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Macassa Mariner



Report from **COMMODORE**

By Jeff Dziepak

I'm sure we're all looking forward to winter finally being over, and as the snow's almost gone, the water level looks great. Hopefully last years' flood was one in a hundred years.

For those of you away, the club continues to be a busy place throughout the winter months. The very active dart league keeps things going, we had a movie shoot for several days, and installed a pool table as a test for a few months to see if it will generate some funds for the bottom line.

Our own Michelangelo... aka **Rolly Baldessarini** and his interns have been busy painting our entrance hall and he is now planning to make the upstairs bar ceiling as pristine as the Sistine Chapel.

The breakfast crew did a fantastic job and finally finished the exterior repairs to the building after the roof leak. This was a monumental project that hit many obstacles. **Jack Allan** and his crew sacrificed a lot of their time to get it done for all of us. There are just a few minor details left, like the two downstairs washrooms.... Our new Building Director **Ray Lizee** is on the case and promised it will be done before lift in. We all owe all of these gentlemen a huge Thank You!

Last year, the club initiated a interview process to become a Regular Member. Again this year, we interviewed over 20 Social Members. Many of the interviews were more like sitting down and chatting with family. These members were all well known for their contributions to the club, they also had proper insurance and documentation for their boats,

For these folks, it was a simple formality. For some of the others it was not. You cannot come down to the club once a year to pick up your membership, not participate, and expect to become a Regular Member. Sponsors really need to engage and support their friends to ensure success.

In an effort to support and recognize the contributions of our Social Members, we will be having another meeting with them in the near future. Their ideas are sometimes overlooked, however they are always encouraged. This will also be a great opportunity for those interested, in becoming Regular Members, to get informed.

Lift in is almost here, let's have a great and safe season!

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FROM THE BRIDGE

Reports from MBYC Executives



Report from MEMBERSHIP

By Sigrid Neumann

As your new Director of Membership, I would like to thank those who voted for me to take over this position. You put your faith in me and I will make every effort to carry

out my duties to the best of my ability. Bob Mueller's shoes will be hard to fill. He has had lots of patience in explaining all the complexities of his duties to me so that I will hopefully meet everyone's expectations. The membership spreadsheet alone is a work of art and I hope that I never have to re-write some of those formulas from scratch!

It will be nice to meet more of our members and to welcome the new ones to our club. Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions about your membership.

If you are the sponsor of an applicant for regular membership, please remember that you are their coach through the process and if you want them to succeed, make sure that they become involved in club activities. Also ensure that they fully complete their application for regular membership and submit it with the \$20 fee before January 31st of each year when they look after their Social member dues.



Report from BUILDING MAINTENANCE

By Ray Lizee

Hello Everybody. Now that Jack is running the docks and yard,

I've volunteered to take care of the building. For those who don't know me, I hail from Vancouver by way of Montreal and Australia, moving to Hamilton from Port Credit 10 years ago. So yes, I've been around.

All hands and thanks go out to Jack and his crew for finishing the outside of the building a couple of weeks ago. So now the priority is to finish the downstairs bathrooms and showers; those 2 units that are accessible by key code from outside.

Ronnie Knapp, Jack, Rolly and numerous others had quite the project there, dealing with the

repair of walls, reinstalling HVAC units, leaking flat roof sections, railing posts, siding and so on. Now it's time to take care of the plumbing, wiring and ventilation before reboarding and finishing.

Over the summer, we will be giving the building as much of a makeover as we can, dealing with a roof upgrade, an exterior washdown, and a good scrubbing and painting of the awning units that give our facility that nautical look. Yes, it's time to pretty the building up.

The pool table was lifted in without incident by Tom, Gord, Johnathan and the pool guys. We should be able to come up with a way of converting it into a conference table when the need arises. It really is a nice space back there.

So any members that can help out, on days that you are not enjoying your boat and the beauty of Burlington Bay, can leave me a message at the clubhouse. We will need a lot of hands. *Thanks in advance.*



Report from DOCK/YARDMASTER

by Jack Allan

Happily we are almost ready to launch our boats again after a long snowy winter.

This year the dates are Tuesday, May 1st for Power Boats and Wednesday, May 2nd for Sail Boats.

We will be having a important club meeting for boat owners prior to our Launch Days, to go over the procedures. It is important that launch is done safely, for the boats and the members assisting.

The weekend after launch we will be storing all the cradles and cleaning up the yard.

We also need to be prepared that water levels might be high again, like last year. Requiring extra yard work to make our floating docks accessible. Overall we weathered last summer's four extra feet of water well, compared to other clubs on the lake.

During the summer season we will be building a brand new main center section for dock A. The new dock won't be installed until the fall, after boat lift out.



Report from the **SECRETARY/TREASURER**

by Sandy Kovacks

A reminder that the balance of dockage is due 2 weeks before the Club lift-in date per By-law 14 (b), so with lift-in scheduled for May 1 & 2, dockage must be paid not later than April 17 or financial penalty applies (Dock Regulation #26).

Members who do their own boat launch are still required to meet this deadline in order to comply with the By-law. This year's rate schedule is posted on the Club Room bulletin board.

Boaters who use our yard for winter storage, but do not utilize the crane for lift-in, are reminded that boats must be removed from the yard not later than 1 week after the Club lift-in date.

A penalty applies upon expiration of this grace period (Yard Regulation #11).

A further reminder that no vessel or trailer may be brought into the yard without prior approval by the Dockmaster (Yard Regulation #14).

Have a safe launch day and many pleasurable hours on the water after the work is all done!



Report from **ENTERTAINMENT**

By Brian Leslie

We started this year with a well-attended Pot Luck event which included members from Hamilton

Bay Sailing Club next door. Karaoke after dinner was supplied by Lawrence Folland with many of the professional singers up to the microphone.

Tickets were sold out quickly for the **St Patrick's Day Open House** which was held on March 17. Ninety tickets were sold for the home cooked corned beef and cabbage meal. Thanks again to Joyce and all the volunteer crew.

This will be the 3rd year for **The Lady and the Tramp Pasta Night** to be held on April 21.

Tickets sell pretty quickly for this dinner.

The Charlie Mitchell Band performed for the second year at the **Ice Jam** put on downstairs by the HBSC. Standing room only.

Just want to remind everyone that the entertainment and social events here at MBYC are for all of our members first and foremost. Don't forget to buy your tickets for events early as they have been selling out quickly this year.

The **BBQ** season will be starting on May 5 and will be running every Saturday from 11:30am to 1:00pm till Thanksgiving. Volunteers are always needed to run and prepare the BBQ's each week. The Real Housewives Of Macassa Bay are taking over the BBQ on May 5th to start the season off. So please sign up on the clipboard upstairs by the dartboard and help make this Saturday tradition a success. Sign-up sheets will be up prior to lift-in.

Its going to be a fun and busy year.

2018 MBYC Events

Sat. April 21 - Lady & the Tramp Pasta Night

Tues. May 1 & Wed. May 2 - Lift-In Breakfast

May 19 - Boaters' Yard Sale

Saturday, June 16 - Sail Past Dinner

Friday, June 30 - Parade of Lights (BBQ)

July 1 - Canada Day Weekend

October TBA - Lift out - Chili Lunch

Friday, November 16 - Commodore's Ball

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

Sunday, December 9 - Holiday Open House



With the high water of 2017 behind us, the summer of 2018 is looking to present our cruisers with an exciting and full calendar.

There will be a cruise each month starting in June through to September. That's really nothing new from what we have come to offer in the past. Each of those cruises is a club reciprocal and posted in the club house and at the bottom of this article. The early bird cruise to **Newport Yacht Club** will be a first for a reciprocal this year.

The big news is the **1000 Island Cruise**. Many of our cruisers have ventured to the 1000 islands on their own or in small groups, but never, to my knowledge, has there been an organized club cruise. Set in August when the temps should be high, and the Quebec construction holiday has come and gone. All club members are welcome as this will not be a reciprocal cruise. That is, it will not be from club to club, though if you choose to request a reciprocal slip at a club, that will be the skipper's choice. Just a reminder, that only full club members are permitted to request a reciprocal slip at another club.

Orchestrating this is somewhat of a challenge, so some latitude must be allowed over our regular format. There will be a posted schedule of projected waypoints for each day. I suspect not every boat will want to travel by this schedule. However, it would be nice to know where the group should be on any given date. This would allow those with longer than 2 weeks to set their own schedule, but still join in with our cruise as they wish. Reviewing our sail plan, you will note we are planning on mixing marina/yacht clubs with anchorages. If you're rusty on anchoring, it's time to brush up, as some of the anchorages can be challenging if the winds pipe up. I have tried to arrange the sail plan with a consideration for battery

life so there won't be any 7 day anchorage with no chance to plug in to shore power.

Each crew should have both a Richardson's chart book for Lake Ontario and a Ports book. Both are invaluable, particularly if you haven't done the trip before.

If you haven't journeyed this far before, but are keen to make this trip, you may want to ensure you are travelling with the group or at least a buddy boat. If you're with the group, I will maintain contact, generally by text messaging, to make sure all boats are okay. You will not need to provision for 2 weeks – you will have a number of opportunities to shop for groceries and alcohol (for those nice sundowners in the islands).

By August we will schedule a meeting to go over the plans and concerns of any crew or skipper. I like to point out that yes, I know we are all on a vacation, but this trip will feature some long days on the water. It can't be helped if you plan to get there and back and actually enjoy some of what the 1000 Islands have to offer all within 2 weeks. There, I've said it. I have made allowances in the schedule for weather days, but it has to be storming or heavy seas before we play that card. For those crew not necessarily comfortable with either the long days on the water or the time to take two weeks, we will be having a car making the trip to Gananoque. You can catch a ride with my wife as we plan to have a crew switch aboard Eagle's Wings.

Nothing is written in stone for this trip. If you have questions or comments, by all means, approach me with your suggestions.



1000 ISLAND CRUISE SAIL PLAN:

Saturday, August 11th – depending on departure time and weather – landfall could be anywhere from Toronto Island to Whitby.

Sunday, August 12th – Cobourg. It is my understanding that they no longer allow anchoring here, but I will check, if anyone is interested.

Monday, August 13th – Belleville – Meyers Pier Marina – this means we'll be travelling the 'inside passage' through Presquille Bay and the Murray Canal – you will need \$5 for the canal. You are also responsible for calling ahead to make a reservation at Meyers.

Tuesday, August 14th – Prinyer's Cove – picturesque anchorage with a grassy bottom – there are a few moorings but count on anchoring as it fills up quick. This day features some beautiful parts of the Bay of Quinte.



Wednesday, August 15th – Confederation Basin, Kingston – in the heart of downtown, with easy walking to restaurants and grocery stores. It's a short day on the water so we can arrive early enough to get in to this marina. If it fills up there are other choices.

Thursday, August 16th – Beaurivage Island anchorage. You're in the heart of the islands now. A short dinghy ride to Gananoque marina.

We plan to stay a couple of days at anchor here, but we will have skipper meetings about when to pull up anchor and switch to either Gananoque Marina (to charge up) or another island, perhaps in the Lake Fleet (Camelot or Endymion Island).

That's as far as I'll take it for now. Stay tuned for more details. If you are interested in this trip, please let me know as soon into the season as possible.

See you on the water.



MBYC presents

2018 Cruise Calendar—Preliminary

June 9-10, 2018 Early bird cruise
Newport Yacht Club

July 28-30, 2018 Beaches Jazzfest
Toronto Hydroplane & Sailing Club

August 4/5/6, 2018 Civic Holiday cruise
Lakeshore Yacht Club

August 11-26 2018 1000 Island cruise
Not a reciprocal cruise—details to follow

September 1/2/3, 2018 Labour day cruise
Etobicoke Yacht Club

Although all reciprocal clubs have been approached, not all have confirmed acceptance.
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WE WILL REMEMBER

Mike Kott passed away peacefully in March.

Mike first joined MBYC in 1999. Mike sailed a variety of craft including Christina, Helios, & TL.

He was well known for sailing singlehanded a number of summers on Georgian Bay around Manitoulin Is. He was an electronics installer and worked for Hamilton Video & Sound where he had a unique arrangement that allowed him the freedom of summers off.

Mike was also Editor, Writer, Composer and Mailer of this newsletter, Mariner, for a number of years. He was also a 37 year member of the Hamilton Power Squadron as well as Editor, writer and producer of their publication Dry Rot.

Mike was a character who gave of himself unselfishly at MBYC.

Smooth waters and steady breezes ahead Mike.

JOHNNY CASH BIRTHDAY BASH @ MBYC

“I hang my head and cry”

There was a Johnny Cash birthday bash held at the club back in February.

This was an upstairs party sponsored by Gerry Boyar and Mark Mackesy.

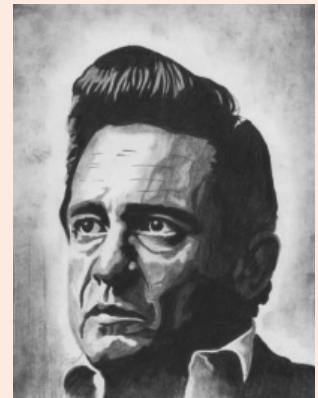
Everyone was asked to dress in black. The party was great fun for all who attended. "Boss" Gerry, Mark Mackesy and Andres Coro-Torres dressed as guards. Much fun was had putting people in "MBYC Jail". Prison food was served – chicken legs and beans. David was our bartender.

Bill Newman, Ian & Sandra Hudson and Doris Konow also contributed to make this happen.

\$78.50 was raised for a MBYC charity.

Remember, anyone can member can volunteer to have a party on a Friday night upstairs at the club.

Contact Bar Manager Gerry Boyar via the club for details.
905 529 9205.





by Geri Schweinbenz

We would like to thank Macassa Bay for your continued support and friendship of KAB.

As our 20th season begins, we have 4 new members joining our dragon boat team. It is hard to believe that KAB is celebrating 20 years! We will have more information coming regarding our celebration event.

We have been working hard getting ourselves ready for the International Breast Cancer Dragon Boat Festival in Florence Italy in July. Our winter training consists of Tuesday nights at the YWCA and Saturday mornings in Welland at the Indoor Training Facility with the Warlocks. In preparation for Florence we will be racing in Milton, Brampton and Peterborough.

Spring will be here before we know it. We are all looking forward to dipping our paddles in the water at MBYC; our home.

Paddles UP



WINDY

by Carl Easton



Here it is newsletter time again and our esteemed editor is requesting submissions. Since I gave up my boat and became a trailer sailor, I no longer have a current supply of marine adventures and misadventures to draw upon. However, here is another reminiscence about navigating (or the lack of).

Quite a number of years ago I was returning from Port Dalhousie on a very hazy summer day; the visibility was about a mile or so. I was heading along the rhumb line about three miles off Grimsby when a small powerboat appeared out of the haze. In the boat were a couple of very large, hairy, biker types and a pair of ladies in micro bikinis.

I must admit I was a bit nervous. When they drew alongside they asked if I knew where I was. I answered that I knew exactly where I was, about three miles from Grimsby.

“Is that near Toronto?”, came their next question. Further conversation revealed that they were almost out of gas and they had no idea how to navigate. In fact they had no compass or radio on board.

I directed them to head in the direction I pointed and about the time they would lose sight of me they should see the beacon at the entrance to Forans marine.

I watched them fade from sight and just before I lost sight of them I saw the boat suddenly accelerate. I assume they were able to buy gas and find their way home, hopefully by following the shore.

My memory is tired now...I will try to think for more stuff for the next time our esteemed editor requests input. Caution: trailer stories may appear here.

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If you think you can write a couple of hundred words on a marine or Club-related topic, we want you!

Don't worry about spelling/grammar as we will edit for you. Submissions are always subject to review for content suitability. Go to the contacts area of MBYC website and drop the newsletter team an email.

We'll get back to you. Or, drop a note at the bar addressed to Rich Brooks, Mariner Editor.