

# **Collins Mixer**

# Collins Bay Yacht Club Newsletter

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#### Commodore's Corner

A cool, wet spring has given way to a warm, and sometimes hot, summer. It is hard to believe that the beginning of August has arrived. By this time many of us have new stories to add to our sailing experiences and are anticipating yet more to come. What a season this is shaping up to be!

I have had the pleasure of meeting several couples that have made the marina a stopping point on their summer cruises. They have had only positive things to say regarding their stay at Collins Bay and they have been particularly appreciative of the help they have received from marina staff and from members of our yacht club. I would like to commend and to thank those who have given a warm welcome to visitors to Collins Bay. Your attitude and your actions have greatly enhanced the sailing experience of those who are discovering what we already know: Collins Bay is a place where a warm welcome is assured.

You may have noticed that the water level in Lake Ontario appears

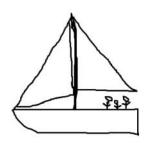
to have stabilized and some publications are suggesting that the out flow of water is now exceeding the in flow of water to the lake. You will no doubt also have noticed the actions that are being taken by the marina to raise the shoreline in response to what may become a new normal higher water level. The parking areas and access to the docks are much dryer than they have been thanks to the proactive approach and to the long range strategy being put into place by the marina owners. Many thanks to Gerry and Laurie for their willingness to embrace the challenges associated with the fluctuating Lake Ontario water level. We are fortunate to be part of a marina that is managed by such resourceful and capable ownership.

You may also have heard about the women's sailing program that has been initiated by some of the lady members of the yacht club. Helene Hubert has led an initiative that provides opportunities for lady sailors to meet with, and to sail with, other lady sailors with a view to sharing knowledge and experience and with the goal of expanding their competence and their confidence as

it relates to sailing. Early reports are that this has been a valuable and an appreciated opportunity. This initiative has the enthusiastic support of the CBYC executive and it is hoped that it will become a permanent feature of our club.

If you have recently visited our clubhouse, you may have noticed that the new back splash has been installed thus completing the cabinet and storage upgrades to our clubhouse. Lee and Chrystal Baker have played a significant role in managing and implementing this project and I would like to convey my sincere thanks to them for their excellent work on our collective behalf. This activity has resulted in a noticeable improvement to a much-used facility.

In closing I would like to share that Darlene and I had the pleasure of taking our four-year-old granddaughter, Vivienne, for her first sail. It was a beautiful day with just the right amount of wind. Vivienne was delighted with the whole experience and we were delighted to have the opportunity of seeing this very familiar activity through the



eyes of a child. Observing the pure joy on her face reminded me that we are indeed very

blessed to be able to be on the water. May we all experience such moments of joy sometime during this season!

Bill Amirault

**CBYC Commodore** 

#### From the Helm

#### **HIGH WATER SOLUTION**

You may have noticed Gerry and the crew have begun lifting all the limestone rocks at the lawns. This is in preparation for building up the yard! We have decided that the once in 100 year flood is more of a "normal" event and we want to be proactive to keep our marina the best it can be!

Gerry has purchased a gravel truck and has gotten licensed. He will be bringing in loads and loads and loads of gravel to raise the yard to prevent high water impacts into the future.

This will be done in phases, and the fuel dock/kiosk building will be raised in the fall, to be useable and safe moving forward.

We ask that you are mindful of the areas that are coned off-



please do not park where the crew is planning to place gravel library at the gazebo area for and grade it.

We thank you for your patience during this massive project, we know it will benefit all of us-no more rubber boots!

The marina now has a new little waters clean and be good everyone's use!

Feel free to borrow or lend a book!

Enjoy!

#### WINTER STORAGE

We are beginning the process of organization for winter storage. Winter storage confirmations have been sent. Please don't miss this important deadline of August 31<sup>st</sup> as we open up spaces to our lengthy wait list shortly after. If you know that you will not need a spot this winter, please let us know right away!

Lori

#### **Six Ways Boaters** Can Be Green This Summer

Published: Wednesday, July 17, 2019

All across America boating season has begun. With some help from the BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water, here are six ways boaters can help keep

environmental stewards all summer long.

Cleaning and waxing: When



making your boat sparkle, understand that some general cleaning soaps may have harmful chemicals, so consider using alternate cleaning methods. You'd be surprised, for example, of how effective (and affordable) having a spray bottle with the proper mix of white vinegar and water can be as an all-purpose cleaner.

Waste management: A simple thing like having a trash bin aboard can make a difference, especially in a crowded Saturday afternoon anchorage. Ensure it has a lid that can be secured to prevent trash from blowing overboard. The

#### **RECIPROCAL VISITORS**

Just a friendly reminder to sign out of your slip (let the office know) when you will be away so we can offer a space to a reciprocal visitor!

#### **NEW LITTLE LIBRARY**



presence of a trash can, and ensuring everyone aboard knows where it is, will encourage guests be good environmental stewards as well.

Sewage handling: If you have a head aboard, ensure it's in good working condition. Also familiarize yourself with how to use a pumpout correctly.

Mistakes here can make it into family lore. Before you go to the pumpout location, call ahead to ensure it's operating, advise of your boat length, and ask if there are any restrictions on getting access to the pump as it may be in a tight location.

The good news is that many are inexpensive or free.

harvesting. This encour you to keep more mids and release the biggest they're more likely to reproduce next season circle hooks to minimiz damage, and do your be never leave fishing line water. Encourage your community's line recycles.

Fuel efficiency: In addition to having the engine tuned, have you had last season's propeller dings fixed? You'd be surprised what a little time in a prop shop can do for a boat's fuel economy. Other places to look to save gas: Are you carrying

around a bunch of extra junk (weight) in lockers? Are your trim tabs in good working order? Balancing the load, especially in smaller boats, not only improves efficiency but safety as well.

Fishing: While everyone wants to have the biggest catch after a long day of fishing, it's important to practice selective harvesting. This encourages you to keep more midsized fish and release the biggest ones as they're more likely to reproduce next season. Use circle hooks to minimize damage, and do your best to never leave fishing line in the community's line recycling by making a monofilament fishing line recycling bin and start a recycling program at your boating and fishing club, launch ramp, or marina.

Refueling: Check out this short refueling tips video. Never use hands-free clips, and avoid any

distractions while fueling. Fuel expands as temperatures rise, so don't top off your tank. Know how much fuel your tank holds and fill it to about 90%. Clean up fuel spills immediately with an oil-only absorbent pad. The U.S. Coast Guard must be notified if a spill creates sheen on the water. Call the Coast Guard National Response Center at 800-424-8802 to report a spill. If you are refueling at a gas station, ensure you do not refuel your marine engine with E15 (15% ethanol) fuel or greater blends as this is against the law and will void your engine's warranty.

If you refuel your boat at a gas station, be aware that any fuel with more than 10% ethanol (E10) is prohibited for use in marine engines.

This article first appeared in the <u>Summer Issue (Jul/Aug) 2019</u> of Great Lakes Scuttlebutt magazine.





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#### **Defibrillators**

This is a reminder to all boaters that CBYC sponsors two defibrillators installed outside at the Marina.



One is outside the S.S Maria clubhouse, the other is by the washroom notice boards.

Defibrillator cabinets are not locked and are for use by anyone in an emergency.

If you suspect someone is having a heart attack, call 911, then ask someone nearby to grab the closest defibrillator. These units are self guiding and provide prompts for proper use, typically under the guidance of a 911 operator. If the device detects a pulse, it reports this will not operate.

Please note that the defibrillator cabinet door will alarm when open (and stop when closed). If you hear the



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# April / May 2019 – Cruising Holland – some fun memories

Most of you know that Robert hates travelling. On the other hand, I live to go to new places, learn about different cultures and see great sights. So, it was with lots of doubts in early 2018, I proposed to Robert that we do a canal barging trip to Holland, his birthplace, in the spring of 2019. My sales pitch included the fact that we could do this to celebrate our 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, visit with some of his cousins, see the Keukenhof Gardens at their best (my real priority) and spend some time getting to see more of Holland. The idea that closed the deal for him, was....we could rent a boat on which he could be the "captain", and in full control. I was blown away when he said "sure". I wish getting his agreement to travel to other places was that easy.

So, now we had to start planning and make things happen. The first challenge – we had to find another couple to travel with, who could help with the locks, docks and lift bridges and share the fun. This problem was quickly solved,

Harriem Hallweg Amsterdam Noordreekanaal

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when we put the proposal to Robert's youngest brother and his wife, Martin and Deb, who, without any hesitation said, "YES". Their only condition was that, as they were not boaters, we spend lots of time exploring towns and not try to see all of Holland's canals and rivers in 10 days. An easy condition to agree to, as both Robert and I enjoy visiting old cathedrals, historic buildings, museums and galleries. We also knew that Martin and Deb enjoyed their daily ration (or two, or three) of beer and eating local foods as much as we do.

The next challenge was

researching canal boat rentals. Robert and I have done barging on the Canal du Midi in the western part of France and on the Canal du Centre in the Burgundy region, both times with Locaboat in their traditional penichettes. Both were great experiences, but the Locaboats were not well equipped with maneuvering aids such as bow and stern thrusters, and Robert felt these would be necessary in Holland's more crowded waterways. So we finally chose to rent from Le Boat (a subsidiary of SunSail, who also gave us a small discount as repeat customers from our sailing charters in Croatia and

the BVI's).

The boat that we were encouraged to take was a Horizon 2S, (11.5 m long, 4.2 m wide and 3 m high), which had two cabins, two heads and two steering stations. We knew from the marketing brochure that the size of the V-berth was iron rods which can be nearly twice the size of the second cabin. Being as Martin and Deb had no boating experience and we wanted to make this as enjoyable for them as possible, we graciously the towns provide limited wall told them they could have the bigger space (more about this later).

We had the deposit on the boat and air fare paid in early September 2018. Now the detailed plans needed to be worked out.....where would we go with the boat? My priority that would take us through interesting and historic towns and villages. Robert is the quintessential planner (aka identifier of potential problems). Over the winter, he avoid the Amsterdam purchased two guides on "Cruising in Holland" and downloaded a GPS chart (Vaarkaart Nederland) for his tablet. He spent hours on the computer examining potential routes on Google Earth and watching innumerable you tubes of other people's journeys. His priority.....what was the height and width of

the bridges (that didn't open), how many locks were there, was there sufficient docking space, etc?

As a point of interest, in France, the banks of most of the canals are public access. The rental boats all include two pounded into the ground most places along the way. The boat is tied to them, and a 12' plank used to get ashore. This is not allowed in Holland. Many of space, along the shores for the transient boaters (most are free, but some charge for the privilege). This meant we had to know ahead of time where we could and could not stop.

We also had two other priorities.....first was to avoid the super busy and crowded was to choose canals and rivers waterways of Amsterdam. We planned to spend four days there at the beginning of the trip staying in a hotel, so did not feel the need to return on the boat. The second was to Rijnkanaal (Amsterdam Rhine Canal), the extremely busy and commercial canal that connects Amsterdam to the rest of Europe. We knew from taking an Amsterdam to Budapest River Cruise many years ago that this canal was busy with huge barges (several hundred metres long) that transported all sorts of

containers and products between European capitals. This was supposed to be a gentle, slow moving holiday for us, and we did not want to get scared by travelling the equivalent of the waterways autobahn in a small, underpowered motor cruiser.

Finally, we chose a circular route, which took us from our starting point in Vinkeveen (about 60 kms south of Amsterdam) over to the Vecht River to Utrecht, on to Gouda



and around to several other small towns. We would then by pass to the south of Amsterdam by taking some smaller rivers / canals back to Vinkeveen. Our research indicated that this could be easily travelled in seven days, and we had the boat for 10 days. The only advice LeBoat gave us before leaving was to be aware that Saturday, April 27 was Koningsdag (Kings Day) when everything, including the bridges and locks would be closed so that the Dutch could don all their orange clothes and celebrate the King's

Birthday in very drunkenly style. We decided that Utrecht the boat, based on the would be the perfect place for us to join in the party, so we planned to spend two nights there.

On arrival at the LeBoat basin in Vinkeveen, we learned that there were several bridges on the chosen Amsterdam by-pass to use the topside steering, that were closed for that provided direct access to the Vecht River, from Vinkeveen. There goes all that fabulous planning, looking for potential problems. This meant that we would have to spend time on the dreaded Amsterdam Rhine Canal to get to the prettier, more pastoral parts of Holland.

Our checkout by LeBoat was very cursory. Although we knew the second cabin was tight, it was so small it had no storage space – the bunks were approximately 20 inches wide with a six inch space to stand up in and the floors were the first kilometer of leaving all on angles. We were feeling somewhat claustrophobic and frustrated as Robert and Ltried to find space for our duffel bags. We kept our disappointment to a minimum, however, because we didn't want to start the trip on a negative. And, besides which, nothing could be done about it at this stage!

One of the great features of marketing brochure, was that it straight at us at break neck had two captain's stations: one as part of the salon and one topside. However, we were quickly told at the checkout, that we could not use the inside steering as the visibility was limited. We were required even in the rain! My maintenance as was the bridge immediate observation, based on the size of the second cabin and the fact that you could not see forward from the lower steering station, was that "this boat had obviously been designed by someone who had never been boating"!

> Once underway, the first thing we learned was the boat could not go in a straight line in the slightest puff of wind, without full use of the hydraulic thrusters (ahha, that was why they were installed). The morning we started, the winds were very gusty at about 25 knots and skies black. Within LeBoat's marina, we had to navigate a lift bridge and a lock. the fabulous scenery: Great practice for things to come. More bridges and two canals, the Geuzensloot and Neuwe Wetering followed. Immediately after the last bridge we had to turn north onto the dreaded Amsterdam Riinkanaal. As we entered the wide canal, there were large waves from wakes of passing

boats and three mega barges (see the picture) coming



speeds, and we had limited steering control because of the wind. Robert bounced the boat off the canal side a couple of times as he tried to stay out of the way of the commercial barges.

Once we got over to the correct side of the canal and moving north at full power, calm was reinstated, and we discovered that we would be able to manage both the boat and the situation.

The rain held off and after about an hour we were able to turn onto the Vecht River at Nigtevecht and start to enjoy



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Underway on the Vecht River



windmills, beautiful homes, cows (that gave the best chocolate milk ever), little villages etc. This was the trip we planned!

Our first day cruising took us to For Kings Day, we decided to the delightful town of

Breukelen. Folks from here emigrated to North America in the 17<sup>th</sup> century and created a settlement on the east coast that is now called Brooklyn. After enjoying a few Heinekens at a local Eetcafe we explored the town and settled on a charming restaurant where we had a traditional Dutch meal of grilled salmon, boiled baby potatoes, fresh local white asparagus with Hollandaise sauce and finished up with fresh strawberries and cream. Yummy.

leave the boat in Breukelen



and take the local bus to
Utrecht. This turned out to be
a very wise decision. First of
all, we learned that the narrow
canals and fixed bridges
through Utrecht would not
accommodate a boat of our
size, and Utrecht was party
central for a 24 hour
celebration that focused
around the canals. We would
not have had a moment of
sleep. Walking around the city
was fascinating and well worth
another day off the boat.

We knew that we would have

to take the dreaded Amsterdam Rijnkanaal south for about 15 km, to bypass Utrecht and get us on the



Merwedekanaal to head towards Gouda. This time, the Amsterdam Rijnkanaal was quiet with little commercial traffic and as there was no wind, we were able to keep the boat in a straight line (kind of).

Once onto the Hollandse IJsel river we again enjoyed the pastoral scenery and the slower pace. We decided to take a break for the night in the town of Montfoort. After exploring the town, having a few Heinekens and a fabulous dinner of osso bucco we went to bed very happy with our navigational skills and ability to find great restaurants.





After 5 days out, we finally made it to Gouda where we spent two nights. This town is absolutely amazing to walk around. The market square is huge. The Stadhuis (City Hall), St Janskerk (a former Catholic

church dating back to the 1400's) and the Gouda Museum were fabulous to explore. Our lunch that day was cheese soup, cheese croquettes, a fried egg on toast spend another day there, with more melted cheese,

washed down with a couple of Heineken – a real cholesterol, heart clogging meal. But, what else are you supposed to eat in Gouda? I could quite happily shopping, eating and drinking

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in the many places on the perimeter of the square.

Underway on the Hollandse IJssel River

That night, we spent some time looking at the charts and our choices to get back to Vinkeveen. Continuing the

circle would mean spending a whole day fighting the congestion in the main part of

> Amsterdam followed by another day going south on the dreaded Amsterdam Rhine Canal. It was a quick all) to backtrack, and visit a couple of the smaller towns that we had motored by on the outward bound route. Seeing the Vecht river in reverse

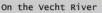
was a whole new experience.

After 10 days, we returned our boat to LeBoat at Vinkeveen,

got our 750 Euros insurance deposit back and returned to Amsterdam for one last night.

Overall, our trip definitely met our expectations. We loved the Dutch countryside. The facilities for transient boats decision (agreed to by were excellent, and because it was early in the season, not busy at all. In most places, there were only one or two boats on the wall. The 50 or so lift bridges we went through are all efficient and require minimal waiting time. The Dutch like their food and beer! The weather the first week. while we were in Amsterdam and visiting with Robert's







On the Vecht River

**ISSUE 237 JULY 2019** PAGE 14 family, was phenomenal (20 to 25 C). The time on the boat was cold and windy with many blustery days, but we were only rained upon for a maximum of 15 minutes, when are: where, when and with we were underway. The good news, the boat had a great heater, and also a microwave, where we were able to make ourselves some wonderful hot chocolate (from those wonderful cows) to warm us up.

If we could do things over, we would likely choose to go back to the Locaboat penichettes which are also available in Holland. Even without the thrusters, these boats are easier to handle and the living space more comfortable. We also felt that the staff at Locaboat (in France) were much more service oriented.

The best news – Martin, Deb, Robert and I had a great time together. We also enjoyed the time spent with our Dutch cousins. It is wonderful to spend quality time with family.

Will we do another canal barging tour? Definitely – as long as Robert is in control of the boat! The only questions whom?

PS – Robert and I made great use of our CBM rain jackets throughout the trip! They were very functional and we were stopped many times by other tourists who asked us

challenge others to send Lori or the Mixer pictures of themselves wearing their CBM / CBYC clothes in wonderful places around the world, to be posted on Facebook or in the CBYC Mixer.

Marilyn Sykes & Robert van Dyk,

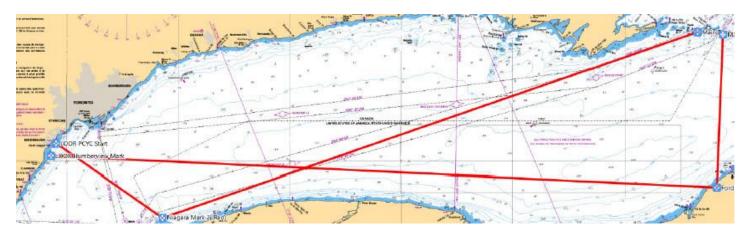
s/v Day Dreams



#### **CBYC Boat Stickers**

CBYC boat stickers can be purchased at the marina office for \$5 plus tax each The 9"x 9" sticker is available in three colours (blue, dark blue and black).





## The Lake **Ontario 300:** Singlehanded

Each July LOOR (Lake Ontario offshore Racing) organizes the Lake Ontario 300 Challenge (LO300), a figure 8 course of 300 nautical miles that visits all corners of the lake.

This year I registered my J/35 Jeannie in the singlehanded division, hoping to improve on my 2017 time of 3:01:34:14.

Thank you to Randy Kempe and Michael Doble, my crew for the delivery to the start. With their help I was able to get some rest while we sailed and motored directly to Port Credit YC. Our arrival late Thursday afternoon meant that I had Friday for final preparations and some downtime before the excitement of the start Saturday morning, July 13. At the Friday evening skippers' meeting, meteorologist Ron Bianchi gave his usual lively forecast for the

next few days of racing. His summary of "Weak fronts will cross the race area Sat. through Tues. providing light to boats, including Flight moderate winds most of the time." sounded reasonably good. Ron was essentially correct, we did have moderate winds for much of the time, but we also had the fronts bringing squalls with heavy winds and Monday's "light wind" was a long near dead calm.

Multiple starts were used to get the 84 registered boats underway with the solo fleet going first at 1030. In 15kt NW winds the 9 of us in a tight pack with close hauled tacks worked our way along the short opening westward leg to the first mark and then turned for what could have been a great port tack spinnaker run to Oswego. But, with the Coast Guard broadcasting repeated squall warnings and big black clouds building behind us most of the singlehanded fleet, including myself, opted to stay on white sail. By 1330 the still

closely packed solo fleet was being overtaken by the spinnaker flying fully-crewed Simulator, a Corsair trimaran, that screamed by me, riding on a single hull. If you wish you can play the race by going to the Yellow Brick tracker at: http://yb.tl/lo3002019#

As the afternoon passed the winds built and the following skies grew more menacing. At 1700 the squall hit with torrential rain and winds jumping from 18 up to 30kt. I bore off to reduce the load on the boat, but with the wind clocking from NW to E, I soon had a bearing more towards Niagara-on-the-Lake than Oswego. A chicken gybe brought me on to a starboard tack and a course something closer to the line to Oswego. My heart beat was just starting to come down as Flight Simulator's Mayday came over the VHF. Somewhere ahead of me just over the Canada-US border she had pitchpoled and turned turtle. Fortunately none of the crew of four were injured and the US Coast Guard forced to choose between a out of Rochester picked them up. Flight Simulator was left floating up-side-down and the race tracker was still showing her in mid-lake on Wednesday after the race finished. To add insult to injury, since Flight Simulator was the single boat in the multi-hull fleet, the Yellow Brick tacker was still showing her as lead boat in her fleet!



As the front passed through and the squall dissipated the wind settled at a steady 12kt from the north-north-west and the fleet returned to flying spinnakers. I unfurled my asymmetric and sailing on a port tack took as easterly a course as I could while still keeping the sail filled. Unfortunately in the following swells generated by the recent squall the autohelm would not hold a steady course and regularly took the boat too far off the wind and left the spinnaker fluttering. It was going to be a long night at the wheel; keeping the spinnaker flying and avoiding other boats in the still quite compact fleet.

With the wind backing I was more northerly course or switch to my full spinnaker and head more downwind. Fortunately I opted for the former, as around 0400 another passing front brought a quick jump in wind speed and a shift to NE. This could have given me a positive course change towards Oswego, but my immediate reaction was to furl the spinnaker.

Unfortunately, my somewhat panicked response led to a poor furling and a knot in the sail. It would be white sails or full spinnaker for the rest of the race. Needing some rest I went to white sails, gybed to a starboard tack and let the now westerly wind and the autohelm give me a good run on a SE course towards Rochester. In past LO300 races I have spent quite a few hot davs in dead calm not far offshore in the Rochester area. I did not wish to experience that again so at 0800 turned east and set the spinnaker. The true course to the Ford Shoal buoy at Oswego was close to dead downwind and so avoiding an accidental gybe in the following swells required my hands on the wheel. As fatigue built I alternated periods of white sail and autohelm with hand steering with flying sail. On warm days the winds near the south shore are erratic and a number of

gybes were needed as I made my way to Ford Shoal.

By the time I rounded the mark at 1530 the west winds had built to 15kt. The leg north to Main Duck would be a fast beam reach. I normally do not reef at 15kt winds, but with not being able to find a sail balance that the autohelm liked I decided to reduce the main. It worked and I was able to get some rest while the autohelm held course under my #2 Genoa and reefed main. As I rounded Yorkshire and Main Duck Islands in the setting sun the wind was clocking to the NW. Fortunately this made for a safe straight line starboard tack through the gap between Main Duck and Psyche Shoal. This passage is at least a couple of nautical miles wide, but it serves as the commercial shipping lane, and in the dark can be the crux section of the LO300. This year I fortunately did not have to share the water with any freighters. In fact, being near the back of the racing fleet I had the full channel to myself.

Earlier, while approaching Main Duck, Jean had texted me via my inReach and along with her regular wind report had given me the news that Colin Brown, a fellow singlehander, and Sassafras, his Swan 47, had retired from the race and were headed to Waapous. Did he

have some weather forecast that I missed? Should I take the a full meal in preparation for same option and head for home? Now safely through the Main Duck/Psyche Shoal gap and making good progress SW towards the next mark, the Niagara Bar buoy, my confidence was restored and thoughts of retiring vanished. Taking a course south of the shipping lane, I set the autohelm and taking 20 minute new wind before I did. naps rebuilt my reserves for what might be a good sail to the mouth of the Niagara River and then back across the lake to the finish.

As the sun rose Monday morning the wind began to drop and by noon, soon after I crossed back into US waters north of Rochester my speed had dropped to under 1kt. Jeannie continued to move, but the mark. But, now some very slowly for the next 5h. Frustrating, but it did provide

time for a swim and wash and the winds to come. In early evening a S wind began to build and soon hit 10-12kt. Setting the spinnaker I stated making good time on a westerly course. I had hopes of the Niagara Bar buoy at 0900 I catching the large cluster of boats ahead, but most of them had made it farther south before the clam and caught the the lake. Sailing was fast and

As the wind increased and clocked slightly I returned to white sail and shift course to SW towards the Niagara Bar mark. As Tuesday arrived I was making good progress directly towards my target, well south of the buoy to avoid mistakes from past years and having the Niagara River current push me to the wrong (north) side of heavy clouds were gathering in the SW and at 0300 the front

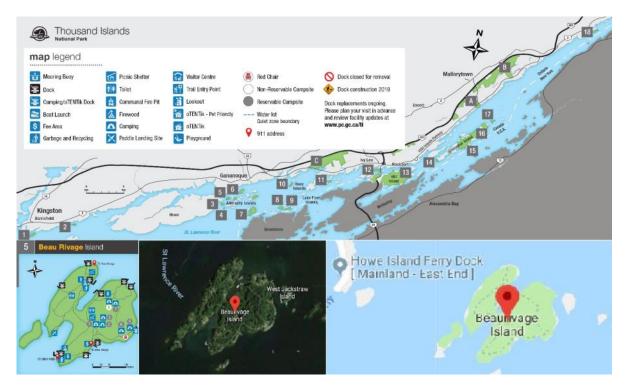
arrived with heavy rain, a jump in wind speed to around 25kt and a big shift to W. A brief run north allowed me to catch my breath and then a tack to starboard put me back on a course for the mark. Rounding tacked and with the wind on port well off my bow began making good time back across easy except for managing the usual wind shifts at the boundary between Humber Bay and the lake. Once through these an increasing N wind brought me to the finish line in the early afternoon, after sailing 336NM in 3 days, 3 hours, 8 minutes and 45 seconds,  $7^{\text{th}}$  in the solo fleet of 9 and 8<sup>th</sup> after corrections for PHRF and penalties.

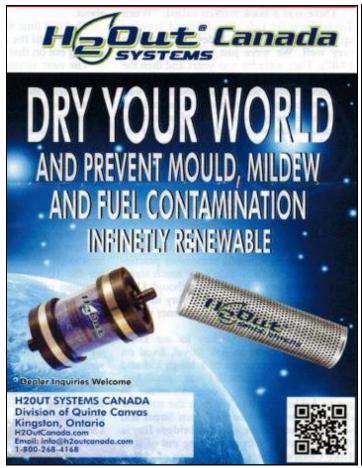
Geoff Roulet s/v Jeannie



#### **Destinations** .....

Beau Rivage — GPS Coordinates: 44.303637, -76.187249







### Blast from the Past — Mixer # 155 — Sept 2009

#### **Pirate Poker Run**

This is your new correspondent Bos'un Bob to tell you about the latest Pirate Poker Run held on the long August weekend. Aside from a plethora of "aarrrgh mateys" and all that usual stuff there was a larger group of pirates this year which meant a lot more pirate talk. Eleven boats set out after a 09:30 briefing by head pirates Clarence and Barb Hood and journeyed to Irvine Bay on Wolfe Island. This was a great sail that belied what was to come! Happy hours were held on three boats, Slinge II, Moksha, and Gibwanasi and then dinner occurred on the same boats with a slightly different cast. After dinner 21 odd people (Joannie's term) partied on Gibwanasi to celebrate the birthdays of Pirate Jenny's first mate and a guest all the way from Florida who had heard that CBYC folks have a great time on their cruises. As everyone then went to bed snug in their berths and safe on their anchors, they were quite unaware of the impending havoc to come.

At 01:30 a gentle breeze gave way to a steady wind that rocked the boats to and fro but no surprises vet! At 04:00 the pitter-pat of rain turned into a howling gale with gusts approaching 40 knots and lo' 4 boats of the 11 anchored there dragged. Naiad, having arrived first in the anchorage was up wind from all the chaos and blissfully unaware of the horns blowing, anchors tangling and general mayhem off her stern. When the new day dawned Pendragon, after visiting Toucan Duet, had

calmer night.

As we departed Collins Bay and arrived at Irvine Bay, then Beaurivage, Day Dreams hoisted various signal flags to mark the occasions and the crew on Naiad, with their handy-dandy flag book seemed to be able to decipher them first as they denoted several famous pirates of the past.

Marilyn then asked a question each time relating to the name



called it a day and headed for the safety of Collins Bay however 10 boats awaited the end of the rain and travelled over to Beaurivage for another anchoring and, thankfully, a that was signalled and this provided a bit of fun for everyone.

Happy hours were celebrated

this time on Toucan Duet and Moonshadow. Dinner on Sunday on the island was again a sumptuous feast of pot-luck with a side of roasted corn and



the first of the prizes were doled out. A full-house poker hand was the winning hand as each boat had at least eight carnage and Moonshadow took channel.

cruise how it's done and amaze you kids/grandkids the next time they visit!!! Thanks to Judy and Allison from Aslan for a great idea and a great breakfast. Another round of prizes followed and then we were off to the Bateau Channel for the iournev home. Unfortunately Aslan developed engine problems and headed for the Forty Acres to sail followed by Day Dreams serving as mother hen. The rest soldiered on into the breeze cards to work with. There were that was building and promised many more prizes including the to be a good sail back to home farthest drag from the morning as soon as we cleared the

was a major highlight for many. Thanks to Clarence and Barb Have you ever cooked an for having put in a great deal of omelette in a baggie in boiling time and effort towards making water? Just ask anyone on the this a very successful cruise



again this year. We are all As promised we did have a eagerly anticipating next year's



the prize. Moksha was awarded champagne the prize for non-distruptive dragging and Toucan Duet got the prize for 24-7 hosting!

After a very uneventful night at anchor and a good sleep by most, we again dinghied to the island for breakfast and this

wonderful sail back to Collins cruise with bated breath. Bay with Rebel Yell starting Thanks also to Marilyn and from the back of the fleet and Robert for the signals and to almost overtaking everyone Judy and Allison for dragging with just a head sail! Another the corn and cooking pot all round of poker and prizes then around as well as the omelette ensued at the clubhouse and breakfast idea. munchies and ended a great weekend.



#### **GANANOQUE CRUISE**

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 30 (OPTIONAL)

- Flexible arrival times at the <u>Gananoque Municipal Marina</u> (10 slips have been reserved for the cruise's early birds)
- \$2 per foot, including power (payment must be made directly to the Gananoque Municipal Marina)
- If there is enough interest, an evening gathering at the Stonewater pub will be organized (to be confirmed; those who can't make it to Gananoque by water on the Friday are invited to join us by land yacht)

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

- Flexible arrival times at the <u>Gananoque Municipal Marina</u> (a total of 20 slips have been reserved for Saturday (including Friday's 10 early bird slips)
- \$2 per foot, including power (payment must be made directly to the Gananoque Municipal Marina)
- Free time there is something for everyone kayaking, canoeing, cycling, boat cruises, casino, shopping, antiquing, museums, art studios, spas, helicopter ride, and more
- 4 PM Get-together at the *Gananoque Brewing Company* for a potluck happy hour; finger foods from a local restaurant will supplement happy hour @ \$10 per person
- Live musical entertainment by Gerry Doucet will be provided during the get-together
- 8 PM Thousand Islands Playhouse (Springer Theatre)
  - ➤ 40 tickets have been reserved for this performance
  - ➤ \$30 per ticket please pay at the *Collins Bay Marina* office



- ➤ Tickets must be purchased by August 16, after which unsold tickets will be released back to the Playhouse
- Cruise Captain (Peter Feltham) will distribute tickets on site the evening of the performance

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Check-out by 11 a.m.

#### SIGN UP AT THE OFFICE BY AUGUST 16

QUESTIONS? Send email to helene-hubert@hotmail.com



# An afternoon of history and culture at Agnes Etherington

The Richardson family were founders of one of Canada's greatest grain-exporting firms, James Richardson & Sons. The family has been linked with Queen's University since early this century and has provided Queen's with some of its most distinguished leaders and important gifts.

James Richardson arrived in Kingston from Ireland in 1823 and gradually built a company that remains the largest grain firm in the British

Commonwealth. The head office of the firm remained in Kingston until 1923.

The first Richardson to figure largely in Queen's history was the original Richardson's grandson, also <u>James</u>
<u>Richardson</u> (BA 1906). He was President of the family firm, a generous benefactor to the university, and served as the



university's <u>Chancellor</u> from 1929 to 1939. <u>Richardson Hall</u>, built in 1954, is named in his memory.

His brother, <u>George Taylor</u> Richardson (BSc 1909), was a



top student and a spectacular athlete, but was killed in action during the First World War. After the war, the family donated the George Richardson Memorial Stadium to Queen's in his honour.

Agnes Etherington, sister of James and George, married Frederick Etherington, Queen's Dean of Medicine. She was an influential woman and when she died in 1954, she left her handsome home on University Avenue to Queen's to be used as a permanent art facility for the community.

The Agnes Etherington Art Gallery opened in 1957 and contains 5 rooms of the original home as well as numerous galleries. It contains Canadian historical art, indigenous art and artifacts and a collection of Canadian historical dress and the Lang Collection of African Art, plus over 200 paintings from the Dutch Golden Age, including 4 Rembrandt paintings.

Christina MacLachlan (*Commotion*) is one of the volunteers at the gallery and on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, she gave a tour to CBYC friends. Chris's enthusiasm and knowledge of the gallery made the tour memorable for us all. Thank you, Chris, for sharing your passion for art with us! What an awesome tour!!

Claudia Stevenson s/v Tamara C

# Art at the Bay held July 26th and TGIF bbq Aug 17th

The annual TGIF was sponsored by Glenn Reid, New Horizons Learning Center and was very well attended!

Art by the Bay was organized by Chris MacLachlan. A variety of CBM/CBYC artisans-painting, artwork, stain glass, sail bags and more were showcased.

Lori











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# 5th Anniversary Charity Golf Tournament

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2019
Loyalist Golf & Country Club
1 Loyalist Boulevard, Bath

REGISTRATIONS AT 11:00 A.M., TEE-OFF AT 1:00

\$125.00 PER PERSON - FOURSOME \$500.00

- Raffles and New Horizons Trivia challenge
- Awards Banquet Dinner
- 18 Hole Scramble and carts included
- Silent Auction
- Beer Tastings and fun holes
- Closest to the pin challenges
- Longest drive contests
- Putting contest

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#1 Event Entertainer from Costa Rica, will be performing after dinner.

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only \$30.00

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## EYC Henderson Harbour, New York

July 11-13, 2019

It was great to have a few boats from Collins Bay down at EYC (Eastern Yachting Circuit) Regatta in July,

Investors Group, Horizon
Dancer and Tingirrautalik were
well represented.

Despite the high water levels they hosted the event. They were determined not to yield to high water as they had a few years ago. There were septic problems so we weren't able to use the bathroom facilities but it didn't matter, everyone just swam in the lake and used portable toilets. All were just happy to be there. Their hospitality was awesome and the food and beverage was

great, a good time was had by all. The weather was amazing and felt like we were in the Caribbean enjoying racing with sailors from all over Eastern Ontario and New York.

We had 3 fantastic days of exciting racing, all three boats did well and Investors took a 3<sup>rd</sup> home in course racing. Jenny Molson from CBYC crewed on US boat Hambone and they did very well. Chantal Thomas sailed her boat Wanderlust all by herself across the big waters to crew with us, we were definitely concerned but luckily she made, she had support on the way back but with those waters I would not recommend sailing a small boat by yourself. Adam Marsalek from Didyabringabeeralong crewed with us and that was pretty neat working with Big Show, we worked surprisingly well together despite our size difference sharing a small space.

Hopefully next year we will have more boats head down to enjoy the regatta at Chaumont, New York.

Wishing you all smooth sailing

Liz Taylor Reid

s/v Horizon Dancer



#### **Boat Porn**

"emphasizing the sensuous or sensational aspects of a nonsexual subject and stimulating a compulsive interest in their audience"



Taken at Beau Rivage Island on June 29. Photos of a very "lucky" outing, where BOTH ends of a rainbow landed on our boat. If nothing else we were lucky that we didn't drag anchor - this was accompanied by a squall with winds to 35 knots. There were a couple of other boats that had more problems.

George Dew

s/v Melba J

#### **The 2019 Executive Committee**

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