

# **Collins Mixer**

### Collins Bay Yacht Club Newsletter



### **SAVE THE DATE**

MARCH 10
Winter Seminar &
Social Potluck

APRIL 28
Wine & Cheese

STAY TUNED FOR MORE EVENTS

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### Commodore's Corner

Welcome to March folks. Another month or so and we'll start seeing boats splashing into the water. Our upcoming season is shaping up and I imagine that by the time this edition of the Mixer reaches you, many of this season's events will be posted in our online calendar.

February was an active month for the club with the annual curling event in Kingston and the winter cruise dinner and party held at our home in Ottawa.





The curling event, "Slip, Slides and Giggles", organized by Lionel and Pat Redford (*Knot Happening*), was held on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and attended by roughly 40

members. This is always a fun event, delivering just what the title implies, lots of laughs, bums hitting the ice and of course, some great fellowship! I will point out that no boaters were injured during this event. Thank you very much Lionel and Pat for your

time in organizing this great winter gettogether for the club! We look forward to another repeat next year.

As mentioned above, the annual Ottawa "Winter Cruise"



potluck dinner party featuring a tropical theme was held at our home in the east end of Ottawa. Everyone joined in the spirit of the fête by dressing appropriately in their best beach and tourist duds. Although there was no costume competition held this year, Louis Gagnon and Stacey Jones (*Stolen Moments*) would have won had there been one. Their portrayal of the quintessential "tacky" tourist couple was outstanding!



As the greeter, Hélène was caught off guard on several occasions when the male component of the arriving guests not only took of their winter coats and boots, but also pulled down their trousers. I should explain that fortunately, in all cases, these male revelers were appropriately attired in a pair of summer shorts but had worn long pants over them in an effort to stave off the bitter cold that winter had thrown at us on that particular evening.



As usual, the food everyone brought was amazing. Dishes included, among others, a variety of enjoyment that our guests were tasty appetizers and salads, chicken wings, turkey meatballs a Trinidadian Palau (rice & peas with chicken), coconut rice, a whole Philippine-style BBQ pig. This feast was topped off with a variety of wonderful desserts. Other features included a playlist of tropical tunes and a fun margarita-making machine that efficiently dispensed more that a few glasses of this liquid nectar of the Caribbean.



As mentioned in previous posts regarding the annual Ottawa Winter Cruise, this event is a continuation of a winter gathering which, over the past 10 years, has been very graciously hosted by Ottawa-based club members, Pat Russell and David Ward (Wind Song I). We were very happy to have



David and Pat join us as guests at this year's event as they were able to thoroughly enjoy the experience without the overhead of also having to be the hosts. Having said this, Hélène and I truly enjoyed putting the event on and we revelled in the having!

Thank you to all who attended, to everyone who contributed to the potluck, and for the help with making sure the event went off without a hitch.

Over the course of last summer, members of the executive began discussing the concept of offering keelboat training course. Well I'm

pleased to say that thanks to the superb efforts of Richard Dickson (Sailing School Director / Windsome), Phil Morris (Vice Commodore / Wavelength) and others, this initiative will become a reality beginning this coming season. I don't want to give a lot of information away here just at the moment as some of the finer details are still being percolated. Richard has promised us an article detailing the initiative in next month's Mixer. I personally think that this will be a wonderful opportunity for the sailing school to extend its offerings to people, many of whom I have no doubt will be adults. As we all know, the sailing school offers sailing lessons in dinghy's which can be a challenge for some of us not-so-nimble grownups. More on this early next month.

Fleet Captain, Robert Mackey (Tingirrautalik) is currently exploring the possibility of coordinating a Red Cross standard first aid and CPR course for club members. More information on this initiative will be made available as the details are worked out.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that on March the 10<sup>th</sup>, there will be a potluck / seminar held at the Bayridge Alliance Church beginning at 5PM. Danny McKindsey will be giving a talk on of boat surveys, something that we all must deal with at some time or another. If you're interested in attending, please send me an RSVP at Felthp@yahoo.ca. The cost for the event is \$10 per person, and your favorite potluck dish.

Before I close off my message, I would like to give a "shout-out" to club member Adam Marsalak (Rainbow Chaser) who pulled off a second win in two years, beating his own record at Tommy's Restaurant annual event supporting the food bank. He downed 12 hotdogs in 3 minutes and 18 wings in the same amount of time. For those of you don't know Adam, he's the great big tall fella' who looks like Eric the Red, the 10<sup>th</sup> century Viking explorer who first settled Greenland. Can't miss him. Congrats to you Adam!

> Peter Feltham, Commodore CBYC



Click <u>here</u> for more photos of the tropical party

Click <u>here</u> for more photos of Slip, Slide & Giggles

(Photo Credit: Shelley Nickerson (Panacea)





### From the Helm

Summer Confirmations were due February 28<sup>th</sup>. We're hoping that you haven't missed this important deadline. We will now be assigning slips to those on the Wait List.

We are excited to tell you that the fiber connection for our upgraded internet connection has now reached the marina. We will be implementing some great changes throughout the summer to make your Internet experience the best! (Although, we know that you won't be on your computers while you are enjoying your time on the boat!)

The crew has been hard at work on the washroom renovations. The work is moving along nicely and it's looking amazing! We are very excited to have them ready for spring!

As you may know, well water is used to supply the marina. To ensure that you, and our family, have access to clean, potable and safe water at all times, several steps are taken and regularly monitored. The crew (Gerry, Dave and James) recently obtained the certification for Basics for Small Drinking Water *Systems.* The course covered the basic duties and responsibilities of small drinking water system owners and operators under Ontario Regulation 319/08, the multi-step approach to protect water sources, treat water, maintain system equipment and

water quality monitoring drinking water quality, and responding to problems. Your safety is important to us!

The <u>boat launch calendar</u> is on the website, with an April 18<sup>th</sup> start date.

See you all soon!

Lori and Gerry Buzzi
CBM Owners and Operators





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# Staying Fit While Cruising

It's possible to keep fit while cruising. When there's a will, there's a way. Resistance bands are great for strength training. They are light and take very little room to stow away. Alternatively, you can use water jugs as weights (yes, they must be filled with water). A TRX suspension

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system (or a <u>DIY version</u>) attached to the mast is versatile, and again, light and easy to stow away. Traditional moves like squats, lunges, push ups and the plank can be done aboard without any equipment and little room. Yoga, Pilates, paddle boarding and swimming are other options. Look around and use your creativity. You don't need a gym and lots of equipment to stay fit.



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# Smarter Spring Commissioning

Understanding how systems really work – and degrade over the winter – can help you prepare your boat for a trouble-free season. Here's a guide from a pro.

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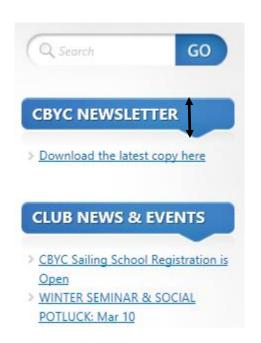


## **New on CBYC Website**



We are pleased to announce that the club now has a password-protected members only section. Our webmaster, Geoff Roulet (*Jeannie*), recently sent an email with the required password for this section.

Once there, you will have access to all 156 Mixer issues published between 1981 and 2009. You'll find many stories and photos of past cruises, races, social events as well as the growth of our club and of the marina over the years. Mixer issues from 2010 to present are available online by clicking on the CBYC Newsletter link on the website.

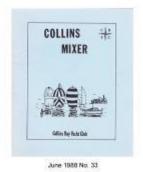


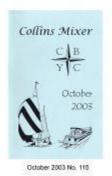
Included in the members only section are photo albums of members and of their boats from 1980 to 2001. This section is a work in progress. The work done to date represents hundreds of hours digitizing photos taken between 1980 and 2016, that our former Club Historian, Judy Adams (*Aslan*), had physically filed in albums and boxes. Geoff Roulet is responsible for having created the members only section on the website.

Next on the action list is continuing the work of sorting through the photos taken between 2002 and now and downloading them to this section. This is a huge task because the number of photos available has increased significantly with digital cameras. We know that many of you have photos of club events that have not been shared. So, here is our request .... if you have any photos that you think might be of interest to our members, we would appreciate it if you would send them to me at <a href="mailto:history@collinsbayyachtclub.ca">history@collinsbayyachtclub.ca</a> so that they can be shared.









Robert van Dyk (*Day Dreams*) Club Historian

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### **Fun in Jamaica**

Dave and I have just returned from a fun-filled week in Jamaica! This winter, we decided that with all of the devastation in the Caribbean from Hurricane Irma, we would opt to stay in a resort versus chartering a boat.

We stayed at the beautiful, all-inclusive <u>Sandals Resort in</u>
<u>Negril</u>, located about one and half hours south of Montego
Bay, on the famous Seven Mile
Beach. Sandals resorts are
everything they advertise. Yes, they are expensive but you get what you pay for: great hospitality, great food, great facilities, and of course the rum is great too.

I am not writing this article to sell the Sandals resorts to a community of sailors but I thought I would share an interesting tidbit of information regarding our experience there and what it offered us as an alternative to a winter sailing vacation.

On a daily basis, Dave and I practiced stand-up paddle boarding and dinghy sailing on Hobie Cats, which was a lot of fun. We didn't crash or turtle the boats and I didn't get too soaked, although Dave tried his best to keep me cool in that aspect, especially when trying

to outrun a rain storm, which we were not successful at doing that particular day.



The weather was great with warm temperatures, fair winds and relatively calm seas.

The ocean was warmer than the pool and much more enjoyable.

On the Thursday of our vacation, we decided to partake in a Catamaran excursion to Rick's Café and Margaritaville Negril aboard a 65' Catamaran Kool Kat Kelly. The

interesting part of the trip was meeting the boat's Captain. In 2011 Captain Sydelle Gifford, who grew up on the waters of Negril. became Jamaica's first female commercial boat Captain. It is a lot of hard work and dedication to become a commercial boat Captain. Being a senior officer in the Canadian Forces. I fully understand all the hard work and dedication it takes to succeed in a primarily male profession/environment. She was an interesting lady and a lot of fun. She sure could

handle that big boat in the winds and currents, especially in close quarters of other boats

in close proximity to the cliffs on the leeward shore in front of Rick's Café; the famous location where everyone goes to dive off the highest cliff into the blue ocean waters below. Not for the faint of heart. She even

allowed Dave to take the helm of the Cat for a photo opportunity. He was in his glory!



Shelley Nickerson (*Panacea*)



# WINTER SEMINAR & SOCIAL POTLUCK

To All CBYC Members

Dig out your favorite "pot-luck" recipe and come and join your fellow club members for a late-winter evening of fun, food and learning with presenter Danny McKindsey

# **SEMINAR TOPIC**

# **Boat Surveys**

- Vessel safety and suitability for use a primer
- Purpose & types of survey
  - ♦ pre-purchase survey
  - ♦ insurance survey
  - ♦ others
- Regulatory and standards basis for survey and their relevance (Transport Canada Regulations, ABYC Standards), new vs. older vessels
- What to expect from a survey, and limitations
- How to prepare for a survey
  - opreparing the boat for access
  - ♦ identifying potential issues in advance
- Interpreting the survey report
- Frequently observed issues
- Valuations what do they mean and how to use

### PRESENTER

Danny McKindsey (Happy Puppy)

### WHEN

Saturday, March 10th @ 4:00 p.m., followed by potluck

### WHERE

Bayridge Alliance Church 825 Gardiners Road Kingston

## COST

\$10 per person

# RSVP & QUESTIONS

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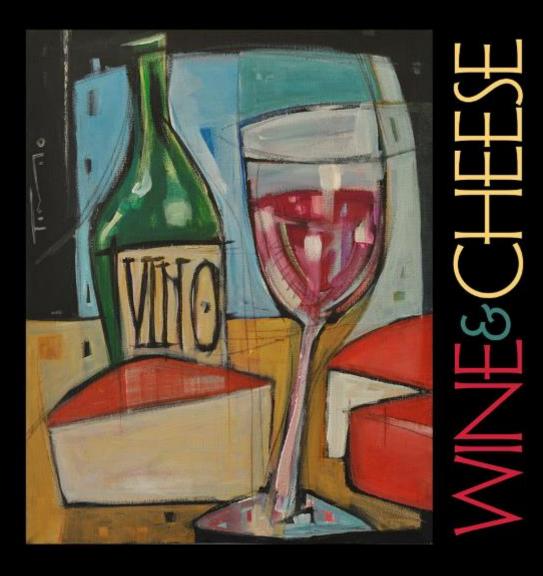


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Everyone is invited to come celebrate the beginning of a new boating season at the annual wine & cheese event, being organized this year by Christina MacLachlan (Commotion).

We'll be gathering in the club house (top of D Dock) where cheese and other light snacks will be available. Don't forget to bring your favourite bottle of wine, or beverage of choice. It'll be a fun evening of catching up with old friends, welcoming new club members, making new friends, and for some, an opportunity to find out about CBYC club activities.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE!

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