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Collins Bay Yacht Club Newsletter

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JANUARY 18 TO 27
Toronto Boat Show

FEBRUARY 9
Curling Party

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Commodore's Corner

The middle of January has arrived. It's cold and, in many places, there is snow on the ground. Even in places where the presence of snow is somewhat lacking, the nighttime temperatures can approach the minus double digit mark with some regularity. This is a clear indicator that the Toronto Boat Show is on the near horizon.

Have you ever wondered why a boat show is scheduled in the dead of winter? Wouldn't it be more enjoyable to view beautiful new boats in their intended environment in the water and under a summer's sky? Wouldn't it be more natural to be climbing over boats, or discussing the latest in sailing innovation, wearing shorts and a t-shirt instead of removing one's winter boots and looking for a spot to park one's parka?

There are many practical reasons, of course, for having boat shows during the winter period. Vendors are available, it's a slow period for many of the retail and

maintenance activities associated with sailing, and, in the summer months, most of us would rather be sailing. But someone offered a less logical reason for winter boat shows: passionate sailors.

What makes a passionate sailor? How would one recognize such a beast? To begin with it would be helpful to have a working definition of "passion". I happened to find one in the Merriam Webster dictionary that defines passion as "a strong liking or desire for or devotion to some activity, object, or concept." This dictionary conveniently presented the definitions of two related synonyms: enthusiasm and zeal. Enthusiasm is defined as "applies to lively or eager interest in or admiration for a proposal, cause or activity." The word zeal "implies energetic and unflagging pursuit of an aim or devotion to a cause." It suddenly occurred to me that spotting passionate sailors shouldn't be all that difficult. In fact, I have concluded that Collins Bay Marina has been blessed with an abundance of passionate sailors. The proof of this can be seen in how people maintain their boats and their equipment. It can be heard in the topics of conversation that deal with sharing of experience, seeking to better understand elements of our shared passion of sailing, and in the



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expression of pleasure that comes from being on the water and having the opportunity of pursuing an activity that greatly adds to our quality of life.

It is to our collective benefit that our passion for sailing extends beyond that which benefits us directly and manifests itself in our willingness to engage in activities that support our sailing community. As your new CBYC executive meets for the first time later this month, I expect to see a liberal amount of passion, enthusiasm and zeal as we begin to plan for an enjoyable 2019 sailing season. We will do our best to provide sailing and social opportunities for CBYC members to exercise their passion, enthusiasm and zeal and, to prove once again, that Collins Bay Marina and the Collins Bay Yacht Club are desirable homes for passionate sailors.

Bill Amirault (*Aslan*)
Commodore

Boat Show Tips

Plan Your Visit and Be Prepared

Go online and see the list of exhibitors, events and activities. Make a list of the boats you

want to visit, which products you need information about, which seminars you want to attend, etc. Enter in your paper/electronic calendar the start/end times and location of seminars/special events you want to attend.

Map It Out

Once you've identified what it is that you want to see and do, maximize your time by reviewing the venue's floorplan guide.

Be Comfortable

Bring water to keep you well hydrated throughout the day.

It'll be a day of walking so comfortable shoes are a must. If you are planning ongoing aboard boats, you will need to remove your shoes, so a pair of easy off/on shoes is practical.

Ladies, because there are access stairs and temporary ramps, flats are safer (and more comfortable) than heels.

Exhibitors will provide you with plastic bags to hold product information. However, after a while this bag can become weighty as you accumulate promotional material and purchases. For your comfortable, a better option

might be to bring a tote from home, a canvas boat bag, or a backpack.

Weekday or Weekend?

Exhibitors will have more time to talk with you/answer your questions if you visit their kiosks weekdays. Crowd-pleasing events are planned on weekends to draw in crowds of visitors.

Money Matters

If you are in the market for a new boat, do your homework and come prepared with a financial picture. Keep in mind that there are additional expenses such as options/upgrades, taxes, shipping costs, and related dealer prep work. Then once you've purchased the boat there are also routine service/maintenance costs, marina and offseason storage fees.

Planning to finance the boat? Come with a preapproved loan status to be in a position to act quickly if you see something that you like.

Take Photographs/Take Notes

There is so much to see at a boat show. To help you remember things that what caught your eye, take photos and/or notes.



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Toronto Boat Show
[website](#)

From the Helm

Happy New Year from all of us at Collins Bay Marina! We are looking forward to a great 2019 boating season.

Summer confirmation packages have been sent out with complimentary tickets for the [Toronto Boat Show](#). Enjoy the show on us! If you need a slip for this upcoming boating season, we ask that you confirm this by **February 28th**, date on which your deposit will also be due. If you already know that you won't need a slip, please let us know right away so that we may offer one to another boater on our wait list.

The [launch calendar](#) is on the website. Weather permitting, launch will begin on April 17th. You can book a launch date online or call the office at **613-389-4455** or toll-free at **1-888-748-5557** with your preferred date. The calendar fills up quickly so don't delay!

You might wonder what we do during the off season. Although things are a bit slower, there is



We look forward to seeing everyone back at the marina soon!

*Gerry and Lori
Marina Owners & Operators*

still lots to do to in the office to get ready for the upcoming season (read "perpetual paperwork"). As well, Gerry and James are at it again, welding/repairing docks. We also attended the annual *Boating Ontario* conference, which keeps us up-to-date about new legislation, new technology and ideas to help us run the best marina we can operate. Here are a few pictures from our intense 3-day conference.



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Meanwhile In Canada

DATE: February 9, 2019

TIME: 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

WHERE: Royal Kingston Curling Club
130 Days Road (north of Front Road)
Kingston

COST: \$15 per player

REQUIRED: Clean rubber-soled shoes
Warm sweater/jacket

PROVIDED: Brooms, brackets for balance
support

RSVP: By February 8th

ORGANIZER: Lionel Redford (Knot Happening)
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Yes, we know that you are longing for summer, but ... (click [here](#) and [here](#) and [here](#) for videos).



Everyone is invited to celebrate and socialize in the bar area after the game.



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Blast from the Past

There is so much to learn about sailing - points of sail, weather, navigation, safety, boat maintenance, etc. Our boating season is a short one, so some escape down south to fit in more sailing time and learning. Below is article *Down South in 2008* from the Mixer's April 2008 issue, about three club members who went to the BVIs to do just this.

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

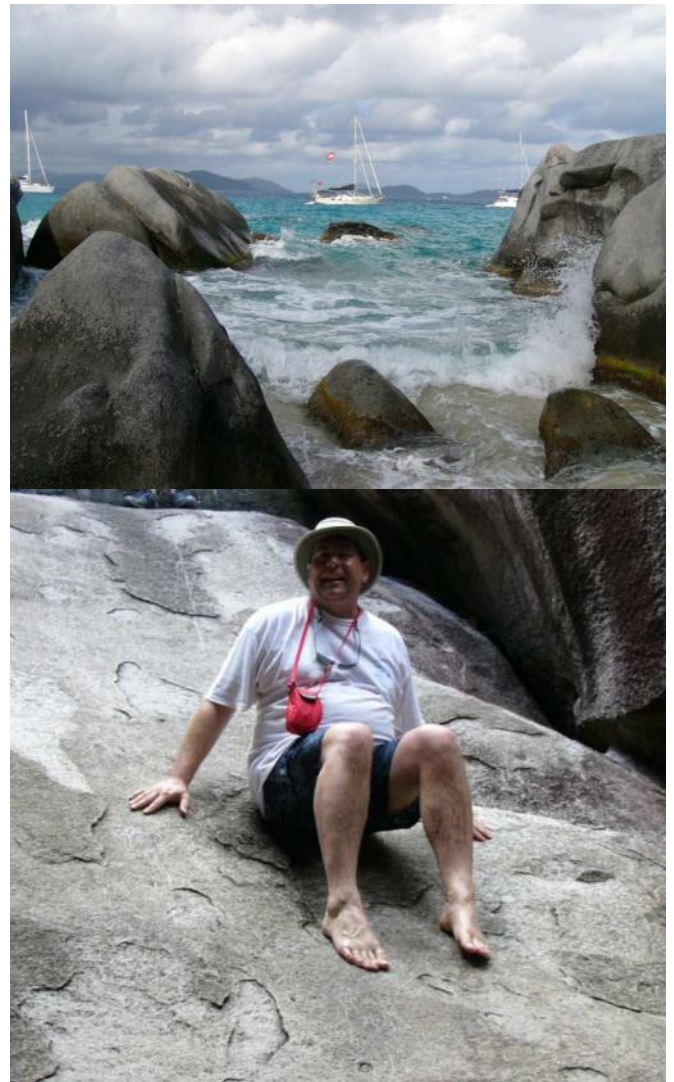


signed up there was only one course full so a few emails later to former students and their spouses and I managed to recruit two fellow CBYC members Dan Smith and Mike Miles, for the first and third of the week long Intermediate courses so that we ended up with a full house.

Dan Smith joined the first one where after Road town we sailed to Norman (“Treasure”) Island and Snorkeled at the caves (didn’t find any treasure though) and then on to Spanish town on Virgin Gorda where we took a taxi to the Baths.

It’s a tough life I have to admit but I was forced to leave the Canadian winter wonderland to teach cruising in the BVI. I had a call in November of last year from Ottawa Sailing School. They were running “Down South” cruising courses and the previous Instructor (who had his boat briefly at Collins Bay) had left to live in BC and so was not available to teach these. So they twisted my arm to spend a few weeks in the BVI aboard a Sunsail 39 out of Tortola. When I first

From the Baths we headed to Virginia Gord Sound and the Bitter end Yacht club and then on to Anegada and the Big Bamboo at Loblolly Bay. Sorry to say all



“evidence” of last years visit by CBYC legal team has been erased! We headed back to Marina Cay and took in some pirate songs and then back for our last night at Nanny Cay near Road Town. The third week



Mike Miles joined us. We made a slight variant in the itinerary spending the first night at Coopers Island.

We then continued on to Virgin Gorda Sound. There Mike demonstrated his barbecuing expertise.

After Sopers we headed for a night at Norman Island before heading to Road Town to be ready to come home the next day.

Both Dan and Mike did very well and added

their own experiences to the courses. They both passed the practicals with flying colours and I am sure will do just fine in the written exam!

It was more than a little traumatic to get back to the snow and cold. I managed to get a cold from someone on the last course (I won't say who)

and I am still recovering. I don't seem to be getting much sympathy though! Hopefully I will get a call from Ottawa Sailing School next year so I will keep you posted!

Phil

Phil Morris
(Wavelength)



Despite the alarming start up the steaks were excellent and we all survived to tell the tale, so Walt you now may need to relinquish the spatula from time to time! Everyone had a great time in Easterly winds from 20-30 knots day and night (no significant thermal here!) and 2 metre waves.

This made for some good sailing and a lot of reefing practice! We averaged over six knots to Anegada and the next day we headed for a lunch stop at Cane Garden Bay and then on to Soper's Hole on the west end of Tortola.



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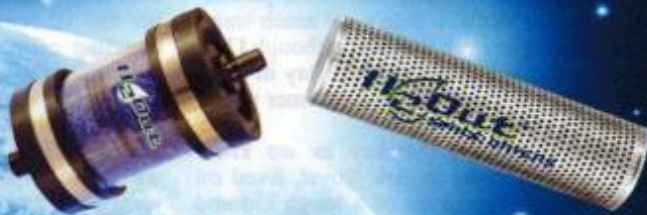
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