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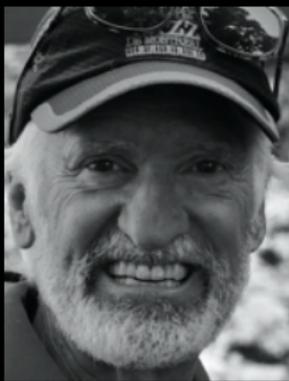


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Commodore's corner



The photo on the cover shows the Bénéteau Oceanis 46 we chartered from Sunsail in January. With so much going on in the international news (Ukraine and Gaza), I feel privileged to have been sailing with the family this winter.

On another note, I can confirm that the club is doing well. We're short of volunteers, but things are starting to get organized with rigour and professionalism. Thank you to the team of captains, the Board of Directors and all the volunteers who give up their time.

We're counting on you to get involved as much as you can.

Have a great 2024 season!

Gilles Brunet - CBYC Commodore

Save the Date

Launch begins April 12th

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Safety Day - June 15th

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Sailing School Session 1 - July 1 to 12

From The Helm

At the time of writing this, there are just over 8 weeks left until launch begins!

If you haven't booked your launch, the calendar is on the website.

We are frequently asked "what do you do over the winter" and let me reassure you, we are just as busy in the winter as in the summer, just a different behind the scenes busy!

After haul out is done, and over the last several months, Gerry and the crew have been busy winterizing the marina and equipment as well as doing all the maintenance on the equipment, which is a formidable job! Lori is very busy preparing for the next season, which takes a lot of time and planning to get things ready for the new, upcoming, busy summer season.

We wish we were lounging on a beach,

well at least Lori does 😊

Here are a few pictures of the work being done by Gerry and Phil over the winter. We are excited to show you the new tires for the crane! This was a very big expense, but necessary and important to enable us to provide the excellent craning services for you! Gerry is very excited about these beautiful new tires lol!

Gerry and Lori



Cruise Captain

Greetings, everybody!

Why not set aside one or two of the three holiday weekends this summer for one of our informal cruises? The August cruise will be from 1000 on the morning of Saturday 3 August, with land excursions on the Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Return to CBM will be on Monday 5 August. More details on this, and on the less formal July and September cruises to follow!”

Join each cruise when you want!
More to follow.

Peter MacKinnon - Cruise Captain

About CBYC membership

[http://collinsbaymarina.com/cbyc/about/
membership/](http://collinsbaymarina.com/cbyc/about/membership/)



From the editor

Hello dear readers.

As of this month, you can read an interesting series in the Green Mix:

‘The Carbon Cost of Sailing’, taken from the magazine ‘Yachting Monthly’ of February.

Enjoy your reading!

Gilles Brunet, Mixer Editor



Mixer archives [here](#).

EYC 2025

The Collins Bay Yacht Club (CBYC) and the Collins Bay Marina (CBM) will be the host of the EYC2025 next year, the [Eastern Yachting Circuit Regatta](#) .

It was previously hosted at CBM in 2004 and 2012. We plan to hold the three day event in July 2025. It will be a cooperation between the Marina, the Club and the Marina Patrons. There will be two management streams; competition and social.

We are putting in place an ad-hoc committee to prepare this great activity that will give a very good exposure to our marina and our club.

We need volunteers to get involved this year in the preparation and next year in the execution of this great event.

Please contact Bill Visser, [Coordinator](#) of the EYC2025 if you want to be involved.

We need your help!

Thanks for your cooperation!!!



Gilles Brunet - Commodore

Goodbye John Clark

On January 17, 2024, the world said goodbye to an adventurer, a thrill-seeker, and a true-life enthusiast. John Ronald Clark passed away peacefully with assistance at the age of 59 with his loving daughters, Jeremy



and Ellie, and family by his side at his home, just as he wished. A light in so many lives, John lived every day to set new limits and give joy to each person he interacted with. With a zest for life, John always had a passion. From sailing to kiteboarding to Onewheeling to cooking. Each day was a new adventure for John, and he never stopped.

From learning to sail at Frenchman's Bay Yacht Club, to becoming a seven-time Shark World Champion and an Albacore World Champion, John's passion for sailing brought him not only around the world for competitions, but also gave him a rewarding and enjoyable career. He owned Kingston Sail Loft (formerly JC Sails) for over 30 years, crafting one of a kind world class, race winning sails. After mastering the world of sailing, John found a new passion in kiteboarding. His love

for kiteboarding brought him to new places, like Brazil, Africa, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic. At 55, he discovered a new extreme sport—Onewheeling—covering over 12,000 km around Kingston in four years, often sharing the thrill with his daughter Ellie by his side.

Beyond his adventures, John's deepest bonds were with his family, most lovingly his two daughters, Jeremy Osa Clark and Ellie Dorothy Clark. Their connection was like no other, and they will forever be best friends. He was loved dearly by his father, Ronald James Clark (Mary Ann Sheppard), his mother, Sandra Gay Duncan (Ian Duncan), his sisters Nicole Yvonne Clark and Camielle Ellen Clark (David Holmes), and his nephew Klaus Brockhausen. He has left a lasting impression on a multitude of friends, the sailing and kiteboarding communities, and the countless people he met along his journey. He will be deeply missed by many.

A tribute was hold on January 31, 2024, his 60th birthday.

Kingston Sail Loft is OPEN again!

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Fleet Captain

The Fleet Captain is responsible for ensuring safety during club events and in coordination with marina staff, around the marina. It involves maintaining the club's AEDs and informing the marina of any safety issues that arise or are brought to their attention by club members. The FC is responsible for the organization of seminars for the club either in person or via Zoom and managing the mentoring program.

Women's sailing Captain

The Women's Sailing Captain coordinates and helps facilitate women sharing information/experiences, as well as practicing sailing and boating skills together in a positive, encouraging, and respectful learning environment.

Please contact one of the five board directors.

Gilles Brunet - Commodore



SAILING SCHOOL - WANTED

SOCIAL CO-ORDINATOR

The CBYC Sailing School is seeking a volunteer who will undertake to coordinate one major social event and four potluck lunches for the sailing school registrants.

The End of Season BBQ takes place on Saturday, August 24, 2024. It would entail the advertising of the event and monitoring the ticket sales, (along with Lori from CBM and Darlene and Jacquie from the Sailing School), the purchasing of food and eating implements, coordinating the preparation and presentation of the food as well as set up and clean-up.

The four potluck lunches that occur with the Sailing School Instructors and students are coordinated by the Head Instructor. They will take place on the last Friday of each session : July 12 and 26, August 9 and 23. The Social Volunteer's responsibility is to purchase the hotdogs, buns , condiments and eating implements as well as assisting in the clean-up and storage of the food after the lunch. These lunch activities could be coordinated with other CBYC members.

The above activities have had many volunteers and Sailing School Instructors involved in the past years of whom many will be very willing to participate in these activities this year.

There are preparation notes (including lessons learned from previous years) available and an orientation to this important social role.

SAILING SCHOOL - WANTED

FUND-RAISING VOLUNTEER

The CBYC Sailing School is seeking a volunteer who will undertake to coordinate two fund-raising activities in 2024:

- 1)Locker Room Sale on Safety Day on June 15,
2024
- 2)End of Season BBQ – a 50/50 draw, Door Prizes draws and a Silent Auction.

These activities have had many volunteers and Sailing School Instructors involved in the past years who may be very willing to participate in these activities this year.

There are preparation notes available and an orientation to this important fund-raising role.

Please contact Andrew Hope or Dave Nickerson, Sailing School Co-Directors at ["schooldirector@collinsbayyachtclub.ca"](mailto:schooldirector@collinsbayyachtclub.ca).



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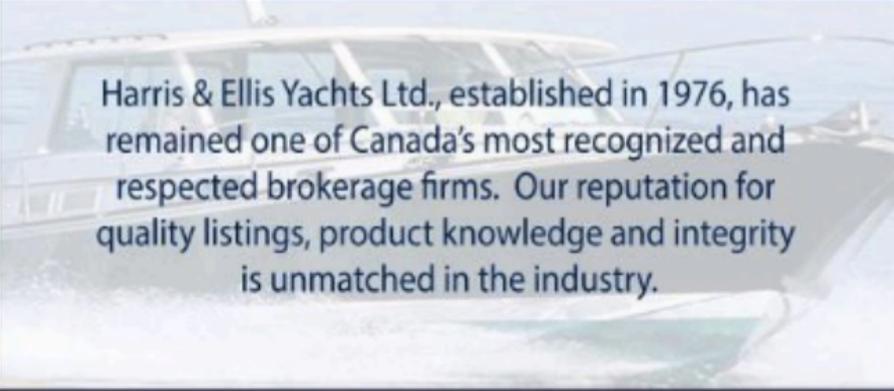
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Photo of the month



BVI, January 2024

By Julie Morissette - Garuda

Lets talk with chatGPT

Gilles: I recently sailed on a Oceanis 46 and the specification mentioned 'Design Category A, B, C or D'. What does it means?

ChatGPT: Ah, the Design Category! It's like the report card for boats. The letters (A, B, C, D) represent different levels of seaworthiness and the conditions the boat is designed for:

Category A: Ocean - Can handle rough seas and strong winds. Ready to tackle the big, open waters.

Category B: Offshore - Good for being off the beaten path, but not venturing too far from land. Think coastal cruising.

Category C: Inshore - Perfect for sheltered waters, bays, and lakes. Not the adventurer type, but great for a calm day on the water.

Category D: Sheltered waters - Designed for lakes, rivers, and other protected areas. Not one to take on the high seas.

So, the Oceanis 46 being Category A means it's ready to face the big blue and handle some serious ocean adventures. Quite the seaworthy vessel, I must say!

Gilles: Thanks

Green MIX

THE CARBON COST OF SAILING

'New research reaches some surprising conclusions about which propulsion systems might actually have the lowest carbon footprint. Theo Stocker digs into the numbers.

A white sail on a blue sea. What could be cleaner than that?' Sailing nerds might recognize this quote from the all-time greatest sailing film, *Wind*. Or maybe that's just me. Anyway, it's easy to assume that drifting around with the breeze has little impact on the environment, let alone the global climate.

Certainly, the marine industry is tiny compared to other emitters of greenhouse gases, but it still registers on the scale. Recreational boats account for less than 0.1% of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, specifically 0.7% of transportation carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions in the United States and 0.4% of transportation CO₂ emissions in Europe. Those numbers sound small, but then consider that there are estimated to be 50 million recreational craft globally, with as many as one million new boats being added to that number every year.

New research has now been published by the International Council of Marine Industry Associations (ICOMIA) as they seek to plot a way forwards for the leisure marine industry. The rather bleak headline is that if you want to move away from fossil fuel propulsion, you could easily generate a larger rather than smaller carbon footprint, whether you're looking at biofuels, hydrogen, electric or hybrid propulsion systems.

The good news, however, is that the devil is in the detail. Make a few compromises to things like range and performance, conduct an honest appraisal of how you actually use your boat, and utilise new and emerging technologies, and you can reduce your boat's carbon footprint, whether you're buying a new boat or NOT.'

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ICOMIA report [here](#).



TECH CORNER

I am currently installing and I recommended to many of my friends to install in their boat a CERBO GX from Victron Energy.

‘This is a little computer and a communication-centre allowing you to always have perfect control over your system in your boat from wherever you are and maximises its performance. Simply connect through the internet Victron Remote Management (VRM) portal, or access directly, using the separate GX Touch screen, a MFD or the VictronConnect App thanks to its built-in WiFi Access Point.

It combines all the best of connectivity, redefining smart power solutions in every way.



Instantly monitor the battery state of charge, power consumption, power harvest from PV, generator, and mains, or check tank levels and temperature measurements. Easily control the shore power input current limit, (auto)start/stop generator(s) or change any setting to optimise the system. Follow up on alerts, perform diagnostic checks and resolve challenges remotely.

The Cerbo GX maximises the performance of your VE systems components in real-time and keeps them in perfect tune. With its Dual Core Processor and the addition of an extra CAN-bus port you can now support even bigger systems; closely follow managed (lithium) LFP batteries while the second port can support many simultaneously connected VE.Can solar chargers. The new NMEA 2000-out support has the GX easily integrated into any boats network. Four tank- and four temperature ports as well as 3 VE.Direct ports, 3 USB ports, 4 digital inputs and 2 relays allow you to expand control to a new level.

The Cerbo GX serves endless purposes, extending perfect control to the most diverse applications. For solutions including generators, such as Marine, it will auto-start/stop your generator, or delays ignition until the end of 'quiet' periods.'

I will follow-up with you about my installation on Garuda where I will connect it to my BMV712 shunt meter and my Smart MPPT.

I have plans for my Cerbo GX in the future like connecting my tank meters, some temperature/humidity sensors for winter monitoring from home and more.

Download the Manual [here](#).

Gilles on Garuda

The 2024 Captains

Role	Name	Boat (slip)
<u>Commodore*</u>	Gilles Brunet	Garuda (C23)
<u>Vice Commodore*</u>	Shelley Nickerson	Panacea (B28)
<u>Past Commodore*</u>	Bill Amirault	Luffin Life (C08)
<u>Secretary*</u>	Lisa Harvey	Mirza (D23)
<u>Treasurer*</u>	George Dew	Melba j (D13)
<u>Fleet Captain</u>	Vacant	
<u>Cruise Captain</u>	Peter MacKinnon	Bittern (E22)
<u>Membership Captain</u>	Wendy Hope	Shimmer (B13)
<u>Social Captain</u>	Liz Taylor Reid	Horizon Dancer (E12)
<u>Clubhouse Captain</u>	Lisa Bayne	Karuna (C05)
<u>Race Captain</u>	Glenn Reid	Horizon Dancer (E12)
<u>Sailing School Dir.</u>	Andrew Hope Dave Nickerson	Shimmer (B13) Panacea (B28)
<u>Mixer Editor</u>	Gilles Brunet	Garuda (C23)

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(C30)

Women's
Sailing Captain

Vacant

Sailing School
Keelboat
Manager

Richard
Dickson

Windsome
(E30)

Historian

Vacant

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Coord

Bill Visser

- ✓ The members with an * are the directors of the board of the club.
- ✓ The CBYC email addresses are in the role titles

Feel free to contact us for any question or suggestion.