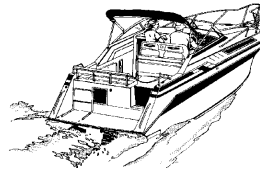


# **Collins Mixer**

## Collins Bay Yacht Club Newsletter



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### Commodore's Corner

Ahoy Yawl!

And welcome to a great boating season (starting soon). While the boat covers are still on and flurries are in the forecast, it's about time to hang up the curling brush and dig out your anti-fouling brush. And surprise! A new "leadership" team is in place for your yacht club and engaged in the 2006 program. You know what "leadership" is in nautical terms: the ability to keep persons aboard ship without resorting to measures which substantially violate applicable provincial and federal laws.

Claudia Stevenson has moved to Vice-Commodore position and is currently busy finalizing our reciprocal program for the season. Dave Johnston will stay on the crew as Past Commodore helping us stay on course to our 2010 vision. Paul Malo, a new member in 2005, will take on the responsibility for storing our bullion and ensuring we use it wisely.

Joanne Billing has come aboard as chief scribe, already showing her organizational skills with two sets of minutes. Her addition creates a real family atmosphere at our meetings. Jim Guest will continue as our Membership Chair. You can expect to hear from him shortly with a great offer that we hope you can't refuse. Our newsletter publisher, editor and lead reporter continues to be Mike Miles who plans to extend the frequency of the Collins Mixer, hence this March issue.

Norma Reed has agreed to be our chief socialite, the Social Chair having been vacant for some time, and we expect that she will help us engage and communicate with all members. Also, this furthers the executive family affair. Bruce Anderson will return as our

Race Chair and has a full schedule to excite the "fast" crowd. Directing our Sailing School, with plans in place to improve equipment and programs, will be Ed Billing for his second term, most ably assisted again this year by Sarah Visser as Administrator.

Our Cruising team will continue to be managed by Gary Logan and Dennis Reed who have added an interesting adventure this year. You know about "cruising"; that's a waterborne journey embarked on by one or more people and considered a success if the same number of individuals who set out on it arrive, in roughly the same condition they set out in, at some piece of dry land, with or without the boat.

Dave Athersych will also continue as our Fleet Captain, ensuring a safety and security conscious fleet. Judy Adams will maintain and nurture the history of our club and hopes that we will create more memorable history this year. Norm Pothier maintains responsibility for Regalia, allowing both you and your boat to be well dressed at reasonable prices.

And last but definitely not least, Phil Morris, our past Past Commodore, has taken on responsibility for our website, where the 2006 schedule is already in place. Check it out! Phil can also be held responsible for your current commodore-in-training.

Remember that all of your new Executive Committee welcome your opinions and ideas, so we hope to see yawl under the hull with your anti-fouling brushes.

**Dave Sansom**  
Commodore

## 2006 CBYC Executive

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## Annual General Meeting January 28, 2006

Twenty-nine members attended the CBYC AGM held at The Merchant Pub.

Retiring Commodore, Dave Johnston, led us through reports from the various committees before discussing the 2010 Survey Results and Recommendations. Several of the recommendations required Constitutional amendments and these amendments were also approved. Thanks to Dave for undertaking this enormous task and plotting the path for CBYC for the next five years!

Dave Johnston announced that there were still some vacancies on the 2006 executive. Paul Malo offered to replace Wayne Nicholson as Treasurer and Joanne Billing agreed to replace Claudia Stevenson as Secretary. Norma Reed later accepted the position of Social Chair. Unfortunately, Dave Sansom, the new Commodore, had a previous commitment and was unable to attend.

*Claudia Stevenson*

Secretary, 2005

## Collins Bay Marina News

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**Welcome Back to Spring!** Winter memories are already receding in the warmth of the spring sunshine. We are looking forward to another wonderful season on the water. We hope that your imaginations are working overtime on a new set of boating adventures for the coming year.

**New Web Site.** We have been busy over the winter trying to improve both our operations and our communications. The most visible result is our new web site. It is now up and running with just a few items left to finalize and a few touches yet to add. The Web Cam with a live video feed from high atop the utility pole is one of the more interesting additions. You can find it on the "Resources" page along with links to weather sites and a host of other interesting spots to visit. We have just added the ability to select the marina view that you want. Try it out!

**Dustless Sander.** For those of you contemplating serious bottom work this spring, we again have the Fein dustless sander available for rent. You can reserve it for the day(s) of your choice with a call to the marina office.



**Spring Launches.** Our first launches usually start about the third week of April. This year we hope that the light ice conditions will permit work to start on schedule and get the early birds afloat by mid month. Our scheduled launch days are shown shaded in grey. Give a call when you are ready to pick the date for your season opener.

| Launch Days 2006 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|                  | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| April            | 09  | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  |
|                  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22  |
|                  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  |
| May              | 30  | 01  | 02  | 03  | 04  | 05  | 06  |
|                  | 07  | 08  | 09  | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  |
|                  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  |
|                  | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  |

**Full.** The marina is filling up, especially around the larger docks. If there are any boaters who have not reserved their slip for this year, please call the marina right away to see if we still have room for your boat this year.

*- Hub, Miche, Mya & Landon*

## Sailing School Report to the AGM January 2006

The Sailing school has come and gone for the 2005 season. I believe the year was a success; we added about \$2,000.00 to the bank balance, and still purchased some \$18,000.00 worth of boats for the Bronze program. Participation was excellent in most classes; the first 2 in July fully booked and the 1<sup>st</sup> in August having a 50% fill rate, the last class in August was also full.

Under the watchful eye of Amy Guest our head instructor, the school enjoyed tremendous success in regard to planned activities and relationships with the Marina and the house committee.

This year Nick Allinson joined us after completing his Green instructor course over the winter months. Nick and Mackenzie fulfilled dual duty instructing the Adult course on Tuesday and Thursday Nights. A note in the first course one of the students went and bought a boat. The feed back from the adults was great with one Student in the first course baking goodies for the instructors and throwing a party for them at the end of the course. (Thanks Rose you are so thoughtful, and it was very much appreciated) With the help of Bruce Anderson we were able to include some Bronze sailors in the Thursday night racing program, this proved very successful to all involved.

The Dinghy regatta in the late spring was a huge success and will be included in our program next year with even more twists and turns.

We purchased two new 420 boats from PS 2000 this year; they arrived amidst a Dock strike in Vancouver the night before the first Class. Amy rose to the occasion using the first day as rigging day pouring through the rigging manuals to put the boats together. (Nobody was nervous when we were short two boats the day before class with a full registration, and the Laser 11's gone- Right!!!) This allowed us to retire the very Tired Laser 11 fleet, these boats have gone off to a quiet life in back lake cottages, and we wish them well in their retirement.

Our fleet suffered only minor repairs this year, and I believe were well taken care of by the Instructors and students alike. All in all the 2005 season I would declare a huge success, and look forward to building on this for a successful school in 2006.

Many thanks to all that helped, and special thanks as always to Sarah Visser for her tireless help and her meticulous attention to detail that made my job a very rewarding and easier one.

New things to look forward to in 06 include the proposal to introduce a 7<sup>th</sup> Hunter 140 into the fleet. This will allow us to have a boat for an expanded Bronze program and will also permit White sail 3 sailors to be separated from the 1 and 2 Fleet to allow for a more in-depth sail training experience for these proficient sailors.

We will also be introducing this year a Paid non qualified instructor to help out the 3 Certified instructors. This will allow Nick, our 2<sup>nd</sup> in command, to devote his time to 2's and 3's and Rafael, with the aid of the paid helper, to focus on the little guys.

We will also be addressing the need to keep the fleet young. To this end, we will be putting Hull number 1 of the 140 fleet up for sale. The boat is very serviceable and still has some real value. We will put it up for sale for approximately \$4,000.00 which will allow us to purchase another 140 the following year. New 140's are approximately \$8,000.00. It is my recommendation that we do this every year, thus eliminating a whole bunch of boats reaching end of life at the same time, costing a lot in ongoing upkeep, and having no value at end of life.

The Shed will need some work over the upcoming years but its size and capacity are just fine, just needs some routine maintenance.

We will be introducing a meet and greet prior to the first class to enable parents and students to tour the

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facility, and become familiar with the program prior to the first day of class.

The Bronze program will go back to a 2 week schedule, as opposed to a month, allowing for more flexibility in class sizes.

After our commitment to the window replacement project and the retirement of the debt on the two new Club 420's purchased in 05, the need to look at the coach boats will have to be addressed. At that time, it should be discussed in open forum at the executive level to make sure all aspects of the club be addressed at this juncture

Respectfully Submitted by

*Edward Billing*

Sailing School Director, Collins Bay Yacht Club

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## CBYC Winter Activities

One of the comments from members who participated in the 2005 Survey was that the club should have some winter activities. So this winter we did!

In December a Christmas Get Together was held at Fort Henry. Most of the attendees were from the Kingston area, although we were delighted that Marilyn Sykes & Robert van Dyk also joined us!

The Fort Henry setting, servers dressed in period uniforms, and Christmas decorations created a festive ambience. Janet Morrison did her best to keep her troops in line and Bill Stevenson provided the toast to the reigning King!

The evening was a wonderful combination of good food and good company. Watch for a Christmas event to be added to the Calendar for 2006!

- Claudia Stevenson



## CBYC Ottawa Area Squadron February Get Together

Blame it on Wiarton Willy's prediction for spring's arrival! Does anyone else find that period between Groundhog Day and boat launch to be never ending? We spend our time making lists of much needed parts that we should have acquired at the January boat show in Toronto. We plan the repairs to the engines, refrigeration, and electrical systems, etc. We peruse West Marine's catalogue, Cruising World magazine and Practical Sailor for the best and greatest. But alas, it is still a lonely time, with all our good dock mates and sailing buddies from Collins Bay off doing their own wintery things. There is no one to share sailing stories, ideas, solutions or gossip with.

Well, this year, thanks to the great organization skills and hospitality of Pat Russell and David Ward (Windsong), an antidote to the February blahs was found.

On a snowy and cold Saturday evening, twenty CBYC members from Ottawa and the environs gathered at

Pat and David's beautiful home, for Happy Hour, followed by an excellent Chinese dinner at Won Ton House in Ottawa's west end.

It was fun to greet our old friends, and as we were wearing our winter disguises, without our Tilly Hats, some had to ask, "What boat are you on?" There were also new members to meet – Jacques and Glenda Levesque (Commotion).

We were pleased that Ina and Norm Pothier (Cabernet) were in town from Deep River and were able to join us.

Some of the fun things we learned during Happy Hour – since Neil Anderson and Marilyn Taylor (Loonacy) have added windows to the front of their catamaran, they can hear all sorts of conversations from C dock inhabitants as we troop off to the showers early in the morning. So, beware of what you are saying! Shawn and Ruthanne (Wilru V) know all of the best spots for scuba diving in eastern Lake Ontario. Laurel and Laurie

Goodrich (Dreamward) are joining the folks on Bikini (B dock) to help them bring their boat back from down south. Mac and Chris Thurger (Bay Fox) are happy to have been promoted from D dock to C dock – but they fully acknowledge that the folks on both docks are equally fun.

Tim and Kerstin Cairns (Toucan Duet) commented that the highlight of the evening was "talking about sailing – spring really isn't that far away".

Finally, Marv and Marion Cameron (Sueno), I believe you asked when the Chandlery was having their spring sale. Just so you know, it is happening this week!

Thanks to Pat and David for making this "first annual" event so memorable.

Scribes: Marilyn Sykes and Robert van Dyk (Day Dreams)  
Official Photographer: Jacques Levesque (Commotion)



## Notes from the Fleet Captain

I'm writing this just after driving back from Toronto through some pretty snowy weather. Of course my thoughts are on summer and boating, and in particular, safe boating. One of my responsibilities as Fleet Captain is to promote safety on the water, and to that end, I have invited Bill Visser to run a couple of seminars leading to the Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC). See Bill's announcement elsewhere in the Mixer for the details. One of the sessions is late April, before most of the boats are launched, and the second is late May, just before Collins Bay Marina's Safe Boating day. If you do not have the PCOC yet, I strongly urge you to take one of Bill's seminars to get the card.

On the topic of safety, the PCOC represents a minimum level of knowledge required to operate safely (or at least legally) on the water. There are lots of other courses and training events that people have taken to improve their skills (and by extension, their safety) using their boat.

The Club would like to find out what other training events members are interested in. Some people have suggested trying to get a discount for some of the Power and Sail Squadron courses; hosting some of

those courses; and running our own events, such as a crew-overboard seminar. Please let me know your thoughts and I'll see what the Club can organize.

The other item I would like to bring to your attention is June 24, 2006. In the past, the Club has run Sailpast and Family Day on the same day. Based on members' feedback, the day has been reformatted, and now includes Sailpast; dinghy racing and a barbeque to welcome new members to the club – and to feed the existing members! Details about the day will come in the next issues of the Mixer and on the webpage, but my request here is for volunteers to help with the day's events. We had tremendous success with dinghy racing and barbeques last year – let's make this year's events even better.

Contact me (Dave Athersych) about Sailpast; Ed Billings or Bruce Anderson about the dinghy racing; and Norma Reed about the New Members Welcome and Barbeque.

See you on the water!

-Dave Athersych



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## Fish and Chips Cruise September 24, 2005

The annual Fish and Chips cruise was, as usual, well attended.

This year we went to the Merchant Pub on lower Princess Street. I think everyone agreed that this was a great location and we even had a private room. Nine boats made the trip down to Confederation Basin on a sunny Saturday ... tacking into an easterly wind; *Lunacy II*, *Sabrina IV*, *Eclipse*, *Wavelength*, *Rusty Dog*, *Lofn*, *Sybarite*, *Rebel Yell* and *Bay Fox*. All told, we had 45 people eating at the Merchant. The food was great ... beer was good ... and those who stayed overnight were awoken by lots of wind and rain ... some did make it up to Morrison's for breakfast.

The return sail on Sunday was wild ... *Lofn* was the last boat to leave and a big "thank you" goes to Hans and Natalia for helping everyone off the docks. One of the fastest sails back to Collins Bay and I think we all did it in record time ... *Sabrina* did it in one hour and twenty minutes!!

- Gary Logan

*Sabrina IV*



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## 2006 Cruises

We had six cruises last year and all were well attended. We didn't make any money but we had a lot of fun. We plan a similar program for the 2006 season. The following are a list of the planned cruises for this season:

- **OJ & Bubbly Cruise – 20 – 21 May – Cedar Island**
- **Canada Day Cruise – 02 July – Parrotts Bay (Phil's house)**
- **Prince Edward County Cruise - 14–21 July**
- **Civic Holiday Cruise - 4–8 August – Cape Vincent, Crescent Yacht Club**
- **Labour Day Cruise to Waupoos – 1– 3 September**
- **Fish & Chip Cruise – Confederation Basin - 23–24 September  
– The Merchant Pub**
- **Possibly some impromptu cruises if time permits**

Volunteers are needed to assist and/or possibly run some of the cruises. Please contact Gary or Dennis.

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## Race

Winter's almost gone and for some of us, it's time to start thinking about racing again. For others, they never stopped! In February, Ben Rotteveel, Dave and Jan Wilby and their crews packed up the Olson 30s, *Ritalin* and *Offliction*<sup>2</sup>, and trailered them down to Florida for the O30 nationals and the St. Pete's NOOD regatta. *Offliction*<sup>2</sup> snagged a 4<sup>th</sup> place trophy in it's first nationals - congratulations. Bruce Rand provides a summary of the Ritalin experience on the next page. Take a look at the photos, how did your February compare?

The CBYC racing season for 2006 will pick up where we left off last season. The successful anniversary regatta will be held again on the last weekend of August (26 & 27). The plan is to keep this as an annual event.

A new activity we'd like to look at this season is to hold a weekend series of races to give the out of town boats more opportunity to participate in races. The thought is to hold a weekend series on three Saturdays or Sundays. If you're interested, please email me at [bruceanderson@canada.com](mailto:bruceanderson@canada.com) so I can get a handle on participation. I'll also be looking for volunteers to run the event.

In other local racing, EYC is taking registrations. There are already a large number of boats listed including a sizeable white sail fleet. Early registrations attract more boats, so go ahead and fill yours out at <http://www.e32software.com/eycr/registration.php>.

First practice race – May 11.

*Bruce Anderson*



Errol Kennedy, Mike Orr, Bruce Rand, Frank Vangils,  
and Ben Rotteveel on Ritalin.  
(taken from a helicopter during the races)

## Olson 30 Florida Road Trip Report

The trip down the usual stuff, no wipers at 4:00 am in driving rain, trailer ball nearly leaves hitch., realize trailer brakes aren't working properly but ABS on the Jeep saves day & finally small electrical fire....We finally made it after some 30 hours of driving.

The regatta (1) was well hosted and organized by St. Petersburg YC. mixed with Sonars and us in the Olson's. Ben set a new record for being over early, we kind of got used to the double gun and hearing 41752 over early. We were 4 for 8 going into the final race of 9 in total. Thank god we got the last race right. We got really good at restarting by the end of the week. The yacht club was spectacular, over 3,000 members. I didn't get to see all the rooms, I forgot my "Blazer and Tie".

I found a new way to leave the awards ceremony just as the party was getting rolling. I did get to meet some really nice paramedics and ambulance attendants and 1<sup>st</sup> rate medical care at the local emerg..

Thanks Wendy R. for saving my life and putting up with me. I suffered a severe anaphylactic reaction from some type of nut!

The Wilby's were presented a really cool trophy for 4th place and Ben was awarded the trophy for the farthest tow.

Next regatta the NOOD. 1<sup>st</sup> day no wind. Just as well I guess. I was still recovering from the awards Banquet that I missed! 2<sup>nd</sup> day nice breeze and RC took advantage and banged off 4 quick races. We raced on the same course with Melges 32's J 29's Tarten 10's Hobie 33's etc.. Again a well run regatta at an outstanding facility. The total fleet was 180 or so boats on three race courses.

Our final standing was ahead of "O" ffliction and we weren't over early once.

All in all a fine way to break up winter.

*Bruce Rand*



Dave, Jan and crew on Offliction<sup>2</sup>



Tan Lines



The Canadian Safe Boating Council presented the **2005 Safeguarding the Environment Award** to Hub and Michèle Steenbakkers, owners and operators of Collins Bay Marina, as part of the Canadian Safe Boating Awards. *The recognition is awarded to the company who has introduced to Canada a boating product or campaign that reduces marine pollution and makes the sport of boating environmentally friendly.*

The award recognized Collins Bay Marina’s significant continuing contributions to the well being of our natural resources. Well done Hub and Miche!



Miche Steenbakkers, Claudia Stevenson, Mike Miles, Bill Stevenson, Liz & Paul Malo in the power boat section of the Toronto Boat Show. Could there be a power boat in these peoples' future? Or were they just lost.