



Collins Mixer

Collins Bay Yacht Club Newsletter

SAVE THE DATE

OCT

19 CBYC AGM
19 CBYC Wrap Up Party

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Commodore's Corner

Think Safety

The fall season has definitely arrived and haul outs are in full swing. Although this means the end of season is at hand, the work for many of us is far from over. Putting our boats to bed is a process that takes time and that demands our full focus and attention.

As we go through the process of haul out and preparation for winter, I recommend that we consider doing so with safety in mind. At this time of year the marina can be a very busy place with heavy machinery on the move, increased vehicle traffic as people remove the many and various items from their boats, pressure washing of hulls and the removal and preparation of masts. And, of course, if all goes well, we arrive at the point where the winter cover is installed and we anticipate next year.

The weather is changing and the evenings are getting frosty. This can

result in a fiberglass deck being very slippery in the early evening and in the early morning. It is very easy to be so focused on accomplishing the planned tasks for the day that we lose sight of these changing conditions and the potential situations that may result. Please exercise care and caution as a moment of haste, or carelessness, can have rather serious consequences.

Please be mindful of the operation of the crane during haul out days and remain well clear of the crane during its operation. It is very unsafe to remain on your boat conducting winterization tasks when a boat is being lifted onto its cradle next to your vessel. The marina staff will remind you of this but this reminder does distract them from their primary function of safely and effectively relocating our vessels on shore. Please be aware of the activity around you and make safe decisions.

Parking around the marina may be challenging this time of year as more of the parking area is being taken over by our vessels. If you are

unsure if your planned parking place may interfere with marina operations, please ask one of the marina crew before you park and leave your vehicle. This simple courtesy will go along way in ensuring that your vehicle is in a safe place and that the haul out schedule will not be unnecessarily compromised.

There are many tasks to be accomplished before our boats are ready for winter storage. Some of these tasks are simple and easily achieved with a single set of hands. Other tasks are more complicated and may require a bit of assistance. Please don't be shy about asking for assistance if assistance is needed. We are all in a similar situation and many of us are willing to lend a hand to a fellow sailor knowing that we ourselves may be the ones who benefit from a similar gesture before our winter preparations are complete.

And, in closing, I would like to remind everyone to keep an eye out for each other as they go about their preparations for winter storage. If someone were to fall from his boat, or experience some other situation, depending on the time of the day, staff may not

be nearby and therefore would not be able to respond. If you find yourself working on your boat after hours, please take a look around your area before leaving to confirm that all is well and that there is no one who may be in a position where help is needed.

I hope that everyone has a successful haul out and that your preparations for winter storage go according to plan. Please keep safety in mind.

Bill Amirault
CBYC Commodore

From the Helm

2019 Haul out has begun.

Because of a cold and wet spring, this year's boating season was off to a slow start. As well, the flooding around the Lake had a direct impact on the number of reciprocals/transient visits to our marina. By the end of September, we had 70 visits translating to half of what we had in the last couple of years.

High water levels and flooding appears to be the new normal. Therefore, we decided to raise the parking lot. Using his newly acquired dump truck, Gerry had delivered 117 loads of gravel before the start of the haul out period.

Our fuel service was also impacted by the flood situation. It was mid-August before we could offer fuel service. Therefore, once all the boats have been hauled out, we will begin the process of raising the service dock kiosk, fuel dispenser and building up the break wall to prevent flooding in the future. In 2020 we will bring in another 200+ loads of gravel. Once this work done, we will tend to the landscaping part of the project by laying rocks, separating the parking lot from the marina's lawn, and planting flowers along the shoreline. The part of the docks that is attached to land will be aligned with the raised parking lot.

A new addition this year is the little library by the gazebo for everyone's enjoyment. Thank you for the donations!

After a very long battle with the City of Kingston, we had a successful outcome at last May's OMB hearing. Although we couldn't stop the expansion of the airport runway, our rights as a marina, related marina uses, yacht club, home, etc., are now protected, which is very good for the future of Collins Bay Marina and CBYC. Now that this is behind us, we can focus all our attention into operating the marina. Thank you everyone for your support throughout this long process!

We once again held a food/toiletry drive for the local food bank, and we are thankful for the many donations received by CBM patrons and members of the CBYC. Way to go!

Thank you to this year's

executive members who made all the programs and events possible. We are looking forward to working together again next year and celebrating CBYC's 40th anniversary and the 50th anniversary for the Collins Bay Marina.

Lori



Gerry's Surprise Birthday Party

It wasn't easy, but together we did it! Gerry was really "surprised" on his surprise birthday party. Thank you all

for having come to celebrate with us.

Lori, Brittany, Caitlyn and Desiree

More photos of Gerry's surprise birthday party [here](#)



Interested in a book club? Sign up with Lori in the office! Open to all CBM/CBYC members and friends!

Thanks
Lori



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CBYC AGM

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held at KYC 2-4**

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and participate and be a part of making our
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Ketching Up



In this issue, we slip the lines of our land-based existence and set out on our new lives as water-based nomads. We say good-bye to the fresh water of Lake Ontario, leaving Kingston, transiting the St. Lawrence River, and arriving in the Maritimes, settling in for a month-long stay at our old home, the port of Halifax. We are joined on this leg by Allen's brother, Jeff and his wife Mary Ellen.

Leaving Collins Bay

At 0730 on Sunday, August 11th, we bid a sad farewell to the fabulous Collins Bay Marina and officially set out to explore the world. We sure appreciated the kind personal sendoff from David, Pat, and Ed who saw us safely off the dock. Thanks to David and Pat for the precious photos.



First Stop: Brockville

Our first day was pretty perfect, with sunny and warm weather for travelling through the gorgeous Thousand Islands. We arrived alongside at Tall Ships Landing in time to tour the Railway Tunnel and enjoy a plate of ribs at Ribfest. And Allen made a new friend.



Allen and Donna aboard Isabella II, a Shannon 43 ketch. Exploring the world by water.

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ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY AND RIVER

We encountered many commercial ships on the St. Lawrence Seaway and River and were thankful for the ability to see, and be seen by, them through AIS (Automatic Identification System - and by the way, you too



can see us this way by looking up Isabella II on www.marinetraffic.com). The water moves swiftly through here, and we made excellent time, at one point reaching 13 knots speed over the ground! We soared past rolling hills dotted with beautiful homes, small islands with cottages, and many small towns that until that point, had just been names on maps for us. The entire channel of the Seaway is marked by buoys and often it felt like playing a video game, with eyes carefully on the chart plotter following the line. It was also quite foggy at times, and we found the experience of hearing the fog horns of nearby large ships quite eerie, as you can see in these photos.



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Classic Quebecois dinner al fresco in the historic lower town of Quebec City.

Acquired Knowledge

- * Weather predications are very rarely correct, despite our best efforts to reference multiple models
- * There is often no wind
- * When there is wind, it is almost always on the nose
- * We can sail through a gale. A long one. Overnight.
- * One of you shouldn't sit on the seat of the dinghy when the other one of you is starting the outboard engine. Ouch! Duh!
- * Allen could momentarily be mistaken for Usain Bolt when he's told a tree is about to crush our car during a hurricane

Lots of Locks

We spent one very long day transiting two American and four Canadian locks on the Seaway. Sometimes we almost had the lock to our selves, and other times we shared it with up to 23 other boats. There was a



fair bit of waiting for commercial traffic to pass locks. The lock portion of the day finally ended at 10:00 pm when we exited the St. Lambert Lock, but sailed all night to Trois-Rivières.

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Gulf of St. Lawrence and Maritimes Highlights

Without question, one of the highlights of the entire trip was the many viewing opportunities we had of whales, seals, and porpoises. It was truly magical to see and hear them all around us in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.



Many happy hours were spent looking for the telltale spray of a breathing whale. We also encountered quite a bit of fog. During those eerie days, we calmly and blindly passed through some evidently spectacularly scenic



areas teeming with aquatic life. We imagined the whales giggling as we glided by them, unaware of their presence. We especially enjoyed a couple



of fine days at Riviere-Au-Renard in the Gaspé. This busy town is the largest fishing port in Quebec. We savoured melt-in-your-mouth fresh halibut off the boat, and enjoyed live

local music at the marina. It is also home to a fantastic microbrewery, Frontibus, where we treated ourselves to lunch and great beer on the patio. And of course, sailing past iconic Perce Rock was a classic Canadian moment.



Here we are passing under the Confederation Bridge, linking Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. Shortly thereafter, we were very happy to leave the active lobster fishing zone and the maze of buoys marking the traps that we had been snaking through.

Arrival in Halifax



It was very exciting to sail into Halifax Harbour on Thursday, August 29th. Even more thrilling was the welcoming party of family waving wildly from the Dartmouth waterfront. Thanks so much! And a big shout out to cousin Colin MacKenzie who photographed the event for us.



What a treat to enjoy a lobster supper with family. Supplied by Helen, we snared the lobster from Fisherman's Wharf on the last day of the season. Yum!



Many thanks to Emma and Alex, who drove our car down for us so we could have wheels here. An adventure in itself for them. Alex snapped this great photo of us upon arrival.

A Tale of Many Storms Between August 24th and September 7th

#1 Unpredicted Gale - August 24th

With a forecast of 15 knot northerlies, we were stoked to anticipate a lovely overnight sail from Gaspé to PEI. However, the winds and seas kept building and building until by dusk, we were battling heavy seas and gusts to 48 knots. It was a long night and we were very sore and tired by the time the next morning we dropped our anchor in the lee of the red sand beaches of western PEI. Dodging lobster traps throughout much of it may have actually helped to keep us more alert. Jeff and Mary Ellen were real troopers, not having signed up for quite this level of excitement and discomfort. Overall, it was a great confidence booster for us.

#2 Predicted Gale - August 27th



We were happily tied up alongside for this one at the marina at Port Hawkesbury. It howled! And the boat became very intimate with the dock. We stayed dry inside the lovely marina facilities and enjoyed a dinner out with some other storm-stayed cruisers.

#3 Tropical Storm Erin - August 29th

We actively tracked this storm and saw a fine two-day weather window to leave Port Hawkesbury and race down to Halifax in one go. We made it to just before 8:00 pm before being defeated by confused and large seas as well as...wind on the nose. We snuck in to anchor near Port Bickerton for about four hours, rejuvenated with a hot meal and two hours of sleep, then upped anchor and completed the trip in improved weather. Seas were building as we neared Halifax, announcing the arrival of Tropical Storm Erin.

#4 Hurricane Dorian - September 7th

We have agreed that caution, safety, and comfort will be our guides over the next few years. We did not imagine that we would be having to prepare for a direct hit by a hurricane ever, and certainly not one month into the voyage. But this is exactly what happened. We lived in Nova Scotia during Hurricane Juan in 2003, so understood the seriousness of the threat. We removed all the sails and canvas, as well as anything loose on the upper deck. The Dartmouth Yacht Club kindly arranged for a sturdy mooring ball for us to which we triple tied Isabella II. During the storm, two nearby boats broke free, but luckily missed hitting us. Our floating home came through unscathed. We weathered the storm with Allen's mom, Helen, in Dartmouth. Without electricity for two days, she kept us well fed with the help of the solar lights, generator, and camp stove from the boat.



Blast from the Past

First appearing in the Mixer's May 2010 issue, this is another example of the enjoyment that can be had on the beautiful waters of Lake Ontario.

Round the Lake Cruise Summer 2009

Sabrina IV and Marin III

This summer we cruised around the Lake for six weeks, stopping and visiting a lot of our "reciprocal clubs" along the way. This might be a help for fellow sailors who may be thinking of doing the same thing, or if they just want to visit one of the many clubs that we did.

Our first stop was at Prince Edward Yacht Club. The people are always very nice to visitors here... and of course its only a short walk "up the hill" to the lovely town of Picton. You do have to pay \$21.00 the first night and the second night is free.

The second stop was at CFB

Trenton Yacht Club. It is always pleasant to visit here. First night is free. They do have a nice restaurant, on the Base, not too far to walk, where you can have a very nice breakfast.

Our next stop was Cobourg. They do have a great marina here. We do have "reciprocal" with the Cobourg Yacht Club but you have to tie up to the wall, which is not good in a strong west wind. There is now a brand new grocery store, just one block up from the Cobourg Marina. It's just before the LCBO!! The store sells all kinds of fresh food and also has baked goods. (*No shore power on the wall. Clean washrooms and laundry facilities.*)

After Cobourg we sailed across the lake to Oak Orchard Yacht Club N.Y. We did have our "168's" but you still have to check in every 3 days by phone. Although "168's" were not necessary, you would still

have to know where the "check-in video" stops are located. The sailors at this club are always super nice. If you get there on the weekend their restaurant is usually open... and you can get a great meal. Also, just a short walk through the town you can find a market that sells all kinds of gifts, foodstuff and "ice-cream". For anyone who hasn't been here for a while... the very "steep" stairs are now gone... the new stairs are not as "high". The first night is free... I think we paid \$10.00 for the second night.

From here we sailed to Tuscarora Yacht Club Wilson N.Y. Once again the people are very friendly and helpful. We had full use of their fantastic club house .all new and I think paid for by the members. The town of Wilson has a small grocery store IGA... but not a lot of other things to do. I guess it depends on what time of year you are there; we were there in late June.

After Tuscarora we sailed to Niagara-on-the-lake Sailing Club. We were told this would be a hard place to get a dock... especially since we arrived the day before Canada Day. But, the staff was extremely helpful and we managed to tie up to the visitors dock. The first night is free... and it is only a short walk into the town of Niagara-on-the-lake. This is a great place to do some wine tasting, which we did on Canada Day. We had full use of their BBQs and also their clubhouse to do our "dishes".



Leaving Niagara-on-the-lake we sailed to Fifty Point Yacht Club in Stoney Creek. Again, we found the staff to be very friendly. They also have a small café where you can have a very nice breakfast. If you decide to go into town... you turn right when you leave the Marina... not left! We walked for several kilometers until we came to the main shopping centre. We used the club's BBQs and also got to meet their resident skunk "Penelope. They have great washroom and laundry

facilities. *(The BBQ facilities have wash-up areas. Wi-Fi available.)*

The next stop was at the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club. This is one of the older clubs on the lake. Once again we were met with friendly staff. The building itself is a little run-down... visitors washrooms were not that "great". I guess we are totally "spoiled" with our washrooms at Collins Bay Marina. They do have a very nice restaurant... we did eat dinner there, but a little on the pricey side. You can walk into the city of Hamilton... however make sure you know which end of town you are in!

We arrived at Mimico Cruising Club on a weekend. The club had lots going on... all the members were very friendly. We even got offered some free "salad" to go with our chicken! Just a short walk from the club you can take a tram into downtown Toronto. You can also take a tram to the



shopping centre where they have a large Sobey's store... along with everything else.

Our next stop was at the Etobicoke Yacht Club ... just around the corner from Mimico Cruising Club. Once again everyone was very friendly and helpful. It was their race night of the season so we got to eat in their club house... great when friends come over for a visit. Lasagna and salad for \$7.00. They do have very long docks, so if you are docked down away from the clubhouse you have quite a long walk to the washrooms.

The next stop on our travels was the Alexandra Yacht Club... this has to be one of the friendliest clubs on the lake. The first night we got to tie up right outside the clubhouse which has a full kitchen that you are allowed to use as well as outside BBQs and "fire pit". Also a great balcony just to sit and watch the boat traffic going by and airplanes landing



and taking off from the Island Airport.

After staying at the Alexandra Yacht we moved over to the National Yacht Club, some 50 metres away. Also a very friendly club with a restaurant, nice shower facilities and a laundry room. From here it's only a short walk into town .lots of things to see and do as well as a West Marine Store. (WiFi available) (Include **photo** of the CN tower.)

We left the National Yacht club early the next morning; they needed our dock for incoming racers. We decided to try Queen City Yacht Club on Algonquin Island, across the harbour from National Yacht Club. We do not have reciprocity with this club but they allowed us to stay. We arrived during a thunderstorm and the club members really went out of their way to help us dock. Queen City Yacht Club is one of the older clubs on the lake, they also have a very good restaurant. We were allowed to use their clubroom as well as their other facilities. The club has a "ferry" that goes back and forth to the Toronto mainland and costs only a small fee.

Our next stop was at Highland

Yacht Club at Bluffers Park. Once again the club members were very helpful and friendly. They have a nice clubhouse with kitchen facilities and nice washrooms. We didn't actually dock at Cathedral Bluffs Yacht Club (CBYC) which is right next door, but we did eat in their lovely restaurant.

Next stop was at Whitby Yacht Club. Once again the members we met were very friendly. A short walk now into town and a brand new shopping mall complete with an A&P grocery store and a "Timmies"! After Whitby we returned to



Cobourg and from there we sailed back across the lake to Oak Orchard.

Next stop after Oak Orchard was Rochester Yacht Club... again everyone we met was very friendly and helpful. They also have a great restaurant and other facilities e.g. internet access. Just a short walk from the club is a "shopping centre" groceries, liquor store, West

Marine and restaurants.

Sodus Bay Yacht Club was next on our stop. The docks weren't that great... floating docks attached to posts which are in "sleeves". This created lots of noise with the wave action. Also early morning "fishermen" making lots of "waves"! They have a bar; patio, washroom facilities and BBQs... the members were also friendly.

Fairhaven Yacht Club was our next destination. We do have reciprocity with this club, but we had to pay \$20 US for the first night. You can dingy into the town which is just a short ride away and tie up at the town dock. Fairhaven is a small sleepy town with a post office, pub, grocery store, liquor store, general store with internet access and a great place to buy "gourmet cookies". One bad thing about the grounds at the Yacht Club... lots of geese and of course lots of "poop", everywhere! Also, we couldn't use the clubhouse or the kitchen, just the picnic tables. We could use the washroom facilities which are very old!

Oswego Yacht Club was next the next stop. Many changes had been made since we were last there. They do have one dock for reciprocal clubs. with

no water or power – but lots of duck poop! We just happened to arrive on Race Night so things were really busy. They have a very nice clubhouse and washroom facilities, they also have a bar in the clubhouse and we could have joined in with their Race Night BBQ but we decided to head into town just a short walk away.



eat inside their clubhouse or outside on the patio with use of their BBQs.

Next stop Henderson Harbour Yacht Club. The people here are really nice and helpful. We walked into town, not too much there, just the HenGen store. We joined in with their Friday night “fish night” in the clubhouse. Their washroom facilities are okay, the ladies shower had “cold water” and the men’s had hot! We could

Crescent Yacht Club in Chaumont Bay was our next stop. A very nice old club... they have done lots of work inside, including a really nice new “bar”. Just a short walk into town there is a grocery store and a new liquor store, inside a really nice old house! We just happened to be there when they were having a

“wine tasting” outdoors with live music.

Back to the best club of all, Collins Bay Yacht Club in Collins



Bay Marina, we really are lucky!

Hopefully this will encourage members to head out and see what’s out there around the lake.

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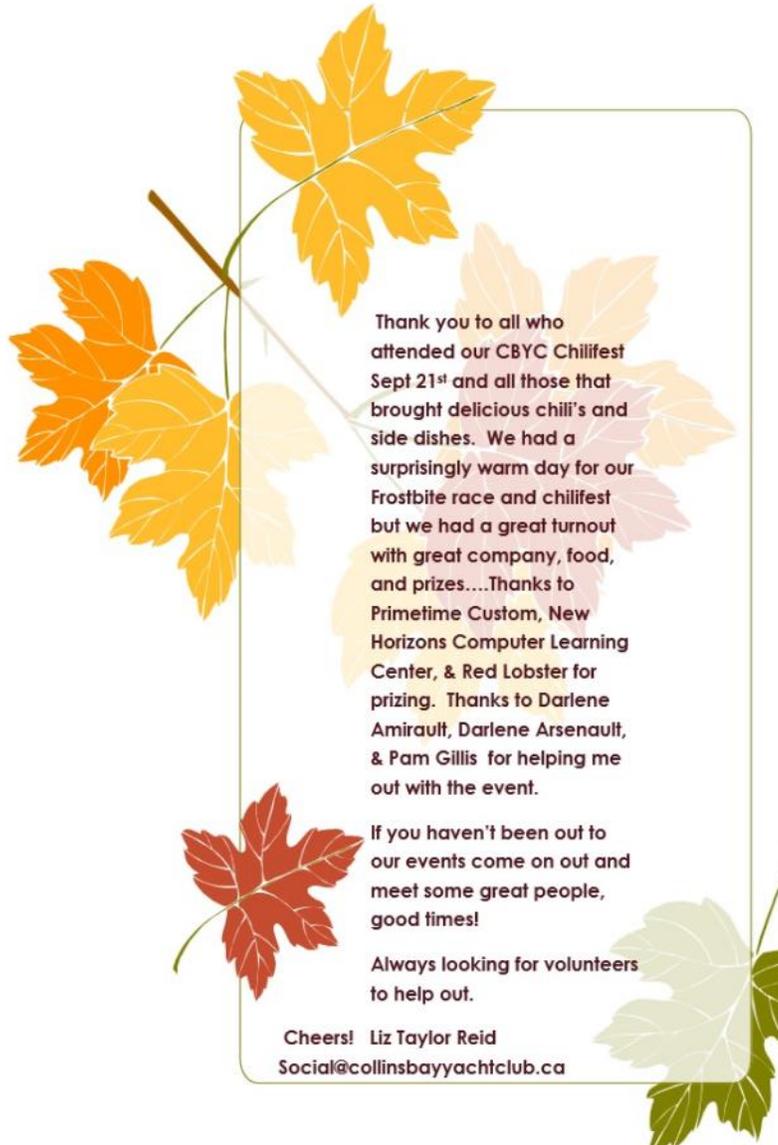
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Chilifest



Thank you to all who attended our CBYC Chilifest Sept 21st and all those that brought delicious chilli's and side dishes. We had a surprisingly warm day for our Frostbite race and chilifest but we had a great turnout with great company, food, and prizes....Thanks to Primetime Custom, New Horizons Computer Learning Center, & Red Lobster for prizing. Thanks to Darlene Amirault, Darlene Arsenault, & Pam Gillis for helping me out with the event.

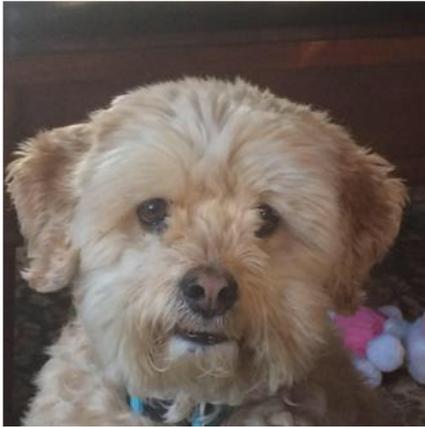
If you haven't been out to our events come on out and meet some great people, good times!

Always looking for volunteers to help out.

Cheers! Liz Taylor Reid
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Elmo 2005-2019



Sadly, our best friend has crossed over the rainbow bridge on the early morning of Saturday October 5th

He was a great buddy, as well as a super geese, squirrel, deer and bear chaser!

He was a fond lover of treats, walks and boat rides and was the greatest marina greeter!

He will be so missed and cherished by his family-we were so lucky to have him as our "dog", although he was so much more than that for us.

Please hug your fur babies and give them extra treats in Elmo's honor!

Thank you to everyone who was so caring and forgiving of him and for all the treats, pats and being his doorman! Our world really did revolve around Elmo!

Lori



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Vacant Positions for 2020 CBYC Executive

The following positions are available on the CBYC executive for 2020:

Sailing School Operations Manager – The Sailing School has a director, Robert Mackey, and Administrator, Keith Davies. To function efficiently and share the work during the summer season, we need an Operations Manager.

Race Chair – CBYC has an active race program and needs a Chair to liaise with other clubs and report to the executive.

Cruise Co-Ordinator – Organizes and advertises cruises with the assistance of Cruise Captains.

Webmaster – After many years as our Webmaster, Geoff Roulet is taking a break. We need a webmaster to manage the website to ensure information is communicated in a timely manner to the members.

We need you! Please give serious consideration to these positions and feel free to discuss with any member of the executive.

Claudia Stevenson

Past Commodore

Portfolio: SAILING SCHOOL OPERATIONS MANAGER
Responsibility statement updated by: Robert Mackey and Richard Dickson
Date: September 16, 2019
Primary purpose of portfolio:
The Operations Manager is <i>responsible</i> to the Director, and <i>responsive</i> to the Dinghy Program Manager and the Keelboat Program Manager. The Operations Manager oversees the day-to-day equipment needs of the dinghy and keelboat sailing programs of the Sailing School.
Specific responsibilities/obligations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Ensure all Sailing School equipment is maintained to a high standard and meets all legal requirements at all times.■ Assist with the coordination of pre-season dinghy and keelboat equipment preparations as well as post-season winterizing.■ Report any operational issues in a timely fashion to the Sailing School Director.■ Contribute to the development and implementation of assets replacement planning.
Volunteers required to assist in fulfilling the specific responsibilities/obligations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ To prepare the boats and equipment at the beginning and the end of each season.■ To assist with repairs to boats and equipment throughout the season.
Key Challenges:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Maintaining the safe and smooth operation of the Sailing School.■ Responding to day-to-day equipment issues.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19th

BATTEN DOWN THE HATCHES

CBYC WRAP-UP PARTY

Dance the night away with Silver Creek Trio

SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR

@ KYC

6:00 Cocktails

7:00 Dinner

***Local roasted sirloin, Caesar salad, Garlic mashed potatoes, veggies**

8:00 Awards

9 00 Music

CBYC members \$50 – Non members \$55

Sign-up in office

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Cruise over in your boat



Larry Martin

To our fellow boating friends:

I am overwhelmed at this time by all the kind help I have been receiving from the boating community at the Collins Bay Yacht Club since Larry's passing.

I appreciate all the supportive words, stories about Larry, donations of food and time spent helping with tasks that I couldn't have done on my own. I was happy to see so many of you at Larry's Celebration of Life and am thankful for all the donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation and the CBYC Sailing School on Larry's behalf.

Larry enjoyed spending time at the marina with all of you. I am thankful to be part of this boating family and plan to keep in touch.

Carole Martin



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