



Collins Mixer

Collins Bay Yacht Club Newsletter



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FEBRUARY 3

Slip, Slide & Giggle

FEBRUARY 10

Tropical Party (Ottawa)

MARCH 10

*Winter Seminar &
Social Potluck*

APRIL 28

Wine & Cheese

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Commodore's Corner

Here we are folks ... deep winter. Roughly 10 to 12 weeks away from getting our bottoms wet.

This coming weekend, many of us will once again meet for an evening of curling at the *Royal Kingston Curling Club* organized by Pat and Lionel Redford (*Knot Happening*).

The following weekend, Hélène and I will be hosting the annual *Ottawa Winter Cruise* at our home in Ottawa. As many of you know, we've offered to put on the event this year to continue a wonderful tradition started over 10 years ago by Ottawa-based members, David Ward and Pat Russell. We are expecting about thirty guests (so far), with a few members coming up from Kingston for the event. Some of the Ottawa members have graciously offered to open their homes to the out-of-towners, providing them with a place to stay while in Ottawa.

Thank you!! We have decided to put on a tropical-themed evening and are asking the attendees to wear or bring something that meets the spirit of the theme.

For the first time in several years, CBYC will be putting on a potluck evening in March with a learning event attached to it. I found out this past fall that in addition to being an amazing sailor, Danny McKindsey (*Happy Puppy*) is also a qualified surveyor. He has graciously agreed to share his knowledge and insight on the "ins and outs" of boat surveys, which at one time or another, for better or for worse, will affect all boat owners. I invite everyone to dig out their favorite potluck recipe and join us at this event.

Details about the learning/potluck evening, as well as the curling evening, the Ottawa Winter Cruise (aka Tropical Party), and the upcoming Wine and Cheese event can be found in this newsletter.

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From the Helm

Summer confirmation packages were sent out and we ask that you please confirm, or decline, by the end of February.

We hope everyone had a wonderful time at the Toronto International Boat Show!

Wintertime is a quiet time at the marina, but, the crew has been very busy this winter (see pictures - can you see the progress they've made?) We are working hard on the washrooms, welding the 3rd finger, as well as preparing for the installation of fiber that will provide a more stable Internet service to our clients.

Check out the [launch calendar](#) here and send in your request as it won't be long before spring is here!

*Lori and Gerry Buzzi
CBM Owners and Operators*

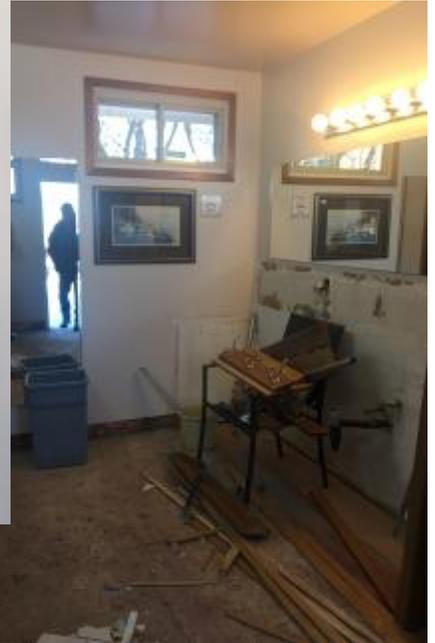


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TORONTO INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW 2018

While the Fenderheads may have abandoned the organization of a motor coach to ferry CBYC faithful to TIBS this year, a number of folks still made the annual pilgrimage nonetheless. Maybe it was to escape the residual effect of the grinding Christmas cold, kick some 'tires' or to socialize with their mates. Regardless, all found a packed Enercare Centre full to overflowing with opportunities to lighten their wallets.

The Commodore (CoCB) and the First Lady of Collins Bay (FLoCB), along with Panacea sailors Dave and Shelly Nickerson, made the trek via train on Friday 12 Jan. 2018. Later in the day, Shimmer stewards Andrew and Wendy Hope tried to catch-up on the 'peoples airline' only to find the adverse weather significantly disrupted the planned schedule. All was forgiven the following morning, when we boarded the shuttle to TIBS.

Upon arrival, we were treated to a veritable smorgasbord of exhibits. As has been the case in previous years, there was a heavy emphasis on power boats of all kinds and cottage life. Having said that, there was still lots of material for the old and new salts alike. Perhaps more importantly, we even ran into Louis Gagnon and Stacey Jones of Stolen Moments, Jim Beliveau and Helen

MacLeod-Beliveau (*Heel'n Orders*) as well as Allan Chapman and Donna Barnett (*Isabella*) who were caught indulging in various moments! Thanks again for the complimentary TIBS tickets Gerry and Lori!

While there seemed to be fewer booths dedicated to sailing than in the recent past, there were seemingly more inflatable products than ever. This of course baited the crowd we were running with into much speculation surrounding how quickly they can shed their fiberglass/inflatable floor dinghies for a lighter weight aluminum floor RIB with a requisite power upgrade. A few of us obtained quotes for sail upgrades from the only 2 sailmakers who were present, namely: North and Evolution. Diane Reid was there marketing her 'Offshore Personal Survival' seminars which should prepare the cruising fraternity for events they never want to experience. Quinte Canvas and Dreamcast were also there marketing their canvas products. The Gill and Dubarry Booths reported brisk sales over the opening weekend including some items we should be observing on 'B' dock this summer. I would be remiss if I didn't give a shout out to Arthur J. Gallagher Insurance (i.e., the Skipper's Plan) who plied us with Sharon Green sailing calendars so we wouldn't miss another premium



Wendy Hope (*Shimmer*)

payment!

We watched a stand-up paddleboard demonstration featuring *Baywatch*, *Survivor* and *Castaway* star Brenda Lowe and a number of enthusiastic Canadians on The Lake, a centrepiece of the show for SUP, wakeboarding, kayaking, sea flea and waterskiing demonstrations. There was even an inflatable SUP for what appeared to be 8, a veritable "porte avion" of sorts but probably too large to conveniently store in any cockpit locker. Nevertheless, an interesting option for FLoCB as she attempts to incentivize CoCB to join her SUPing in 2018!

As usual, there were a number of presentations in the theatre featuring Wally Moran, Lee Chesneau, Pam Wall, the Shards (Sheryl's hair hasn't changed!), to

name a few, as well as TED talks on a variety of subjects including diesel maintenance.

Insofar as regionally relevant scuttlebutt is concerned, we ran into Doug Hyde, Kingston Location Manager of the Pride Marine Group. For those of you who don't follow the power scene, there is no doubt you were aware of the George's Marine outlet across Collins Bay from CBM. Well, George's Marine has been bought over by the Pride Marine Group who has outlets sprinkled across southern Ontario. Perhaps it was serendipitous, but with Pride Marine re-entering the Kingston and area lexicon, it was very helpful that our local chandlery opted to re-brand itself a scant couple of years ago to avoid any confusion!

There seems to be no end to the different boats and gear you can spend your money on with no solution yet to answer the increasingly baffling question, where do all the old boats go? One year, I would love to see/hear how we can recycle much of what we enjoy as our water-borne pleasure palaces. All the best in 2018!

Andrew Hope (*Shimmer*)



Shelley Nickerson (*Panacea*) and Wendy Hope (*Shimmer*)



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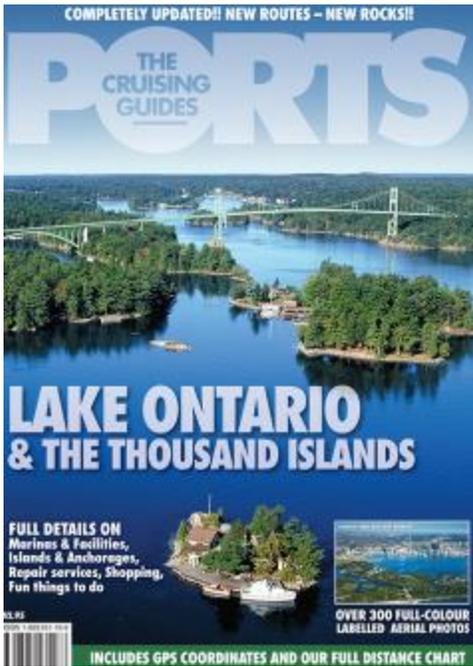
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The above is pulled from the [Ports website](#). However, we found out at the boat show that the *Ports Cruising Guides* are no longer in production! Whatever is left in stock, online or in various chandleries, is all that remains available. I double-checked this information by sending an email to Ports asking for confirmation of this. Sadly it is accurate.

Dave Nickerson (*Panacea*)



WHAT FUN

On December 16th, a small group of people gathered at the *Brew Pub* in downtown Kingston. The food was delicious and our glasses were refilled a couple of times while we reminisced about the sailing season and discussed plans for the holidays.

This was the last event that I organized as Social Director and I just wanted to say a special thank you to everyone who assisted with the events over the past two years.

Cheers!

Leigh Marsalekova
Social Director



REMINDER Slip, Slide & Giggle

As advertised in November’s *Mixer*, the sixth annual curling classic will be taking place on **Saturday February 3rd**. The festivities will begin at **7 p.m.** at **The Royal Kingston Curling Club** (130 Days Road).

Reminder to bring a pair of clean rubber-soled shoes and a warm clothing. Brooms and sliders will be provided by the curling club.

The cost is **\$15 per curler**.

Organizers’ Contact Info:

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(*Knot Happening*)
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Secrets to Awesome Cruising

On January 24, 2018, KYC's *Women in Wind* hosted an event at KYC. It was an opportunity for women to share "secrets" on how to make a cruising experience an awesome one.

They graciously extended an invitation to all of the women of the *Collins Bay Yacht Club*. Some members appreciatively accepted the invitation - Christina MacLachlan (*Commotion*), Ann Rand (*Ben Varrey*), Ruth Smith (formerly *Presto*), and *Hélène Hubert (Cattitude)*.

The evening started at the bar with introductions and drinks. The group of almost twenty then moved into one of the meeting rooms, and once settled in, eagerly started sharing with one another.

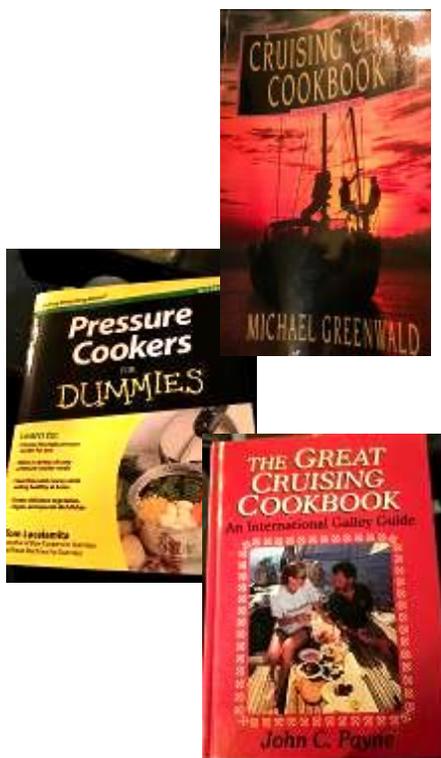
The "secrets" covered many aspects of cruising:

- apparel (e.g. [merino wool](#) and [bamboo](#))
- favourite cookbooks
- food prep (e.g. cooking rice in a thermos while underway; using parchment paper in small spaces as a cooking prep work surface which can then be thrown away)

- courses (consensus was that all courses are an asset)
- YouTube videos (e.g. Sailing Doogles), Sailing SV Delos, Sailing La Vagabonde)
- safety (e.g. not going to shore wearing apparel with your boat name; place reflective tape on boat mast to easily identify your boat when returning after dark; snorkeling wearing a red beanie or a flag to be visible)
- and more

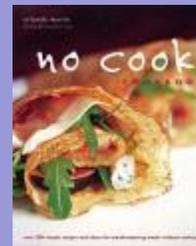
It was a fun and very informative evening in the company of generous ladies. Thanks again *Women in Wind* for the kind invitation!

Hélène Hubert (*Cattitude*)



Here are a few of my personal cruising tips:

- [one-pot meals](#)
- no cook meals
- to save space, I've replaced our thick towels (beach and shower) for thinner and quick-dry ones: [Turkish beach towels](#); [Talii \(shower\) Towels](#)
- because we usually cruise for 4-5 weeks at a time, I like to find items that keep for a while, so I get Costco's salami 3-pack for happy hour.



This upcoming boating season I'll use [H2Out](#) in my dry pantry hoping to keep crackers/chips/cereal, etc. crisp for the whole season. Has anyone tried this? Did it work?

To have more efficient kitchen tools and again, to save precious space, I'll be replacing my (weak) blender with a powerful [multipurpose immersion blender](#) (there are cordless immersion blenders too).

I'm convinced that there are many other useful tips that you've learned along the way. Why not share them with the other club members by submitting them to : mixer@collinsbayyachtclub.ca. They'll appear in future Mixer issues.

Hélène

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Blast from the Past

Going across the lake, to visit the US side can be an exciting adventure on its own. But sometimes Mother Nature decides to make the adventure even more exciting. Here's a story that was published in the September 1994 issue of the Collins Mixer titled *Cape Vincent Saga*.

If we hadn't been in Cape Vincent during the storm on Aug 4, we wouldn't have met all those nice, helpful people. At least that's the way to look at the experience positively.

We'd had a great cruise for nearly two weeks, but other boats had gone home and only ZOOM and SUENO were left. We heard the forecast for storms and wind changes, so ran for Cape Vincent as a safe harbor and obtained berths at Anchor Marina.

ZOOM tied up at the eastern end of the wall, and SUENO just west of the 'jog' in the wall, both facing the southwest wind. The storm hit about five PM with torrential rain and winds of 55 knots, more or less. At one point, a 40 foot sailboat, with anchor dragging and no engine, was bearing down

on SUENO, but the wind took it about 30 feet further on where it rode up on the jetty for about 3 feet, then fell back in the water. Gordon (ZOOM) and some other men got it alongside and secured to the jetty.

The storm seemed to pass in about an hour, but the wind remained at 30 to 40 knots. It was ZOOM's turn to cook dinner, which was enjoyed by all except the hostess, who kept disappearing to the Jetty to escape the boat movement.

After checking the lines we retired for the night. About midnight, we were wakened by the boat being thrown against the jetty. On the jetty, we met ZOOM who said he would have to move or lose his boat. With help from the people on the jetty, a bit of luck, and masterful seamanship, ZOOM got away from the jetty and eventually alongside at the west side of the Fisheries dock.

SUENO was boxed in by the jog in the jetty, by another boat ahead, and the north wind, so it was decided we had to stay and put lines out to pull us off the jetty, well that is, only hitting every seventh wave. Several hours passed, with Gordon helping others, Merv checking the lines every five minutes, and Ann and Marion worrying about their men.

About five AM, SUENO started to

hit bottom as well as the jetty. The wind had veered to the NE and when the boat dropped into the trough of a wave, there was not enough water to stay afloat. Nothing for it, we had to move. Woke ZOOM. Ann took Brandy, Gordon held the bow until the last second, and with more masterful seamanship, also luck, SUENO was out in the harbor. With lots of help, we managed to get SUENO alongside the jetty on the west side of the big marina shed, in a space slightly longer than the boat. The wind continued until midafternoon when it calmed down to about 10 knots. The rest of the day was spent trying to catch up on sleep.

Saturday, we both motored back to Collins Bay -- NO WIND!

Merv and Marion Cameron
(*Sueno*)



TROPICAL PARTY



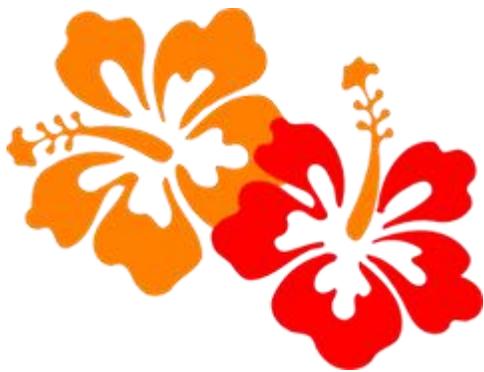
Hosts: Peter Feltham and H el ene Hubert
(Cattitude)

Date: Saturday, February 10, 2018

Time: Starting @ 6 p.m.

Where: 88 Winnegreen Court, Ottawa

Format: Potluck & BYOB



For information, or for
confirmation of attendance,
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RSVP: February 3, 2018

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Danny McKindsey

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- ◆ Purpose & types of survey
 - ◇ pre-purchase survey
 - ◇ insurance survey
 - ◇ others
- ◆ Regulatory and standards basis for survey and their relevance (Transport Canada Regulations, ABYC Standards), new vs. older vessels
- ◆ What to expect from a survey, and limitations
- ◆ How to prepare for a survey
 - ◇ preparing the boat for access
 - ◇ identifying potential issues in advance
- ◆ Interpreting the survey report
- ◆ Frequently observed issues
- ◆ Valuations - what do they mean and how to use

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Danny McKindsey
(Happy Puppy)

WHEN

Saturday, March 10th
@ 5:00 p.m., followed by
potluck

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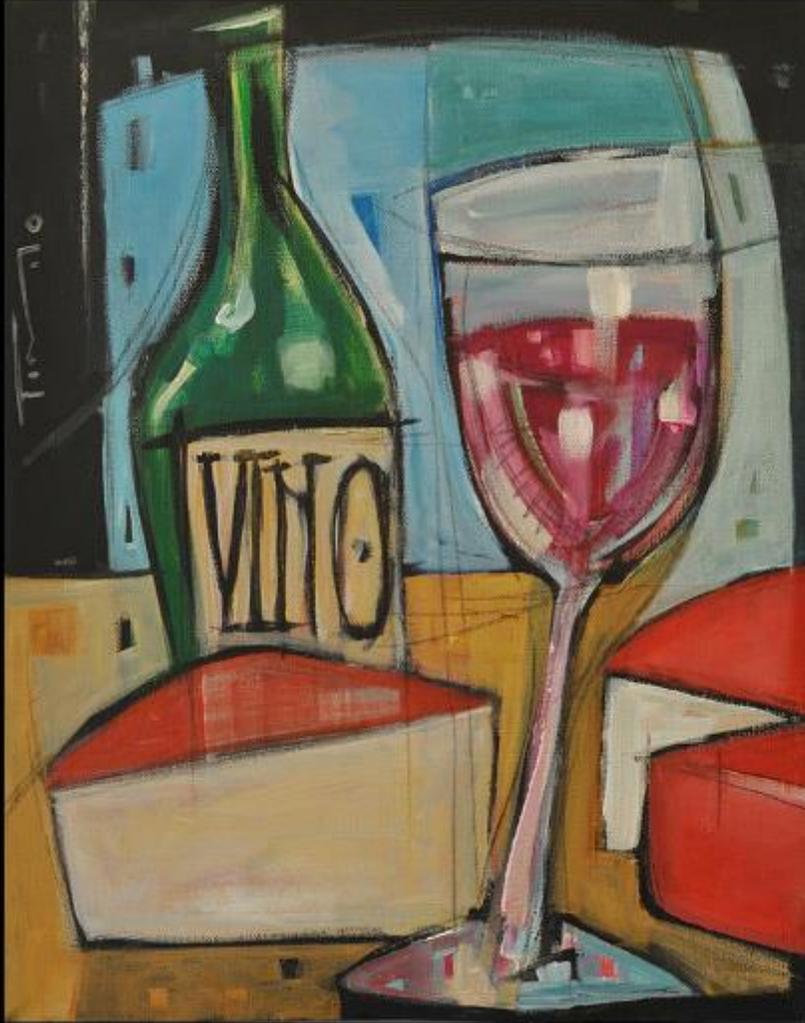


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WINE & CHEESE

April 28, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

COME ONE, COME ALL!

Everyone is invited to come celebrate the beginning of a new boating season at the annual wine & cheese event, being organized this year by Christina MacLachlan (*Commotion*).

We'll be gathering in the club house (top of D Dock) where cheese and other light snacks will be available. Don't forget to bring your favourite bottle of wine, or beverage of choice. It'll be a fun evening of catching up with old friends, welcoming new club members, making new friends, and for some, an opportunity to find out about CBYC club activities.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE!

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