



Collins Bay Marina

HARBOUR VIEWS

Collins Bay Marina Newsletter

53rd Season _____ 2024

WELCOME BACK to Collins Bay Marina! We are so glad you have chosen us again! We are anticipating a great season in 2024! We are eager to hear from you! If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please let us know!

LAUNCH

Our launch calendar is now on the website. We begin launching on Friday April 12th. Let us know your preferred date as soon as possible as dates fill up quickly. A reminder to those of you who are in the two rows closest to the shoreline, please make sure to book your launch on the first few days open! If you won't be launching, let the office know right away! Spicing is a great time to catch up with old friends and meet new ones! Come early, come prepared and enjoy!

CUSTOMER APPRECIATION BBQ/SAFETY DAY

Mark your calendars! We are delighted to once again host the customer appreciation BBQ on the lawns of the marina on Saturday June 15th! Join us for safety-Coast Guard, RCMP, OPP, Kingston Fire boat tours, flare return, fire extinguisher demo and inspections, Kingston Power and Sail Courtesy Vessel checks, family friendly games and so much more. It is a great time with friends, for marine safety education, a yummy lunch and so much more!

TORONTO INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW

As a valued member of our marina, we are happy to offer complimentary tickets to North America's Largest Indoor Boat Show being held on January 19-28, 2024, at Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place! There are vendors and seminars, for power and sail boaters alike! Enjoy the show!

2024 INITIATIVES

Our plans for the upcoming season are to be able to redeck some of the docks (as you may recall, this was planned for 2023, but due to a costly and unforeseen water treatment upgrade, we weren't able to complete this). We are looking forward to making sure that the facilities are in great shape for years to come, which also brings us to the topic of the future of power. The marina has begun to plan for the future for electric power for vehicles, boats and our power infrastructure which as I am sure you can appreciate is a huge undertaking and will take us many years to implement! Although you may not see these things happening immediately, we are working and saving behind the scenes for these important initiatives. There is a lot to learn which is exciting for the future of the marina!

NEW MAST SERVICE AT COLLINS BAY MARINA!

We are happy to offer a new service, the test of your marine antenna system. Done by a telecommunication professional of more than 20 years in antenna, Gilles will be able to:

- tell you if your coaxial cable, your connectors and your antenna are OK, specially around the Channel 16. We consider the availability of a good VHF CH16 radio is an essential part of your safety devices. This quick test will be offered during the Haul-out season so you will be able to proceed to the repair recommended by Gilles during winter.
- Another test offered is the compatibility with an AIS system, installed or planned to be added to your vessel communication system. This SWR test will focus on the 2 AIS frequencies.

These tow tests will be offered at the minimal fee of \$25 each. And if you are interested, you will be able to mention them on the Haul-Out form.

During the regular season you can order a more exhaustive test of your VHF antenna system where Gilles will be able to diagnose the impedance of your transmission/antenna system from inside your vessel. This special diagnostic that will take approximately one hour will be available at \$120

AWARDS

Gerry and I had the opportunity to attend the annual Boating Ontario Conference and to our surprise we were honored and awarded for our achievement within the Clean Marine program; with the highest achievement of Diamond Elite which recognizes our outstanding commitment to the Clean Marine Environmental program! This award is shared with all of you, as everyone of you have committed and pledged to help us protect our marina, waterways and environment with our Clean Marine Customer Pledge. We are pleased to share this award with you!



HOUSEKEEPING NOTES

A few friendly reminders and info:



- Please make sure we have your current insurance on file prior to launch.
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- When leaving the dock, make sure your power cord is unplugged from the power post and wrapped up or placed onboard, so it does not end up in the water and posing
- Refueling at the docks is prohibited to prevent costly spills, contaminating our waterways.
- Don't keep your boat plugged in overnight when the boat is on the hard as this will void your insurance should an accident occur.
- Have you considered being a part of our yacht club as CBYC is the "fun and social" part of the marina! The fee is nominal, but the experiences and friendships are priceless. Check them out on the website <https://collinsbaymarina.com/cbyc/>
- During the offseason, as you are patiently waiting to get back on the water, there are many online and in person boating courses that might interest you! Check out Kingston Power and Sail Squadron's courses: <http://kingston.cps-ecp.org/>
- Did you know we monitor VHF 68 during our opening hours! Radio us anytime you would like assistance getting on or off the dock or when you want service at the fuel dock! Our friendly dock hands are eager to assist!
- Boat Detailing is available in the spring and fall for those who would like some assistance getting their boats spruced up before launch or cleaned up after haul out. Email Lori with your details and we will get this on the schedule!

TEAM MEMBERS WANTED!

Do you know an outstanding, hard working, exceptional student who would make a great fit for our team? If so, we are looking for enthusiastic, energetic team members for the upcoming season!

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