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Collins Bay Yacht Club Newsletter



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Commodore's Corner

Hello Folks,

It's the beginning of May, although the weather hasn't quite caught up with the season yet. Many have removed boat covers and a lucky few have even managed to launch.

Janet Morrison (*Luffin Life*) was busy this month offering first aid, CPR and AED training to the marina's staff and to club members.



Hélène and I also took this training and found Janet's delivery practical, casual, retainable and a lot of fun. The plan is to offer this important training on an annual basis, each spring at the beginning of the boating season. Though several of us are now certified to assist in medical situations, we all want you to be safe this summer. Thank you Janet!

The sailing school will soon be offering basic keelboat courses to adults. Gerry and Lori have very generously donated a Tanzer 22 (*Goddess de Marseille*) for this new initiative.



Having been on the hard for a few years, it was craving lots of TLC. After a spa treatment, courtesy of spa technicians Richard Dickson, Keith Davies, Dave White Al MacLachlan, and Hélène Hubert, it's looking so much better. Thank you all for your hard work!

Five club members have signed up for the Basic Keelboat Instructor course scheduled to take place early May. Qualified members will then be able to teach keelboat sailing courses to adults this summer.

A big thank you also goes out to Chris MacLachlan (*Commotion*) who organized the annual CBYC classy *Wine and Cheese* get-together which was open to both members and non-members. In spite of it being a cold and wet evening, it was standing room only. The clubhouse was loud and hot and the air was filled with laughter and chatter. Fantastic job Chris! Thank you.

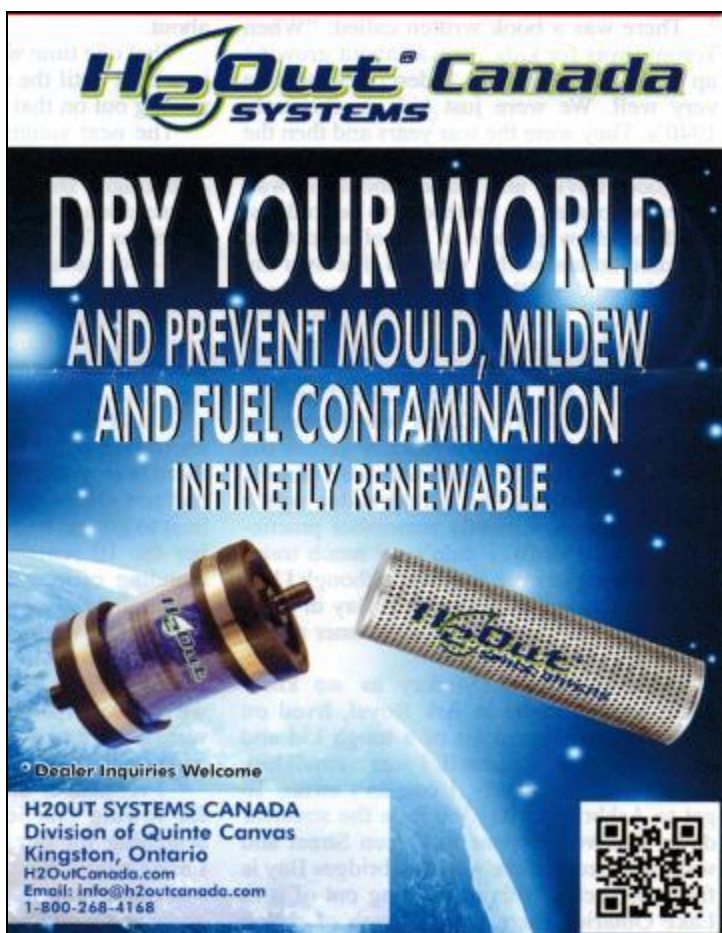
A reminder that Sail Past will be happening early June. If you are considering having your new boat christened or changing your boat's name, this commodore will be on hand to perform the ceremony calling on the appropriate gods to protect you, your crew and your vessel from any bad luck. Let me know and I'll be happy to officiate the ceremony. A poster with Sail Past day events should be out to the membership in the next week or so.

Dave and Viola Anderson (*Royal Suite*) will be hosting *Art Among the Ruins* again this year (see poster in this Mixer

for details). This event takes place on their property in Newburg, just west of Kingston. Click [here](#) to get a sense of the atmosphere they create for the many visitors. Jean White (*Moonshadow*) will be one of the exhibitors. Why not drop in to say hello to her?

Note that we are working on organizing a *Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day* event at the marina. Although the details are still being worked out, I'm hearing that fresh east coast lobster will be involved!

I would like to take this opportunity to bring up the issue of club communication.



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On a few occasions, I've been told by club members that they weren't aware of a planned event and had consequently missed it. Please note that every effort is made to inform all club members of club activities and announcements through email distributions, postings on the club's website and on the marina's Facebook page. During boating season, information is also posted on the bulletin boards located between the washrooms and outside of the clubhouse as well as at the marina's office.

If you are not receiving club notifications, it may be because of your email settings. Please have a look at your email system spam folders to see if the emails are perhaps getting stuck there. If so, your email system will allow you to change the sensitivity of your spam filter or to "whitelist" specific email addresses. You can also verify that the email address you have listed with club membership is accurate. Couples can also provide individual email addresses listed with membership, ensuring that both receive the email notifications.

Finally, as many of you prepare your boats for spring launch **PLEASE** take the time to **put safety first** when driving or walking around the boatyard, climbing ladders to work on

your boats and when working with tools, and of course toxic marine products. Safety is everyone's responsibility!

I look forward to seeing all of you at CBM over the next weeks.

Cheers!

Peter Feltham, Commodore

From the Helm

Dissolution of the Kingston Power and Sail Squadron

As members of the Kinston Power and Sails squadron, Gerry and I were recently informed by May Corcoran, Commander KPS, that further to an unsuccessful recruitment campaign for volunteers to actively promote, manage and deliver education and safety awareness programs, the squadron could no longer keep its operations going. Other squadrons across Canada have faced the same struggle and they too have had to make the difficult decision to cease operations, including three from the Rideau District (Rideau Lakes, Oiseau Rock, and Britannia-Rideau).

The proposed dissolution date is November 1, 2018, as KPS wants to see to completion the

planned education and RVCC programs for this boating season. Members of the KPS squadron have received an email informing them of their options and of final events.

Click [here](#) for CPS articles and upcoming events.

WAIT! THIS, HOT OFF THE PRESS

We've just received some great "hot off the press" news about the Kingston Power and Sail Squadron! (*See below and please be aware that the Squadron's Annual General Meeting mentioned in the article, has already taken place.*)

"At the request of Rideau Past District Commander Guy Ladouceur, the CPS-ECP Executive Committee has taken over the management of the Kingston Squadron effective immediately, under the authority of Board Regulation 3.1.3. That Regulation gives the Executive Committee the authority to assume the management of any Squadron at any time.

The Executive Committee shares Guy Ladouceur's wish that new leadership be found to enable the Kingston Squadron to

continue its valuable and effective 65-year CPS-ECP tradition of bringing boaters home safely. In the coming days, I will appoint interim Officers so the Squadron can establish a Nominating Committee and move forward to taking back local control of the Squadron, with Officers committed to continuing the CPS-ECP presence in Kingston. The National Executive Committee's plan is to create an elected Squadron Executive as soon as possible.

The Squadron Annual General Meeting scheduled for this evening at Ongwanada Resource Centre, 191 Portsmouth Ave. at 1830 hrs. will be replaced by an information session for all interested Members. I will be there with Rideau District Commander Terry Hamilton to answer any questions you may have. You may also email me directly at cc@cps-ecp.org and I will respond to any inquiries as soon as I can."

*Chuck Beall, AP
Chief Commander, CPS-ECP
cc@cps-ecp.org*



FIRST LAUNCH OF THE SEASON

(Photo credit: Claudia Stevenson)

Wishing everyone a safe and wonderful boating season 2018!

Lori and Gerry Buzzi
Collins Bay Marina
Owners and Operators



Boating Courses Canadian Power and Sail

Click [here](#) to register online

Collins Bay Marina's New Bathrooms Unveiled

Collins Bay Marina has the reputation of having one of the best-kept washrooms around the Lake. It'll be interesting to hear what everyone, the marina's patrons and visitors, will have to say this summer about the newly-renovated washrooms. Positive comments are already echoing throughout the marina.

Here are photos of the almost finished project (yes, the wooden benches will soon be reinstalled in the shower stalls).

Congrats to the marina staff for the beautiful materiel selections and for the great handiwork. We are definitely spoiled here at Collins Bay Marina!



774 Baker Crescent, Kingston, ON

Disposal of Expired Flares



As a follow-up to last month's article on how to dispose of expired flares, *Marine Outfitters* accepts them in exchange for replacement flares. For example, if you purchase five new flares, they will accept five expired flares.

Thank you Al MacLachlan (*Commotion*) for this useful information.

US Customs and Border Protection's New Smart Phone App for Small Boat Reporting

The US Customs and Border Protection CBP introduces a new smart phone app for small boat reporting in the Great Lakes and Saint Lawrence River, from Buffalo to Ogdensburg.

The ROAM (Reporting Offsite Arrival Mobile) app allows boaters the flexibility of reporting their arrival into the U.S. from any location. The app is available in the Apple and Android stores. It enables a video conference with CBP officers located at the Ogdensburg port of entry.

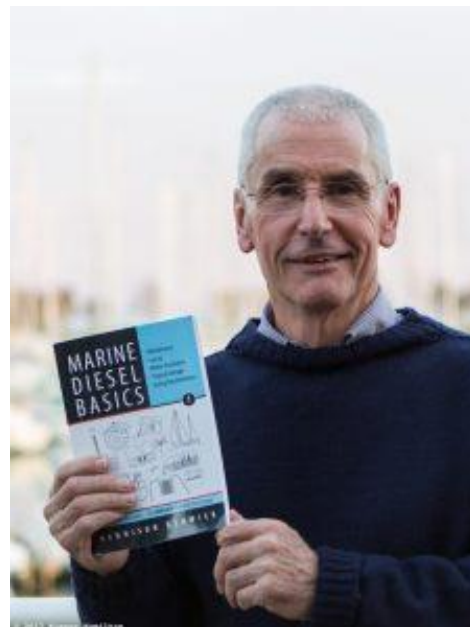
Click [here](#) for details.

Thank you, Dave Nickerson (*Panacea*) for this informative contribution.

Marine Diesel Recommission Checklist

"Recommissioning, sometimes called 'summerizing' (in contrast to 'winterizing'), is the essential second stage to the two-part process of laying-up a vessel. Completing all the necessary tasks to return a vessel to service is necessary to ensure trouble-free operation."

Click [here](#) to view the *Marine Diesel Recommissioning Checklist* detailing 43 tasks and 11 illustrations to "summerize" your marine diesel system which Dennison Berwick of [Marine Diesel Basics](#) generously submitted for your information.



Dennison Berwick - sailor, writer, marine mechanic



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CBYC Club Members Care

Friends of Every Child Counts (ECC) Quilters

Friends of ECC Quilters began in 2009 with a small group of Collins Bay Yacht Club members. Many of us had spent time in Hope Town and wanted to find a way to support an organization dear to our hearts called *Every Child Counts*. ECC is a school in Marsh Harbour, Bahamas which has over 100 students with a broad range of disabilities,



making it difficult to succeed in a regular educational program.

The school receives limited support from the Bahamian government so we came up with



the idea of using our sewing and quilting skills to raise funds for school supplies and to add enrichment to their educational programs. Click [here](#) to find out more about ECC.

Over time our sewing and quilting group has expanded to about 20, including friends and



family. We meet (typically 12 to 15 of us) several times a year during non-sailing months to work on our projects, which are then sold at local arts and crafts festivals. All proceeds from the sales are donated to ECC. Our projects include bags crafted from recycled sails (sports bags, ditty bags and tote bags) and quilted items small and large

(e.g., wine coasters, hot pads, travel jewel bags, quilted note cards, placemats, crib/lap quilts, wall hangings etc.). Each year we add something new to our product line, while keeping a supply of previous products on hand.

If you are interested in knowing more about ECC and/or about our group, if you want to order some of our creations or want to help us sell them, please contact me at

jeanwhitequilter@gmail.com.



I'm hoping to see many of you at the *Art Among the Ruins* art show on June 16 where I'll be exhibiting and selling our work.

Jean White (*Moonshadow*)



Jean is third from left

Breast Cancer Action Kingston

Many CBYC members volunteer and/or support local charities. Most of you either know someone who has had cancer or have been affected by it personally. I would like to tell you a bit about the one charity that is near and dear to my heart as it has been a big part of my and Keith's life for many years, and continues to be today.

Having gone through breast cancer twice before leaving Fredericton, I looked for a support group as soon as we arrived in Kingston back in 2001 and joined **Breast Cancer Action Kingston (BCAK)**. During the last 17 years, I have given back to BCAK by volunteering, overseeing several different programs and for almost 12 years as a member of the Board of Directors (5+ years as President).

Last year I had to endure being diagnosed with breast cancer yet again. BCAK is a local charity that supports those affected by breast cancer and that supports local breast cancer research at Queens University and at the Kingston General Hospital (KGH).

Volunteer driven and led, with only one part-time paid employee (our Office

Administrator), we provide many programs and services including various fitness classes, support groups, a resource centre, financial assistance in time of need for those going through treatment, and a puffy pillow after breast surgery.

Our dragon boat team, the *Chestmates*, is also one of the programs we support. Many of you may have seen these ladies practising in the inner harbour during the summer months.



Gerry and Lori Buzzi graciously provide free dockage and trailer storage.



BCAK began in 1993 when four women — three of whom were cancer survivors — were looking for a support group and found that none existed locally.

They created a group and in 1994 organised the first fundraising walk on Victoria Day weekend. The *Walk for Awareness* has been held every year since.

BCAK receives no government or corporate funding and relies solely on membership fees, direct donations, “in memoriam” donations, funds raised at our two main events — the annual walk held in May and our golf tournament held in August — as well as donations received from outside organizations that organize fundraising events during the year to help support BCAK.

This year's annual walk will be our 25th anniversary — a special milestone — and it will be my 8th year chairing this event. The fun filled family event will be held on Saturday, May 26th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in *Lake Ontario Park*.

I am hoping that some of CBYC's club members will be joining me on the 2-km walk. The leisurely-paced walk follows the park's trails and is intended for participants of all ages and capabilities. If you can't make it on the

26th, you might want to consider sponsoring someone who will be participating — like me, for example? Making a direct donation towards the annual walk in honour of our 25th year anniversary is another option.

You are invited to visit our [website](#) or call our office at 613-531-7912 for more information about registering as a participant for the walk or about sponsoring a participant (go to **Events** —

Walk for Awareness on the website). If making a straight donation, please specify that it is towards the *Walk*.

Keith and I hope to see you on May 26th!

Sue Davies



Sue and Keith Davies



Breast Cancer Action Kingston

25th Annual

Walk for Awareness

May 26, 2018 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Lake Ontario Park (rain or shine)

- Registration is \$25, waived if \$100 is collected in pledges
- Youth 12 and under are free
- Prizes for top pledge earners
- Register online or download a pledge sheet @ bcakingston.ca
- Call the office at 613-531-7912 for pledge sheet locations
- Music by Fiddle Earth & Friends
- Information Tables, Pink Boutique, Face Painting, Photo Booth

- 9:00 am:** Registration and Head Shaving begin
- 9:30 am:** Activities for all ages
- 10:30 am:** Guest Speakers and Special Guests
- 11:00 am:** Official Kick-off by the Town Crier for the 2 Km Walk
- 11:30 am:** Cookie decorating for Kids, Food
- 12:00 pm:** Announcements, Prizes, Draws
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Blast from the Past

Do you remember your first overnight cruise? I have no doubt that the guests aboard *Stardust IV* still remember theirs. Below is an article written by Carmen E. Knapp, the skipper of *Stardust IV*, titled *A Rude Awakening*. It appeared in the August 1995 issue of the Mixer. Enjoy!

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

Finally, the day had arrived. The plans had all been made and put over a couple of times due to work commitments, but at last everyone was able to make it.

Myself and four friends had been planning this cruise for a while, but because one or more had cancelled out it we had postponed each time. Partly out of exasperation and partly as a ploy to get everyone together, a final date was set. All who could make it would, and anyone who couldn't would wish he had when the tall tales of the cruise were finally told.

We gathered at Collins Bay at 0900 on 14 July and with the bride's help all gear was stowed on *Stardust IV*. I don't know where Susan finds the space, but everything found a place.

We left the dock at 0930 and motored to the entrance of Collins Bay. A good breeze was up and we set sail for Cape Vincent, the first stop on our 3 day cruise. It was our intention to make Cape Vincent our first port on Friday, July 14 and after provisioning and reporting to immigration, we would continue on to Clayton where we would stay the night. The second day would see us return to Confederation Basin and a barbeque at a friend's home on Cartwright Point and finally, on the third day sail back to Collins Bay.

The sail to Cape Vincent was terrific, a close reach all the way to the shipping channel and a run to the town dock. The day and conditions were perfect to take someone out on a sailboat for the first time as I was doing with my friends that day.

We reached Cape Vincent at 1245 hrs. completed our provisioning, reported to the local immigration office and departed for Clayton, downriver at 1345 hrs. Spirits were high and the uninitiated marvelled at how they were enjoying the trip. We made Clayton at 1645 hrs and tied up at the town dock. Due to the lack of space available on the leeward side of the dock, *Stardust IV* was made secure on the windward side in a dying breeze.

After enjoying some of the native nocturnal rituals at one of the local watering holes, and devouring a barbequed steak, done to perfection on *Stardust IV*'s go-fast stem rail barbeque, we settled down for our first night aboard. The first hint of something out of the ordinary occurred when the two lads who had chosen to sleep in the cockpit were awakened by a few drops of rain. No sooner were they down below when all hell broke loose. The wind rose to a deafening roar and pounded *Stardust IV* unmercifully. Bodies were pitched around as if weightlessness had suddenly replaced all influences of gravity in the cabin. The forward hatch

was violently ripped off the foredeck as *Stardust IV* pitched and rolled. Lifelines on the port side could be seen hanging in a tangled mess as the violence continued. Everyone remained on board to ride out the storm save one who sought sanctuary ashore.

The winds eased and we thought that the storm had passed when, without warning, round two began. The violence continued as we sat, braced against the inside of the cabin, riding out the second blast which lasted, it seemed, an eternity. Finally, to our relief, the roaring winds subsided and we were able to go safely ashore and survey the damage.

At first light we inspected *Stardust IV* and found scrapes on her portside hull, lifeline and stanchion damage to the portside, a missing hatch cover and sailbag and damage to the foresail that had been left bagged on the foredeck. The Atomic Four was fired up and no strange noises were heard when it was slipped into gear.

A tour of Clayton revealed the extent of the damage caused by the 80-90 mph winds that had struck the riverside village. Rooftops had been blown off several buildings and numerous trees were uprooted, blocking several of the village streets. Emergency crews and volunteers were hard at work cleaning up the mess left by the devastating winds.

It was decided that we would continue on to Kingston as planned and while underway discuss our next move. At 0930 hrs we cast off and headed back to Kingston under power. After transiting the "Forty Acres" and leaving Howe Island astern, sails were again hoisted for an exhilarating sail to Kingston Harbour. Stardust looked lopsided as the damaged lifelines and stanchions had been removed and stowed below. The wind came from the north and gave us a beam reach toward home.

During the course of our return from Clayton a vote was taken on continuing with our cruise or cutting it short to return directly to Collins Bay. I was outnumbered, understandably, and we continued back to Collins Bay, cutting our trip short by a day.

Considering what had happened and the rough ride we'd had at the dock, I was willing to concede that the inexperienced crew deserved a break. We'd had two great days of sailing which, unfortunately, was punctuated by a rather rude awakening. None the less, knowing my friends extremely well, our little adventure would be the topic of many conversations to come while imbibing in a pint around the hearth during the frosty winter evenings of the months that lay ahead.

Carmen E. Knapp, Skipper
Stardust IV

In Memorium



Former CBYC club member, John "Keith" Fairbank (*Whiskey Jack*), passed away on April 23.

You may remember Keith tailgating in the east yard with Mel Rundle over morning coffee.

If you want to contribute to the *Book of Memories* that will be given to the family, click [here](#). You'll be able to uploading any photos that you may have of Keith or write a story about him, or simply share your condolences.



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