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Fun Curling

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Commodore's Corner

It Was the Day Before Christmas?

It was the day before Christmas and
at the marina,
There were people and pets but no
annoying hyenas.

Gerry and crew had just launched a
boat,
And were cool in the shade with
some beer from a tote.

On "Knot Happening" Lionel had
removed all the tarnish,
And was about to apply the next
gallon of varnish.

The racers were out and were
approaching the mark,
For some it was serious, for others a
lark.

Some vessels were preparing for
around the County Cruise,
But had delayed their departure to
take on more booze.

The docks were inspected and the
spiders removed,
You might say the marina had
entered its groove.

Then all of a sudden chaos
Descended.
The peace of the bay was totally
upended.

It wasn't a freight train or an Air
Canada flight,
But a red sleigh and reindeer that
came into sight.

A stout man in a fur hat was driving
the sleigh,
And driving quite recklessly one
could honestly say.

His decaying night vision sometimes
caused him to swoon,
So on the advice of his elves he was
approaching near noon.

The racers were surprised and
annoyed as a group,
As their sails became splattered
with flying reindeer poop.



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The cruisers looked up and
initially cheered,
Only too soon to realize that
shower was not beer.

Santa began to smile and
chuckle a lot,
As he thought of the presents
he soon would drop.

One in particular was stuck in
his mind,
Was it in good taste or was it
unkind?

Perhaps one sailor on C dock
would be a bit ill,
When he unwrapped a shiny
and powerful new drill.

Suddenly Santa pulled up, just
barely clearing the crane,
He thought to himself they
must think I'm insane.

He cringed, was embarrassed
and felt like a buffoon,
As he realized it wasn't
December, but the middle
of June!

He shouted to Rudolf "I can't
take this anymore,
We've got to replace that
Commodore 64!".

Back to the North Pole with his
reindeer he flew,
Planning the sleigh's refit that
was long overdue.

And I heard him exclaim as he
rode out of sight,
"If I get the Lead Life Ring, it
serves me good and right!"

Bill Amirault (*Aslan*)



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CBYC's 2019 Curling Party

You will all be delighted to know that the *Royal Kingston Curling Club* asked us before we asked them for ice time this season! It seems we are firmly embedded in their plans for the coming year as it will be our 6th year promoting this event!

All CBYC members and their friends are invited to attend this great athletic event - well sorta athletic, kinda. You don't have to be a curler to participate as all you have to be able to do is stand up on the ice without falling on your keister! Last year's commodore was able to do it, and if he can

All you need is rubber-soled shoes (clean soles), a sweater/jacket for warmth and \$15 for an evening of fun and frolic with your fellow sailors. For those of us who have creaky knees and joints there are sticks at the club to allow you to deliver a rock without having to kneel down or bend over.

There are also some spouses who prefer to watch their "other half" out there on the ice and wish to avail themselves

of the delights of the bar and you too can be easily accommodated.

The evening begins at the curling club at 7:00 p.m. (1900 hours in sailor talk) on February 9th, and for 2 glorious hours you will be enthralled with this wonderful sport. After the game we will proceed to the lounge for snacks and, of course, sample the bar with Navy Rum and other essentials.

We have several CBYC members who have curling experience and can help with instruction for anyone who would like to try this great sport.

Please let me know prior to the 9th if you will attend and whether you need instruction so that I can organise and balance the teams.

The *Royal Kingston Curling Club* is located at 130 Days Road just north of Front Road.

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Blast from the Past

Here's an article from the September 2007 Mixer describing another fun weekend cruise that was well organized and enjoyed by many CBYC members.

Robert van Dyk, Club Historian (*Day Dreams*)

Civic Holiday Poker Run Cruise



What do you get when you combine 16 boats, excellent organization, mind twisting challenges, shifting winds, good weather and unlimited cards to construct a winning hand? A terrific poker run!

The event began with a thorough briefing from the cruise co-chairs Marilyn Sykes and Robert van Dyk (*Day Dreams*) on Saturday, August 4th. I may be wrong here, but if 4 co-chairs makes a chesterfield, are two co-chairs a love seat? In any case, everyone soon got underway after receiving their instructions and challenge sheets. Unfortunately, a few cruisers did not look over the complete list of challenges only to discover that their numerical sequence did not match the most direct sailing route to obtain the required information. In fact, a discussion to this effect led to one boat being called a "slow learner" over the VHF when the discovery was made. Isn't cruising relaxing!

All the boats managed to anchor at Lyon's Island after a minimum of tacks into gusty westerly winds by about 16:00. We were then extremely fortunate to be welcomed by Norma and Dennis Reed (*Innisfree*) at their terrific house, which Dennis built himself. Sorry folks, he says we won't take on any more house construction projects.

Mike Miles (*Ondine II*) volunteered his signal flags and some well-researched sea shanty flag picture puzzles to keep the cocktail and hors d'oeuvres crowd busy. *Moon Shadow's* Bob and Jean White were the puzzle winners with gracious assistance from their onboard guests. They seemed to have so much fun that we hope they will buy a boat and join us next year!

Dinner officially started with a great corn roast courtesy of Dennis Reed having picked the corn himself earlier during the day. It was standing

room only at the barbeques as everyone cooked their own. It wasn't long, however, until Marilyn had tabulated the results of the challenges and started handing out additional poker cards. It takes a little getting used to working from 3 decks of cards and unlimited hands (this was a modified rule from the 10 maximum allowed by the co-chairs at the start of the cruise – you've got to be flexible you know!).

To give you an idea of the challenges used to obtain cards, did you know that:

- The public dock at Stella reads "No overnight docking, except during



weather emergencies”.

- The small building in the cove east of Nicholson Point (a gazebo) has 6 sides.
- The speed limit on the road into Bath just east of the Loyalist Cove Marina is 60 km/hr (I still think people guessed at this one - you can't see it from the water!)

Finally, we all got to check the expiry dates on our flares. One boat (we won't mention your name) won the booby prize with a manufacturer's date of 1985.

The poker hands were then tallied up and the winners were Jean and



Bob White (*Moon Shadow*). A prize for the most creative approach was awarded to Anneke and Terry Smyth from *Stamina*.

There was also a rare appearance that evening from the chief Fender Head – Dennis Reed himself. He filled us in on the long history of the Fender Heads and even wore the Chief Fender hat for us to gaze upon. Unfortunately, the official “John” in the Dennis and John Fender Head Society was not available for the event, so

John Skoropada (*Indy*) did his best to take on this heady responsibility, at least for the evening. The fender “helmet” fit not too badly too!

After a more or less safe return to the boats in dinghies, the armada settled down for the night only to be roused by our co-chairs Robert handing out instructions for the day and Marilyn providing running commentary on challenges over channel 6. *Day Dreams* was repositioned to form one end of the starting line and the race was promptly started at 9:30! Well almost.

Mike and Walter Miles (*Ondine II*) won the “I picked up the biggest weed ball” prize when they weighed anchor, which meant they weren't first to the starting line. *Stardust IV* and *Indy* (Carmen Knapp, John Skoropada, Cathy Trant et al) were runners up as the “best imitation of a catamaran with a large weed ball”. We never did get an



answer about whether they planned to “race united” or not. In any case, it seems that *Slinge II* (Larry and Shirley Norman) was first across the start line followed in hot pursuit by *Toucan Duet* (Tim and Kerstin Cairns) and then the rest of the fleet. The

story changed by the first mark where *Commotion* (Jacques and Glenda Levesque) and *Mango* (Wayne and Louise Nicholson) were neck and neck, but *Mango* turned first by half a boat length. We suspect the youngest member of the *Mango* crew may have caused a “commotion” during the next leg because *Commotion* crossed the second turn and finish line by herself (hey I'm writing this so I can brag a little!) followed a short while later by *Mango*.

We learned that *Raymoni* (Giles and Betty Beaudoin) were the first in the next group (over 35 feet) to reach the first mark, but *Toucan Duet* beat them around the second and final marks. It was then a bit of tacking back to Prinyer's Cove for the evening's festivities.



We had another great meal and there was still some corn left. The “most intriguing piece of barbeque meat” went to Larry Norman (*Slinge II*) who might share his butcher with you if you ask nicely. We then received cards from the race and challenges.

This time the winning hands with 5 of a kind were Richard and Penelope Deering (*Shawnawdithit*) and Terry and

Anneke Smyth (*Stamina*) – some people just have the luck of the draw. Those who had anchored made it back to their boats for the night and we all managed to escape to shelter before the hordes of mosquitoes showed up. By the way, if anyone found a spare plastic wine glass on the picnic tables, we would love to get it back; *Commotion* seems to have misplaced one during the evening – thanks in advance!

The wind shifted during the night (again) and we awoke to a foggy, humid, grey day. This did not dampen the spirits of our co-chairs, but did call for a revision in the day's activities. The race was put off in favour of simply completing the challenges on the way back. It seemed that everyone managed to sail most of the way back to CBYC and a few even flew their spinnakers.

The final gathering in the SS Maria was supported by some ice cold champagne which was most appreciated by all the participants. Among other things, this is where we learned some creative new definitions for "SNAFU". We'll leave you wondering what these were, aside from one particularly creative nautical approach: "Serious Nausea And Fouled Underwear". Also, Dan Smith from *Irish Mist* won the sympathy vote by managing to connect his forehead with the dock while docking. What some people will do for just a few more cards!

After the final cards were dealt, the winners of these hands were: Richard and Penelope Deering (*Shawnawdithit*) and Terry and Anneke Smyth (*Stamina*) with four of a kind. No, this is not a cut and paste error in my word processor. Some people really do have all the luck at cards!

It is pretty safe to state that a good time was had by absolutely everyone and this was largely due to the terrific effort and skills of the co-chairs (Marilyn Sykes and Robert van Dyk from *Day Dreams*). Our collective thanks go out to them, including:

Raymonni, Ondine II, Toucan Duet, Mystic Moon, Innisfree, Irish Mist, Commotion, Shawnawdithit, Slinge II, Moon Shadow, Stamina, Indy, Stardust IV, Mango and Moondance

We look forward to seeing you on the Poker Run next year!

Jacques and Glenda Levesque
(*Commotion*)



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2018 Award Recipients

Some of you weren't able to attend this year's *Annual Awards Gala* and may be wondering who were the award recipients ... other than *Horizon Dancer*, of course. Yep, it was them who merited the *Lead Life Ring Award* as seen in the video in last month's *Mixer*.

Below is the list of the 2018 award recipients. Should you have any questions, please contact our former Vice-Commodore, Phil Morris, by clicking on this link phil@learntocruise.ca. (Note that he will be unavailable to respond from February 8 to March 2.)

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| SAILING SCHOOL | Junior Skipper | Jericho Mordasiewicz |
| RACE | Amherst Island Cup | Breakaway J (PHRF 1) Horizon Dancer (PHRF 2) |
| | Étienne Brûlé Trophy | Jeannie |
| | Collins Bay Marina Award Pigeon Island Race | Breakaway J (PHRF 1) Ariane C (PHRF 2) |
| | Frostbite Race | Breakaway J |
| | CBYC Club Championship | Investors Group |
| CRUISING | Annual Cruising Award | Marco Rancourt and Anne McMartin (Le Rêve Possible) |
| | Alpine Star Award | Peter Feltham and Hélène Hubert (Cattitude) |
| CLUB | The Orgueil Cup | Shaun Fournier |
| | Gostlin Jewellers Award | Maryse Beaupre (Dream Weaver) & Luc Tremblay (Blythe Spirit) |
| | Lead Life Ring Award | Crew of Horizon Dancer |
| | Sportsmanship Award | Marco Rancourt and Anne McMartin (Le Rêve Possible) |
| | Wavelength/Top Mast Award | Darlene Amirault (Aslan) |
| | Commodore's Cup | Richard Dickson (Windsome) |

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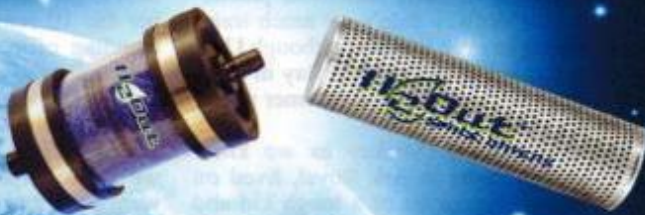


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