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Collins Bay Yacht Club Newsletter



Upcoming Events

- May 2nd Spring Practice Race
- May 4th Wine and Cheese
- May 9th Spring Series Race
- May 18th OJ and Bubbly Cruise
- May 25 Pigeon Island Race
- June 1 Amherst Island Race
- June 8 Sailpast and Fun Day

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COMMODORE'S CORNER

MAY 2013

In the last issue I briefly introduced myself as the new Commodore. Here's a brief history of my boating life which started over 37 years ago when I acquired an 18 ft. Sandpiper. That first year I sailed across Lake Ontario twice, decided I was going to kill myself, so purchased a Hughes 26 the following year. My family and I enjoyed that boat for many years before my kids decided I needed a power boat. I purchased an older Bayliner 30, had it for 7 years and it was for sale for 5. Enough said! After that experience we went out and bought our present Hunter 33, Pendragon, which you will find at D-27 if you're looking for me. Hopefully for good reasons!

I have been mostly cruising but did some racing with our Hughes when I belonged to the Oshawa Yacht Club. I was going to compare my racing experience to Owen's but decided against it when I realized I gave up racing probably before Owen was born.

But enough about me! It's about Collins Bay Yacht Club.

Bring on Spring! So far the weather has been miserable but diehards are working on the boats and launching or preparing to launch. We can only hope that late Spring and Summer will bring fine weather and fair winds. I was talking to Lori and Gerry who indicate that computer models show water levels are increasing. That will be good news for us all.

Gerry Buzzi has his new toy which allows him to better manoeuvre boats and cradles. Pack'em in Gerry!

The executive has been busy in the last couple of months. Dave de Planche has completed the racing schedule which you can find on-line. We also welcome back Pat Redford to the executive. She has stepped forward and volunteered to be the interim Vice Commodore until the 2013 annual general meeting. She has dived right in and is now co-ordinating the Reciprocal Program which is in the process of being set up for the 2013 boating season.

We are also in the process of developing a membership survey, the purpose of which is, to update information from the 2005 survey to ensure we meet the needs of our members, are continuing with the Club Mission, ensure our various programs are still relevant, and seek member suggestions for improvement. This will be delivered on-line and should be ready by late May. Please take the opportunity to participate.

See you at the Marina.

Lee Baker

Commodore



Spring is finally here...I think! Launch is in full swing, even with the delay because of the nasty weather! Gerry has purchased a trailer tug to move the hydraulic trailer around the yard. This will be of great benefit to the crew to move the boats safely around the yard and provides us with maneuverability in the tight spaces we have.

A reminder to everyone: please store your ladder on the new ladder rack in the east yard (by the welding shop) and not to your cradle. Also, please make sure your cradle is marked with your boat name.

The website has been undergoing some changes to allow all devices access to the website, and will be up and running soon! Collins Bay Marina is on facebook. "Like" us to keep updated on marina news.

Please join us every morning 8 am to 10 am for coffee on the porch. Catch up with your fellow dock mates and meet new friends!



Gerry's new toy - The Trailer Tug

Water Levels - Summer Outlook

We've only turned the corner into spring and people are beginning to wonder what water levels will be like this summer on the Great Lakes. It's a question that is asked a lot at this time of year, but one that can't be answered with a high degree of certainty so early into the season. We can however, look to the monthly Water Levels bulletin prepared by the Canadian Hydrographic Service for an idea of the range of levels we might see over the next six months. The [March 2013](#) edition of the bulletin contains a six-month water levels forecast from April to September 2013 for each of the Great Lakes, Lake St. Clair and Montreal Harbour.

Right now, it looks like the levels of lakes Superior, Michigan-Huron, St. Clair and Erie will remain below average throughout this spring and summer. Levels on these lakes will most likely be lower than they were last year, and Lake Michigan-Huron could set new record low levels if it experiences low water supply conditions. In Lake Ontario's case, there is a possibility that its level could climb above average if it receives average or higher water supplies over the next few months. The current forecast also suggests that levels on Lake Ontario will be higher than they were last year, which is very good news!

Although water levels are likely to fall somewhere within the probable ranges provided, what actually happens will depend on the water supply conditions over the next few months. For up-to-date information on water level conditions, visit the [Canadian Hydrographic Service website](#).

CBYC Membership Fees Are Now Due for 2013 !**A Quick Reminder:****CBYC Membership fees increase on May 1st!****We really want to see you back again this year, so...**

Please send in the renewal invoices you received in
February with payment or print off a Registration/ Renewal form at:



Glenda Levesque, Membership

<http://collinsbaymarina.com/cbyc/about/membership/>

Full Membership Fees:

Before May 1st - \$125 After April 30th - \$135.

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Membership Cards will be available for May 4th Wine and Cheese.



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MAY 4TH: 1900-2200 HRS: 7-10 PM

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THE
MUNCHIES

SPECIAL EVENT: THE NAMING
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Arriving fashionably late, spring has finally come. And with it, the first Coffee House of 2013.

The weather was cool and drizzling off and on, but still some boats received some much needed love.

The clubhouse saw a good turnout of hungry, happy sailors popping in for refueling.

The selection was great, due to the busy bakers who donated their time and skills.

We saw an assortment of muffins, loaves, cookies, squares, cupcakes, fruit plates and gluten free treats. The addition of the warm cider went over well.

Many thanks to all our bakers; Vicky, Lori, Claudia, Beverley, Sarah, the Mackey girls, Judy, Leslie, Ronnie, Susan, Crystal and Sue Davies...and to anyone else who snuck in.

And to our volunteers; Vicky, Desiree, Leslie, many thanks.

Without all of you, these social events would not happen. Thanks again from all of the club members.

The total sales after expenses: \$ 154.09

Thanks for supporting your club!

Cheers,
Sue Stevenson,
Social Chair



POT LOCK RECIPE CORNER

CBYC is renowned for our fabulous and fun sharing of food at pot luck's, coffee houses, cruises, happy hours, etc.

Each month, we plan to share some of the recipes with you. For May, we include a recipe brought to the Pat Your Boat event by Vicki MacDonald. We understand that there were several folks trying to lick the plate at the end!

Here is Vicki's recipe for:

CARAMEL APPLE DIP

The Caramel apple dip is really easy.

Take 1/2 cup of sugar, blend it with a package of philly cream cheese.

Spread that into a dish (I used a pie plate but anything will work).

Spread one container of caramel dip on top of the cheese (small container from Loblaw's found in the produce section).

Crush and sprinkle 3 Skor bars on top (easier to crush if bars are frozen)

Serve with granny smith apples slices.

Hope you enjoy!

Vicky





OJ and Bubbly Cruise May 18th and 19th 2013



Join us for the traditional OJ and Bubbly Cruise on the Sat-Sun of Victoria Day Weekend to kick off the 2013 sailing season

Boat not ready ? Bad weather? Time constraints ?-----
 ----Don't despair come by car and meet your fellow cruisers
 for Happy Hour and Dinner

Destination:	Sail to Confederation Basin, Kingston	
Sat 18th May	4.30 pm	Bubbly Happy Hour Dockside at Beluga in Confederation Basin
	5.30pm	Dinner reservation at the Lone Star 251 Ontario Street.
Sun 19th May	8.30 am	OJ and Breakfast at Morrison's Restaurant
Cost:	\$5.00	For Bubbly and Happy hour appetizers

Each skipper is responsible for reserving and paying for their own slip.

Phone: 613 544 9842.

Webpage: www.cityofkingston.ca

follow links to marinas and transient booking form.

Let them know that you are with the CYBC group, we will try to arrange a group rate.

Contact: Geoff and Romie Kelland (**Beluga V** Dock C-27) geoffkelland@rogers.com
romiekelland@rogers.com Phone: Ottawa 613 224 7551

We need to know numbers for restaurant reservations. Sign up on clubhouse notice board or by email to Geoff or Romie.

Save – the – Date 2013 Cruise Schedule

Cruise Chairs: Romie & Geoff Kelland

Details of Individual Cruises will be posted on the
CBYC Website:

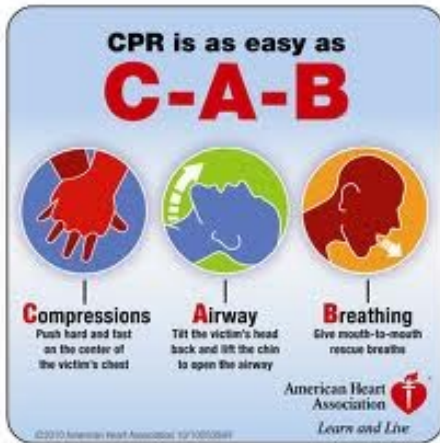
<http://collinsbaymarina.com/cbyc/cruising/>
& club notice boards.

Sign up in the Marina Office.



When	What's Happening	Volunteer Captains
Victoria Day Weekend Sat. May 18th	<i>OJ and Bubbly Cruise</i> One night cruising season kick-off. Sail to Confederation Basin or drive to meet your fellow cruisers for dinner at the Lone Star.	Romie & Geoff Kelland <i>Beluga V</i>
Canada Day July 1	<i>Celebrate Canada Day</i> Bring the kids and grandkids raft up in the Inner harbour, Go ashore for parade and festivities. Happy hour and junior happy hour on host boats then sit back and enjoy the fireworks from the best seat in the house.	Roger & Satomi Hallett <i>Pipedream</i>
July 11 th -19 th	<i>US Cruise</i> Cross Lake Ontario from Waupoos, first port of call Sodus Bay then overnights in Pultneyville? Fairfield? Rochester? The Volunteer Cruise Captain is defining the final route .	Dave Sansom & team <i>Dream Haze</i>
Civic Holiday Aug 3rd-5th	<i>Civic Holiday Weekend Cruise</i> Find some new sheltered bays and anchor out. Dinghy ashore for cruise Barbeques. The Volunteer Cruise Captain is exploring options.	Jim Gough <i>Rus II</i>
Labour Day Weekend Aug 31st-Sept 2nd	<i>Waupoos Extravaganza</i> Marquee Cruise of the year. Dine and Dance the night away band return engagement by popular demand. Visit wineries and Cider Company. Join the fleet, anchor out or come by land Yacht.	Al & Ruth Leonarduzzi <i>Freyja</i>

First Aid Training Session - June 8th



As boaters we all love being on and sometimes in the water, but these activities bring inherent risks. To mitigate these risks we are pleased to announce that an overview Artificial Respiration (AR) and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) course will be offered on June 8th.

Steve Thyne from the Heart and Stroke has kindly offered to provide about 2 hours of training on these subjects including CPR practice with special dolls. Weather permitting, we will hold the session on the marina lawn (bring lawn chairs), but we can move into the clubhouse although it might be a bit crowded!

The intent is to provide you with basic knowledge and abilities through this overview, but it will not count as a certification course. There is no fee for the course, but donations to the charity of your choice are encouraged; perhaps something in the \$10 range? If the group agrees, we might even put the funds towards better equipping the clubhouse safety equipment or perhaps towards an electronic defibrillator.

We will need to **limit the session to about 16 people** given the number of dolls and the possibility of needing to move into the clubhouse. If demand exceeds this number we will consider offering an additional session(s) in the future. Available spots will be allotted on a first come, first served basis through email registration.

Date: Saturday June 8th (Sailpast day)
Timing: From 2 pm until about 4 pm
Location: Marina Lawn or Clubhouse (weather dependent)
To register: email: fleet-cbyc@collinsbaymarina.com



For more information contact Jacques Levesque, Fleet Captain.



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Henderson Harbor Yacht Club Hosts the 20th Anniversary of the Jefferson County Hospice Regatta!

The 20th annual Jefferson County Hospice regatta is being hosted by Henderson Harbor Yacht Club, located in beautiful Henderson Harbor, N.Y. Please join us as we continue the proud Hospice Regatta tradition in our ideal sailing harbor!



Events include:

The Junior Hospice Regatta and shore dinner on Friday August 2nd.

The Hospice Regatta and post race awards ceremony followed by a pig roast and silent auction on Saturday August 3rd.

"The Baby Boomers Band" will entertain the sailors and community on Saturday afternoon and evening with live music.

For more information please contact:

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Lynn Dobbins at ldobbins@jeffersonhospice.org (Jefferson County Hospice)



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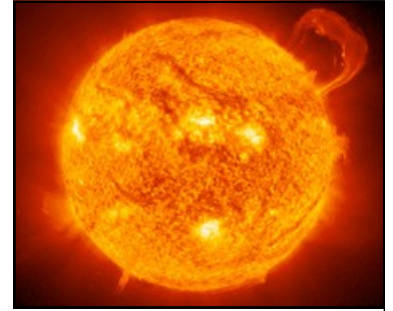
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Increased Solar Activity Could Affect GPS Navigation This Year

According to scientists the Sun is gearing up for its most active phase (solar maximum) of its 11-year solar cycle this year. Experts predict that the peak of the current maximum could happen anytime from May this year which will impact on the availability and performance of Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS), with performance degradation likely until 2014, due to increased ionospheric scintillation and signal propagation delays.



What happens during a solar maximum?

During the solar maximum sections of the solar system intensify, making our ionosphere denser and thicker. Higher solar activity; sunspots and solar flares increase ionizing solar radiation creating more free electrons in the ionosphere and cause sudden variations in the density of the ionosphere, causing the GPS signals to scintillate (as a twinkling star).

Impact on marine navigation

The impact of the ionosphere on GNSS performance can be significant due to the propagation effects on the GNSS signals as they pass through the ionized ionosphere at altitudes above 50km from the earth's surface. The most significant errors experienced by GNSS are due to the effect of solar activity on the ionosphere.

The magnitude of the effect of the ionosphere varies in both time and spatial extent. The effect is much greater during the day than during the night and will vary with latitude, season and time of day (the hours soon after sunset being most affected).

The effects of the ionosphere can introduce measurement errors of greater than 10 m (even for DGPS users) and in severe conditions, the receiver can lose lock on the signal. Users of dual and multiple frequency GNSS receivers may be less affected. Adverse conditions can persist for several hours, thereby presenting a significant issue for navigation.

Skippers should be able to maintain the vessel's estimated position through periods of GPS outage provided a decent log is kept, but the accuracy we now expect from GPS derived positions will degrade gradually the longer the outage continues. Skippers should be aware that at the end of the outage, when a GPS position is restored, some onboard systems may require manual intervention to reinitialise.

It is also worth noting that during the last solar maximum the level of dependence on GNSS was much lower than it is now.

Marine navigation warnings

The Space Weather Prediction Center (SWPC) in the United States of America provides alerts and warnings on their website which show GNSS users where problems may occur and the potential effects on their operations.

Adapted from an RYA article.
Jacques Levesque
Fleet Captain

Getting There

Instead of teaching skiing/boarding in Ottawa this winter I decided to look further afield. My main criteria were subsidized food and lodging. One place that showed up was Niseko in Japan. After several months of back and forth, Grand Hirafu, near Sapporo on the north island of Hokkaido, agreed to sponsor me for a work visa. Ten days after receiving my "Certificate of Eligibility" I had a visa from the Japanese Embassy in Ottawa and arrived in Japan a week later on the 1st December. The flight was late and the next train was in the morning. However it is forbidden to sleep in the airport so was chased by security and ended up in the airport hotel. In the morning meet up with other instructors, so we shared the job of locating and then changing trains. We got to the Kutchan station where a company van was waiting to take us to Hirafu.



Culture

I stayed in the company building along with 388 Japanese staff (instructors, lefties, groomers etc) and twelve other non-Japanese instructors. The rules, food and language was, for the most part, all Japanese. On entering the building boots get removed and slippers put on; when you enter the room the slippers are left at the door. The 3rd and 4th floors were the men's rooms; I shared mine with 3 others (Brit, Spaniard, and Argentinean) and got one of the top bunk beds. The 2nd floor was the women's (no men allowed). The ground floor was office and canteen. Lunch and supper was available for Y300 (\$3) per meal. The food was plentiful, Japanese and always included soup, rice, a side dish and the main dish – we were often uncertain what we were having as the translation of the menu left much to the imagination (cooked food, stamina, fly were but a few). Soup was drunk from the bowl, rice and everything else was with chopsticks (the only exception was we got a spoon with curry). The basement had separate bathing areas for men and women; consisting of communal showers and a large hot tub – open from 5pm til midnight. The gang had problems adjusting to the nude communal environment and often snuck in at other times.



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Each floor had a common washroom area, washers and driers and kitchen (refrigerator, microwave, hot plate and sink) area. With so many people on each floor things were often broken or just messy. The eight communal garbage cans did not help as it is mandatory to sort all garbage (15 pages of instructions and signs in Japanese).

Skiing and Snowboarding

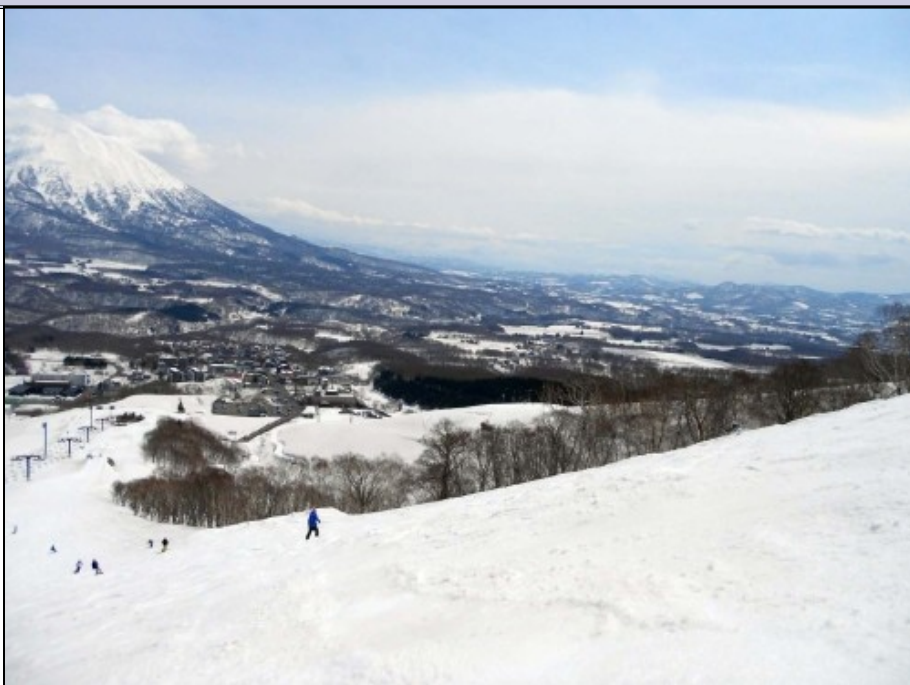
I taught (skiing) for 100 days and got another 50 days of snowboarding. The instructing was two 2 hour lessons per day (with six days a month off). Our students were all non-Japanese speaking; mostly Asian or Australian plus the odd one with no English (there were 60+ Japanese instructors for Japanese clients). The students ages ranged from 4 to 64 and the skill level from never having seen snow to “all I want to ride is powder”. Dave’s “magical mystery tour “ was a big hit with everyone since they learnt where to use the technics (bumps, trees, power, jumps and more difficult runs) on places they had not been.

I saw more snow in the first two weeks of December than for the whole season on Ottawa slopes. The area is renowned for its powder and lived up to its reputation (52 consecutive days with snow fall). The out of bounds area is enormous and stretches behind the four interconnected ski resorts but it only gets opened when the avalanche risk is low. Ottawa, skinny skis would not work and I had to invest in a pair of fat powder skis – just for teaching. Yes, I did my share of time on the bunny hill/magic carpet. However the children were often there for several days; so I got to see their progress as well as get greeted by them on the hill.

Since teaching finished I am averaging four hours a day improving my snowboard skills in spring conditions (we are still getting 4-6 inches of new snow overnight). The town is now dead and most of the shops/restaurants/hotels are closed as the season winds down (closing date is May 6th). The hills are deserted except on the weekends and I think I must be the only non-Japanese out there.

Would I go back again? Yes especially now that I know the place and the rules. Next time I will try to get some Japanese language skills before I go (did not do well learning on site) as this makes a big difference in getting along with the locals.

Scribe: Dave White



PLANNING YOUR 2013 CRUISES?

Check out the CBYC Website Cruising Schedule

<http://collinsbaymarina.com/cbyc/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/2013-May-Cruise-Schedule.pdf>

and

Check out the CBYC Website for Reciprocal Agreements

<http://collinsbaymarina.com/cbyc/reciprocal/reciprocal-clubs/>

Charts Wanted

Does anyone at the club have paper charts for the areas from Newfoundland to Michigan to buy or borrow for the summer.

Contact Dave White



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Club events for the 2013 season have been posted on the calendar at the CBYC website:

www.collinsbayyachtclub.ca. Clicking on the title of any event will bring you to a second page where you will find additional details.

The screenshot shows the Collins Bay Yacht Club website. The top navigation bar includes links for ABOUT, CALENDAR, SOCIAL, RACING, CRUISING, RECIPROCAL, SAILING SCHOOL, and COLLINS BAY MARINA. The main content area features an "Events Calendar" section. A red arrow points from a specific event in the calendar to a detailed event page.

Events Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

Wine & Cheese 2013

Date: May, 4th 2013 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

WINE AND CHEESE 2013

JOIN US IN THE CLUBHOUSE FOR OUR ANNUAL WINE AND CHEESE PARTY.

BRING YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE AND WE WILL PROVIDE THE MUNCHIES.

THIS YEAR'S WINE AND CHEESE INCLUDE SOME SPECIAL EVENTS SUCH AS THE NAMING AND CHRISTENING OF THE CLUB'S NEW BOAT AND MORE!

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO NON MEMBERS INTERESTED IN CHECKING US OUT.

GUARANTEED TO BE AN ENTERTAINING EVENING, SEE YOU THERE :)

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The Executive encourages club members to regularly check the website and explore what we have ahead this sailing season.

We know that some club members would like to be kept informed about boating events in the Kingston area and also provided with links to information that could be valuable to those sailing in local waters. The Executive debated how we might provide this information to club members and decided against sending out general e-mail messages. Instead, information and links will be posted to pages listed in a **Of Interest to Kingston Area Boaters** menu found on the right hand side of the CBYC website mainpage.

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"If you want to build a ship, don't drum up people to collect wood and don't assign them tasks and work, but rather teach them to long for the immensity of the sea."

**-Antoine de Saint-Exupery,
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