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Macassa Mariner



Report from Commodore

By Jeff Dziepak

Hello Everyone!

This summer went by fast and furious, like some of the weather we experienced. It seemed like there was a thunderstorm every weekend, sometimes in more ways than one!

Although it tried, it didn't stop the numerous activities and fun around the club. Many now realize how privileged we are having such a safe little bay after the devastation of break walls in front of RHYC.

I'm very happy to announce that earlier this summer during lease discussions with the city, they advised they are looking for a long term lease with our club! This is fantastic news as some members were quite apprehensive about investing in our infrastructure if we were not staying. City representatives have reiterated this message several times and have asked me to tell the membership we are here to stay. We have always maintained a positive and respectful relationship with the city, it is fantastic that MBYC will continue well into the future and be a contributing part of this vibrant developing waterfront.

The waterfront development is also quickly approaching our club. Current plans have the police marine unit re-locating sometime this December to a temporary facility in the corner by HBSC and some of the property being remediated. The city approached us inquiring if we would be interested in helping out the remaining 'Live a Boards' at MacDonald Marine by allowing them to stay with us just for the 2018/19 winter season. Subsequently, a Special meeting was held for Regular Members with the city in attendance addressing members concerns. When it was all said and done, the

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MBYC Club Executive 2018



FROM THE BRIDGE

Reports from MBYC Executives

Continued from cover.

membership voted overwhelmingly to help our fellow boaters and the city at the same time. It is truly another wonderful example of the willingness and compassion of our membership when it comes to helping our community and city.

So, now is the time to start addressing a few items. Sample floor colours for the upstairs bar and a quote has been obtained, we are waiting for 2 additional quotes before we go forward. A very nautical chair has been upstairs for a few months now for everyone to try. Reports have been very favourable, if you have one you would like, bring it up so everyone can check it out. It will be a substantial investment so we better make the best decision.

Club communications have been a challenge this year, many of you received phone calls in effort to update your email addresses. We have over 500 members, unfortunately only about a half were getting any messages. We do not mail this publication, and sadly some messages have been removed from the notice board. Your contact information is very important to keep you apprised and current of club functions, work projects and the odd Special Meeting. If you are a snow birder, it's always nice to find out what's going on in the great white north. If you've moved, changed phone numbers or service providers, don't forget to let the club know, just leave your updated info at the bar.

Last week, we had the clubs' second ever Social Members Meeting. It was agreed that there should be more than one a year as it is a great opportunity to get to meet people, ask the executive in attendance any questions about participating in club functions or the processes of summer/winter boat storage and how to obtain the coveted Regular Membership. It was a good night for all those in attendance and many great ideas were discussed.

Unfortunately, security has been more of a challenge this year than in past. We have had several members boats boarded on different occasions, with active police involvement twice. Ron and Deb Knap were actually awoken by four people posing for pictures and laying on the benches in their cockpit! It is important to keep the gates closed late in the evening and if you see someone on the docks you don't recognize,



Hamilton and the MBYC are proud of our World Champion Dragon Boat Team winners. Team picture was taken at the award presentation at the Hamilton City Hall, Sept 2018 with Commodore Jeff Dziepak and Bill Mitchell.

please be respectful with your interactions and if the respect is not returned, avoid conflict and call the police. We need to protect each other and our boats.

I would like to thank **Frank** and **Aprile Harild** for taking over the responsibilities and all those who participated in the Saturday BBQs, as well as **Brian Leslie** and his crew for their efforts in the entertainment department for the past several years. The Entertainment Director position is unique as it is the only position on the executive that is open to both Regular and Social members. Please let me know if you're interested stepping up as we have a few events remaining for this year. In way of events, on October 19th **Darlene Billingsley** has organized a club party to celebrate the WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP win of the *Knot a Breast* team earlier this year in Italy! They beat over 127 other teams from around the world and were recently recognized at City Hall by the Mayor and counselors. During their speech they publicly thanked the entire membership of MBYC for their support and contributions for over 20 years now! Everyone is welcome and it's sure to be a great party!

There are many around our club that do so much on their own initiative, like...putting a new sink in the outside washroom, painting, grass cutting, weed spraying, painting the fork lift, weed whacking (on land and on sea (which has been a pretty disgusting job)), replacing light bulbs and gardening. **Ian Pitts** arranged for the very successful *Antique Outboard Motor Show* and **Ron Knap** organized the *Bobby Smithurst Memorial Golf Tournament* where over \$1100.00 was raised for the *North End Children's Breakfast Club*. **Linda Norek** and numerous club members participate in this very worthy cause, helping feed the children on a weekly

basis in the morning during the school year. **Martha Newman** has taken the lead for purchasing club paraphernalia. She will be taking orders shortly so let her know what you're interested in.

We have some big projects on the go over the next few months. The large pipe by the shed will be welded up, replacing one that's causing some problems on A Dock. There may be some modifications to the electrical system to accommodate the Live a Boards (around 11) over the winter. Our card access system to the clubhouse is no longer supported so a new key fob access system is coming. There is also the strong possibility the vehicle access gate by the clubhouse will be replaced with an electric one activated by the key fob. A special thanks to all those working on the washroom odyssey, specially Ted Holye. He was in there with a jack hammer, when he came out he looked like a ghost there was so much dust... lots going on!

THANK YOU to everyone who in some way participated in making our club the great place that it is!

Commodore Jeff



Report from BUILDING MAINTENANCE

By Ray Lizee

A hot summer it was, with relatively low rainfall. The building stayed comfortably cool all summer, in spite of the heat. The lawns and gardens all looked great, thanks to the gardening and lawn crew.

The 2 outside washrooms are at the decorating stage now. Since the building is within 4 feet of the property line, we were required to have a fire code inspection from the City. Our Inspector came down a few weeks ago and was pleased with the work, so we can proceed with installing the fixtures. She will come down again after the fixtures are all in. Once the file is closed at the City, she will advise the Architect involved, after which he will close his file on our building.

This was quite a reconstruction job, taking a lot of time and energy from our volunteers. All this was because of a few little leaks in an asphalt flat roof that went undetected for years. Imagine what we could have been doing instead. So the

lesson is there for all of us homeowners and boatowners alike. Find and take care of that little leak, just don't wait another week.

In the spring, **Terry Trebutt** came with a commercial power washing machine and cleaned the whole building, including the awning units. So all that black soot that we are so familiar with has been finally rinsed off our building.

Mother Nature, however, keeps on coming. The Asian marmorated stinkbug got in last winter, as they do in a lot of buildings near forested areas. Luckily, they don't feed or reproduce indoors. We can keep them out just by making sure the building is properly sealed.

Carpenter ants have invaded our north side out-building, with a release of winged females in June. Some of these medium size ants are now in the main building. The pest control company is looking into the problem. They report no signs of other unwanted creatures in our main building. Just watch out for those skunks though.

The upstairs floor is looking tired. However, there are acoustics issues with the way the building is designed. When the building was first being used, people had problems having a conversation when the facility was busy. That is why you see those panels attached to the ceiling. Even that was not sufficient, so the carpet was added. So we are looking at our options. Thanks for the comments on the carpet samples that Lou brought in.

We will also be replacing our Access and Security system before the end of the year. We are considering using FOBs, as well as adding an upstairs door, outside washroom and the gate to the access points.

Special thanks to **Dave Thornhill, John Fraser, Dave Potter, Dennis Culver, Ted Hoyle, Rollie Baldessarini, Bill Newman, Jack and Helena Allan** and others who contributed to the reconstruction of those washrooms. Projects like that may seem small in scope, but comprise a lot of technical challenges. Again, thanks for all the support.

**Special thanks to Richard Brooks
for his 10 years of service as
Macassa Mariner Newsletter Editor.**



Report from the **SECRETARY/TREASURER**

by Sandy Kovacks

Storage list is posted on the Club bulletin board (upstairs). Payment is due not later than **OCTOBER 2**, per By-law 14(a), or financial penalty applies (Yard Regulation #17).

Remember that flares and sources of ignition must be removed from your boat not later than the day of lift-out (Yard Regulation #18). Ladders used to access boats in storage must be securely fastened and locked to cradle/stands when not in active use (Yard Regulation #19).

Reminder to "Snowbirds" to look after 2019 Dock Deposit and Membership dues before heading south.



Report from **ENTERTAINMENT**

By Brian Leslie

I have run the Entertainment and Social activities at MBYC for the last 3 years with the massive help of my wife Joyce and many volunteers. I have decided to step down and let some fresh blood and idea's in to move forward.

I am sure there are members out there that will fill the entertainment position. It has been quite enjoyable and is most likely best run by a couple or by a husband or wife with a very understanding spouse.

This summer we put on a Greek themed meal and had the band "Blues Rider" for **Sailpast** which was sold out and enjoyed by all.

Canada Day weekend was a blur with a chicken dinner and the band "FlashBack" on the the Saturday night. As always thanks to our volunteers who helped with the food prep and serving.

We had for the second year a **Parade of Lights** with approximately 16 sail and powerboats joining in. I hope that this will continue and make this a yearly event. There were more powerboats than sailboats this year.

Our **Saturday BBQ's** are always a success. BBQ's only happen if the volunteers get involved and we have had many new members stepping up. Thanks to **Frank** and **Aprille Harild** for helping me and the club out by taking over the BBQ's for the remainder of the 2018 season. Thank you everyone.

The next event is the annual **Commodore's Ball** (Friday, November 16th). Let's make this club event a success.

See you all there!





Report from **DOCK/YARDMASTER**

by Jack Allan

**Time to store the boats again.
Where did the summer go?**

Haul out will be Tuesday, October 16th with two cranes. One day only for both power and sail. Only members who are part of the crane crew and those who are moving their boats into position, are to be in the lot for safety reasons. Make sure you are aware of where the crane is at all times. Don't walk under the crane arm while it is doing a lift.

If you wish to store at the club, please fill out a **Winter Storage Request Form** (available at the bar). Only new requests need to submit this form.

Later in October we will be rebuilding part of the main dock A. We will be needing a crew to do this necessary job, to keep our docks in good condition.

I also would like to thank John Modesto, who filled in for me while I was on vacation. Also all the club members who acted as *Officer of the Day*, taking care of our reciprocal visitors.

OUTBOARD MAINTENANCE FREE SEMINAR @ MBYC



The Upper Canada test tank is now filled and in use. Join us for fall and winter workshops. We'll be doing tutorials of basic maintenance of your outboard motor. We'll be doing tutorials of basic maintenance of your outboard motor. Details to be posted shortly.

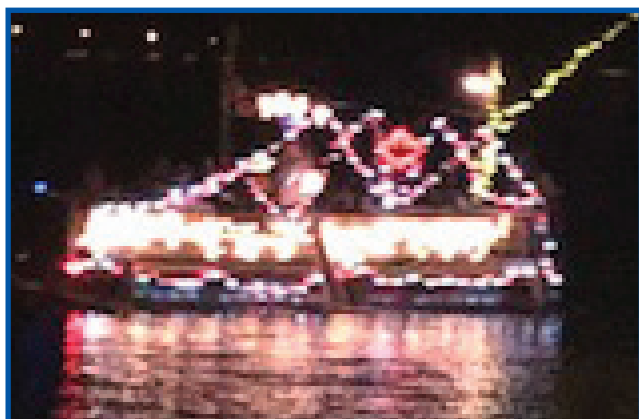
2018 MBYC Events

October 16 - Lift out - Chili Lunch

Friday, November 16 - Commodore's Ball

Sunday, December 2 - Children's X-mas Party

Sunday, December 9 - Holiday Open House





Knot-a-Breast Dragon Boat Team wins GOLD in World Championship!

What an exciting season 2018 has been!

Coach Kathy Levy took us to our third World Championship in Florence, Italy, where we won GOLD.

Our time was our best ever at an International event of 02'20".330.

This is our third World Championship since first winning in Peterborough, Canada, in 2010 and Sarasota, USA in 2014.

Some of our girls raced with a French team with passion and pride and were there on the sidelines to cheer us on in the final race.

Many of you have seen us out on the water doing our drills and coming off the water soaking wet, limping and stretching. We work hard at this sport and are encouraged by the research that shows the incidence of lymphedema is significantly lowered when we are using our upper body and arms in this specific sport. Our coach has made us into athletes on the water.

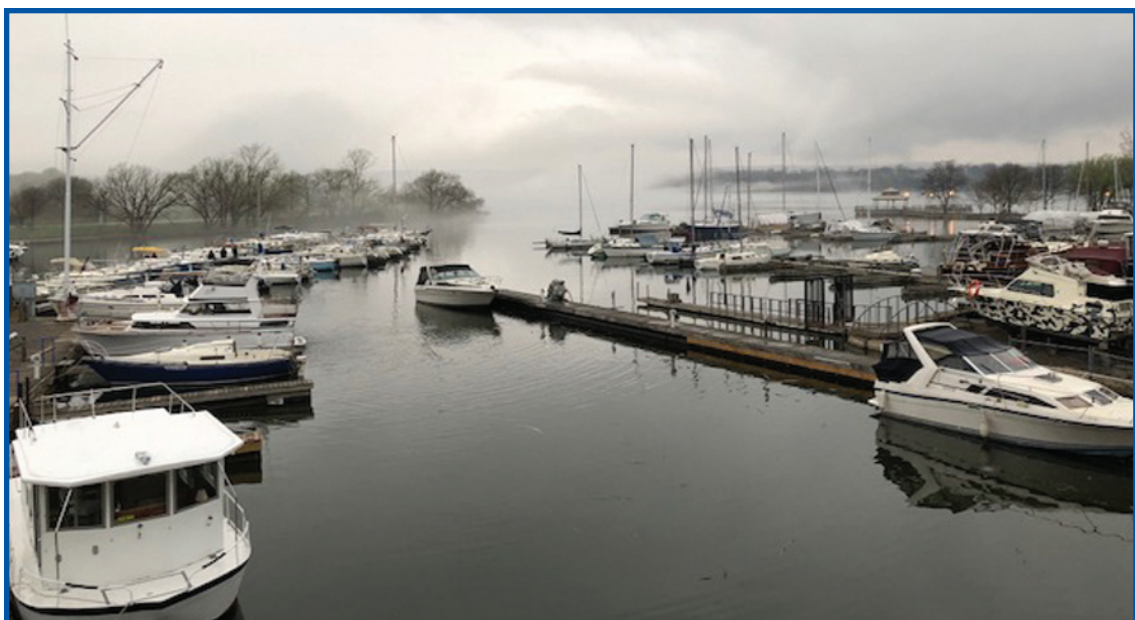
We are so grateful to call Macassa Bay Yacht Club our "home" and thank you for your continued support.

By Judy-Anne Sleep



Picture on right is the final race with USA "Save our Sisters" USA "Dragon Dream Team", New Zealanders "CanSurvive", and Italy's "Dragon Lady"

AROUND THE CLUB



UPPER NIAGARA RIVER CAN-AM

The 2nd Annual Upper Niagara River Can-Am was a rousing success.

Over a dozen boats and twice as many people met on the shores of the Niagara to enjoy another beautiful summer day boating with friends, both old and new. Feather Craft boats seemed to rule the day with several excellent



examples on display and in the water. Those sil-

very boats were like flashing

beacons drawing in everyone who passed by. But this was not a day to spend chatting huddled over boats on trailers. We had come to run the Niagara. There would be plenty of time to chat over lunch.

Slowly the boats slipped one by one into the clear blue water. With the turn of a key or the pull of a rope each motor came to life with a growl that conjured a lifetime of outboarding memories and the promise of many more to come. The placid river was soon churning with propwash. Boats raced about in all directions while we waited for the last few to join the armada of vintage water craft. Several hours passed as we cruised the Niagara and adja-

cent Black Creek until our hunger finally won over our excitement.

Lunch at the Lighthouse Restaurant was fantastic as usual. The break gave everyone an opportunity to continue their conversations from the morning and to discuss the afternoon's plan. After lunch, the group began to split up. Some went home while others continued the cruise down to the town of Chippawa on the Welland River. As the afternoon turned to evening, the last boats were loaded. Thus concluding another great Upper Canada Chapter wet meet.

By Wayne Beaton



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Don't worry about spelling/grammar as we will edit for you. Submissions are always subject to review for content suitability. Or, drop a note at the bar addressed to Ian Fox or Helena Laidlaw-Allan,

Macassa Mariner Co-Editors. Email: editor.mbyc@gmail.com

MBYC SUMMER EVENTS



SAIL PAST 2018



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Back to Little Current

by Bill Newman

Have you ever had the occasion where you felt someone upstairs was looking out for you?

Where some form of divine intervention had occurred. This happened to me the last time we were cruising the North Channel on our sail boat "Eagle's Wings".

Rather than pay the daily docking fee in Little Current, we anchored behind Goat Island and took the dingy to town each day. It was a busy weekend in town with the Annual Haweater celebrations taking place. I was a little low on cash so I stopped at the local CIBC and got \$200.00 out at the ATM. We then sat on the curb and watched the local parade go by. We then went to several stores including the ice cream vendor, then got in the dingy and went back to the boat, for the evening.

Little current has a "Cruisers Net" where the first thing each day all cruisers tune into a specific channel and listen to Roy Eaton broadcast the weather and a public interest story. This is followed by each cruiser checking in on the radio and Roy rebroadcasts the cruisers name and location on his powerful radio. This allows friends to hear each others locations to rendezvous if they wish.

"Eagle's Wings" was having trouble hearing Roy's broadcast, so he asked us to bring the boat to the town dock and he would check out our VHF radio.

While at the dock, my wife Martha asked me where my wallet was. I gave my usual reply, "I don't know". Martha searched high and low, but no wallet was to be found. We finally concluded that the wallet was lost, so we retraced our steps from the previous day, asking each store and restaurant we had been in, if they found a wallet.

No luck! So I went to a pay phone and started to call and cancel my banking and credit cards. I also reported the loss to the police. I was naturally upset, so I said to Martha "lets not let this spoil our vacation".

We decided to set sail for Matheson Island about 3 hours away and join our friends from Collingwood for happy hour and to anchor for the evening. Around 9pm our cell phone rang, it was the Police. Someone had found my wallet. Hallelujah! It was a young man who lived in Espanola. The Police gave me his number so I immediately called him. Sure enough he had my wallet.

I asked him where he found it and he said between Boyle's Marine and the town dock. I didn't remember walking in that area of town.

He then told me that he was drying the wallet out. "Drying it out!" I said, "what to you mean?". I was scuba diving and found it in 25 feet of water he replied.



OMG what are the chances of that happening on the same day I lost it. A black wallet 25 ft down. And they don't call it Little Current for nothing. There is some serious currents in the water up there. The wallet must have slipped out of my pocket while getting out of the dingy and drifted towards the marina.

We arranged to meet the young man the next day in town, so we uped the anchor and sailed back to Little Current. He had my wallet in a zip lock bag with my \$200.00 cash. I had to insist he take a \$100.00 reward and I couldn't thank him enough.

Martha and I went to the Anchor Bar for lunch to celebrate. During lunch we thought this would be a good story for the "Cruisers Net" so I typed up the story on my notebook computer and emailed it to Roy Eaton.

I told the story to our waitress and she couldn't believe our good fortune. Then the gentleman at the table beside us said that was quite a story. He was the editor of the local newspaper and asked if we could meet him down the street at the news office to have our picture taken and give him more details. We agreed to meet after we finished our lunch.

A half hour later when we asked for him at the news office they said he just left with his camera. Since I had all the details on my notebook I asked if they had a computer I could just email the story to him. They took me to the computer room and I emailed the story to the editor.

Just as we were about to leave he showed up with his camera. He had been looking for us at the town dock. We went with him down to the dock and he took a picture of us on "Eagle's Wings" holding up the zip lock bag with the wallet in it.

After the photo shoot I said to Martha we had given Matheson Island short shrift so we decided to sail back and anchor for the evening. After a lovely dinner around 9pm the phone rang again. We looked at each other and said who could that be. Martha took the call. She said it was the newspaper editor. I had left my notebook computer in the back room of the news office.

Back to little current.

The YouTube link to our North Channel cruise is
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oge-eUxp0jA>

AROUND THE CLUB & EVENTS



LAUNCH 2018





With the completion of our club reciprocal cruise to Etobicoke Yacht Club (Labour Day weekend), our club cruises for 2018 have drawn to a close.

Our first official cruise to the Thousand Islands was a great success with a half dozen boats making the trip, albeit on various sail plans and schedules.

As some of you may be wondering about such a trip, I thought I'd dedicate this column to an overview. This year's flotilla was a two-week planned voyage. I mentioned various sail plans and schedules because a number of boats left MBYC for the Lakeshore Yacht Club reciprocal cruise and didn't return until after the EYC cruise a month later. Yes, we still hooked up with them along the way, but some boats took their time, rather than rushing through a two week trip.

I should point out that unless you're Terry Wagg, 2 weeks is pretty much the least amount of time you'd want to do this trip in. The hours at sea each day can be long, and if the winds and seas don't co-operate, they can seem longer still.

We set off for the Islands on a Friday, which was one day sooner than the original plan. It allowed us to sail (yes sail - ok for part of the way) to Toronto Island where we stayed at the Hanlan wall. Saturday, Bob & Marilyn were also tied to the wall,



with Crackers at Queen City Yacht Club. We remembered to bring firewood so we could have a fire and *Eagle's Wings'* crew could relax after all the planning, readying and a bit of a rolly day on the lake. We managed to squeeze in a dinghy tour before we took off for Whitby, our next port of call.

The trip to Whitby was a motor sail. Truth is, every day after that, all the way to the islands, were also motor sails. The winds were largely on the nose, or insufficient to make good headway. At Whitby we joined *Britton*, Dave Potter's Hunter 34 with 3 additional crew. Frank of *Aye' Dude* had engine issues aboard his own boat and was invited to make the trip on *Britton*. Joining them were Harold and Don.

Whitby to Cobourg was mostly a motor trip. We managed to get a spot on the reciprocal wall, stern to stern with *Britton*. We were disappointed to find the old Jail restaurant had closed, but with a little more walking we were able to find a pub downtown.

Sailing (*I use that term loosely*) to Belleville is a bit of a treat as we take the inside passage which routes you through Presqu'ile Bay and the Murray Canal. This summer the first bridge, where they normally collect \$5.00 from each boat, was under construction, so passage was free. The Bay of Quinte generally offers decent winds for sailing, though you must watch for buoyed channels within the bay. It may appear to be a large body of water, but it has many shallow portions, and rocks, so you don't want to run aground. Alas, the winds were light when we passed through, so much of the time was motoring.

We split the journey up between anchoring and marinas so there wouldn't be any issues of dead batteries. Our first anchorage was Prinyer's Cove. From there it was on to Confederation Basin, in Kingston. Kingston is always a highlight, with a host of nice restaurants and an easy walk to all





of the shopping needed to re-provision or even find marine hardware. The anticipation builds as the next day we will actually be in the islands. We found the anchorage at Beaurivage to offer plenty of room for all of our boats and a short dinghy ride to Gananoque. Two nights of sundowners were enjoyed on first *Charlie James* and then *Segway*. Life really doesn't get any better. A big thanks out to Tom & Juliana (JJ) of *Charlie James* and to Bill & Martha Newman of *Segway*. We managed to make the best of a dreary day when we took a dinghy trip to Half Moon Bay. It is a treat if you've never been there.

At the halfway point both *Britton* and *Eagle's Wings* had crew changes. My wife Chrissy joined me as my daughter and her boyfriend drove the car back home. The Newman's headed for the Rideau and *Charlie James* departed for points west. Only *Eagle's Wings* and *Britton* were left. Endymion Island was as far east as we would go on this trip. It's in the Lake Fleet of islands and offers some stunningly beautiful anchorages.



We managed to tuck into a narrow passage between two islands and *Britton* took mooring on the opposite side of the island.

After a lovely night at anchor it was time to start for home. The highlights on the trip home were a storm in Kingston that included hail and high winds. The forecast for the balance of the trip wasn't exactly painting a cheery picture of ideal sailing. We did however manage to spend a lovely night in Picton at the Prince Edward Yacht Club.

I lost my crew in Belleville as Chrissy opted for a train ride over a lumpy trip back on the lake. To add to my chagrin, Carl, my autohelm, threw in the towel when the motor actually burned up.

This report wouldn't be complete without mentioning hooking up with *Mayjon* at the Fairport Yacht club in Frenchman's bay (Pickering). While *Mayjon* took their time on the homeward leg, actually joining us again at the Etobicoke Yacht Club trip, I motored for home.

That's all we have room for this month. Next year's plans will feature Anchorfest rather than a trip to the Islands, but hopefully the island cruise will become a regular fixture on our cruising calendar.

Fair winds!