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Collins Bay Yacht Club Newsletter

SAVE THE DATE

AGM
Nov 21
1500-1700

Sail Away

November 2021

There is a definite chill in the air. Haul out at the marina has been completed and, by now, the vast majority of boats have been winterized and covered in preparation for the winter weather that is soon to come. Many thanks go out to Gerry and the haul out crew for the care with which they have settled our boats for the winter siesta. We might be tempted to think that the season is over. For members of the CBYC, the end of the season is actually the conclusion of the club's Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The CBYC AGM is both a time to review the past boating season and an opportunity to provide guidance to the club executive as it begins to plan for the year ahead. This year's meeting is an especially important one as the ongoing viability of both the yacht club and its sailing school are key discussion topics. Assuming that the COVID situation is under control by the

spring of 2022, your club executive is planning to resume the "normal" operation of the club. Input from our membership is key in defining what this new club normal will look like and how it can be best supported and nurtured.

I **strongly encourage** every CBYC member to attend the upcoming CBYC AGM on Sunday, 21 November 2022 at 2pm. This meeting will be held via the Zoom platform. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting and to hearing your thoughts and suggestions regarding issues that are critical to the ongoing success of our yacht club and its associated sailing school.

Bill Amirault

Past Commodore & Acting
Commodore

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CBYC Annual General Meeting

Sunday, November 21, 2021

1400-1700

Zoom Meeting

Vacant Positions for 2021/2022 CBYC Executive



Commodore	Smooth Sailing!
Fleet Captain	Safety & Sail Past
Women's Sailing	Sailing for Women
Social Chair	Social Events
Sailing School Director Trainee for 2021/2023	Future Head of Sailing School
Sailing School Operations Manager	Sailing School Operations



From the Helm

2021 saw another year with Covid and the huge challenges that the pandemic brought to the world including the marina and yacht club. The marina was fortunate in that we were able to find a way through the lockdowns to launch boats even though recreational boating was fully closed by the provincial government. We were allowed to launch them, but the customers were not allowed to use them with millions of dollars in fines imposed for marinas who did not comply.

Launching the boats through the lockdown allowed the crew to get the boats launched and masts stepped allowing the boaters to use them immediately once the lockdown was over as opposed to beginning the launch after the lockdown was lifted. This shortened the delay to the season and lessened the impact of the lockdown.

Launching and mast stepping without the customers involvement was a lot of work for the crew. Organizing the boaters to be able to prep the boats for launch, the time it took to launch and then tow the boats to the

mast crane and then to their slip was challenging but it got done and done extremely well! A huge thank you to our amazing crew! The safety protocols that the marina put in place were done to abide by the province of Ontario's health and safety regulations and to keep the staff and boaters safe which allowed us to stay open!

We are very proud to say that there were no Covid infections at the marina!

When Phase III began, we were able to open up to reciprocal and transient boaters this year, once again fully abiding by the provincial government and health unit regulations. We worked hard with all local agencies to make sure we could operate safely and keep the customers and staff safe.

We saw 49 reciprocal boaters this year. It wasn't a busy reciprocal year but it was a busy transient year. We saw many new clubs and marina's visiting our area. We need to remember that in order for the marina to be able to accept reciprocal visitors, we need our members to sign out when they leave to allow room to reciprocate.

Gerry and the crew successfully completed the gravel parking area and most of the landscaping. It turned out very well with just over 200 loads of gravel!

The flare safety day was a great success, the sun shone on us and we had a good attendance with I believe 6 new members signing up. Hundreds of old flares were kept out of the landfills and will be recycled

safely through CIL. Thank you to Marine Outfitters, Kingston Power and Sail Squadron, CIL, and the executive volunteers that helped make this day successful! It was nice to see old and new faces coming together and shows the importance of our community and how much getting together has been missed.

We once again collected unopened cans, food and toiletry items for the Partners in Mission food bank. Thank you for your generosity!

Covid has been hard on the club as it is primarily a social club. With no socializing able to happen due to the global pandemic membership fell. The decline in membership and lack of support for the club was disappointing. Without the financial and volunteer support from the membership, the club could face challenges to open up again once we are out of the pandemic.

Gerry and I have decided to forgo the winter storage fees for the two Tanzers owned by the club. We are donating winter storage to help propel the future of the club.

We look forward to 2022 when the world is a safer place, moving from a pandemic to an endemic which allows us to gather and bring our great community together again!

We sincerely welcome all the new members and new executive and look forward to your ideas to make your club the best it can be for you.

Even though the club wasn't very active, the executive worked

tirelessly behind the scenes. We sincerely appreciate the executive for all their incredibly hard work this past couple of years. Your hard work is much appreciated.

The future of the club is at a crossroads and with Covid dampening the events and social activities as well as the reality that previous members are retiring and leaving boating, the club and marina. It is now ever important to engage the new boaters who don't really know or understand what the club is about and what the benefits of joining are in a positive, welcoming manner. The club represents social actives, fun, friendship, community and fostering the next generation of sailors through racing, the junior and adult sailing lessons. Although there are many great memories from past members, we have a new generation to engage, show them the community we are and enjoy their ideas and wants for the club moving forward.

Marketing the club and mentoring new members is important as Collins Bay Marina and Yacht Club are a unique entity. You won't find a private marina that has the benefits of a yacht club ie

reciprocals without the large fees of a yacht club and with the marina maintaining and doing the work, not the members like in most yacht clubs. Members receive benefits for a nominal fee and all the fun of the social activities as well as training for their children, grandchildren and new sailors. We feel there is a lot to offer for Collins Bay Marina customers and as an executive we need to get that information out which fosters friendships and our community!

We are looking forward to the spring 2022 wine and cheese, where the marina will take on this event for the entire marina and families! This will allow the executive to be on hand to explain what the club is and what different avenues there are to be a part of, either membership and attendance at functions as well as volunteer opportunities.

We have plans to build a gazebo on the lawns which will help prevent weather interruptions for planned events and foster a community gathering space! We are hoping it will fit approximately 100 people under a roof with a cement floor and possibly a charcoal grill at one end. We will work on the plans this winter and

get approvals needed to build this after launch in the future (2022 or 2023). We also hope to have a movie night on the lawn with a large screen and popcorn to celebrate the grand opening of the gazebo when it is complete!

The marina is also planning to celebrate the 50th anniversary in conjunction with the lobster dinner for St. Jean Baptiste, Saturday June 25th, 2022. As this won't be an exclusive yacht club event, all marina customers will be able to attend. It is another opportunity for the club to "market" and explain who and what we are and engage potential new members.

We are in the very beginning stages of planning a Labour Day cruise and are in talks with a venue to host us that will enable us to sail/boat to a destination and have planned events/dinner/music/activities etc. We hope to have more details soon.

We are looking forward to the future post pandemic and the excitement of new boaters and their families joining our community!

Thank you everyone for stepping up to help re-build our club for the future!

Collins Bay Marina and Collins Bay Yacht Club Community Event Day!





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THE FUTURE OF COLLINS BAY YACHT CLUB (CBYC)

Collins Bay Yacht Club (CBYC) has operated for more than 40 years. It was started by a small group of avid sailors who wanted to enhance their sailing experience by sharing knowledge and experience, engaging in social activities and sharing some of their sailing adventures through cruising and club racing. This club has always been an unpretentious gathering of boating enthusiasts whose participation and spirit of volunteerism has made the ongoing existence and success of the club possible.

Many things have changed during the past four decades. The faster pace of life along with the growing demands of everyday life has made our leisure time more precious than ever. This has led many of us to examine how we approach our passion of sailing and boating and how we want to spend the leisure time available to us. This has caused our club executive to ask a number of questions. Is the most benefit derived by a singular focus on our sailing activities, or is our pleasurable experience somehow

maximized by also participating in a group such as CBYC? Is the CBYC still a relevant and a value-added feature of our sailing experience at the Collins Bay Marina, or has its time come and gone?

This is the \$64,000 question as we enter the home stretch of the pandemic with a view to restarting CBYC activities for the 2022 sailing season. Your CBYC executive is actively engaged in planning for the 2022 season. It is planned that club racing, organized cruises, a small number of social functions and the CBYC sailing school will once again take place. The CBYC clubhouse will reopen and access to this facility and the barbecues will be granted to all CBYC members in accordance with any public health regulations that may be in force. We are also researching a way to make information related to the reciprocal program more readily available to all members who may wish to take advantage of the significant benefits of this program. However, the CBYC executive has certain critical vacancies that add a layer of difficulty to this planning and execution activity. Also, the ultimate success or failure of the club rests not only on the activity of the club executive

but also on the participation and volunteerism of the membership at large.

We have as yet been unsuccessful in finding a candidate(s) for the office of club commodore. We are also experiencing difficulty in filling the executive positions of social chair, fleet captain, sailing school director, sailing school operations manager, and finding a candidate for vice commodore that is willing to move on to the commodore's chair. We are fortunate in that a couple of people who have recent experience in some of these key roles have indicated a willingness to serve for a definite one-year period to assist in the restart of the club during the 2022 season. This provides an additional year to fill key vacancies on the club executive and to determine if the club will remain viable post the 2022 season. It is not the club executive that will determine this but rather the participation, or lack thereof, of the club membership and the greater population of the marina.

The purpose of this message is to ensure that there is a clear understanding that the Collins Bay Yacht Club is at a crossroads. It is unreasonable

to expect the club to continue unless club members see the club as a value-added entity that merits their active participation and their ongoing financial support through membership dues and other fees. Please give careful consideration to whether you think the CBYC provides benefit and, if you agree that it does, decide what you can do to ensure the continued operation of your CBYC.

The CBYC annual general meeting is scheduled for 21 November 2021 at 2 pm. This meeting will be held via Zoom

to comply with local public health guidelines and to provide maximum opportunity for club members to attend regardless of their location. Several amendments to the club constitution will be proposed and plans for the upcoming 2022 season will be discussed. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

On Behalf of the CBYC Executive

Bill Amirault, Past CBYC Commodore



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CRITICAL CHALLENGES FACING THE CYBC SAILING SCHOOL

Introduction

The CBYC Sailing School began operation in the 1990's to provide sailing instruction to those children and youth that could not be accommodated by the KYC sailing school. There have been many changes and challenges in the intervening nearly 30 years of operation. The school has expanded to cover the Can Sail levels from one to six inclusive and, with the acquisition of a Tanzer 22, an introduction to keelboat sailing course for adults has been added.

Key Challenges Facing the Sailing School

The operation of the school has become more complicated and requires more resources than it did in the past. The sailing organizations with which we must be affiliated such as Sail Canada and Ontario Sailing have established standards and operating processes along with reporting requirements that must be met. The cost of insurance continues to increase every year. Our fleet of coach

boats and dinghies is aging and it would be prudent to plan for the replacement of some of this equipment in the near future. While these challenges are significant, they are not insurmountable provided that the club membership considers the continuing operation of the CBYC Sailing School as an undertaking that merits the ongoing investment of our time and resources.

School Management Structure and Volunteer Support

The senior leadership of the school is comprised of three key volunteers: the Sailing School Director; the Sailing School Operations Manager; and the Sailing School Administrator. These three volunteers invest many, many hours of work to plan for the operation of the school, to oversee and to support its operation, and to coordinate with the marina ownership and the CBYC executive regarding additional resources that may be required. It is important to mention that volunteer support from CBYC members is critical to the successful operation of the sailing school. For example, three recent volunteer work parties cleaned and prepared the coach boats and dinghies for winter storage. Each work party was only several hours in duration

as many people generously donated a few hours of their time to accomplish this important task.

School Operation Involves More Than Instruction

As important as it is, the actual sailing instruction is but one element of a very demanding operation. Instructors must be found, hired and supported. The school trailer and the fleet of coach boats and sailing dinghies must be maintained and repaired as required in a timely fashion. Students must be registered, instructed and their qualifications recorded and communicated. There is a significant amount of administration that must be accomplished that involves interfacing with provincial and national organizations as well as the Canada Revenue Agency regarding payroll and tax related functions. And, of course, there is the requirement for obtaining adequate and affordable insurance without which the operation cannot function. The startup and closing down of the school must be carefully coordinated with the marina in order not to interfere with ongoing marina operations.

Plans for the 2022 Re-start of the Sailing School

Our sailing school has not operated for the past two years due to complications related to operating the school during COVID. The plan is to have the school operating in the 2022 season. This is seen as a make-or-break time for the school. A recent sailing school director has volunteered to be the Director for the 2022 season. It is our goal to have a CBYC member step forward this year to be his understudy for the 2022 season and then continue as Director for subsequent seasons. We are fortunate to have a sailing school administrator but the sailing school operations manager position has been vacant for almost three years. This vacancy poses additional challenges for the sailing school director and the administrator. We are investigating having volunteers take on the sailing operations manager's duties for two weeks at a time during the season so as to spread out the workload of this critical function. The club executive is in the process of forming a sailing school subcommittee

that would provide direct support to the sailing school management team with a view to sharing more of the responsibility between the club and the sailing school for this important investment in the future of sailing at Collins Bay.

Possible Adjustment to Scope of Operations

We are a small club of volunteers with limited resources of time and money. We cannot be all things to all people and we cannot provide the services and opportunities that are available at much larger clubs. This is not to say that it is impossible for the CBYC to support a sailing school. However, the scope of our current operation may need to be scaled back somewhat in order to create a sustainable operation.

Sailing School Cannot Operate Without Active Club Member Support

The purpose of this message is to clearly communicate that the CBYC Sailing School is at a

crossroads. If we cannot fill the positions of Sailing School Director and the Sailing School Operations Manager, we cannot continue the operation of the Sailing School beyond the 2022 season. As a club, we must decide if the investment in the future of sailing represented by the CBYC Sailing School is something that merits our investment of time and money. If this is no longer the case, we should consider when and how we will cease operation of our sailing school.

Please give this issue careful consideration and ask how you can assist in the Sailing School program. Attending the CBYC annual general meeting via Zoom on Sunday, November 21 at 2pm to participate in a discussion of the future of the CBYC Sailing School is a first step. Hope to "see" you there!

On behalf of the CBYC Executive Committee

Bill Amirault, Past CBYC Commodore



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2021 CBYC SailPast Winner

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The Sail Past Fleet 2021

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Work Party Sept 13, 2021

Left to right: Bill Amirault, April Skaling, Jean White, Mark Sansom, and Bob White.

Photo by Darlene Amirault

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Crew Earning their keep.

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