YC *	Pultneyville NY
Rochester YC	Rochester NY
Royal Canadian YC (The) *	Toronto ON
Royal Hamilton YC (The) *	Hamilton ON
Sodus Bay YC *	Sodus Point NY
Stormont YC	Cornwall ON
Thousand Islands YC *	Iroquois ON
Tuscarora YC	Wilson NY
Whitby YC *	Whitby ON
Youngstown YC	Youngstown NY

*** Indicates clubs which have so far extended Reciprocal invitations to CBYC for 2008**
Please refer to the binder in the Clubhouse or the website for the latest updates.