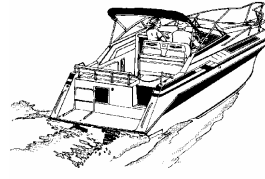


Collins Mixer Collins Bay Yacht Club Newsletter



June 2004

Commodores Corner

By now, most of us (but not all) are in the water and the boating season well underway. As a club, we got off to a great start on May 8 with our annual Wine and Cheese - must have been attended by almost everyone, judging by the list on the "SS Maria"! To those who did the calculations for the new floatation system as couple of years ago, a big THANK YOU! I was pleased to see so many members out, and to meet some of our newest members. Judy Adams and her team did a great job getting the clubhouse shipshape, and Pat Hewitt is to be commended for the wonderful hors d'oeuvres and munchies. Thank you to those who attended and helped kick off the 2004 season. If you attended the Wine & Cheese, Bill Visser gave an update on the EYC regatta. If you didn't, you should know that plans are proceeding, and things are falling into place

nicely. Through the generosity of the Investor's Group, we have a major sponsor helping us fund the event, catering arrangements have been finalized, and other logistics being dealt with. Bill is still looking for volunteers to help with various tasks. The website has more details and contact info. Closer to the event, we plan to brief members on the details of the event, so if you're not racing, you'll know what to expect and be able to plan accordingly. It does sound like there's a party brewing! A quick word on volunteerism. The strength of a club like ours is the involvement of its members in shaping the programs and events for the benefit of all. So far this year we've had a number of members express their interest and desire to help out with organizing or participating in future events. This has been greatly appreciated, and we'll be making every effort to connect you with the event

"captain". Alternatively, feel free to email any member of the executive if there's something that interests you, or drop a note in the clubhouse. Don't forget to keep watch for notices on upcoming events. In addition to the website, newsletter, clubhouse and washroom notice boards, we purchased a small "sandwich board" to post notices in more prominent locations as a reminder. With warmer weather finally here, I think we all hope to be spending a more time on the water. But if you're not, feel free to drop by my berth (D15) to chat about anything that may be on your mind. I'm always interested in suggestions or ideas.

Dave Johnston
Commodore

Upcoming Events:

- Sunday May 30th Safe Boating event at Collins Bay Marina
- Monday May 31st Rigel Crockett presentation in clubhouse
- Saturday June 12th Amherst Is race.
- Saturday June 12th Pancake Breakfast.
- Sunday June 13th Family Day and Sail past.
- Saturday June 19th Easter Seals Regatta

Watch the clubhouse bulletin board for news and details of upcoming events !



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We have had a smooth launch season with a couple of record days for launching boats and with remarkably little interference from the weather. Thank you for all of your efforts in working together.

We are fortunate to have Jason, Todd, Ryan and Devon back with us this year and have added David to our dock staff. Feel free to ask them if you need help and radio us on 68 if you need a hand docking.

Our new dustless sanding system was given a good workout by a number of our boaters. It kept them cleaner and healthier, kept the dirt off other boats and helped us maintain our local environment. Good results all around!

Our new vacuum pumpout system is in-

stalled and works like a charm! We are certain you will share our enthusiasm in how much quicker, easier and cleaner it will be to have your tank pumped out.

At the time of writing, we are preparing for our "Don't Rock the Boat – Boating and Water Safety Event" organized by the Greater Kingston Area Safe and Sober Community Alliance. We hope you had a chance to enjoy the Military Search & Rescue Helicopter, the Flare and Fire Extinguisher demonstrations, the Windsurfing and Sailing Simulator, the Kayak Paddling, the Crew Overboard Drill and all the other fun activities the day had in store. Our thanks to the CBYC members who helped with the Crew Overboard Drill and to all of you who came out to make the event such a success!

Collins Bay Marina has a reputation as a harbour full of friendly, caring, boating enthusiasts. There are a number of new boaters to Collins Bay Marina, and many of them have chosen to become members of CBYC. All of us wish to extend a warm welcome to our newest boaters and look forward to having you join our fun boating community and the many activities organized by the Club.

It is wonderful to see the marina come alive again and to see the smiles and laughter around the harbour as people reconnect with each other after the winter hibernation.

It is time to enjoy the pleasures of boating once again. Let us know how we can help.

- Hub, Miche, Mya & Landon

Race

"2004 Racing Seasons Kicks off With a Bang."

Thursday night Races

Spring 20th May-26th June
Summer 1st July- 5th August
Fall 12th August- September

A minimum of four races to be completed to constitute a Thursday Night Series. More than one race per night may be held if conditions permit.

Distance races

Amherst Island Sat 12th June *
Simcoe Island Sat 24th July*
Pigeon Island Sat 8th August*
Frostbite Chase Race Sat Oct. 2nd.

Other Events

Wolfe Island Sat. June 26th (KYC)*
Easter Seals Regatta Sat. June 19th
E.Y.C. July 8th-10th CBYC
Main Duck July 16th &17th (KYC)*
C.O.R.K. offshore Aug.12-15th
Amherst Is. Pursuit Sat. Sept. 18th
(Loyalist)*
Chase Race Sept. 25th (KYC)

* These races are part of the Kingston Keelboat Championship Series

CBYC INTRODUCTION TO RACING

CBYC's "Introduction to Racing" was held one Saturday last season, and consisted of some classroom instruction on the racing rules and tactics, and what happens during a race, followed by some actual races.

A number of sailors have asked for a repeat this season of the "Introduction to Racing", and have raised the possibility of an associated schedule of Saturday races, perhaps once a month, which might be attractive to Club members from Ottawa who can't easily make the Thursday Night Series of races.

In order to gauge the degree of interest would anyone who is interested in attending another "Introduction to Racing", and/or taking part in Saturday races please contact Malcolm Stott, 613-549-0842 (H), 613-533-2680 (W), <stott@mjs.phy.queensu.ca>, or sign up on the sheet in the clubhouse.

The 2004 racing season kicked off on May 20 in the face of strong winds, small craft and severe thunderstorm warnings. Perhaps against better judgment, the race started on time with four boats braving the harsh conditions. The weather continued to deteriorate over the course of the race with building winds and heavy downpours reducing visibility.

Ongiara, short crewed, wisely retired early. 45 minutes later, three boats, emerged through the rain. The riders of the storm, Synergy, Simmac and Stardust 4, each white-sailed and wet, emerged through the rain off Lemoine's point, thunder and lightning nipping at their sterns. All boats safely returned to harbour without incident or equipment failure and the knowledge that their rigging was done right.

With that out of the way, sunnier races are predicted for the rest of the spring series. All boats are welcome, races start every Thursday evening at 6:00 PM. To participate, contact the Race Committee chair, Bruce Anderson by email at yokilintu@yahoo.ca.

Don't forget the first long distance race of the season, the Amherst Island race will be held on June 12. Skippers meet at 8:30 in the clubhouse."

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Easter Seals Regatta June 19th, 2004

Kingston Yacht Club

Dear Boating Enthusiast.

On Saturday, June 19th the docks and shores of Kingston Yacht Club will be besieged with wheel chairs as the eighth annual Easter Seals Regatta takes place.

Started by KYC in 1997 this regatta in its first seven years has raised in excess of \$300,000!

Mark your calendar now! June 19th

Join boating enthusiasts from around Kingston, southeastern Ontario and other parts of the world in helping kids with physical disabilities succeed.

Both on the water and off, this regatta is nothing but fun. Running from 10:00 am to the early evening on Saturday, June 19th some of the events include:

- A reception for all participants at KYC the preceding night
- A sailpast led by Kingston's St. Lawrence II
- Spinnaker and white-sail racing
- Live music
- An all-day barbeque, lots of beer and a free dinner for all participants
- Activities for kids of all ages, including bouncing castle, face painting, obstacle course race, temporary tattoos by a professional artist and more
- One of the largest silent auctions

Easter Seals holds during the year, with something for everyone.

- Exciting displays, including a fire truck, police boat, boating safety display, marine displays and more.
- Trophies and prizes and of course, the infamous bribe bucket!

Register your boat now! Registrations are available at the KYC bar or by contacting the Easter Seal Society. We are always looking for volunteers to help on the day of the regatta. Please contact Easter Seals, if you would like to lend a helping hand. Easter Seal Society phone number: 613-547-4126 or email amchat-tie@easterseals.org

This is the best weekend of the summer for boating enthusiasts
There is no better sight than the KYC docks littered with empty wheelchairs...



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Cruise

OJ & Bubbly Cruise

May 22 & 24, 2004

There are two universal truths I have learned while sailing with CBYC.

The first is that the weatherman lies..... some of the time.

Robert and I were looking forward to joining the OJ & Bubbly Cruise to Cedar Island and were watching the weather forecasts twice a day for the week before the Victoria Day long weekend. The long range forecast looked dismal – cloudy with a high probability of rain each day. However, we have often decided not to go out for a sail, because the forecast sounded bad, and then ended up land locked on beautiful sunny days. So, this time, we decided to risk it.....after all, we know, the weatherman lies.... some of the time.

Day Dreams left Collins Bay just after noon on Friday May 21 and had a fabulous sail over to Cedar Island. The wind was from the northeast at 18 knots and we were thrilled with our first real sail of the season. We docked up and waited for the party to begin. And, it didn't take long. Carol and Gary Logan on **Sabrina IV** arrived followed closely by John & Janet Morrison on **Maren III**.

On Friday night, the folks at the Royal Military College provided fantastic entertainment – skydivers jumped from heli-

copters above us and did wonderful gymnastics with their parachutes. Hercules aircraft waved at us as they zoomed overhead, followed by a display of fireworks. Thanks to the CBYC executive team for lining up such a great show for us.

Chuck and Karen Francis on **Eclipse** arrived just in time to call it a day.

Saturday morning, the sky was overcast but no sign of rain....hah, once again, the weatherman got it wrong. Gary & Carol worked hard on Sabrina IV in anticipation of their cruise up the Trent-Severn. Because her mast is being shipped north, Gary had to rig his radio antennae to look like the vessel just might be able to sail. I offered to let him use one of our pillowcases for a main sail, but the man obviously has some pride and declined. Instead, he decided to focus on setting up his bimini which normally relies on the back main stay. In true McGyver style, Gary produced two broomsticks and duct tape and created a frame to hold up the canvas over his cockpit, just in case it did rain.

By this point, our cruise captain, Dave White on **Gibwanasi** arrived and took charge of the proceedings. Ernie and Connie Muus from **Pirate Jenny** joined the gang on Sabrina IV for afternoon drinks and nibbles. With 11 folks on board, Sabrina IV's water line was down eight inches and her bow was pointing up in the air.

Just as we were deciding that it was time for our potluck dinner, two things happened. Phil, Angie and Alistair Morris and their wonder dog, Fern arrived on **Wavelength** and the heavens opened up. Dinner was a very soggy but fun affair aboard Sabrina IV and Gary's makeshift bimini frame held up under the pressure. The festivities started to break up when Fern, the party animal, whimpered that it was time to go to bed.

And, for the record, this time the weather guy got it right. It poured rain all night. But, it did stop in time for the most important event of the weekend. At 9:30 Sunday, Dave, popped a bottle of champagne and declared the official start of the sailing season. Phil, our past commodore, stated that the best part of the weekend was the camaraderie on the dock as we celebrated our perseverance in having a great time, in spite of the lousy weather.

Oh, and the second universal truth that I have learned while sailing with CBYC.....sailors can always make a party happen, anywhere, anytime, regardless of the weather.

Marilyn Sykes
Day Dreams



Clubhouse

Several members have worked hard to get the clubhouse ready for the 2004 season. The front door has been repaired, there are new screens in both doors, the downpipe reattached, the vacuum actually cleans now and improvements will continue over the next couple months. **Special thanks** to Louise Williamson (Clockwork Orange) for all the cleaning and sparkling windows, to Dennis Williamson and Henk Muis (YaYa) for the door and screen repairs, Dennis Williamson for repairing the outside bulletin board, etc. and to Hub for the tables on the upper deck. Thank you to new member, Kris Gough (Russ II) for the bouquets of **daffodils** for the week of the Wine & Cheese.

We hope to plan a number of activities throughout the season. The Coffee Shop and Wine & Cheese were both very successful with many members participating. A **Pancake Breakfast** is being planned for **June 12** in the clubhouse. Marilyn Sykes & Bob Van Dyk (Day Dreams) have volunteered to help with this event and we need a couple more volunteers.

The clubhouse is for the use and enjoyment of the club members and club guests. We hope you enjoy the fresh look and that all members will do their part to keep it clean, tidy and attractive.

Clubhouse Committee: Thank you to the following members who have volunteered – Louise Williamson, Friedrich Sixel, Dennis Williamson, Henk Muis, Chuck Francis. We welcome additional volunteers to help with cleaning/repairs.

Thank you to Angie Simone and Dave Johnston and to all our patrons for a very successful Coffee Shop on May 1.

Judy Adams,
Clubhouse Chair

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From The Archives

Family Day

The first CBYC Family Day was held Sunday, June 12, 1983, complete with dinghy races for junior members, BBQ and entertainment.

Below is a reprint of the write-up of the event in the 1983 July newsletter.

Dramatic, that's what it was! Our Fleet Captain Sail, Gord Unsworth, with Commodore Judy Adams aboard, turned his 26' Contessa into a harbour tug and rescue craft, and towed a capsized tender from the dinghy race right up to the docks – like use the Queen Elizabeth II as a crash boat.

We witnessed a demonstration of how to handle a dismasting in public by Ron Mackenzie, using "Carol M"'s sailing tender. Photographs of this event are available somewhere, but Ron's not talking.

Paul Kruger tried sailing a monohull one more time and joined the WBYC Fraternity!

We had live entertainment with a performance by a Dixie Band Combo from Ernestown High School.

The inner man and woman were fed with hamburgers cooked by our own yacht club members working over a hot BBQ for fun and food.

I think we should do it again, Sam. If you think so, too, say so! Tell the committee, tell the world!

Bob Dendy

Thanks to a super organizing and work committee, we had a very successful first Annual Family Day: Bob & Joyce Dendy Bill & Judy Adams Mary Lou Healey
Gord & Ann Unsworth Desiree Kruger Joe Dixon

Plan to be a part of the 22nd Annual Family day on June 13, 2004



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2004 Reciprocal Program

We have not received a list of this years confirmed clubs as of yet. These are last years clubs. An up to date list should be available in the club huse.

Alexandra Yacht Club	
Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club	
Bay of Quinte Yacht Club	Belleville ON
Boulevard Club	
Brockport Yacht Club	Brockport, NY
Brockville Yacht Club	Brockville, ON.
Bronte Harbour Yacht Club	Oakville, ON
Cathedral Bluffs Yacht Club	Scarborough, ON
CFB Trenton Yacht Club	Astra, ON
Crescent Yacht Club	Chaumont, NY
Dalhousie Yacht Club	St. Catherines, ON
Fair Haven Yacht Club	Fair Haven, NY
Fifty Point Yacht Club	
Frenchman's Bay Yacht Club	Pickering ON
Grimsby Yacht Club	
Henderson Harbour Yacht Club	Manlius, NY
Highland Yacht Club at Bluffers Park	Scarborough, ON
Kingston Yacht Club	Kingston, ON
Mimico Cruising Club	Etobicoke, ON
National Yacht Club (The)	Toronto, ON
Niagara On The Lake Sailing Club	NOTL ON
Oakville Yacht Squadron	Oakville ON
Oswego Yacht Club	Oswego. NY
Pickering Yacht Club	Pickering ON.
Port Hope Yacht Club	Port Hope ON
Prince Edward Yacht Club	Picton ON
Pultneyville Yacht Club	
Rochester Yacht Club	Rochester, NY
Royal Canadian Yacht Club (The)	Toronto,ON
Royal Hamilton Yacht Club	Hamilton ON
Smuggler's Cove Boat Club	Virgil, ON
Sodus Bay Yacht Club	Sodus Point, NY
Stormont Yacht Club	
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Whitby Yacht Club (The)	Whitby, ON
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