

MACASSA BAY YACHT CLUB • Winter 2022 •

Macassa Mariner



FROM THE BRIDGE

Reports from MBYC Executives



COMMODORE 2022

Rob Schindler

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the membership for their support in my new role as Commodore.

Although apprehensive at first, I feel with the current Executive we can accomplish great things going forward for the club.

I have always been a believer that without a great team, how can there be a good leader. In so many words I look forward to serving you, the members.

I would also like to thank **Brian Leslie, Adam Wilk, Gerry Boyar and Carl Easton** for their dedication and service. Without volunteers we would not be the club we are today, I wish you the best in your future endeavours.

As many will know, we were left with a vacancy on the board after the election. The position of Treasurer is a vital role for the financial success of the club and needed to be filled immediately. Upon much discussion and a little primming and prodding by yours truly and a few others, we would like to thank Mr. **Barry Costello** for stepping up to the plate. Barry has a firm background in business and I'm looking forward to working with him. Hiring a Bookkeeper, upgrading the accounting software and bringing in a point of sale system are just a few things that will streamline many issues going forward which is currently being implemented.

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MBYC Directors 2022

Commodore – Robert Schindler

Past Commodore – Brian Leslie

Vice Commodore – John Modesto

Secretary – Charles Mitchell Jr.

Treasurer – Barry Costello (Interim)

Secretary-Treasurer – Sandy Kovacs

Director - Building Maintenance – Ray Lizée

Director - Membership – Linda Mitchell

Director - Dock/Yard Master – Jack Allan

Director - Entertainment – Jo-Anne Lavigne

Director - Bar Management – Mark Mackesy

Sergeant-at-Arms – John Boasman

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At the present time, we have unfortunately been forced to shutdown club operations due to Covid. It seems that every time we make some headway moving forward, another variant comes along. It was starting to feel like the club of old being back upstairs for the morning coffee crew and bar operations. Hopefully the current situation will pass sooner rather than later and we can get back to some form of normalcy.

In conclusion, I would like to wish a Happy New Year to you all and a safe boating season ahead. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

Fair winds and calm seas. ■



DIRECTOR - BAR MANAGEMENT

Report by Mark Mackesy

As I write this I haven't been the Bar Manager long enough to be sure of what all the keys on my new keyring do.

By the time the Bar reopens, you should notice some changes.

With the help of our bar staff, we will be reducing inventory and probably the number of brands we sell. Out of necessity, we'll be changing our glassware. We also will be returning the popular weekly lunch specials.

Also by the time we reopen, you will probably notice some different faces behind the bar, both familiar and new. This is necessary in order to increase the open hours of your clubhouse and so we have enough staff to rent out Mitchell Hall, when the club hopefully reopens at the end of January.

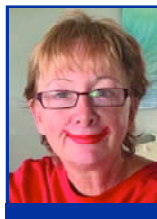
Just a reminder, hall rentals are booked by the bar staff. Mitchell Hall is the best deal in town for a smallish hall. Another perk of membership.

I want to thank **Gerry Boyar** for his help with the transition and also **Jim Holland** and **Greg Coderre** for their help and suggestions. I look forward to working closely with our new Entertainment Director, **Jo-Anne Lavigne**, who is a fountain of fun ideas.

If you have any ideas, don't be shy to share them.

Want to suggest different offerings? Change what is on tap? Paint the place pink? Let me know.

It's your club and your clubhouse. ■



DIRECTOR - Entertainment

Report from Jo-Anne Lavigne

I am excited to be your new Entertainment Director.

The role of Entertainment Director is a large undertaking, particularly following in Mark's shoes. We all know the saying "it takes a village" with that in mind I will be looking to membership, regular and social, to assist in running some of your favourite events and introduce some exciting new ones too.

Thank you to those of you who have already stepped forward to offer your support!

As long as our bar is able to stay open we look forward to some small scale monthly "goings on" upstairs. Due to, that which I don't care to name, it would not be prudent to host large gatherings in Mitchell Hall at this time.

Now is a great time to plan your summer cruising schedule, with that in mind save **July 1st, Canada Day** to participate in our **MBYC Rib Fest!** I will be calling on all of you "back yard pit bosses" to put your best rib forward to impress a panel of celebrity judges.

The day will include games on the water and something for everyone!

In the meantime be good to one another and put on a happy face! ■



Bill & Linda Mitchell's former home-built yacht the "William Tinsley".



SECRETARY/TREASURER

Report from Sandy Kovacks

Just a reminder that dock deposits (\$100 minimum) must be received not later than February 15, 2022 in order to avoid penalty.

This requirement applies only to permanent dockholders. If you are heading south for the winter, please ensure that you take care of this before you leave.

Wishing a Happy New Year, and above all, please stay safe. ■



DIRECTOR - Dock & Yard

Report from Jack Allan

mbycdockmanager@gmail.com

Over the winter members continually work to repair and improve our docks.

We are rebuilding part of Main Dock B. We have a good crew helping, and when the weather is agreeable, we will continue our improvements.

We are also updating the electrical on the docks and bring everything up to code. Thanks to **Peter Bruch** and **John Fraser** for all their expertise.

When the weather permits we will be replacing the gate off the patio, with a recycled rolling gate.

We also will be refurbishing the Weed Machine, while it is on the parking lot. We need a Team Leader and volunteers to assist to overhaul the engine and paint.

We will also be spraying the weeds this year.

If you wish to have a slip at the club this Summer, fill out a "Dock Request Form". To get an interactive form, email mbycdockmanager@gmail.com. Only New Regular and Social Members, need to submit this form. Regular Members who had a dock in 2021, please let us know if you are giving up your dock this summer.

All members who store and keep their boats at our club, must have current Vessel Liability Insurance in their name. Remember to give the club (attn: Jim Bowen) a copy of your policy every time you renew or get a new boat. Digital copies can be emailed to the Dock Manager. MBYC does not allow uninsured boats to have a dock or store at our club.

Launch is booked for Tuesday, May 3rd (sail side), and Wednesday, May 4th (powerboat side).

Let's hope all goes well and we will have a longer boating season in 2022. ■



DIRECTOR - Building Maintenance

Report from Ray Lizee

Thank you everyone for your continued support, help and positive outlook as we enter another session and season.

It's unfortunate that we weren't able to accomplish much, but with all the Covid restrictions and supply chain problems out there, it is a bit of a challenge trying to fix or build things.

My regards and respect to our outgoing Executives, **Brian Leslie, Adam Wilk, Gerry Boyar and Carl Easton**. They really did give it their best, and we all remain friends. Boaters are like that.

We have the upstairs bar back up and running, with a brand new beer fridge. The original beer fridge had done its job, the racks were rusting, the door tracks were worn, the gaskets were torn, the glass in one door was cracked. We had brought in a cooler donated by Kevin Small, but as luck would have it, the evaporator fans failed, then the thermostat failed. So, enough was enough, and we decided to buy new.

We will be kicking off a few projects, the first being the repairs to the outside wall in Mitchell Hall that opens onto the ground level patio.

Since we can't really rent it out anyway, due to the social restrictions imposed by Covid regulations, now is the time to do them.

You can see the damage done by water ingress in the 2 photos below.



Exterior Wall 1



Exterior Wall 2

Then in the spring, we will start some refurbishment of the old Clubhouse. It's in need of some serious repairs. More on this in our next Mariner issue.

We welcomed members back to the Clubhouse, while respecting the restrictions our Government had placed on us. Now we are closed down again until the end of January.

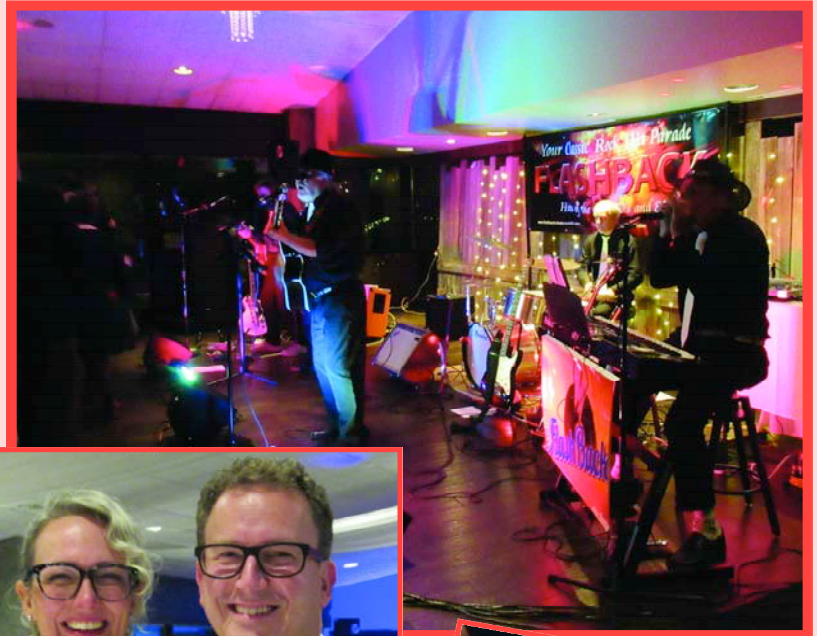
And don't be too busy to take the kids skating on Cootes Paradise, or at the Waterfront Trust.

Enjoy our winter wonderland! ■

COMMODORE'S BALL 2021



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HAUL OUT 2021



The view from MBYC Bar Balcony - Fall 2021

AND THE WORK GOES ON



Happy New Year from your MBYC Executive!