

Macassa Mariner



Year End Report from **COMMODORE 2017**

By Jeff Dziepak

Hello everyone,

The 50th year anniversary of our club will go down in the history book that's for sure! We started out with one side of our building rotted out and someone complaining to the city. This resulted in the project being delayed for costly

architectural drawings and city inspections. Then we had the environmental spill and clean up that required oil booms in the bay, and a work crew in hip waders breaking up the ice. for the vacuum truck that was sucking up the spilt fuel.

In spring the level of the bay rose to the point that many docks were unusable so we brought in tons of gravel, huge concrete blocks making it safe for everyone to access the docks.

We submitted a very detailed lease renewal proposal to the city. Canada Revenue Agency finally advised us all the incredibly hard work that was done getting our financial house in order was approved and the club did not owe the government over \$600,000.00! Hey, our Liquor Licence was not compromised and renewed before it expired!

Our extremely successful Legacy Project Silent Auction raised over \$8,000.00 with a portion of the proceeds sending two children from the North End Children's Breakfast Club to sailing school. Helping our community, we also made generous donations to the breakfast club and Food Share. The remaining funds are to be held until it is determined how best to commemorate 50 Years of MBYC. Thank you to all of you

that contributed and participated with this event.

Club executive recognized the hard work and on-going contributions of our very important Social Members, having a special meeting with them, the first in 50 years! It was a great opportunity for them to share their vision with club executive. Their efforts often go unnoticed, however they are greatly appreciated in many ways. When asked to help with club finances, many members of our Dart League and the Knot A Breast Team signed up, increasing our membership and revenue substantially.

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50th Anniversary Commodore's Ball 2017

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We also really stepped up our entertainment this year with numerous events including very successful Canada Day long week end parties, Parade of Lights and the best Open Doors event in the City of Hamilton. The Commodore's Ball was a huge success with over 150 in attendance. Three new awards for contributions to our club were presented. *The Commodores Award for Outstanding Dedication and Substantial Contributions* which went to Adam and Alicia Wilk for straightening up our financial house and saving the club thousands and thousands of dollars. The Vice Commodores Award for *On-going Contributions and Spirit* went to John Modesto for his Shark and entry in the Parade of Lights. *The Brian Leslie Award for Dedication and Misadventure* went to Brian Leslie. His efforts entertaining the membership went farther than pot lucks! Thankfully he didn't get hit by lightening this year, but he again had some misadventures for sure. Hopefully these awards will continue and Brian will have a full recovery.

Now with the end of 2017 and just like its beginning, we have been faced with more challenges requiring special elections to replace Bruce McLeod, who had been elected as Treasurer, and Charlie Mitchell who had been elected as Commodore. We wish both of these people fair winds and trust they will play an active role at MBYC in the future.

The Executive and Directors I had the privilege to work with were really dedicated to the betterment of our club. Everyone should be extremely proud of their accomplishments. There were no personal agendas, and as a group of volunteers, we really dealt with many difficult situations. With integrity and transparency, our ultimate goal was only to make our club the best on the lake. Each of them brought their own objective perspectives and collectively we focused on constancy and fairness for all members.

Thank you and I wish all of you a healthy and safe 2018.



Year End Report from **BUILDING MAINTENANCE 2017**

from Jack Allan

Building maintenance is of the utmost importance to the sustainability of our club.

First, an update on what is happening this winter. A contractor will be installing new siding on the back of the clubhouse. Hopefully this will be completed in the next month. When we are satisfied that everything is done properly, we will be able to start rebuilding the two wash/shower rooms, so they will be ready for the 2018 sailing season.

We appreciate everyone's understanding on how long this has taken by our mainly volunteer workers.

I would also like to thank Paul Boleantu, his son Steve and a crew for taking the initiative to clean out the north fence line behind the little club house. It has been many years since this has been done and there was a lot of overgrown trees, weeds, etc. It was also a chance to check over the little club house and it needs a lot of work. We will have to decide what can be done to keep this building in good repair and critter free.

Thank you also for all the members who have signed up to help in the future to help both interior and exterior work. We will be in touch.

I want to thank all the members who helped and supported me over the last year I have been Building Manager.

As I move on to my new position in 2018, as Dock Master, I know I can rely on the same enthusiastic support.



Year End Report from MEMBERSHIP 2017

By Bob Mueller

Summers over and it's time to think about membership renewal, 2018 memberships are due on or before January 31, 2018.

This will be my last newsletter as I'm stepping down after twelve years; I would like to thank everyone for their support over those many years. The new Membership Director will take over December 6, 2018 and I will be there to help them take over this great job.

I've had the opportunity to be the first to welcome many new members into our fantastic club. Thanks, also, to all the Executive members that I've worked with; I will miss them all - especially those late night meetings. Many thanks to Sandy Kovaks for all her help through the years, she has been a superb listener and always had the right answers to my many questions.

Thanks goes out to the Knot A Breast girls and the Dart League for signing up this year; remember that Macassa Bay Yacht Club offers more than just darts and paddling - ask your sponsor to fill you in on other happenings, again thank you.



Year End Report from ENTERTAINMENT 2017

By Brian Leslie

This year we celebrated MBYC's 50th Anniversary at our Commodore's Ball. I consider

it to be a great success as we had 151 in attendance with the ladies and gents very well dressed for this formal event. The food was great, the service was top notch and there was plenty of space to mingle and dance the Friday night away.

We hosted *Suzanne and the Up Front Band* who had most of the crowd up dancing all evening right up to midnight. There were many new faces in the crowd which show that we are turning a new page with more involvement from the membership.

On December 3rd we had our **Annual Children's X-mas Party** which is open to all Full and Social members children / grandchildren and great grandchildren 10 years of age and under. We had 47 Children signed up and attending this year. Thank you to our amazing Santa (Doug Collins) and our last minute Elf (Marilyn Mueller) for helping make this event so successful also thanks to the Christmas toy shoppers and wrapping crew

On December 10th we had the **MBYC Open House** which was open to all Full / Social members and spouses. A good crowd dropped-in and said hi to friends.

MBYC Social Events 2018

**ST PATRICK'S DAY
SATURDAY, MARCH 17TH**

IN THE CLUB BAR

• **More to Come!** •



MIKE KOTT

Mike Kott, who soldiered valiantly as Editor and regular Contributor of this newsletter for many years ('Bay Breeze', 'Out & About' & 'Boat Talk') has been missing at the Club recently.

It was rumoured that he was suffering from early dementia. According to his son, Greg, Mike had an undiagnosed cancerous brain tumour. He has been operated on and is now recuperating at St. Peters. He is receiving guests, but too many do wear him out.



FROM THE BRIDGE 2018

Reports from MBYC Executives



Report from the DIRECTOR - BAR MANAGEMENT

Report by Jerry Boyar

By the authority duly constituted and invested in me to serve as Bar Manager and being part of the Executive Board for MBYC, I humbly accept this privileged Position.

My expectations, with optimism, is to continue with due diligence to the utmost of my ability to provide *"Excellent service with team work and continuity."*

Please take the time to encourage family and friends to join us in enjoying special moments at our club with fun and laughter. Our *"Jewel of the Harbour"*.

Let us always keep in mind to *"Learn from our Past, Live for today and Hope for a better tomorrow"*.



Report from the SECRETARY/TREASURER

Report by Sandy Kovacks

Hope you had a safe and happy holiday season.

The usual reminders that two critical deadlines are fast approaching:

Deadline for MEMBERSHIP renewal is January 31, 2018.

Deadline for DOCK DEPOSIT (\$100 minimum) is February 15, 2018.

(Applies to PERMANENT dock holders only)



by Geri Schweinbenz

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

We really enjoyed working on 2 bbq's this summer. We had a lot of fun and it is a wonderful way to meet more members of MBYC.

We have been practicing very hard in preparation for the next International Breast Cancer Dragonboat Festival in July 2018 in Florence Italy. This event takes place every 4 years. Knot A Breast has won back to back and we are hoping to do well and keep the tradition going in 2018!

We have many new members who started their dragonboat paddling over the last few years. In our 2017 season, we won silver at the Canadian Nationals Dragon Boat competition in Welland. We also won silver at our last competition in Toronto at the Great White North competition.

We have already begun our winter training. We travel down to the Welland International Flatwater Centre on Saturday mornings to paddle at the indoor tank with the Warlocks, our big brother and sister team. In January, we will also be paddling at the YWCA on MacNab St. S. Tuesday nights to add to our training protocol.

This year, our major fundraising event was a dinner at The Sons of Italy. The dinner was sold out. The food was delicious and many left with early Christmas gifts.

We would like to wish everyone at MBYC a very Merry Christmas and all of the very best in 2018.

Before long, we will be back on the water, leaving from the dock at our home, MBYC.

Paddles Up.

MBYC HALLOWEEN PARTY 2017



Bar Employee Sarah (above) organized the club party held in the bar. A good time was had by all. Can you recognize any of our members?



MBYC 50TH ANNIVERSARY PHOTO CONTEST

The results from our photo contest are in.

The contest was organized by Bill Newman assisted by Bob Mueller.

A number of photos were submitted and 10 finalists were voted on by the members.

First Place: Photo of Doug Collins - *by Dave Bailey.*

Second Place: Picture of Bill Mitchell and (the late) Wayne Gardner - *by John Modesto.*

Third Place: Picture of David (bartender) - *by Andy Keyes.*

Thanks to all who submitted.



First Prize



Second Prize



Third Prize

MBYC CLUB BAR PARADISE PARTY



The Cheeseburger in Paradise Party was a great success!

Despite the cold weather lots of MBYC Parrot Heads showed up and we all had a great time!

Mark Scrivens & Terry Leverton won the best costume prize. An oil change and undercoating. The prize was donated by **Andres Caro-Torres**, who was also our freezing Cheeseburger in Paradise Chef. Andres should be exempt from Saturday BBQ duty for life for doing this.

This event was sponsored by **Ron & Debbie Knap**. There is no money in the club budget for these parties. So buy them a drink at the club, or sponsor your own Friday party in return.

Shelly Smith, Kevin Richman, Ray Lizee, Bruce McLeod and **Mark Mackesy** also helped, along with others who wish to be unnamed. Sarah was the bar server and did a great job on the drinks. Thank you **Sarah** for staying so late.

Thanks also to all those that brought party food. Especially whoever brought those margarita cupcakes.

By Mark Mackesy

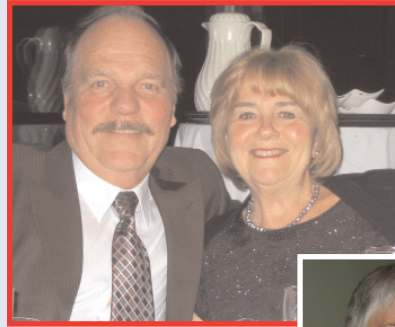
PS. We raised almost \$100 for the Children's Breakfast Fund.



50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMODORE'S BALL 2017



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MBYC KID'S ANNUAL X-MAS PARTY 2017



Forty-seven children attended our December 3, 2017 **Annual Children's X-Mas Party**. Santa was Doug Collins and his Elf assistant was Marilyn Mueller. A good time was had by all!

SOCIAL MEMBERS' CORNER

By Tom Falls



As part of an ongoing series of vignettes about some of our Associate Members, we turn the spotlight this time on... Ian Pitts. In a self-help club like ours it's important to have members who want to contribute to the betterment of our club and its members. Ian Pitts is such a member.

Ian was born in Plymouth, England, lived in Caledonia Ontario and now lives in Hamilton with his wife Renee and children Emily and Davis. Ian was educated at Conestoga College and is a graduate in mechanics. Ian worked for Camco in the early years and now works in the maintenance department at the General Hospital. He has been in that position for thirteen years.

Ian has been a social member for approximately three years and in that time, with friends Wayne Beaton and George Garland, a marine mechanic for RCYC, has helped boaters in our club with mechanical problems. He has also helped make repairs to our docks and hosted a seminar about winterizing outboard motors. Ian is an avid boater and owns a 1957 Crestliner, a 1958 Feathercraft Vagabond, and a couple of metal boats for fishing etc. Ian is also a member of the Upper Canada chapter of the Antique Outboard Motor Club Inc. There are 50 chapters worldwide and approximate 3000 members globally.

Ian sailed a dinghy with his wife when they were first married and he hopes one day to buy a sailboat.

In Ian's words, *"there has never been a more welcoming group of people than the MBYC members and no better place to make new friends"*.

We highly value Ian Pitts' membership and contribution to our club. ■

WINDY

by Carl Easton

Do you know where we are?

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.



In the absence of an idea for a more extensive article, over the next few issues I will relate a few incidents which stick in my memory for various reasons.

Being fairly meticulous about boating equipment, it always amazed me how some folks ventured forth without even rudimentary navigation equipment or knowledge.

One of my years cruising the North Channel I was motoring between the Bustard Islands and Beaverstone Bay. It was a perfectly calm day albeit with extremely heavy rain and fog. We were quite comfortable under the boom tent with the autopilot steering. Near the entrance to the French River a small open powerboat containing two people appeared out of the fog. When they pulled alongside, it became obvious from the conversation that this voyage was putting a significant strain on their recent marriage. There was no cover on the boat and their foul weather gear consisted of two yellow Maid of the Mist plastic raincoats.

The entirety of their navigation gear was a waterproof map of the French River area, no compass or radio. They asked where they were and did we know the way to Beaverstone Bay. Getting affirmative answers they said just speed up then and we will follow you. They were somewhat disappointed to learn that we were already going as fast as we could. Even at an idle they were much faster than us so they played leapfrog heading along our course until we disappeared and stopping until we passed them and faded into the fog before repeating the action. Eventually we arrived at Beaverstone and they disappeared into the mists.

We wondered what had happened to them. Two days later we discovered them in Killarney; they now had new foul weather gear, a nice new Garmin GPS, a VHF radio and one or two other handy things. I asked if they were going to buy a canvas top. The lady replied *"No, a bigger boat with a roof!"*

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. ■

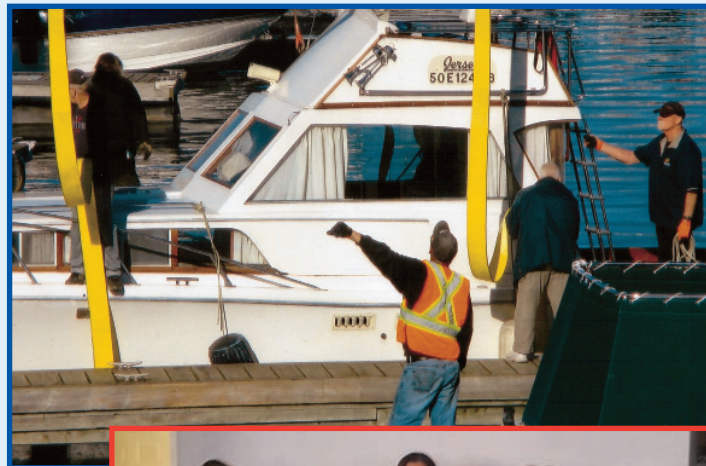
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From the Editor's Desk...

Being Editor of our Mariner has taught me several lessons. One thing I've learned is how often our "english" language gets mixed up, even by those of us who endured a lot of schooling or those of us who believe they learned better than young people of today.

I came across an article outlining many of the pitfalls of our language and identical words with differing meanings. Its no wonder new Canadians find "english" difficult to learn. Enjoy.....

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was used to produce produce.
3. The dump was so full it had to refuse more refuse.
4. We must polish the Polish furniture.
5. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
6. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.

7. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
8. When shot at, the dove, dove into the bushes.
9. I did not object to the object.
10. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
11. There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
12. They were too close to the door to close it.
13. The buck does funny things when the does are present.
14. The wind was too strong to wind the sail.

You have to agree that English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Quicksand works slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig. Sheesh, its no wonder I miss the odd spelling or grammar error.