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## Collins Bay Yacht Club Newsletter

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## Commodore's Corner

This is the first time that I find myself in the Commodore's corner. It's actually quite pleasant here. Aside from the life-size portrait of the previous commodore, it's a rather unremarkable space. A few sailing magazines from the 1980's are scattered about. There is a cold cup of coffee whose origin was the coffee station outside of the marina office. Several lengths of line sporting various nautical knots are strewn across the only available chair. The only other piece of furniture evident to the untrained observer is a well worn rickety desk on which sits a Commodore 64. I have been told that this is a place that has inspired many a past commodore in the creation of insightful and noteworthy comments that continue to be quoted to this very day. Will the tradition continue? Time will tell.

I would like to begin my first installment of *Commodore's Corner* by thanking the outgoing Commodore and the outgoing Yacht Club Executive for their service over the past two years. During this period the club has seen great

progress. The club has increased its membership and continues on a sound financial footing. The racing activity has provided opportunities for those who have a competitive spirit and, for those who are more of a cruising orientation, opportunities for cruising adventures were organized. The sailing school has flourished with the addition of Can Sail 5 training and access to racing events. The very generous gift of a Tanzer 22 by the marina owners to the sailing school has enabled the establishment of an introduction to keel boat sailing course. And, let's not forget the various social events that have provided opportunities for more fun. On behalf of our entire club membership I convey our sincere thanks for a job well done and our sincere appreciation for the investment of time and effort that you have made for our collective benefit. We are a better club as a result of your tenure.

We now have a new commodore and a new executive. What can you expect during the tenure of the new CBYC executive? Our first executive meeting will take place in January 2019 so at the time of the writing of this article we have not actually met. But from my point of view, I would like to focus initially on two themes:

consolidation and community.

We have seen several key initiatives during the tenure of the previous executive. I have mentioned the addition of Can Sail 5 to our sailing school. I have made reference to the keel boat familiarization course and, by the time the 2019 season begins, renovations to our clubhouse should be completed. It may be wise to take some time to review these initiatives to confirm that they are working as planned and to provide any fine tuning that may be necessary in order to ensure that maximum effectiveness is achieved. As with any new initiatives, it takes time for the existence of these programs to become well known and it also takes some time to determine if the initial planning assumptions were valid. Therefore, we will take a close look at these new programs and adjust as necessary to ensure the long term viability and success of these initiatives.

The second theme I identified is community. Certainly one could accurately describe the CBYC and the Collins Bay Marina as a community. We are connected by our passion for sailing and boating, by our love of being on the water, and by the pleasure we derive from expanding and applying our

nautical skills and knowledge as we enjoy some of the best fresh water sailing and boating in the world. As we are well aware, not one of us was born being able to sail or with the knowledge base that is required in order to sail competently and confidently. This we had to learn. Some of us learned through courses. Some of us have learned by reading and watching videos. Some of us have learned by trying something and, having been lucky enough to have survived our mistakes, we have modified our thinking and our actions to reflect a more successful approach to sailing. Of course, most of us have learned from a combination of these activities. And I have omitted probably the most important learning source of all: we have learned from our fellow sailors and dock mates.

This is what really defines us as a community: our willingness to help each other. I have certainly benefited over the years from the knowledge and assistance from club members that has been kindly provided to me. Many members have shared their knowledge and experience related to sailing, boat equipment and boat maintenance. And when I have made rather silly mistakes, some kind souls have even been so kind as to remind me

that probably everyone in the marina, at one time or another, has made a similar error so, don't fret about it, just learn from it and be ready to help the next person you encounter who is a bit shame faced about having done the same thing. It is this approach that encourages a strong club and a strong sailing and boating community. This is a contribution that each of us can make throughout the season, especially to new members in our community. This is a current feature of the CBYC and one of which I am particularly proud. I encourage all members of the club to continue in this approach and to continue to invest in our community in this way.

My behind is suddenly sore. Much to my surprise, I missed moving one of those lines from the chair and I now discover that I have been sitting on the largest bowline tied in the coarsest line that I have ever seen. I think I will end this first installment as I seek medical attention for my unanticipated injury. Until next time.

Bill Amirault  
(Aslan)



## From the Helm

Haul out is done and winter is fast approaching. The crew has been busy winterizing everything and servicing the equipment. Watch for the Christmas lights on the docks! The dock repairs will begin shortly, which will keep Gerry and James very busy.

Although the boats are put away for the winter, we can look forward to the Toronto International Boat show taking place from January 18 to 27, 2019. Spring launch will begin April 13, 2019. We hope these dates keep the winter blues away until everyone can get back to the marina and back in the water.

Gerry and I will be attending the *Boating Ontario Conference* again this year. This is a good opportunity for us to stay informed of any new industry standards and procedures that may benefit our marina and also a nice way to connect with other marina operators to share our struggles and tips to have successful boating seasons.

The summer confirmation packages will be sent out in the mail just after the holidays. Please let us know if you do not require a slip next season right away, so we can then open up

a spot to our lengthy wait list. Please confirm your spot by February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for all your continued support over the 2018 season.

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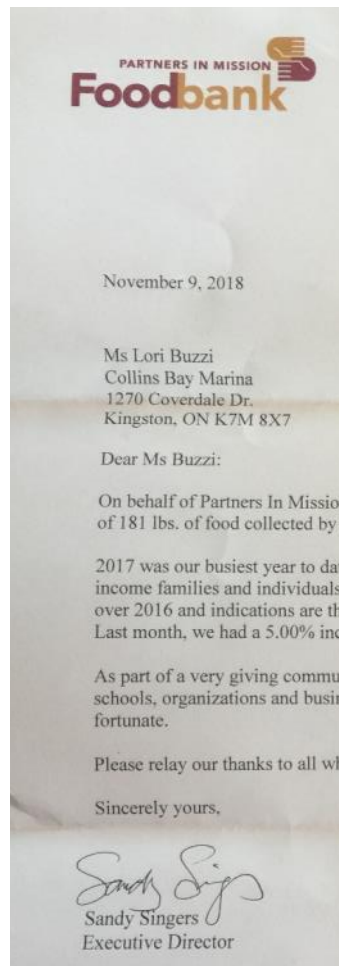


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# CBYC Annual Awards Banquet

The *Renaissance Event Center* was a beautiful venue to celebrate all those who were recognized by CBYC for their achievements and community spirit!



On November 3, 49 members enjoyed dinner and 3 guests were invited to join us for dessert and coffee. The Junior Skipper, Jericho Mordasiewicz, and family were enjoying Helene's slide show so much, they stayed for the rest of the evening!

including upgrading the marina's WIFI, H el ene captured many memorable moments both on and off the water. The slide show was a recap of the year's activities and definitely one of the highlights of the evening. Thank you, H el ene!

During the presentations, H el ene, who was last year's *Lead Life Ring Award* recipient, demonstrated how one can win this prestigious award. Though there were a few honorable mentions, this year's recipient is .... DRUMROLL .... (find out by fast-forwarding this [video](#) to 13 minutes and 50 seconds).

Darlene Amirault stepped in as the event coordinator and planned a smooth-sailing evening for us. She also picked up many of the door prizes, wrapped them, and prepared a nautical-themed seating plan. Gift bags served as decorative centrepieces on the tables, until they were drawn.



I would like to thank everyone who participated in the awards evening, including Phil Morris who was unable to attend as he was certifying new Instructor Trainers (IE) for *Sail Canada* that weekend.



A special thank you to H el ene and Darlene for spending many hours getting everything ready for us! We appreciate everything you did to make the evening a success!

Claudia Stevenson,  
Past Commodore

[More photos here](#)



H el ene and Peter lived aboard *Cattitude* for most of the summer, and while Peter was working on various projects,



# Annual General Meeting

After an evening of glitz and celebrations, about 20 members attended this year's AGM the morning of November 4 to review our club's standing, challenges and accomplishments further to the 2018 boating season. If you weren't able to attend and are interested in knowing more, you can access the executive reports on the password-protected **Members** tab of our website (hopefully, you've kept the password, if not you can contact [cbyc@collinsbayyachtclub.ca](mailto:cbyc@collinsbayyachtclub.ca) to request it.

It is at this meeting that the new executive team was proposed and accepted by the members present. You'll find a list of the outgoing, incoming, and remaining members on page 8.

After the meeting came to an end, most of those in attendance gathered at the Loyal Oarsman for lunch and

camaraderie.

The new executive team is looking forward to working together and making boating season 2019 a fun and successful one!

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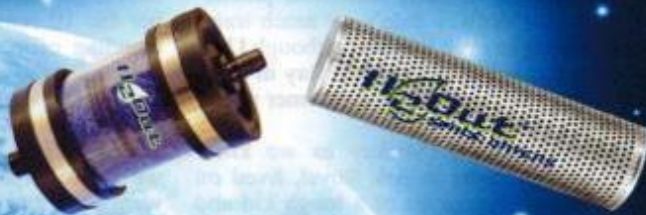
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# CBYC's 2019 Executive Committee

An important responsibility that I have as Past Commodore is to find members who might be interested in volunteering in one of the executive committee roles. I am pleased to report that further to the AGM, and with the help of John Giles (*Race Chair*), all of the positions are filled for the 2019 boating season. Below is a snapshot of who is outgoing, incoming and remaining. For those who are leaving the committee, thank you for all that you have contributed. Extending a warm welcome to all of the incoming members - we look forward to with you. And welcome back to those who are still enjoying their current role and want to continue in it.

Claudia Stevenson, Past Commodore

## OUTGOING

### Commodore

Peter Feltham (*Cattitude*)

### Vice Commodore

Phil Morris (*Wavelength*)

### Secretary

Dan Delorey (*Entre Amis 1*)

### Social Chair

Vacant

### Clubhouse Chair

Vacant

### Cruise Chair

Vacant

### Race Chair

John Giles (*Poppy*)

### Fleet Captain

Robert Mackey (*Tingirrautalik*)

### Sailing School Director

Richard Dickson (*Windsome*)

### Sailing School Operations Manager

Vacant

## INCOMING

### Commodore

Bill Amirault (*Aslan*)

### Vice Commodore

Peter Feltham (*Cattitude*)

### Secretary

Ruth Cass-Beggs Smith (*Drifter*)

### Social Chair

Liz Taylor-Reid (*Horizon Dancer*),  
assisted by Chantal Thomas  
(*Wanderlust*)

### Clubhouse Chair

Glenn Reid (*Horizon Dancer*)

### Cruise Chair

Marco Rancourt (*Le Rêve Possible*)

### Race Chair

Rich Ison (*Rainbow Chaser*)

### Fleet Captain

Bruce Anderson (*Yoki Lintu*)

### Sailing School Director

Robert Mackey (*Tingirrautalik*)

### Sailing School Operations Manager

Richard Dickson (*Windsome*)

## REMAINING

### Past Commodore

Claudia Stevenson (*Tamara C*)

### Treasurer

Jacquie MacKinnon (*Bittern*)

### Webmaster

Geoff Roulet (*Jeannie*)

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Ed Nash (*Bay Breeze*)

### Newsletter

Hélène Hubert (*Cattitude*)

### Sailing School Administrator

Keith Davies

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## A CBYC Member Part of C&C's Design Team

Who knew?! Our own Ruth Smith (*Drifter*) - our club's new Secretary - was part of the original C&C team from 1971 to 1977. You can see her in the photo below (Ruth Coombes). C&C YACHTS, named for two of its founding partners, George Cuthbertson and George Cassian, was the largest-ever builder of sailboats in Canada.



**The early staff in a photo by George Cuthbertson: Mark Ellis, Steve Killing, Rob Mazza, Rob Ball, Tony Godwin, Ruth Gard, George Cassian, Ruth Coombes, and Len Cox.**

It became a company that would shape and profoundly affect the entire North American sailboat industry.

Click [here](#) to learn about C&C's impressive history.

So what was Ruth's contribution, you may be wondering? Read on to find out.

**Q: Ruth, when did you work for C&C?**

*A: I started working for C&C around 1971 and worked there for about 6 years. Initially in Port Credit and the last two years in Oakville. I was in my late twenties then.*

**Q: Why did C&C hire you?**

*A: I had taken an architecture*

*met my future husband, [Maurice Smith](#), who was then the Captain of Toronto's Brigantine Pathfinder. One of his directors, Doug Hood, was a close friend of George Cuthbertson and he recommended me to Big George. C&C hired me for my drafting skills and I became a member of their design team.*

**Q: Describe for us what you did for C&C.**

*A: I did perspective drawings, line drawings, presentation sail plans with colour wash - all great fun to do!*

**(Here comes the technical jargon!)**

*Initially, I checked the offsets against the lines. Later, I developed the diagonal and "buttocks" from the water lines and sections. Each "set of lines", waterlines, diagonal lines and buttock lines and sections are all integrated and developed from the basic waterlines and sections. I also prepared rudder 'lines drawings'.*

*program at university. I really enjoyed the drafting portion of the program and did very well at it. Once I completed university, I worked in the Astronomy Department of the Toronto University as a drafter. It was while in Toronto that I*

*You have to remember that in those days there were no computer-aided design programs like AutoCAD to create precise 2-D and 3-D designs. In fact, the first-hand calculator with a 3rd root feature came out during my first year with C&C. I did my drawings using a 6H pencil on*

mylar up to 1/32nd + or - (making it a 64th). I also did 'ink' lines to produce better prints. Good lighting and fine drafting skills were a must to successfully accomplish this.

I'd be given a sketch plan of a sailboat and asked to design its interior. I would have to fit everything in like a jigsaw puzzle, respecting the line drawing and making sure that nothing would end up sticking out through the hull (e.g. the head, the freezer). I really enjoyed that kind of work. I also did deck layouts.

Once the custom sailboats were built, we would do a sea trial to make sure everything was correct. I often would be aboard for the first race.

**Q: Which sailboats contain your direct contribution?**

A: That is hard to pinpoint. Certainly most of the custom-made boats after I joined the company. The first project I was assigned to was the [50' Phantom](#), built by Erich Bruckmann. I drew the interior perspectives for it. Only three were ever built and at least one of them is still on the water today with New Zealand's [Phantom Yacht Charter](#).

I also designed the interior of a 66'. If my memory serves me

right, it was built for Paul J. Phelan, the then owner of [Cara](#).

**Q: It must have been so exciting to be part of C&C in those days! Why did you leave?**

A: I left because Maurice and I started our family. After our firstborn came along, I worked on a part-time basis for 6 months. During this time I designed some interiors and colour sail-plans. But then I retired to focus on raising our family on a full-time basis.

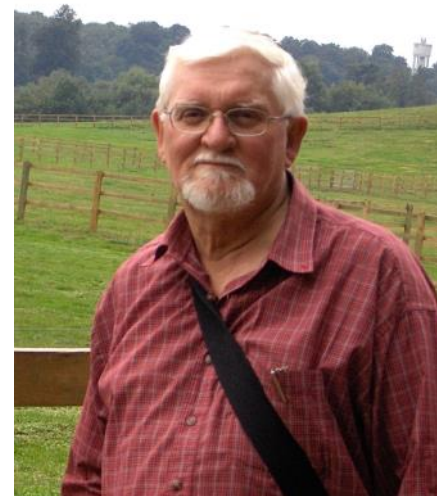
Thank you Ruth for having shared your experience with our readers!

I invite our members to have a chat with Ruth at a next social event. You'll find that she's a very interesting person with many interests. These days Ruth keeps busy playing the French horn and the cello in various bands, she knits, crochets, does needlework, she especially loves carpentry work, but hates to cook. She now wants to take up water colour. How does she find time to do it all?

Hélène Hubert,  
Mixer Editor



Ruth plays the French horn



[Maurice Smith](#)

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# Blast from the Past

This month's article appeared in the October 2006 issue of the Mixer. It tells about a Waupoos cruise that took place at the tail end of hurricane Ernesto and a CBYC/KYC race on the return trip. It is another great example of our CBYC spirit!

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

**Ernesto - 0**  
**CBYC - 46**

OK, now I know that CBYC folks really are party hearty and will persevere through hurricane conditions to make a good time happen.

While Hurricane Ernesto was harassing the southern US, his temper was threatening eastern Lake Ontario for the few days before the Labour Day long weekend.

Twenty-three boats had signed up for the Waupoos cruise, paid their money for the Roast Beef and Corn dinner and reserved dock space at the Waupoos Marina. But the weather forecasts caused some plans to change.

Nine boats (*Tamara C, Ondine II, Slinge II, Purrfection, Indy, Helen May, Yer Out, Bay Fox and Sabrina IV*) planned ahead and had great sails to Waupoos on the Thursday or Friday. The rest of us were left wandering the docks on Friday afternoon, wondering, "What should we do?" given the forecasts of gale force winds, straight from the east and a deluge of rain.

Those still at CBM arranged a Saturday morning 8:15 am meeting

in the women's washroom to discuss the logistics and determine if we were wise or merely wusses if we went to the party via land yachts.

The meeting also included discussions about vitamin supplements, aching joints and other sundry maladies, however. . . I digress. In the meantime, *Gibwanasi* had taken off, bright and early (actually it was dull and obscenely early) on Saturday, followed by *Sequala*, and both managed to arrive at Waupoos just before the winds really started to howl and the heavens opened up.

By late afternoon, ten land yachts arrived (*Aslan, Grace, Innisfree, Wavelength, O'Naturel, Eclipse, Wilru V, Mango, Dream Haze and Day Dreams*) and the official "Rubber Ducky Happy Hour" was



underway. The only thing that protected the revellers from the downpour was a large canvas tarp draped halfway across the open party shed (aka wind tunnel), held up by a rusty chain and tattered ropes and down by a row of concrete blocks and a tractor. Gale force winds and water gusted around us. The tarp flapped dangerously, adding to the excitement. Everyone had a great time even though most of us were standing in 1-inch puddles!



Our Waupoos Marina host, Linda opened up her home for coffee, dessert and warmth. The young folks from *Yer Out* entertained us with guitars and songs (does anyone remember the words to the

*Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald?*) Thanks, Linda for making us so welcome.

By Sunday morning, the Wind had died down. However, the ramp to D dock was hanging by a thread.

The party score — 46 CBYC members and guests had a fantastic and memorable party and Ernesto did not dampen any spirits.

Thanks again to Gary and Carol (*Sabrina I V*) and Dennis and Norma (*Innisfree*) for coordinating the cruise logistics. All the details were taken care of ... with the exception of the weather. Next time, you're going to have to work harder on that one!

Now, my questions: Where Was everyone for the OJ and Bubbly Cruise last May.. ...the weather conditions were not half as challenging as Labour Day? And Phil, we still haven't seen the OJ and Bubbly!

Scribes: Marilyn Sykes and Robert van Dyk (*Day Dreams*)

shift to a more favourable direction. An evening at the "Duke" seemed in order — good food, warm atmosphere, and of course an opportunity to dry out! *Bay Fox*, *Gibwanasi*, *Helen May*, *Ondine II*, *Slinge II* *Sequala*, *Tamara C* and *Yer Out* were treated to a fine meal (as usual), PLUS the pleasure of sharing the Pub with 18 or so sailors from KYC (most of whom I should mention came by car. . .mmmm).

To make a long story short, put any two clubs together in the same place and a challenge usually emerges! Despite a few "we're not interested" voices (OK really only one), our Vice Commodore "accepted" KYC's challenge to a race back to Collins Bay on Monday. KYC would re-dedicate a trophy and present it to the winning club at the KYC Cruisers Annual Dinner in January.

First thing that came to my mind was the fact a past Club Champion (Bruce Rand and "*O 'Naturel*") was still at Waupoos — hey we've got a real chance! However, hopes were quickly dashed later when we

Nevertheless, the FUN race was on! Monday morning the wind had shifted to the NW, with the promise of a beam reach to the Upper Gap. Starting line was the entrance to Waupoos Marina and the ferry dock on the island — each boat to keep their own time. The object — go as fast as possible from Waupoos to the Brothers. Four boats from CBYC took up the challenge. *Slinge II* left first, followed by *Yer Out*, *Gibwanasi* and *Sequala*. *Bearly Awake*, *Marglo II*, and *Golden Rebel* represented KYC.

I can't speak for the other crews, but the pressure on the helm and trimmer were intense! But in keeping with cruising tradition, this didn't stop lunch from being served somewhere just after the Gap, with no significant impact on boat speed or position (we elected not to drop a hook...).

When the smoke cleared, CBYC had accumulated 8 points against KYC's 13 — we'd WON! Congratulations to Dan and Brenda (*Sequala*) for a 1<sup>st</sup> with the fastest overall time (4h 18m 1s), followed by *Yer Out* 2<sup>nd</sup> (4h 28m 5s), *Slinge II* (5<sup>th</sup> (4h 55m 0s) and *Gibwanasi* 7<sup>th</sup> (5h 07m 58s). Smokin'!!!

As I said, good thing the dinghy was still at home.

Scribe: Dave Johnston (*Yer Out*)

## Waupoos Addendum

Thank god we left the dinghy at home! As Marilyn Sykes has so well described in her report, the effects of Ernesto lingered well past the Saturday dinner. So most of us who managed to get there by boat elected to hunker down for an extra day to allow the rain to stop and winds to

realized "*O 'Naturel*" was a land yacht, AND Bruce and crew (joined by *Indy*) had been observed in the hot tub after multi hours at the "ciderhouse". In *Indy's* words, they were "kerfuffled", and the opportunity to race seemed lost on them the next day.



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# Happy Puppy Fall Sail

Danny McKindsey (*Happy Puppy*) and crew\* enjoying the boating season until the very end by squeezing in every last bit of wind before haul out.

Photos submitted by Ann Rand (*Ben Varrey*)



\*Crew: Susan Fraser (part of team that won the 2018 Sail Canada Women's Keelboat Championship), Ann Rand (Ben Varrey), Doug Belanger (*Plan Eh!*) and H el ene Hubert (*Cattitude*)



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Submitted by Phil Morris (*Wavelength*)



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