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Commodore's Corner

Thirteen boats, 27 sailors, 2 dogs and one cat, honed their sailing skills in this year's Round the County cruise! The best laid plans by our Cruise Captains, and our Cruise Coordinator, were met with some challenges thrown at us by the weather. However, the day we made our way around the County, ended with one of the best sails we have had this season. As the weary sailors collapsed into their berths that night, they knew that life on the water was good!

The Cruise Captains invited each boat to bring a group challenge (e.g. puzzle or short game) and a prize for the winners. These games served as enter-tainment whenever we got together at the end of the day. The thought provoking, skill testing questions were quite revealing about some of our sailing companions! Who knew so many movies featured boats? We also had a lesson in reading flags! When was the last time you were asked to write a limerick? What fun!

A great deal of planning goes into preparing and executing a successful cruise. Last year the "Chesterfield" shared the job and the results spoke for themselves. Marilyn's approach this year of having different Cruise Captains for each cruise is also proving to be very successful. So far this season, Renza & Dave Johnston (*Yer Out*) organized the OJ & Bubbly Cruise; Joan & Dave White (*Gibwanasi III*) the Canada Day Cruise and, most recently, Dennis Reed (*Innisfree*) and Gary Logan (*Sabrina IV*) the Round the County Cruise. We thank the "Cruising team" for all of their efforts!

We hope CBYC boaters extend the same welcome and hospitality to visiting boaters as we receive when we visit other clubs. If you have an errand to run, it only takes a minute to ask a visitor if there is anything they might need at that store. The way to make a friend is to be one!

See you on the water!

Claudia Stevenson Commodore

Editor's Note: Due to holiday commitments and to allow for the inclusion of tales and yarns from the Waupoos Cruise the September 2008 edition of the CBYC Mixer will not be published until at least September 5/08.

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Buntline Hitch

This particular hitch is useful when a rope is tied to a ring, eye, or snap. When completed, the knot bunches neatly and tightly to the ring. The buntline hitch can withstand much tension and is very strong. In fact, this knot can be difficult to remove after use because of the continual tightening of the knot.

Tautline Hitch

The unique feature of this knot is the ability to adjust the tension on a given object. The knot itself is very secure and reliable. The loop created by this knot can be tightened or loosened as needed.



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The Olsons Are Coming! The Olsons Are Coming!

What a lovely herd of Olsons we have competing in the club races. Photos had to taken at the docks where they were moving slowly enough to be captured with a high speed shutter!







IJC - Water Levels Hearings

The International Joint Commission recently held a hearing in Kingston as part of their process in deciding on the adoption of a new plan for controlling water levels on Lake Ontario. The issues are exceptionally important to recreational boaters and marinas. A repeat of last fall's low water or even worse conditions could have a severe impact. There is strong competition among various parties and disagreement as to the correct path to follow. The marina presented its views in a brief presented by Michele at the City Hall gathering. Judging from the strong round of applause when she finished, our position was well received by the local population.

WiFi and Web Cam

We have been having trouble with both the free WiFi and the webcam over the past month. The problems all began when we added a second DSL line to provide more bandwidth. We believe the webcam issues have been solved but the WiFi is still intermittently dropping its connection. Hopefully by the time you read this those issues will be resolved as well. Thank you for your patience. We are surprised at how popular the cam is and plan to add another in the east yard in the future.

Channel 68

We monitor the ship to shore channel (68) to communicate with boats in and around the marina. We suggest that while in the vicinity of the marina it is good practice for all boats to monitor channel 68 as well as 16. It will keep you aware of activity in congested waters and allow us to contact you if we spot problems such as trailing lines.

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Notes from the Membership Chair

By the time you read this note, you should have a copy of this year's membership list. As most of you know, it has been the custom of the Club to distribute a membership list to all members, to make it easier to meet people on the docks, to follow up with e-mail or postal mail, etc. Until a few years ago, this was done by printing the list as part of the Mixer.

The Club started e-mailing an electronic copy of the list to members. Well, in the security and privacy conscious world we live in, it turns out that it isn't that simple any more. Organizations that keep electronic lists of personal information have to take steps to secure that information and to make sure that the people have some control over the use of their personal information.

The Club has never permitted anyone to make commercial use of its membership information. The problem is, the information in electronic form is so easy to use that it is hard to enforce our prohibition. Once someone passes the list on, it is essentially available to the entire world. (The Internet changes many things!)

The Club has decided that it needs to look at adopting a Privacy Policy and to make all members aware of that policy. A draft of the proposed policy will be posted to our website sometime soon and members will be invited to comment.



Flags signally the addition of a new crew member on Mango.

We will also be changing our forms for renewals and new members – we will be explicitly asking for permission to distribute your personal information such as your name and phone number.

While we're talking about members, you should know that we have 113 paid memberships this year – 78 full members, 23 associate members and 12 youth/student members. Most of our associate and all of our youth/student members are new this year and most of them are participating in our racing program.

As a final note, it is the responsibility of the racing skippers to ensure that all their crew members who regularly race with them (more than 4 races per season) are Club members. Please look over the membership list when you get it and check the status of your crew.

See you on the water,

Dave Athersych

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Slip Sign-Outs

Thank you for signing out your slips when you go on trips. This has enabled us to provide dockage to a number of reciprocating club members as well as other non-reciprocal boaters. Many of our visitors have appreciated the sheltered harbour as they take refuge from the many storms over the past month.

Training

We are proud to announce that Landon has just received his White Sail I certificate. He really enjoyed his first session with the CBYC Sailing School. The instructors and chairs are doing a great job!!

Hub, Miche, Landon and Mya

CBYC Cruisers Celebrate Canada Day - 2008



Kingston knows how to throw a birthday party and CBYC Cruisers were thrilled to be part of it! The celebration started on Monday June 30, with Robert & Marilyn (*Day Dreams*) and Norm & Ina

(*Cabernet*) departing from CBM and having a quick sail over to Kingston's Inner Harbour, passing under the lift bridge and anchoring in about 15' of water. Once secure, we dinghied to shore and walked to Frankie Pesto where we joined the land yachters Joanie & Dave and family (*Gibwanasi 3*), Wayne & Leslie (*Velox*) and Nick & Brenda (*Mystic Moon*). We had a fun dinner, shared sailing stories and helped Dave celebrate his birthday!





On our return to the Inner Harbour we were delighted to see that Bob and Jean (*Moonshadow*) and their grandkids were also safely anchored.

The next morning, the Cruisers went to shore and joined in Kingston's Canada Day celebrations. There were a sea of folks dressed in red and white watching the "People Parade", eating hot dogs, playing with balloons and flags and listening to speeches. The best part, for me, was singing Oh Canada – the tears always start pouring down my face when I sing our anthem. We are so privileged to be here in a country that has an abundance of good food and fresh water and are able to share our good fortune with others. As always, we need to give thanks to our brave Canadians serving overseas and helping others and us.

Back to the Inner Harbour in time for Gibwanasi 3 to raft up with Day Dreams and continue the party. Kingston's Fire Boat gave the folks on Moonshadow a wonderful display of its ability to spray water and turn on a dime – great memory for the grandkids.

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Kathy and son Mike (*Indy*), Hans and Natalia (*Moondance*) and Merv & Marion and friends (*Sueno*) sailed over to join the earlier cruisers in the harbour. Gibwansi 3 hosted happy hour and dinner. As always, there were lots of snackies and tall tales to share.

And, the most exciting part of the Cruise.....we had the best seats in Kingston to watch the fireworks.



Our sail back to Kingston on July 2 was fabulous. A south wind allowed us



to reach back to Collins Bay in record time. Thanks to the nine boats joining the Canada Day Cruise – it was a terrific way to celebrate together.

Scribes: Marilyn and Robert (Day Dreams)

Aug 23 - CBYC Full Day of Activity!

The Anniversary Regatta will get off to a great start with a pancake breakfast served by the social committee from 8 A.M.- 10:00A.M. This breakfast is open to all members, racers and visitors for the low cost of \$5.00 each.

After a day on the water, working on your boat, visiting with friends, our famous Chateaubriand BBQ will be served at 6:00 P.M. Tickets for the dinner will be available in advance. **Please note:** tickets purchased before Aug 18th will cost \$18.00 per person. After that date the cost will be \$20.00 per person, so book early! Bring your own beverage.

Volunteers wishing to help can contact Pat Redford at 613-766-2812 or naiad@cogeco.ca



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Cruising the Labour Day Weekend 2008



Waupoos Party Weekend

Destination: Waupoos Marina

Arrive: anytime Saturday afternoon Docking Fees: \$1.00/foot For Reservations: Book at the Collins Bay Marina Office by August 25th. Payment to be made to Waupoos Marina upon arrival



Saturday, Aug 30th we have arranged a combined Happy Hour with KYC at: 16:00 (BYOB and appetizers to share) to be followed at 18:00 with a Pot Luck dinner.

Sunday, Aug 31st: A fun day in Waupoos and BBQ and dance with KYC

Join fellow cruisers for a leisurely breakfast at the Marina Office.

11:00 <u>Chinese Auction for CBYC members</u> - you should be on the took out for an item either household or boat-hold that is possibly useful but that you now no longer have the need for. This will be wrapped in your favourite paper to conceal the contents and you may bring one item per person or one per boat. The exchange, (with a few wrinkles) will take place at the eleventh hour.

Possible activities for the day include the Cidery, Winery, Black River Cheese Factory for ice cream cone. Dinghy over to the island for a walk with the sheep or a swim in the wonderful, refreshing water of Waupoos!

BBQ with KYC starts at18:00 hours

Cost approx \$30/person (amount includes the cost of the Triple B Band and will be confirmed).

Reservations and payments must be made at the Collins Bay Marina Office by Monday August 25th.

Dance the evening away with a live band, The Triple B Band from Kingston, and enjoy a great time with your fellow cruisers.

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Result of a squall that passed over the race fleet near the eastern entrance to Collins Bay during the Simcoe Island Race July 26. The reported wind was in excess of 50 knots. On a happier note no injuries were reported.

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Monday Sept 1't: CBYC / KYC Challenge Cup

Join fellow cruisers for a leisurely breakfast at the Marina office. Defend CBYC's honour at the third annual Challenge Cup race against KYC from Waupoos to the Brothers.

Dave White will be giving us details Sat night after the BBQ. Trophy will be presented to the winning club at KYC's Year End Banquet.

Join us f or o fantastic weekend!











Cruisin' Round Prince Edward or Slippin' an' Slidin' through Quinte

I was mentioning to Cap'n Salty, my old maritime friend and mentor, that the gang had great adventures circumnavigating the lesser continent of Prince Edward County. He perked up and, with a quizzical air, inquired whether I was thinking of comparing our adventure to a real circumnavigation like around Newfoundland or Australia. I indicated that we were not that pretentious, but could claim some challenges did occur on what in total was a stimulating and enjoyable cruise.

I explained that we started out on the Saturday in fresh and friendly breezes, friendly being from the south side of south-west, allowing a steady close-hauled sail all the



way up the North Channel of the Bay of Quinte and along the Adolphus Reach to come to anchor off the beautiful home and great party place belonging to our club members, Norma and Dennis Reed.

The gang from 17 boats feasted on local pork barbequed to perfection by the

host, while the hostess organized all the appetizers and salads from all the boats and prepared that great strawberry shortcake finale for the evening. On completing our repast to the accompaniment of vintage



refreshments, a social time ensued with some stimulating games.

"Games!", Cap'n Salty blurts, "Games! Games are not for serious sailors, you should be practicing knots, or listening to tales of the old days, or ... " Interrupting his potential tirade, I explained that we certainly heard the tales from the



old days and that the games had a significant learning component; we were able to learn a lot about what we didn't know, and it was a very humbling experience, and we each went away committed to create an even better "learning" experience for others!

In the meantime the weather, appearing to potentially cause some disturbance to our peaceful evening, persuaded us to re



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turn to our boats and batten down the hatches. And it was good that we did, for that sudden rain squall that hit sent a few boats slippin' and slidin' sideways down the shore. Some slipped and stuck, but some of us slipped and slipped, so repositioning was required in the pouring rain, with a great ball of mud and weeds on the anchor, and no time to have donned the foul weather gear. It was a warm rain; that's how I remember it, but it made my glasses blurry.

I heard Cap'n Salty snort and begin to squint his eyes the way he does when trying to see through a fog, either through a real fog or when he perceives a fog caused by less than astute thinking. "Grappa!", he says, "Stay away from the grappa and get a better GRIPPA. Ya need a long road!" "Road, we were no where near the road, although we were headed in that direction", I countered. "Rode! R-O-D-E, rode; you need lots of it! Seven to one if you have a storm brewin", Salty exclaimed, his eyes still squinting at me through the fog. Being in a no-win situation, I quickly deferred to the Cap'ns' wisdom and didn't complain about the longer distance I'd have to row to get the dog ashore.

After a long night of star gazing on a night with no stars, we departed Sunday morning in clearing weather through Picton Bay, up the Long Reach to Deseronto, and through the Telegraph Narrows to Big Bay. At this point some sailed, some motored, but all arrived at our new anchorage at Sandy Cove and (with lots of rode and distance from neighbours) spent a quiet night in the bay. Monday's destination was the CFB Trenton Yacht Club, and with a deceptively calm day to start, sails were unfurled and raised to cross Big Bay to the Belleville Bridge. Bringing up the rear, as a good Past Commodore would do, it was intriguing to see just how quickly the sails were stowed and all boats proceeded to a steaming formation. We, of course, felt obliged to follow suit. After the



Belleville Bridge, with the wind reaching as high as 28 knots on the nose, we slowly wended our way to Trenton. Approaching the yacht club, instead of wending, we weeded our way to the docks under the leadership of Marilyn Sykes, and were welcomed by the great Trenton club members who assisted in safely docking our boats.



Three years of tradition required us to prepare for a great barbeque feast in the club house, and we did so with gusto. The BBQs were full of stuff to be burned to perfection. Larry Norman, in particular, prepared a delicious looking burned frozen chicken which Shirley politely delighted in. There were folks who brought underpants for napkins! There were more great "learning how much we don't know" games and the inevitable winners who really didn't know that many answers, but they knew the most. Sour Grapes? Sure, there was lots of fermented sour grape for all. Luckily, before anyone started a sing-song, the sun set and all went peacefully to their snugly sheltered craft.

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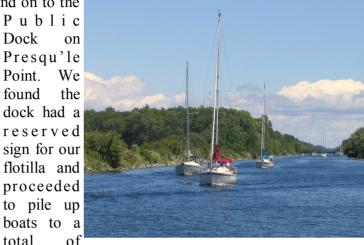
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Parade was forming at sevenish on Tuesday, and left in small platoons for breakfast at the base mess; a real meal in preparation for the transit of the Murray Canal. A gorgeous calm day favored us for our motoring past Trenton and into the canal, then past Brighton and on to the





eleven on the five-boat dock.

That accomplished, and with Tamara C and Ondine II having chosen to forgo the pleasures of the party crowd by staying at the canal exit, a hike was organized. The Presqu'le Point Lighthouse was visited and history studied and a great walk was being had until a suggestion was made that Happy Hour was about to begin and we were going to be late. Shortcuts were found and the planned tour was suspended until next year. The wharf was transformed into a wonderful buffet of appetizers and conversations. The day's exertions and the anticipation of an early departure for Waupoos on Wednesday morning quieted the gang down early.



Winners of the 'hoola hoop' contest: Ina (Cabernet) and Dave (Innisfree). Congratulations on such great form



Leaving at about 6:30AM was either too early or too late to miss the fine fireworks as a storm bore down on the lead pack of boats approaching Scotch Bonnet Rock. The weatherman had forgotten to warn us of this one. This made for a pretty exciting start to our 55 nautical mile passage. After the rain, the weather cleared somewhat, the wind came up to allow a close reach, the reefs were taken out and as we rounded for Point Petre, a broader reach was possible. As the seas were reaching the meter in height, and passing Point Petre with wind dying on the stern quarter, the motion became, as one intrepid sailor described it, like being in a washing machine. *(Continued next page)*

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When Cap'n Salty heard this, he gaffawed with delight and reminded me that real fishing sailors had to ride the giant swells on the Grand Banks in a dory full of half dead cod while waiting for the schooner to come pick them up. Not much sympathy there! However, after slogging down the coast and rounding Long Point, the sun shone, the wind steadied, the waves diminished, and a great close-hauled sail to the west end of Waupoos Island provided a fitting end to this day's adventure. All the fleet, increased by the welcome addition of Aslan and Sequala, anchored on the north of the island, the swimming was great, and a restful night was appreciated by all.

On Thursday, everyone gradually made their way to Waupoos Marina where hot showers and the charms of Prince Edward County awaited us. Many made their way by dinghy, shanks mare and more creative ways to the County Cidery for a celebratory lunch. On the way back, we topped up our dwindling provisions with fresh blueberries, raspberries and beans at the roadside stands.



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on another successful CBYC Round the County cruise. We thank them for all of their preparations and success in keeping their ducks in order. We had some superb sails and our sailing skills were tested the day the weatherman was late for work!

Cap'n Salty had to have the last word after listening to my story. Says he with a twinkle in his eye, "Well bye, ya got all the sailors accounted for, in roughly the same condition as they set out, resting on a piece of habit-

able dry land, and with or without their boat. That's a successful cruise!"

Cap'n Salty's buddy, Dave.

Our weather guy's usually great,

But this morning I think he slept late.

'Cause after lightening and hail

And a bit of a gale

He warned us an hour too late!

Limerick by Mike (Ondine II)



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Round the County – Finale

After the CBYC fleet bashed their way around the County, *Dream Haze* departed the anchorage at Waupoos and *Aslan* and *Sequala* joined us. On Thursday, everyone gradually made their way to Waupoos Marina where hot showers and the charms of Prince Edward County awaited us. Many made their way by dinghy, shanks mare and more creative ways (Jan S., you would have loved this coup!) to the County Cidery for a celebratory lunch. On the way back, we topped up our dwindling provisions with fresh blueberries, raspberries and beans at the roadside stands.

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We ("Purrfection" and crew) weren't "official" participants in the County

cruise, but we managed to get to the west end of the Murray Canal the day before the group arrived. We staged an "unofficial" combined greeting and send off, comprising flags, maritime music and a couple of toots and blasts on a signal horn (mouth operated) as the boats went by. A few surprised faces, to say the least... **Rod Sieffert**

Claudia Stevenson

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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
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* 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.