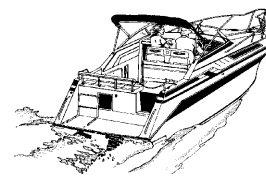


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Collins Bay Yacht Club Newsletter



Oct 2009

Upcoming Events

- **Nov 7**
Annual Banquet & Awards Night
- **Nov 8**
Annual General Meeting
- **Dec 5**
Xmas Gathering

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Commodore's Corner

The fun part of the sailing season is winding down and now the work begins.

The Sailing School had another successful season and I am sorry to say good bye to Nick Allinson, Lynsey Yates and Sarah Visser as they move on to pursue other endeavours. A hearty thank you for all you have done for the CBYC Sailing School. We will miss you!

The CBYC executive are not only putting their boats away for the season, but also getting ready for the final events of the 2009 season scheduled for the first weekend in November.

The Annual Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 7th at the Senior Officer's Staff Mess. Tickets for this spec-

tacular evening are on sale at the Marina office. Our Vice Commodore will make sure that the trophies and the door prizes are ready. Once again, the Lead Life ring has several contenders! Unfortunately we have two names to add to the Tree of Life this year. David Surridge, the intrepid Captain of *Snow Goose*, passed away this summer after a brief illness, and of course, Bill Steenbakker's name will be added.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Royal Kingston Curling Club on Sunday, November 8th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. We hope that this will encourage many of our out-of-town members to attend both weekend events. The executive are proud of our club and look forward to sharing the yearly business wrap up with you.

The Past Commodore is responsible for recruiting members to the executive. We have some vacancies on the 2010 executive which Dave Sansom is anxiously trying to fill before that rascal, Cap'n Salty, assigns people to positions. If you are interested, please speak to Dave soon!

Dave Sansom and I are both planning to attend the Awards Banquet and AGM this year! Two years ago Dave was absent and last year I had a prior commitment! This year we plan to dispel any rumours that we cannot work together! I hope you will mark that weekend on your calendars and join us.

Claudia Stevenson
Commodore, CBYC

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CBYC Annual General Meeting 2009

The Collins Bay Yacht Club's Annual General Meeting will take place Nov. 8, 2009 at the Royal Kingston Curling Club, 130 Days Road, Kingston.

The AGM begins at 10:00 A.M.

- but come early for coffee and muffins.

A Word of Thanks

Thank you to the many friends and patrons of Collins Bay Marina who offered their condolences on the loss of Hub's father Bill Steenbakkers. Many knew Bill in the early days of the Marina and cheered us up with old stories of the way things were around the Marina back then. Others had never met Bill but wanted to express their appreciation of the man who started the Marina, which is for many a second home.

We wish we could mention everyone individually but that just isn't possible. We would, however, like to acknowledge the support of the Collins Bay Yacht Club who, through Judy Adams, presented a touching eulogy at the Celebration of Bill's Life. Our thanks also to our wonderful staff who ensured business continued as usual for us all.

Your concern, friendship and support were incredible and really helped us with our loss. Our sincere thanks to all of you for your compassion.

- Maria, Hub, Miche, Mya and Landon Steenbakkers



... it was a beautiful, calm fall day so Hub and Ian brought the race marks home to harbour for the winter...

CBYC Banquet and Awards Night

Saturday, November 7th, 2009

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 Monday, Nov 2nd.

Lots of prizes for racers and cruisers will be awarded at this popular event.

Don't miss it!

“OK, Hop on!” I shouted politely to Admiral Jan, as I slipped the engine into reverse and increased the throttle to gently glide out of our slip to begin our annual journey to the Waupoos Marina for the Labour Day Weekend Cruise. “Thankee, Skipper Dave”, I heard a voice from the past holler as two thumps on the deck indicated the same number of crew getting aboard. I had thought that by leaving a day early I could avoid Cap’n Salty’s company on this voyage, but while carefully maneuvering Dream Haze out of the dock, I could see by peripheral vision the Old Mariner strolling across the deck with his ditty bag over his shoulder. “I’ll just go below and stow my gear”, he says with a smile partly covered by his white beard, “Let me know if I can help!” Well, I did feel like yelling for help, but resisted the urge, assuming the Admiral would help keep him out of trouble. And with luck, maybe Cap’n Salty could help us keep up-to-date with the goings-on of the whole fleet during the next five days. With thirty-two vessels from Collins Bay Yacht Club and another twenty from Kingston Yacht Club, I would need all the help I could get to prepare these Chronicles.

Yes, it was Thursday September 3rd and the weather was great and the forecast bode well for the whole weekend, but as we passed the Brothers with all sails pulling well and close hauled up the North Channel, Cap’n Salty took a deep breath and said, “The aroma from the *phalacrocorax auritus* colony indicates a very productive year again!” I suggested that he also use his eyes and recognize the dead and dying trees and bushes, and how the guano was building up on all three islands now. “Yes, I can see the impact on vegetation resulting from the natural instinct of the double-crested cormorant to breed in colonies and to make their nests in trees,” Salty admits. “They also drop a very acidic material that in the short term will tend to kill the vegetation, but in the very long term becomes fertilizer for new growth. And, my young friend, if you look around, you will see that *homo sapien* has killed off many more trees than *phalacrocorax auritus* has and replaced them with some pretty ugly structures.”

Well, I didn’t want to get into further argument with the Old Bird, so suggested that he go check on the air-waves for news of impending storms or sailors in peril, while I enjoyed the gentle but very pleasant sail to Prinyers Cove. In fact, it was so pleasant that, when I saw Innisfree glide on into Prinyers and knew their mooring up the Adolphus Reach would be vacant, I almost kept on sailing. However, docked at Prinyers Cove Marina with Second Wind and Innisfree and enjoying Happy Hour with our CBYC friends and Barb and Don and on their new deck under the weeping willow, I was quite content.

Later that evening Cap’n Salty filled me in on the shenanigans going on among our compatriots further on in the voyage. These had come over the VHF Radio which he has started referring to as the Marine Twitter. He is of an age where a cannon shot or a flare meant something significant, when at closer range flags created communication in terse messages, and even closer in semaphore and a telescope was the normal mode of chatting. So this VHF technology is still new and exciting for him and today’s reception had been particularly clear. Cap’n Salty remarked that messages on Channel 6 were bouncing faster than a ping-pong ball in the Olympic Championships. Here’s an example, leaving out the boat names:

Boat 1: “Where are you?”

Boat 2: “I’m anchored!”

Boat 1: “But what is your location?”

Boat 2: “We are about 500 yards from shore opposite the white house with the blue roof.”

Boat 1: “But how can we find you?”

Boat 3: "It's OK Claudette. They are anchored beside us."

Cap'n Salty said that there seemed to a lot of static on the channel after that, and he had to turn the Squelch knob up really high and missed the rest of the conversation. But a bit later he picked up a conversation, presumably between the same contestants which sort of went like this:

Boat 1: "Happy Hour is at 5 on our boat. Come on over"

Boat 2: "Love to come! Is there anyone that could pick us up in their dinghy?"

Boat 3: "Sure, but what is that blue lump on your foredeck?"

Boat 2: "The dinghy."

Boat 3: "Why don't you use it for Happy Hour?"

Boat 2: "That's where the cat plays."

Boat 3: "But ... but ..."

(and faintly in the background)

"Don't do it, Lionel!"

"OK ... OK, Claudette, we'll come pick you up! ... Over and Out!"

Friday was another gentle day and until we rounded Pleasant Point at the eastern end of Prince Edward County and got out into the Lake, there was little wind for sailing. However, with the sun finally creating a thermal effect, a breeze sprang up and we were under-way with the challenge of getting past KP2 and south of Waupoos Island without tacking. Salty finally awoke as we were approaching KP2 and commented that he hadn't appreciated the size and solid appearance of our navigation aids until getting within a few feet of the buoy. "No, sweat", I said, "I just wanted to give you a bird's eye view."

Why is it that every boat on the lake has to arrive at their intended dockage just before Happy Hour? The Waupoos Marina crew were pretty busy but managed to stow us away effectively, somewhat away from the real "action" docks, but close to the food. And then Happy Hour began! But not for long, as supper reservations had been made for some of us early arrivals. Some went by dinghy, some walked, and some got a ride with the owner of the Waupoos Estates Winery to his establishment of viticulture and cuisine, where we enjoyed the setting sun and rising moon, while enjoying supper and friendly boisterous conversation.

All the boats on the Cruise arrived on Saturday which tested the Marina crew's communications and organizational skills, and when the marina was full Happy Hour commenced. In the meantime, it was a bright sunny day, so for those who were already docked; hikes were planned, visits to the Duke of Marysburgh Pub, the County Cider Company and Estate Winery, and Waupoos Estate Winery were enjoyed, blueberries were picked for the next day's pancakes or to make jam on the return home, or swimming and just lazing around were activities that engaged the flotillas.



Happy Hour was a record size with the combined force of two yacht clubs, closely followed by the Pot Luck Supper. The lineup for food was well

mannered, presumably resulting from a generous selection of hors d'oeuvres and prior consumption of lifesaving libations. "But ya know," complained Capt Salty, "All this activity



early in the day impedes merriment later. There were no Hot Tub cruises this year, no one fell out of the Tub and had to be rescued, and the only ones to use the Tub were some well mannered kids!”

It was good to have a quiet Saturday because Sunday began with what we thought was to be a big Revival Meeting. There was Reverend Lionel standing up in front of the assembled throng, with his hands closely together at his chest in a prayerful manner, while each member of the congregation brought up



their offering, n i c e l y wrapped to show their respect. Reverend Lionel opened the

proceedings with, “Welcome to the Chinese Auction. Come up and get a number if you have left your offering!” Capt Salty figured this meant a Buddhist service, but when the Reverend started telling jokes and calling out numbers and giving away the offerings, he figured he had been duped. Then some of the congregation began stealing the gifts from other congregants, and some were trying to give their gifts away. The Admiral got a leaky old hose that she begged people to take, but to no avail! There was general wailing and gnashing of teeth as the Revival Meeting contin-



ued and, I suspect, some sins were contemplated, but the Rev brought it safely to the Benediction with most of the throng smiling gratefully as they departed. Capt Salty suggested they were just happy to get away unscathed.

Free to roam the countryside again, there was a great group heading for the Cidery on foot. Cap’n Salty suggested he would like to rest and count sheep instead. So we prepared the dinghy, filled the outboard with gas and headed for Waupoos Island for a gentle stroll and to count sheep. One attractive sunbather and 537 sheep later we found ourselves at the most easterly end of the island, requiring us to completely circumnavigate the island to return to our dinghy. Salty’s testy comment referred to the Cidery as the probable better choice. My retort implied that his forgetting the GPS got us into the mess.

Cap’n Salty and I agreed on one thing that day. The Corn-on-the-Cob was great! Well, so was the Beef and the Spuds and the Salad and the Ice Cream, all



prepared by the Marina as part of our BBQ Supper. And then the Canadian Men versus Women Dance Competition began, with a band playing music we remembered from just a few years back. Real dancin’ music. Cap’n Salty did the jig. Mike was danc-

ing vigorously to his own beat. Even Walter was dancing. But the overall winners were the ladies with Cathy and Natalia as their leaders. The ladies were magnanimous in their victory, assisting the defeated and worn



out men to their boats. Thanks, ladies!

Monday arose with little pros-

spect for a exiting race and with the Admiral's itinerary requiring an early start, the crew of Dream Haze bade farewell to the few early risers and slide out of the marina for Collins Bay. As we passed Waupoos Island and gazed east in the clear air, Cap'n Salty yelled, "Look yonder, boy, look at the dead trees on the island on the horizon! There must be a hundred

or more. They're huge. And the dead limbs are moving. What a horrible sight!". I tried to calm him down with the explanation that we could see the structures from more than 20 miles away because they were about 200 feet tall, but that they really were manmade windmills providing energy for our homes and industry, a truly marvelous technological advance. "Well," he retorts, "you shouldn't complain about the double-crested cormorant hurting a few trees when you can justify building those things." We finally called a truce at Kerr Bay and simmered in silence the rest of the trip.

As we approached the dock Salty asked me to express his thanks to the organizers of the cruise, Larry and Shirley Norman, from the good ship Slinge; the way they organized all the fun activities, got us all dockage, and even provided fantastic weather; they should get a promotion! Well, I couldn't feel more supportive, so promised to pass it on his feelings. With that Cap'n Salty jumped to the dock with his ditty bag over his shoulder. "See ya later, Young Feller, I'll keep in touch!" Well, I thought, how can I complain about the Old Bird when he gives compliments like that? I wonder who will win the race.

Best Regards,
Skipper Dave

P.S. When at the Prince Edward Yacht Club later in September, and in need of replenishing my water tanks, and my regular hose not being long enough, and finding the hose that the Admiral and I perceived to be a less than valuable prize form the Chinese Auction, and finding this hose to be leak free and of just the right length; I would like to express my apology for any perceived ingratitude and thanks for this useful tool to the anonymous provider.



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I am happy to provide you with the new Regalia Program information and pictures of some of our current items available directly through the Club.

As you are aware there are many other items available through Multideas. For those members outside the Kingston area who wish to order items from Multideas I would be happy to pick up the items for you during the week. All you have to do is ask Barbara Ledain to call me when your items are ready.



Day Bags - Navy and Cream: \$25.00



Large Duffle Bag: \$10.00



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My contact information is as follows:

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Also available in the Marina Office:

CBYC Burgees—\$25.00



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Fish 'n Chips Cruise

Bos'n Bob here. Yes indeedy we had a good time at the annual fish and chipper, yes we did. 17 people attended but only 3 boats showed up to pay the exorbitant fees at our local Confederation Basin. Evidently the sail from Collins Bay was slow for those who left early in the day and a great ride for those who left later. Now I don't want to be telling tales out of school here but certain members left an indelible impression on the staff and management at The Merchant, so much so that we may have to change the venue for next year! Who you might ask, but your old bos'n is not about to reveal anything here in print. Needless to say, the décor is a little more distressed today.

Moondance beat all boats to the basin by a wide margin, actually two days as they arrived on Thursday saying where's the party? Now Moksha got the day right as they sailed (motored) in on Saturday early on and Prospero came screaming into the harbour in the afternoon. Oh, wait a minute, it's a Bayfield. She came sedately into harbour under full sail in 48 knots of wind! Okay, so Bos'n Bob likes to exaggerate a tad. Anyway we all had a good time with the sailors ragging on all those who attended by land yacht. Some of us actually ate fish and chips while others opted for healthy stuff like salads and such. Wimps! Thanks to Lee and Crystal Baker for organizing the cruise even though they were unable to attend citing something about a grandson needing them in Ottawa, "yeah sure!"



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Medical Emergencies at Sea

On a rainy night in early October, twenty-three sailors gathered at KYC to hear what Dr. Steve Yates had to say about dealing with medical emergencies at sea.

Steve welcomed questions from participants and we jumped at the opportunity to get answers to whatever medical concerns sailors might have. We learned a lot, but also realized how much we don't know! Many of us walked out mumbling that it has been a long time since we last took a CPR course and perhaps we should take a refresher. Steve reinforced the importance of knowing how to deal promptly with a medical emergency. Immediate attention really can save lives!

On a lighter note, what do Steve Yates and Red Green have in common? They both believe that duct tape is a quick fix to anything! Always have a roll handy.

Some suggested reading material:

Dan Carlin – Wilderness Medicine

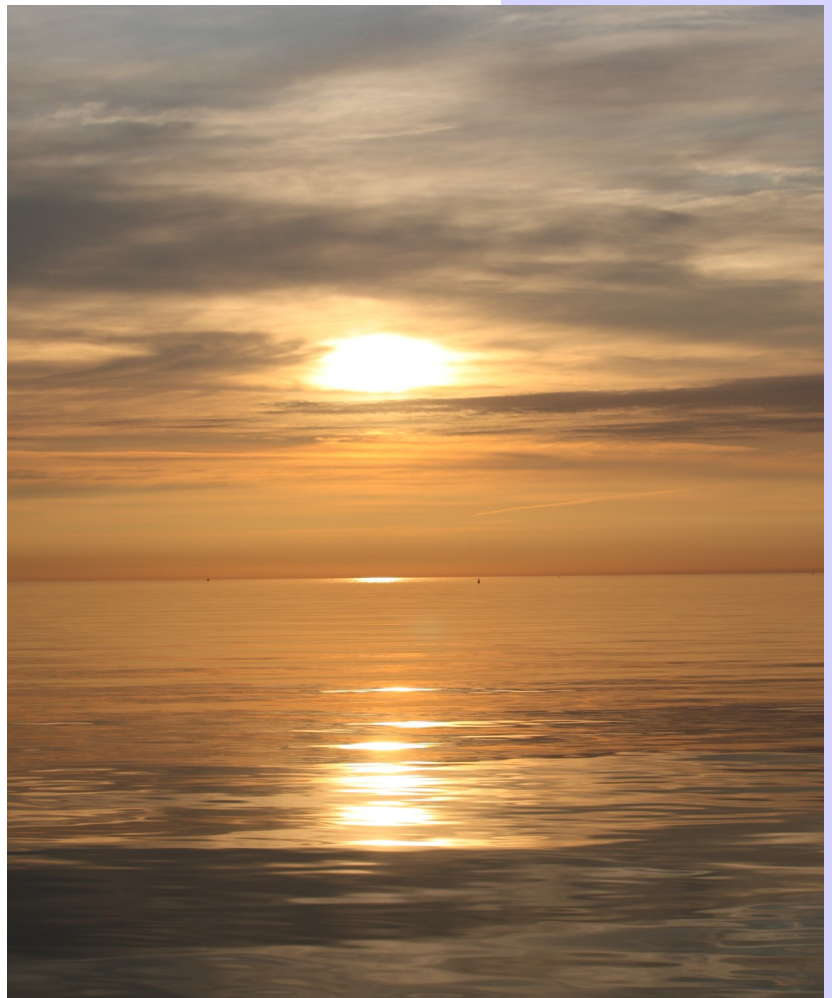
Richard Bode – First you row a little boat, Reflections on Life

Thanks Steve for taking the time to share some of your professional experiences with fellow sailors!

Commodore Claudia



Here is a very proud Alistair with his new nephew Ewan Alistair Crichton born to my Daughter Catherine and her Husband James on 25th September. He weighed in at almost 8 lb.



Invitations have been sent to the following clubs for the 2009 season.

Maximum of 40 clubs—Updated July 2209

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| 1. | Alexandra YC * | Toronto ON |
| 2. | Ashbridge's Bay YC * | Toronto ON |
| 3. | Bay of Quinte YC | Belleville ON |
| 4. | Brockport YC * | Brockport NY |
| 5. | Brockville YC * | Brockville ON |
| 6. | Bronte Harbour YC * | Oakville ON |
| 7. | Burlington Sailing & Boating Club * | Burlington ON |
| 8. | Cathedral Bluffs YC * | Scarborough ON |
| 9. | CFB Kingston * | Kingston ON |
| 10. | CFB Trenton YC * | Trenton ON |
| 11. | Cobourg YC * | Cobourg ON |
| 12. | Crescent YC * | Chaumont NY |
| 13. | Dalhousie YC * | St. Catharines ON |
| 14. | Etobicoke YC * | Etobicoke ON |
| 15. | Fairhaven YC * | Fairhaven NY |
| 16. | Fifty Point YC * | Stoney Creek ON |
| 17. | Frenchman's Bay YC * | Pickering ON |
| 18. | Grimsby YC * | Grimsby ON |
| 19. | Henderson Harbour YC * | Manilus NY |
| 20. | Highland YC (Bluffers Pk) * | Scarborough ON |
| 21. | Kingston YC * | Kingston ON |
| 22. | Mimico Cruising Club * | Etobicoke ON |
| 23. | National Yacht Club (The) * | Toronto ON |
| 24. | Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club * | Niagara-on-the-Lake ON |
| 25. | Oak Orchard YC * | Oak Orchard NY |
| 26. | Oakville Club | Oakville ON |
| 27. | Olcott YC * | Olcott NY |
| 28. | Oswego YC * | Oswego NY |
| 29. | Port Credit YC | Port Credit ON |
| 30. | Port Hope YC * | Port Hope ON |
| 31. | Prince Edward YC * | Picton ON |
| 32. | Pultneyville YC * | Pultneyville NY |
| 33. | Rochester YC * | Rochester NY |
| 34. | Royal Canadian YC (The) * | Toronto ON |
| 35. | Royal Hamilton YC (The) * | Hamilton ON |
| 36. | Sodus Bay YC * | Sodus Point NY |
| 37. | Stormont YC * | Cornwall ON |
| 38. | Tuscarora YC | Wilson NY |
| 39. | Whitby YC * | Whitby ON |
| 40. | Youngstown YC * | Youngstown NY |

Bold* indicates the clubs which have so far extended reciprocal invitations to CBYC for 2009.

Please refer to the Clubhouse reciprocation binder or our website for the latest updates.