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Collins Bay Yacht Club Newsletter



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Commodore's Corner

Dear CBYC Members,

Let me start by thanking you for having selected me and for allowing me to hold this position for the last two years. As promised, I have been fully engaged in the club, attending virtually all of the activities and when needed, have lent a helping hand to contribute to their success. I am grateful for the members of the executive that I was fortunate to work with, all of whom did a stellar job of keeping things rolling. I am also grateful for the many members of the CBYC who, through their collective community who threw in their time to organize and assist with parties, cruises, maintenance and other club endeavors.

The annual reports from our executive will tell the story, however, in a nutshell, I am pleased to say that membership is up and both the sailing school and the club have increased their bank balances. in the last year, both of which are well into the black where they need to be, and, debtless.

Over the past year, the club has modernized its accounting system, moving to a cloud-based service, ensuring that it is highly available, always backed up and secure. Our new Treasurer Jacquie McKinnon has done a wonderful job of transitioning our financial books from the old system to the new one. A future goal will be to properly integrate the sailing school's books into the new system to facilitate monthly and year-end reporting and to ensure that best practices are met.

Another successful initiative launched this year is the Introduction to Keelboat Sailing. Thanks to a number of members efforts, along with Gerry and Lori's generous donation of a Tanzer 22, the Goddess of Marseille, this program got off to a very successful start this past summer. The vessel was fully commissioned, instructors were trained and



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clients signed up. It is my opinion that this course will be a flagship offering to the sailing positions over the years and community and will further expand status and visibility of both CBYC and Collins Bay Marina and to recreational sailing. Thank you to all of the members who've had a hand in reasons are unable or unwilling membership. Many thanks to this endeavor. Well done!

Let me say that as much as I enjoyed the role of Commodore, there were a few issues that arose over the past couple of years which took the wind out of my sails, leaving me to question my desire to continue. Thankfully there were some good folks along the way who were able to "correct my thinking" and help me put things into perspective which gave me the impetus to carry on. I am left however, with the sense that volunteerism in the club is down. Thankfully, some of our current executive members have agreed to stay on due to a the club executive and lack of volunteers willing to

step up to replace that over the past year, without a social or cruise chair and as such. doubt that the club will some executive members have been doing double duty. There are a number of factors which I feel are

contributing to this issue. For starters, many of the longterm, senior members of the club have held numerous have justifiably done their time. automated our membership Compounding this issue is the fact that increasingly, many of our new members are from out it easier for members to join of town and for logistical to commit to the effort of being a volunteer for a position our web and internet needs that might force them to give up valuable sailing time to engage in volunteer activities. This is also understandable. Unless one is retired, the effort of working full time, having to travel to Kingston from Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal for a weekend of sailing, and in many cases, having to look after a family makes committing to a volunteer position on the executive is challenging. For this reason, I am strongly recommending that the incoming executive takes a good hard look at how

their roles and responsibilities them. I would point out are structured and how the sailing school is supported to we have been operating determine whether there is a better way forward. I have no continue to exist but I do feel that if the current trend continues, I believe that the overall club dynamic will diminish.

> I would like to extend my personal thanks to Ed Nash, our membership chair who over the past three years has program and moved us to the Paypal payment system making the club or to renew their Geoff Roulet for looking after and for his incredible patience in dealing with user issues and getting things online at a moment's notice. A very heartfelt thank you to Richard **Dickson** for all of the hard work put into managing the sailing school for the last three years. I would like to point out that this particular job is akin to working full time, year round! Ensuring that the school runs



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ISSUE 228 OCTOBER 2018 PAGE 2 seamlessly and that our classes are filled, and of course making sure that we have qualified instructors, requires an extraordinary amount of time and effort spring, summer, fall and winter. Also, thank you to Keith Davies who has been a superb sailing school administrator working diligently working with other clubs to with Richard to make sure things are purchased, instructors are paid and the sailing school books are kept up secretary Dan Delorey for his -to-date. As mentioned earlier, Jacquie McKinnon who joined the executive roughly a year ago has brought a wealth of bookkeeping experience to the table and has done a great job of transitioning the books to our new accounting system. We are fortunate to have her with us. Many thanks to Bill Amirault who stepped in last spring as the clubhouse chair, purchasing our new BBQ and keeping the SS Maria in tiptop shape. Thank you to Robert Mackey, our Fleet Captain, for organizing a great 2018 Sail Past event as well as starting our first aid training program this past spring. Thanks also to Phil Morris, our Vice Chair, for supporting me in my role and maintaining our reciprocal arrangements around the lake and down the Seaway. Thank you to our Past Commodore, Claudia Stevenson for her unfailing dedication to the club, her overall assistance to the

whole of the executive, stepping in wherever she was needed, and of course for sharing her highly valued "corporate knowledge". Thank you as well to **John Giles** for the superb work he's done as Race Chair and keeping our race program on track as well as enhance our opportunities with the local racing community in general. Thanks to our assistance over the last two years. A special thank you to Robert van Dyk for the vast amount of work he has put into building our archives, digitizing and organizing many years' worth of CBYC newsletters and photographs. An enormous thanks to Hélène Hubert, who has spent countless hours keeping us all informed and club newsletter, The Mixer, and stepping in as the official club and sailing school photographer. Last but not least, on behalf of the club, a heartfelt thank you from all of us to Gerry and Lori Buzzi, who have embraced and continue to support our

During these long fall and winter months, I would encourage all of you to take the time to go through some of the past editions of the Mixer and have a look the CBYC archives. I believe that this will give you an appreciation of what our club has achieved and perhaps inspire many of you to engage in some capacity and become more active in the future ensuring that this vibrant club and community continues to thrive. One of the most inspiring things I have personally witnessed are the new friendships and the sharing of knowledge and resources that has come about as people have gotten to know one another through club functions and shared activities. This is what community means and as sappy as this sounds, I entertained as the editor of our think that this is a precious gift.

> Thank you one and all from this very grateful Commodore!

Peter Feltham



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From the Helm

An Overview of the Year

The marina was busy again this year with many transient visitors, not including the 101 reciprocal visitors from other yachts clubs.

2018 was an extremely busy year for us. We undertook many projects:

Renovated Washrooms

Right after haul out last fall, the crew started gutting and renovating the washrooms. The status/award. This is the majority of the work was completed by the time spring rolled around when it was time to focus on launching boats. The remaining tasks were completed throughout the summer months (e.g. shower benches, hooks). The crew did an amazing job!

Wifi System

We purchased all of the equipment required to update the marina's wifi system and a fiber internet connection which Peter Feltham designed and installed. A HUGE thank you goes out to him for this resounding success. Our appreciation also goes to Luc & Lucy (Blithe Spirit) and to Ghislain & Sylvie (Pharr Aweigh) for all of their assistance with this project.

We are so very thankful for our talented and helpful community. We wouldn't have this system without Peter's help and expertise!

Continuous Training

This past winter, Gerry was very busy preparing for the mobile crane operator exam and successfully earned the certification. Congratulations Gerry!

5 Anchor Platinum Clean Marine **Award**

The marina was awarded a 5 Anchor Platinum Clean Marine highest rating that can be achieved and we are very proud to have attained this milestone! There is a 220point checklist that we must adhere to earn this exemplary award. We thank everyone for supporting the Clean Marine Program, protecting our waterways and environment. It joining the team. couldn't happen without your support!

Food Drive

Our 2nd annual food bank collection has been another great success thanks to your generous donations.

Dock Maintenance

Finger docks and main docks were inspected and repaired last winter and spring.

Airport Expansion

To protect our beautiful area, we will continue to oppose the airport expansion project. Our first court date is May 2019, even though the airport runway is currently being built.

New Crew Member

We welcomed a new crew member this fall - Jean from Mirza. He's proven to be a great asset.

2019

We will be repairing more docks. We will let the dust, from the previously-mentioned projects, settle.

Executive Team

We thank all of the executive team members who will be stepping down and are looking forward to working with the new members who will be

If you haven't already volunteered to help out your yacht club, please consider giving some of your time to keep the club running smoothly and to continue the tradition of holding events for everyone to enjoy.

> Lori and Gerry Buzzi Collins Bay Marina Owners and Operators

CBYC'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

WHEN
November 4
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Blast from the Past

Sadly, there was no interest this summer in taking part in a "Round the County" cruise. Below is an article, published in the September 2006 Mixer, reporting on a fun week when this cruise was in its heyday. Let's enjoy it again!

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

The "Round the County Cruise" began with packing the icebox with dry ice and then trying to fit food for 10 dinners, 10 lunches, 10 breakfasts. Success was limited and "the red cooler" and the "drink cooler" came too. We had actually arrived in Kingston on the Thursday for race night. We thought that we would have plenty of time to complete all of our errands and would be off sailing by noon Friday. Maybe we would anchor Friday night at Prinyers Cove... Well, by 6:30 PM Friday we'd finished all the tasks on the list except inflating the dinghy. Forget the dinghy. Let's have supper. We can deal with the dinghy at the Reed's.

Saturday morning, we are off (like a herd of turtles, like a bucket of prawns on a hot day...), the dinghy lashed to the cabin roof. We enjoyed a great sail to Lyon's Island (Reed's) and only had to begin tacking at the Upper Gap. We joined the other boats parked in front of Norma and Dennis's and, before we were able to even contemplate blowing up the dinghy that is

lashed to the deck, Gary (Sabrina IV) had offered his water taxi service for the evening. Great! - we can put off inflating the dinghy for one Sunday morning we were off more day.

Aslan, Raymoni, Bay Fox, Ben -Varrey, Day Dreams, Dream Haze, Eclipse, Grace, Innisfree, Orgueil, Rus II, Sabrina IV. Sequala, Slinge II, Tamara C, Yer Out, and Wavelength were all there, along with others who'd come by car for dinner (Rebel Yell). Norma and Dennis were the most gracious heard the *race* part but not the hosts as usual. The cruise kick *fun* part as he drove his poor -off BBQ was enjoyed by all. As per the cruise captain's instruction, each boat provided the poor crew member ignored a game to be played at the various venues along the way. Linda and Geoff (*Grace*) were first up and did a bang up job

on the first game, stumping the crowd and testing our memory.

to Sandy Cove (near Belleville) to moor for the night. This leg of the cruise was a fun race (get that Dave, a FUN race) with the start line between Aslan's dinghy and Norma on shore. The start line turned out to be a bit larger than discussed, from about the Reed's dock to the Glenora Ferry. And, as alluded to previously, Dave crew to almost T-bone Grace and Sabrina IV. Thankfully, him and moved to jibe. Unfortunately, this move brought problems of it's own as *Dream Haze* became the



new target. Then the jibe didn't seem like such a good idea. Oh well, by now Grace and *Sabrina IV* are safely by and I can continue the original course as if nothing happened.

We dropped anchor in Sandy Cove and took advantage of the piloted each boat to the great swimming. Michael & Ursula (Ben-Varrey) hosted happy hour for the mass of Collin's Bay sailors. I think they had 24 on board with room for more. There was a cockpit party, a deck party, a bow party... At the bow party Linda (*Grace*) described Michael (*Ben-Varrey*) as being such a gentleman when he gave county. The bigger boats, way to them during the race. Meanwhile, in the cockpit party, Michael describes the incident saying that he hung back because he doesn't know if any of these racers know how to sail. Thank-you, to Ben (Grace, Seguala), decided to -Varrey for putting up with us all. Rus II was offering taxi service this night so our dinghy remained lashed to the deck.

The next venue was CFB Trenton Yacht Club. Unfortunately, the club was unable to accommodate some of the bigger boats and *Grace*, Raymoni, Shawnawdithit, Bay Fox, Seguala & Ben-Varrey continued ahead to various spots, with the plan for us all to meet up the next day at the west end of the Murray Canal. Sabrina IV and Eclipse went ahead to get organized with CFB Trenton YC while the rest of us had one last dip. Winds were strong and the water choppy as we descended on poor CFB Trenton. Our group

was piloted in one-by-one by the intrepid Patrick who entertained all listening in on Channel 68. The cruise coordinators could be found at their headquarters (Sabrina IV), engine only when at risk of rolling in laughter as Patrick "established visible on" and "emergency landing area". Thanks so much Patrick, for contributing to such a fun afternoon. CFB Trenton went out of their way to make us welcome.

The next day (Tuesday), the forecast predicted unfavorable winds for the rounding of the waiting at the other end of the Murray Canal, had also heard the wind prediction. Some decided to come back through the canal and return via the inside route. A few others leave a day early via the outside route to arrive at Half Moon Bay before the wind died. Back at CFB Trenton the consensus was to return to Sandy Cove for the night. Even though the wind was not favorable for the cove, the holding was great and the swimming was even better. Slinge II performed admirably as happy hour host for the evening. Sabrina IV generously offered taxi service, so once again our dinghy remained lashed to the deck. I guess my tip was not sufficient because I only got a ride half way on the return trip...Thanks Dennis, I was a bit warm anyway.

Wednesday we were off to Prinyers Cove. Winds were calm but a few boats managed to sail most of the way, turning on the missing happy hour. Sybarite (Ed & Joanne) had been at Prinyers enjoying their restful holiday, when they were pressed into service by the cruisers to act as docking coordinators. They even lost their spot on the marina docks, making room for others who required power. *Lofn* (Hans) who'd also arrived much earlier in the day, was there to assist. Dinner was on shore, where everyone BBQ'd and shared the homemade wine provided by the Prinyers Cove Marina. Another lovely evening!

Waupoos was the final stop in the cruise - inner route or outer route. Only three boats left from Prinyers to the final destination (Yer Out, Wavelength, Sabrina IV). It was the end of the week, and would have been the end of the cruise by the original itinerary. There was lots of wind and we were able to sail out the Upper Gap, then make Waupoos in one tack. I napped in the cockpit while the crew took care of things and was well rested when we came into Waupoos Marina. Sabina IV had arrived first, we went into the slip on her port side and then Wavelength took the slip on starboard. We had just enough time to shower before heading up to a great meal at the Duke of Marysburg pub.

The next day, Wavelength sailed for home. Alistair did his best to convince Phil that his sister could come get him in the car but Phil wasn't biting. Meanwhile, both the crews of Yer Out and Sabrina IV jumped in the land yacht that we'd left at Waupoos and embarked on a winery tour. Who would have thunk that there would be enough wineries in Prince Edward County to make a tour that lasted all day! We even had to become picky on choosing stops. We unanimously agreed that the best one was a small winery called "Sandbanks" and that the smaller wineries were better than the bigger ones. A stop of note was The Grange winery. The Grange family has "renovated" an old post and beam barn that is very impressive. It is nice to see families like the Grange family adjusting to the new opportunities in Prince Edward experiences for me and I County.

Now it is Saturday, we sail home, get a badly needed pump-out, re-fuel and clean the boat. Oh yeah, we still have a vehicle in Waupoos. This means a quick trip across on the ferry and a quick stop at the Black River Cheese factory for ICE CREAM (yum). Getting an Ice cream is a great way to end a holiday!

- Renza Pelkey Yer Out

P.S. The dinghy is still lashed to the deck at D15.

NEW INITIATIVE

CBYC All-Women Sailing Group

There are four events that stand out in my mind that have influenced my sailing experience in a positive way:

- 1. The first time a skipper invited me to take the helm:
- 2. the summer I learned how to dock our boat:
- 3. seeing a woman single handling her own 28' sailboat; and
- 4. learning how to sail my 14' sailing dinghy and taking a woman friend out for a sail.

These were very exciting would like "new-to-sailing" women to be as excited about sailing as I am. So, I've been thinking about starting an allwomen sailing group at CBYC.



Why an "all women" group you may ask? Here's an



interesting Yachting World article about women and

> sailing titled Why Aren't More Women at the Helm? Is Sailing Still Stuck in the 1950s?. One of the recommendations is that "couples should learn separately and make the effort to let

the less experienced person take the helm and build

experience. Increasingly, the opportunities are there to take leadership roles if you want them, you just have to be prepared for the fact that you will make mistakes along the way."

The lack of confidence makes women reluctant sailors. But there's something special that happens when women learn to sail together. They take control of the boat, make mistakes, learn and grow. The result is that they gain confidence, realize that they're able to handle situations which were previously intimidating, and discover that they have more natural leadership and innate sailing ability than they initially thought they had.

So, how about it, Ladies? Are you interested in joining a group to improve your sailing skills? Do you want to learn more about racing? cruising? anchoring? docking? sail trimming? crew overboard? helming? weather? We could even organize day sails and hang out on the hook. What about the more experienced sailors? We'd love it if you'd be our mentors, coaches, motivators, inspiration, role models.

If you are interested in helping make this initiative a reality, please contact me. Together we can determine which sailing skills we want to practice and how we might build learning activities. We can work together throughout the winter months and start having fun next boating season.

Looking forward to hearing from you! In the meantime, below are some womenspecific resources you may find interesting.

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Impromptu PEYC Thanksgiving Weekend Cruise

The skippers and crew of six sailboats from Collins Bay Marina (Happy Puppy, Siboney, Plan Eh!, Ujjayi, Dream Weaver, and Cattitude) spent an impromptu Thanksgiving weekend together at PEYC.

Peter (Cattitude), who enjoys organizing events, contacted PEYC to discuss our plan/ needs/possibilities. He was able to secure slips for the group and access to their BBQs. I envisioned eating our potluck Thanksgiving dinner at picnic tables huddled by the BBQs to keep warm. Let's just say that this was so far from the reality of our perfect Thanksgiving dinner. More about this a bit later.

A Messenger group was created for communication purposes. There were exchanges about the predicted winds, but mostly about meal planning. Here are highlights of the playful banter between the skippers.

"Hélène and I will be cooking a turkey. There will be enough for all. Will also have gravy and stuffing. Show of hands from those interested in a communal

Thanksgiving dinner?"

"Interested 🖐 We will bring lasagna."

"We're in!!! 🖐



We can bring a salmon dish."

"Wow. Great menu. Anything else we need? Suggestions?"

"Well, Doug will be there, so ... COOKIES!!!!! I may get up the energy to bring an apple crisp as well;)"

"I love you Danny!!!!"





"We'll have a well-balanced meal covering all four major food groups: meats, fats, sugars and chocolate!!!"



"I give up. I'll just bring this."

"Roger wins!!"

"I agree ... I bow to thee. This should also be added as a new food group."

"Bolognaise for the lasagna."



"In production this morning. Apple crisp, brownies and chocolate chunk cookies with tart cherries. The last one is a special for Doug!"



"Best morning ever. Cookie dough for breakfast."



Doug (Plan Eh!)

"That's quite the smoking jacket!"

"Hugh Hefner special edition."

"Judging by the look of satisfaction, those must be awesome cookies!"

"Now I wish I'd never started this group chat"



Theresa (*Plan Eh!*) making savoury biscuits

Keen to start the weekend, Dream Weaver, Ujjayi and Cattitude headed to PEYC on the Friday. We enjoyed drinks at the yacht club's bar while chatting with friendly club members, had dinner in town, and breakfast on Cattitude the following morning.

"Danny has decided to give us a chance. He's going there backwards."

"He's also loaded down with the lasagna and desserts."

"I have a bottle of port with me BTW. So be nice."



In the meantime ... Saturday @ 7:44 a.m.

"And they're off!"

"10 knot E jib poled out . 4.7 knots speed. Preventer on. Time for breakfast!!"

"Wow—early riser. Our plan is to leave by 9."

"If you leave at 9 I guess we'll see you in Adolphus Reach somewhere. Have a heart. Make it look like it's difficult to pass us."



"Hey Roger—any wind where you are?"

"No wind here. All died out half way down the reach. Motoring in."

"We definitely need more quarters for the fun meter! 5 knots true, gybing downwind. Ugh!"

"Going 3.8 SOG with spinnaker. Gaining on Danny. He's now only 149 nm ahead of us."

"So what is worse than gybing downwind with no spinnaker in 5 knots of breeze? Doing it in 1 knot!"

"Enjoying a beer on the docks in Riviera del Pickton ... Hurry up before it gets dark."

Once everyone got there, it was time to relax—drinks, games, and conversation.



As mentioned earlier, I was convinced that Thanksgiving dinner would be held outside at

picnic tables. But because the yacht club had no planned events that day, we were given, without to their facility well-equipped, industrial kitchen; lounge; and bar. We excitedly set the table with

proper dinnerware and enjoyed our meal in the comfort of the party room.

No, we could not bring our own wine, however, Robert kept the bar open for us for the duration of our celebration (even though the bar was to have closed at 7 hesitation, full access pm that evening). As a token of our appreciation, we invited party room; spacious, him to join us for Thanksgiving dinner.



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were, every server had a smile for everyone who came.

After breakfast, half the group (Dream Weaver, Ujjayi, and Plan Eh!) started heading back to

recruited Peter (Cattitude) yes, cat and dogs can sometimes play well together - and Roger (Siboney) as crew and they went for a happy "puppy sail".

Not too long after they had left the dock, I received a message from Maryse (*Dream Weaver*). "Happy Puppy is making circles around us."

"Danny had time to have lunch. Dessert. A little bit of port. And you still manage to come and kick our ass!"





The next morning, our large group descended on the <u>Lighthouse Restaurant</u>. Breakfast were better than the was great and the service fantastic! As crazy busy as they

Collins Bay Marina, with an overnight in Prinyer Cove.

Because the winds day before, Danny (Happy Puppy)

"I actually had a nap before we "629 tacks and an headed out."

"Kill me!"

"Funny guy!"

The fun exchanges continued the next day.

"Back at the marina. Great ride on the lake."

"Thanks again everyone for this wonderful weekend!! Hope we'll have the chance to ride with you guys again in 2019."

"Awesome sail back. 32 tacks. Alex still has sore arms:)"

alternator for us!"

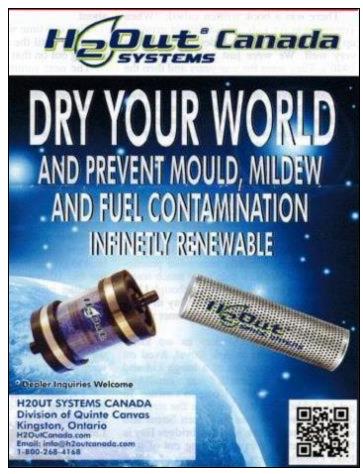
Thank you PEYC for having made our Thanksgiving Weekend a memorable one! We left with our hearts filled with gratitude for your kindness and generosity.

AND it looks like PEYC enjoyed our company as they've invited us to return next year for another Thanksgiving Weekend, perhaps combined with their members this time. Something to consider!



Sofia gave each of us a personalized Thanksgiving drawing.

Hélène Hubert (*Cattitude*)





The 2018 Executive Committee

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