



Collins Bay Marina

HARBOUR VIEWS

Collins Bay Marina Newsletter
54th Season _____ 2025

WELCOME TO THE 2025 SEASON!

We are looking forward to the new boating season! We are always eager to hear from you, if you have any questions, concerns or comments, please let us know. Kindly ensure your email and contact information are current and updated with the office!

COFFEE

We are excited to announce we will be offering complimentary coffee, not only on weekends in the summer, but also during the six-week launch and haul out days! Beginning Monday April 14-Friday May 30th during launch days as well as September 8-October 31st during haul out days coffee and tea will be available at the gazebo! The weekend coffee, tea and treats will begin May 9 to September 28 every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Please don't forget to bring your reusable cup! Please follow our FB and Instagram pages for reminders on coffee days!

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 14th 1-3pm. Join us for safety boat tours of the Coast Guard, RCMP, OPP, and the Kingston Fire boat as well as fire extinguisher demos and inspections, CanBoat courtesy vessel checks, seminars, family friendly games, live music and so much more! It is a great opportunity to gather with our community of boating 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!

EASTERN YACHTING CIRCUIT

Collins Bay Yacht Club along with CBM are once again hosting EYC July 12-15, 2025 This event is a time-honoured race tradition for yacht clubs across Lake Ontario! If you are interested in participating, racing, volunteering or going on a cruise to free up slips for the visiting boats, please let us know! www.easternyachtingcircuit.com

COLLINS BAY YACHT CLUB

The Collins Bay Yacht Club is a social club formed by patrons of Collins Bay Marina. An active group of sail and power boaters with a strong foundation of camaraderie and community, the Club organizes many activities both on and off the water. They also operate a first-class sail training program at the Marina. Although membership in the Club is not mandatory as a customer of the Marina, the Club has much to offer for a modest membership fee and offers the fun, social for all the marina's boaters. For more information and to join see www.CollinsBayMarina.com/CBYC/.

SAILING LESSONS

For adult keelboat lessons through CBYC, contactkeelboat.program@collinsbayyachtclub.ca For children and youth sailing lessons, contact schooldirector@collinsbayyachtclub.ca or try the new Limestone Sailing, **Limestone Sailing** is offering certified Sail Canada courses out of Collins Bay Marina starting in the 2025

season limestonesailingco@gmail.com

IMPORTANT ITEMS FROM THE HELM

- **LITHIUM BATTERIES:**

As new advances are coming out in the marine industry, we have some **new important procedures** at CBM regarding lithium batteries. These batteries, although great technology have a significant fire risk, called thermal runaway and proper, quick reaction to potential fires are very important to prevent a catastrophic incident. If you have recently installed lithium batteries on your boat or are considering installing these, the marina is putting a new policy in place that you remove your batteries from your boat, take them home for storage for the winter and plan to use a fire-retardant containment, and suppression on your boat for these batteries. We are being proactive to keep the marina and our customers safe as these requirements will be coming in the very near future by insurance companies. Here is a quick article to help explain the risk and mitigation and as we learn more, we will keep our policies updated and keep you informed! [The risk of lithium-ion batteries - Thermal Runaway in EV's](#)

- **LADDER STORAGE**

Please don't lock your ladder to your cradle in the spring as this makes things difficult for the crew when they move cradles into storage or when taking them out for haul out. There is a ladder rack in the east yard to store your ladder, please lock it and mark your name on it. To prevent unwanted visitors when your boat is on the hard, don't leave your ladder up, rather fold it, place it on the ground and lock it up removing it after launch.

- **LIFE RINGS**

New this spring, in the event of a man overboard at the marina, we will now be providing life rings at the end of

every dock for all marina patrons to use in an emergency. All our staff, crew and management are all trained in First Aid/CPR/AED. We also train everyone on our staff, marina specific health and safety training. There are 3 AED machines generously provided by Collins Bay Yacht Club for all to use, one at the washrooms, one on S.S. Marina floating clubhouse on D dock and one by the launch ramp by E dock. We will offer marina specific health and safety training on Safety Day as well.

MARINE RADIO LICENSE COURSE

The marina monitors VHF, 68 for our boaters! If you are looking for assistance at the fuel dock, on or off your slip, radio us and our friendly staff will meet you!

AHOY! For the benefit of the Kingston area recreational and commercial boating community please be advised that a marine radio VHF operator's permit (Restricted Operator's Certificate Maritime - ROCM) classroom course is going to be conducted at Kingston Yacht Club by Can Boat / Nauti Savoir (Canadian Power and Sail Squadron) commencing in 2025 on Feb 05 and Mar 26 Pre-registration is highly recommended. There is an option for either an afternoon (2:30-4:30pm) or an evening (6:30-8:30pm) course. An ROCM is required in order to legally operate a marine VHF radio in Canada. For some employees this course is a legal requirement for the performance of their work. Registration for this classroom course, or a different, equivalent self-study or virtual course, can be accessed through the Can Boat / Nauti Savoir website at [EDUCATION](#) then select [Maritime Radio Certificate - ROC\(M\)](#), then select [Classroom](#) and look for [Kingston](#).
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