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Collins Bay Marina Newsletter

1971 – 2011 Our 40th Anniversary!

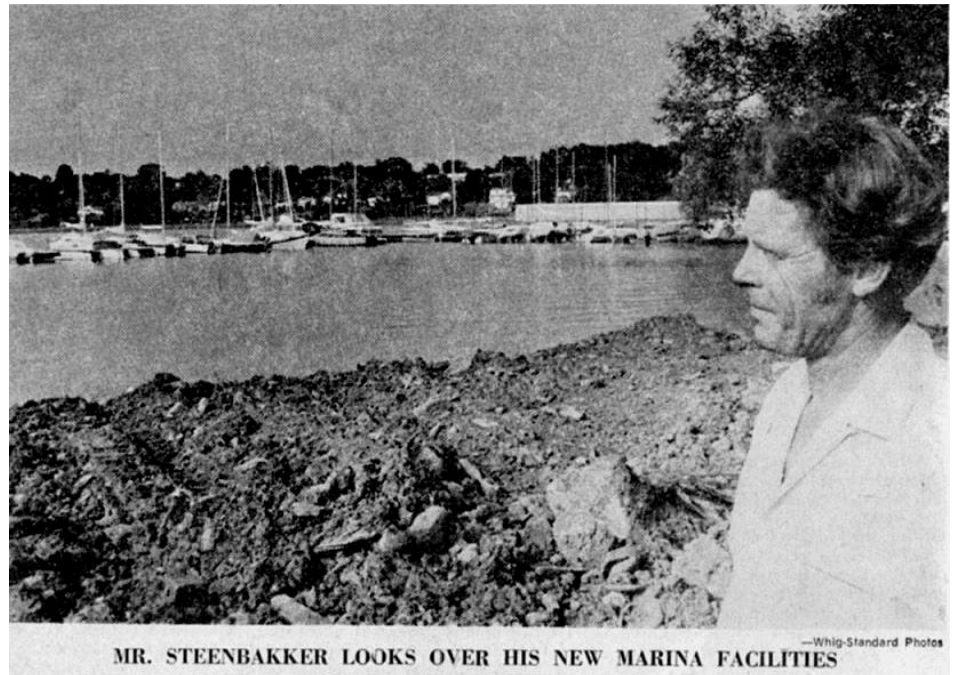
40th Anniversary

This year marks our 40th anniversary! We've come a long way since Bill, Maria and Hub Steenbakkers started the marina in 1971 with a total of 13 boats. Back then the docks were a wood on styrofoam design that had to be removed from the water every fall. They were designed to accommodate boats in the 14' to 20' range. Now we have 304 slips and can accommodate boats up to 60' long. We have served tens of thousands of boaters over the years and are proud to say that we have customers that have been with us for as many as 35 years! The marina is well known for its friendly boaters, safe harbour and well maintained facility nestled in a beautiful, park like setting.

Ethanol in Gasoline

Ethanol was added to regular gas delivered to the Kingston area by pipeline in mid September, 2010. As we have detailed earlier, it can cause serious problems if used in marine environments. The only alternative to keep ethanol out of our marine supplies was to switch to premium grade fuel which to date still does not contain the additive.

We surveyed our gasoline buying customers in the summer to see if they favoured a switch to



MR. STEENBAKKER LOOKS OVER HIS NEW MARINA FACILITIES



Collins Bay Marina circa 1972

ethanol based fuel or higher priced premium. They were 100% in favour of switching to premium fuel to avoid ethanol issues. In the spring of 2011, we will order premium grade to be able to

continue to deliver ethanol free fuel to our customers. If you purchase fuel elsewhere we advise that you make sure that it is ethanol free.

Solar Washrooms



Our latest environmental initiative is a solar thermal heating system for the washrooms. The system consists of four 4'x8' solar collection panels mounted flush to the roof. Glycol is circulated between the panels and a computer controlled heat exchanger that transfers the energy to 240 gallons of hot water storage in the washroom workroom. Installed in December, 2010 the Enviroworks system, designed by engineers at Queen's University, should save us 6600 kWh of energy per year.

Boat Show Tickets

Our gift to you! Included with our annual mailing are a pair of tickets to the Toronto International Boat Show held on January 8 to 16 in the Direct Energy Centre at the CNE. We hope that you will take the opportunity to meet friends, check out the latest equipment and think ahead to a brand new boating season.

Lake Ontario Wind Power Project – Fair or Foul?

The Trillium Power Wind 1 Project is moving ahead full steam fuelled by full government support and seemingly regardless of public opinion. The project calls for 138

towers to be located in a field 10 km long x 6km wide immediately southwest of Main Duck Island. The towers will be 80-100m high with a rotor diameter of 112m. The blades will be between 24-44m above the water. The typical distance between towers is 500m and pleasure craft will be allowed to transit through the field. It is interesting to note that there is only a 500m buffer between the shipping lanes and the tower field! Construction is scheduled to start July 2012 and be completed by November 2014. The total output is designed to be 414 MW which is about 12% of the output of the Darlington nuclear power plant. The project description can be found at: <http://www.trilliumpower.com/downloads/trillium-power-draft-project-description.pdf>

Summer Happenings

No matter the season, there's never a shortage of things to do in Kingston. When the warm weather shines upon us, Kingston features a regular schedule of Art Shows, Music in the Park, Movies in the Square and Canada's longest continually running farmer's market resumes its regular operating schedule.

Entertainers from around the world call Kingston home for a week in July as visitors and residents alike are wowed by the annual Kingston Buskers Rendezvous.

In August, Kingston hosts the 1000 Islands Poker Run and the Canadian Olympic Regatta Kingston (CORK), showcasing Kingston's premier position as a recreational hotspot and freshwater sailing capital of the world. The Kingston Sheep Dog Trials and Wolfe Island Music Festival are everyone's favourites. But before we officially call summer to a close, The Limestone City Blues Festival takes to the streets, patios and nightclubs to bring the best of the blues to Kingston.

There's no let down for autumn in the city - spice things up at Chilifest or feel the heat of professional dance at the Canada DanceSport competition. The Kingston Jazz Festival takes the stage and the season's schedules begin for the Kingston Symphony Orchestra. Check out Kingston's Event Schedule to start planning your summer vacation at: www.downtownkingston.ca/experience/events.htm

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