



MACASSA BAY YACHT CLUB • Fall 2022 •

Macassa Mariner



FROM THE BRIDGE

Reports from MBYC Executives



COMMODORE 2022

Report from Robert Schindler

Is it just me or does it feel like this summer went by too quickly this year? The weather was very cooperative on the most part with many sunny days and warm temperatures but alas, all good things must come to an end.

Getting the boating season started this year had a hiccup right out of the gate with the Local 793 Engineers Union going on strike before our scheduled lift in. After the last two seasons of a late launch due to Covid this was hardly the start we were looking for. After much discussion the executive decided to make the decision to go with a small private firm, which in my opinion worked out quite well.

This summer we started to see our club getting back to the way things used to be prior to the pandemic. It was refreshing to have so many successful events return after such a long time. The Sailpast and Canada Day celebrations were without a doubt a great success and very well attended. Our Saturday BBQ's returned with many Regular and Social Members enjoying the great weather and good food. Hats off to Jo-Anne Lavigne and the rest of the volunteers for helping to make so many special memories.

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MBYC Haul-out - October 18 - 19th, 2022



MBYC EXECUTIVES 2022

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FROM THE BRIDGE

Reports from MBYC Executives

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Unfortunately, the time of year has come to start preparing for haul out and putting the boats to bed for the winter. The lack of rain this summer has definitely affected the lake levels and may prove to be a challenge but nothing we haven't encountered before. Our resilience as a club has always been a strong point and rest assured we will get the job done as per usual.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the countless volunteers that served on committees and individual members, that donated their time, to make our club such a special place for all of us. Thank you for a successful season. ■



PAST COMMODORE

Report from Brian Leslie

What an amazing sailing season we had this year.

With the reopening of the borders this year we were happy to be able to visit boating friends on the US side of the lake. We were welcomed by all the clubs on the lake that we visited during our 5 weeks out cruising. Tourism is up with many visitors all around the lake. We were late lifting in this year due to the crane operators and construction industry being on strike, and now our season is somewhat shortened due to low water and a need to dismast early.

One last thing. This sailor got to experience a sample of what our world champion KAB girls do ever week as a team.

Team KAB hosted a fun afternoon September 25th leaning to paddle a dragon boat under the tutelage of team captain Cathy Levy. Way to go team. This guy has a much better appreciation of how hard you all train. Keep up the good work. ■



See the KAB pictures on page 9,



DIRECTOR - Entertainment

Report from Jo-Anne Lavigne

It's been a busy time for me, as your Entertainment Director.

BBQs: Oh my the BBQs. Thank you to those of you who up stepped up and especially to several of you who helped out continuously throughout the summer. *You know who you are!*

Sail Past was shadowed with looming clouds, but turned out to be a great ceremony and day on the water, topped off with live music and an excellent steak dinner with all the trimmings!

Canada Day: My goodness the tickets sold out in two days! Now wasn't that a party? Games, prizes, a cool rock band and a rib cook off, how can we ever repeat that?

I'm looking forward to bringing you the **Commodore's Ball** on Saturday, November 12th. If you haven't participated in the last year or so, you don't know what you're missing!

We might be done on the water, but stay tuned for different weekly events happening at the club. ■



SECRETARY/TREASURER

Report from Sandy Kovacks

Hope everyone had a great summer (it seemed too short to me), and now it's time to think about storage.

The storage list is posted on the Club bulletin board (*upstairs*) and payment of storage is due not later than Tuesday, October 4/22.

If you are storing, please remember that flares and sources of ignition must be removed from your boat not later than the day of lift-out (Yard Reg. #18), and that ladders used to access boats must be securely fastened and locked to cradle/stands when not in active use (Yard Reg. #19).

Let's hope for some favourable weather so we can all enjoy these last few weeks. Please continue to stay safe, and I look forward to seeing everyone soon. ■

FALL MBYC BAR HOURS

Thursday - 2pm to 9pm

Friday - 2pm to 9pm

Saturday - Noon until 7pm

Sunday - Noon until 6pm

Subject to change.



DIRECTOR - Dock & Yard

Report from Jack Allan

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It is hard to believe that the summer is almost over,

This year the water levels started off OK, but with not much rain this summer it dropped drastically in September. Masts started to come down in mid September as the level of the water at the mast dock dropped to 3.5ft. By the time you read this newsletter larger boats should all their masts down. Haul-out will also be a challenge this year.

We still have electrical work on Dock B to complete. Plus some dock repair work to the end "T".

Like all the other Yacht Clubs, we had a bumper crop of weeds this year. We did spray in July for the invasive type, but the other grasses still grew. We need to refurbishing the Weed Harvesting Machine over the winter. We hadn't realized that the entire hull was in such bad condition and will need replacing. Hopefully we can salvage other elements from the old boat.

Thank you to the members who stepped up and on their own volition did work they felt was needed. John Darling (R) fixed the missing steps on one of the lagoon docks. Rob Kools (S) built us a new set of sturdy steps for the Mast Dock.

All members who store and have a dock at the club, must have current Vessel Liability Insurance in their name. Remember to give the club (attn: Jack Allan) a copy of your policy every time you renew or get a new boat. Digital copies can be emailed to dockmanager@gmail.com or a hard copy can be left in my blackmail box at the entrance to Dock A. A reminder list of members who need to submit renewed insurance papers before haul-out, will be posted in the club. MBYC does not allow uninsured boats to have a dock or store at our club.

DO NOT leave any recreational bikes, canoes and dingies in the club yard over the winter. Take them home before haul-out! We are not responsible for any personal property left at the club over the winter.

If you are Social Member at the club, that has been assigned a temporary dock this summer, be sure to fill out a Request for a Dock Form in spring 2023, if you wish to have a summer dock. ■

Haul-out crane is booked for Tuesday, October 18th and Wednesday, October 19th. The final yard plan will be posted in the clubhouse soon, so you can find out which day your boat is coming out of the water. It changes every year.



LET'S TALK GERANIUMS *By Jo-Anne Lavigne*

Ok, this is coming from someone who does not have a green thumb.

DO NOT throw away your precious annuals, drop them off at the club.

I have had success overwintering my geraniums at home for the past several years.

Your donated geraniums will be cared for over the winter and planted at the club this spring.

This is what I do: remove all flowers, leaves and soil from the plant. Place in a cardboard box until April, Then remove and replant. It's that simple.

They might look dried out and dead but do come back to life, take a look below.

Give it a try or bring them to the club, just don't toss them out! ■



LAUNCH 2022



AND THE WORK GOES ON ...



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ANNUAL BOATER'S YARD SALE 2022



All we need are some customers!

DOCK POT LUCK PARTY SEPTEMBER 10TH



SAIL PAST 2022 - JULY 1ST



CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS!

Music, games, exciting races, cotton candy, prizes, filled our afternoon. Topped off with a Best Ribs Competition. We sampled the contestants ribs and voted for the best. Top prize was won by Rob Schindler. Thank you Jo-Anne for a memorable Canada Day.



CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS!



BBQ LUNCH & 2ND ANNUAL MBYC/BSC REGATTA



AROUND THE CLUB



Tommy the Tug.



Bottoms up!

MBYC HOME OF KAB - SEPTEMBER FAMILY EVENT



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AROUND THE CLUB - ANNUAL "BOYS" SAUSAGE FEST



CRUISES TO THC & EYC - 2022



This summer we enjoyed two group cruises were organized by Laurie Bowen. The Toronto Hydroplane Club in July for the Toronto Jazz Festival. Then in August we cruised to the Etobicoke Yacht Club for the CNE Air Show weekend.

It's a good way to enjoy a weekend away sailing and have some fun with your fellow club members.

A few of the spouses drove and joined us for dinner. At the THC we had Happy Hour with lots of snacks. For the early boaters who arrived on Friday night they enjoyed the weekly catered dinner at EYC with a live band. Then on Sunday we had a large group enjoy a delicious meal at the Mimico Cruising Club dining room.

Games, jazz concerts, fireside sing song, jets, walks, bike rides, we had it all.

Topped by a rocking sail/motor home in huge waves on the return after the September cruise.

Join us next year. Open to all club members who have docks at our club.

Thank you Laurie!



Get ready to Cruise Summer 2023!

Four cruises are already planned for summer 2023. Sign up sheets will be posted closer to the events. Open to both power and sail! Numbers limited.

Laurie Bowen, Cruise Director

