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Commodore's Corner

Can you believe that we are already almost through June 2021?

Many of us have been hoping that the 2021 season would more closely resemble "normal" seasons of the past. While this is so far not the case, things are certainly improved over the 2020 season. While the clubhouse remains closed, and with club activities, including the sailing school, suspended for yet another season, there is still cause for optimism.

It was about this time last year that the launch process was in its initial stages due to the ongoing closure of marinas and yacht clubs. This year, thanks largely in part to the foresight and planning of our marina owners, the launch process started close to the usual time frame. By now, almost all of the boats at Collins Bay Marina have been launched and most vessel owners have had the opportunity to bend on the sails and to experience that all important first sail of the season. What an improvement!

We are not, of course, completely out of the woods yet. Local health authority restrictions are still in effect. Physical distancing is mandatory as is the wearing of masks in many public spaces. I note that this year the wearing of masks is mandatory in all areas of the marina with the exception that masks are not required when we are on our boats. Please remember to bring and to wear a mask. It's for your safety and for the safety of those around you. I have a habit of forgetting to put my mask on when I leave my boat. Please don't hesitate to gently remind me to do this and please don't be offended should someone remind you to do the same.

The local water levels may be lower than usual but the enthusiasm related to being out on the water is certainly as high as ever. I wish everyone a safe and a healthy season. As this pandemic enters what we hope will be its final stage, patience is wearing a bit thin and some tempers may be a bit short as we experience a bit of pandemic fatigue. A little patience and kindness can go a long way in

making the season more enjoyable for everyone.

Bill Amirault

Past Commodore (& Acting Commodore)



From the Helm

LAUNCH AND IMPROVEMENTS

It is nice to see all the boats in the water and people getting off the dock enjoying the beautiful weather! The crew did an amazing job launching through the restrictions, kudos to Gerry, James, Phil, Jean and McCulla for all their hard work, professionalism and dedication to give unparalleled service! Launch is winding down which means we will begin the formidable gravel project soon! We are excited to work on this and have the marina looking great again! The truck is ready and the crew are working on a plan to get the yard complete. Please watch out for the cones so you don't get trapped by the truck and piles of gravel!

COVID

The provincial government has announced some reopening plans which although exciting doesn't change much at the marina. The Covid procedures that are in place still exist! We are hopeful that in the fall, the haul out will be back to normal! Until then keep on getting vaccinated!

- Wear your mask everywhere throughout the marina except on your own boat!
- Social distance 2m or 6' apart- don't gather on the docks or grounds
- Sanitize before entering the washrooms, change the sign to occupied before entering and change it to vacant after leaving

WEEDS

You may have noticed or been slowed down at the marina when entering or exiting the docks and out on the water due to the weeds! The weeds are flourishing this year and not just in Lake Ontario, it is throughout the many different lakes and waterways! The low water levels and warm, dry temperatures have made the weeds thrive! We are not able

to attend to the weeds until after fish spawning but will definitely look after this when we are allowed to.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club: Did you know that CBM has a book club? We haven't been able to physically meet but we have been virtually meeting once a month @7pm. This month is our last month to allow us time on the water but if you would like to join when we begin again in the fall, send Lori an email lori@collinsbaymarina.com!

YACHT CLUB

Although CBYC is not able to physically meet, have events and the normal social fun the club is known for, the volunteers are still working very hard behind the scenes, holding virtual events and seminars as well as planning for the future when we are once again able to gather. If you have not renewed your membership, we strongly encourage you to continue supporting your club to allow it to be here for you once Covid restrictions are over. We are looking for new enthusiastic volunteers for 2022 to allow for an exciting new season of

events and camaraderie. The club is a vibrant community of boaters within Collins Bay Marina that offers so much for so little such as:

- A reciprocal program with clubs all around the lake both in Ontario and the US
- Many great social events like St Jean Baptiste lobster dinner
- An annual sail past with safety instruction and bbq
- A first class children's and adults learn to sail program with discounts for members
- A very active racing program, which CBM/CBYC have hosted world class

events like EYC!

- The floating clubhouse with bbq's and a space to enjoy with family and friends plus so much more!

Thank you all for your support and working with us to keep us safe and compliant which allows us to be able to enjoy our boats and time on the water away from the chaos of Covid!

We truly hope you enjoy your time on the water this summer!

Gerry, Lori, family and crew

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CBYC Initiation Fee: Are changes needed?

As is the case with many recreational clubs and organizations, CBYC applies an initiation fee to new members. The payment of this fee signifies a commitment to CBYC and an acceptance that along with the benefits of being club members come certain obligations and responsibilities. These responsibilities include a financial commitment. The initiation fee represents a one-time contribution that is over and above regular membership dues and fees.

It is interesting that the CBYC one-time initiation fee can actually be levied more than once if one allows one's club membership fee to lapse. An element of the current club constitution directs that payment of the club initiation fee is required (again) if a member leaves the club and then decides to return and renew their club membership. The intent of this rule is to provide an incentive for continuous membership and the uninterrupted payment of our annual membership dues.

This in turn provides the club executive with a relatively stable funding base that makes possible the prudent financial planning and management of the club.

It is no surprise that not everyone agrees with this potential double application of the club initiation fee. In fact, for some members it has become a bone of contention. There are circumstances related to family and employment that may cause a club member to move from Kingston. There have been instances where ill health has prevented certain members from being active in the club and they have ceased paying club dues during their involuntary absence. When these folks are able to return to the club, current rules require that they once again pay the club initiation fee along with their regular membership dues. This can cause mild resentment in some cases and can actually dissuade the resumption of club membership in other cases.

It is clear that although the imposition of a second initiation fee is not intended to be a punishment nor a fine, it is rather easy to take an opposite view when you are the

member to whom this policy is applied. The very definition of an "initiation fee" suggests that it is a one-time payment that occurs at the initial stage of one's club membership. Perhaps we have adopted an application of our initiation fee that is inconsistent with its stated purpose. Perhaps a change is needed.

The \$64,000.00 question, in two parts, is: **"Should the current practices related to the club initiation fee remain in effect?"** or, part two: **"In the interest of fairness and logic, should this issue be reviewed and an alternate incentive be developed to encourage CBYC members to remain in the club and to maintain their financial support from year to year?"**

Your thoughts on this issue, including ideas regarding alternate incentives for continuing membership in our yacht club, would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to communicate directly with any member of your club's executive. Your input helps to improve your club.

Bill Amirault

Past Commodore (& Acting Commodore)



Cruise News

Greetings, everybody,

Here is cruising news.

Because of the virus, no formal cruise activity is planned in 2021. To compensate, we are suggesting that each member cruise informally, to destinations they want, perhaps according to this Guide.

The Guide is in a two-part e-mail: Part I (today) is a link to free charting of the area, to be used as a base map. It suits computers, tablets and phones.

anchorages about 50 nm either side of Collins Bay.

For today's base map, please go to fishing-app.gpsnauticalcharts.com (free use online chart plotter). In the 3-line box at the top left: choose i-boating; choose your preferred depth and distance units; choose "display lat long bar"; make your own choices for the five remaining depth items; finally, choose "Apply".

To use the chart, scroll to the area you want, observing the small coloured circle in the centre. Its lat/long should be dis-

played. Zoom in or out (+/-), as needed.

When Part II arrives, get the lat/long of the anchorage you want from the spread-sheet you'll be receiving (also included will be info on approach, safety issues, points of interest, etc.). Using the small circle, scroll until that lat/long is roughly displayed. And you're there!

Do hope this may be of interest to you!

Kind regards,

Peter MacKinnon/Jean White

Cruising co-czars



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Membership News

“Am I a member?”

In my last note I mentioned some of the changes in the registration process for this year, and would like to elaborate a bit to help members understand what happens after they click “send” on that Interac transfer or other payment means. And to help you answer the ever-pertinent question: Am I a member?

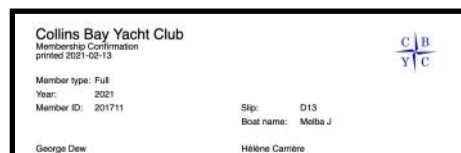
When you send me your information or simple renewal request, I try to send a quick reply so that you know someone

has received the information – apologies if I forget sometimes. But, as the man said, you still have to follow the money.

The payment is received by our Treasurer, Jacquie, and every couple of weeks she sends me an updated list of payments received. I use this to cross-check my information and to ensure that nobody falls through the cracks.

Once payment is confirmed a formal confirmation goes out by email, including a pdf document that looks like the sample shown – except it should have your name on it, not mine. It includes your registration information for verification and,

in the case of Full members, your membership card. So now



you’re a member and you can prove it.

If you didn’t receive this confirmation it could be a result of an email problem or simply because I screwed up – it’s a manual process. Let me know and I’ll fix it. Same thing if you lost the document and need another copy – I’m here to help.

George Dew
Membership Chair

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CBYC Sailing School COVID-19 Update – 2 June 2021 – Youth and Adult Programs Cancelled

In February of this year, anticipating that provincial public health guidelines would allow us to run both our youth and adult learn-to-sail programs this summer, the CBYC Sailing School began planning in earnest for both programs, including establishing COVID related protocols, and accepting pre-

registrations the youth program.

Now, at the beginning of June, the Sailing School has had to make the very difficult decision to cancel youth and adult learn-to-sail programs for the second year in a row. The social distancing and other public health restrictions expected to remain in effect this summer during the Ontario Reopening Plan make it impossible to deliver an effective and safe summer camp experience for youth, or adult keelboat program.

Accordingly, the Sailing School will be proceeding with the

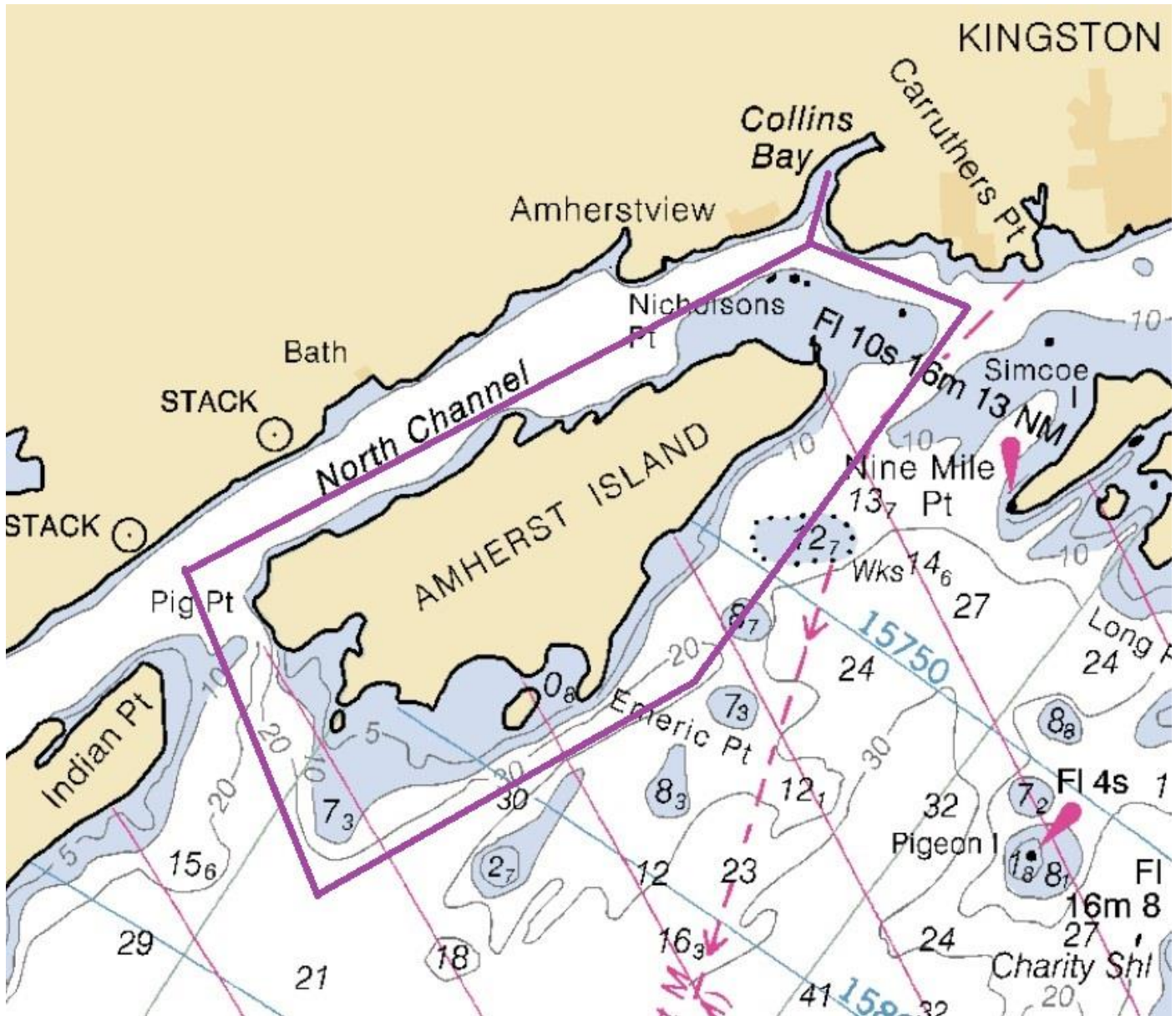
cancellation of all current registrations. Any fees paid in advance will be refunded in full.

The staff and volunteers at the CBYC Sailing School are looking forward to a time when we can again gather together and enjoy the sport of sailing that we all love so much.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to [contact the Sailing School Administrator](#) by email or telephone.

Sincerely,

Darlene Amirault
Sailing School Administrator



Capt'n Salty's Round Amherst Island Challenge

Mark Mate and I had been in the sailing mood! Our good old Dream Haze just dazzled from the preparatory work that he had managed.

Our initial test of all systems out in the real Lake Ontario went well. We discussed the

summer challenges and recognized the limitations for group interaction.

Then, surprisingly, there was a great expletive from below, as Capt'n Salty arose from his nap below decks! He began to berate us about the need to continue CBYC sailing challenge, resiliency, and the desire to excel!

As Skipper Dave, I was aghast! Here was my mentor suggesting we create a safety concern with Covid infections. Mark Mate, strangely silent for a few moments, suggested that Salty might have a good idea, continue the idea of the "Round the Amherst Island Race" for July and any boat and crew would resister with Mark Mate.

Any boat would be allowed multiple attempts, bikini clad crews are allowed to distract other competitors, and stopping for a swim, for over confident skippers is allowed!

- K8 to port
- K9 to port
- KN3 to port
- Returning abaft KV2 at mouth of Collins Bay

Yours, in gentlemanly competition,

Capt'n Salty

- The starting point would be abaft KV2 at mouth of Collins Bay.
- Brothers Islands and Amherst Island to port.
- KM6 to port
- KM4 to port
- Grape Island to port
- KM2 to port

Report date and duration for each circumnavigation completed for entry into a draw for cool prizes. Additional draw entries are possible by sharing a photo or a story from the trip.

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Helpful tips reduce the risk of electric shock drowning and boating electrical hazards

With summer in full swing, the American National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) are joining forces to remind boaters, marina operators and swimmers to be aware of the potential electrical hazards that exist on board boats and in the waters surrounding boats, marinas and launch ramps. Electric shock drownings (ESD) can occur when marina or onboard electrical systems leak electrical current into the water. The leak can cause a shock that can injure, disable or kill a person, as reported in the NFPA Journal article, *Troubled Waters*.

ESFI has boating and marina safety resources including brochures, toolkits, reference guides, and checklists that cover safety devices, common ESD causes and prevention methods, response protocol, and marina electrical safety considerations. ESFI recommends five key tips for boat owners:

Swimming Safety - Never allow swimming near the boat, marina, or launching ramp. Residual current could flow into the water from the boat, or the marina's

wiring, potentially putting anyone in the water at risk of ESD.

Put It to the Test - Be sure your boat is properly maintained and consider having it inspected annually. Ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) and equipment leakage circuit interrupters (ELCIs) should be tested monthly to ensure functionality. Conduct leakage testing to determine if electrical current is escaping the vessel.

Use the Right Tool - Never use household cords near water. Use only portable GFCIs or shore power cords (including "Y" adapters) that are "UL-Marine Listed" when using electricity near water.

Know Your Surroundings - Know where your main breaker(s) are located on both the boat and the shore power source so that you can respond quickly in case of an emergency. Be aware of any potential electrical hazards by checking for nearby power lines before boating, fishing, or swimming.

Learn the Code - On a regular basis, have your boat's electrical system inspected and upgraded by a certified marine electrician to be sure it meets the required codes for your area, which may include National Electrical Code® (NEC®), NFPA, and American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) safety codes and standards.

"Boaters and marina owners alike recognize the need to inform the public about the dangers of

electric shock drownings," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "By sharing ESFI's boating and marina safety resources, we hope to educate people so that they can safely enjoy a fun summer on the water."

"Many swimmers, boat and marina operators unknowingly place themselves in danger by swimming near electric-powered boats and docks," Brett Brenner, ESFI president, said. "As incidents of electric shock drowning continue to occur every year, we are collaborating with NFPA to emphasize the importance of proactive measures that will help prevent these tragedies and other electrical injuries while out on the water."

Addressing marina and boating electrical safety is a multi-faceted issue due to different jurisdictions, standards and codes; the question of where land and water begin and end; consideration of where boats enter and depart; and different perspectives among the boating community and marina operators - but all sides agree that it is important to elevate boating and marina electrical safety awareness via proactive outreach.

www.esfi.org

Special Feature



Alistair Morris

There is an excellent article describing the many talents of Alistair Morris in the March 17th issue of the magazine, PROFILE Kingston.

Alistair is the son of CBYC Member, Phil Morris. You will often see them together at the marina or on Phil's boat, Wavelength, on "C" Dock. People interested in reading this article can pick up a free copy of the magazine at local

suppliers (listed on the magazine's website) or read the digital version online for a fee at magzter.com.

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Beauty on the hard

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