



MACASSA BAY YACHT CLUB • Spring 2023 •

Macassa Mariner



FROM THE BRIDGE

Reports from MBYC Executives



COMMODORE 2023

Report from Robert Schindler

Greetings Everyone,

Another winter has come and gone at our club. Realistically one could say that it wasn't much of a winter at all with a few minor weather events causing some inconvenience. Makes you wonder why we even bother with a haul out, but common sense prevails especially when insurance is involved!

At the time of this writing, our seasonal Lift In is right around the corner. It always seems like an eternity mid winter thinking about being back on the Bay, anchored at the beach, or cruising the Lake visiting other friendly clubs. Thankfully we won't have to wait much longer to enjoy what most of us consider our passion (or addiction depending on your viewpoint Lol).

Your executive has been hard at work so far this year addressing some of the concerns regarding our club. Like most things in life it takes time, energy, and a little patience to make something successful and our club is no exception. As many know, the new Non Profit Act has come into play which will require the revision of our **Club Bylaws with Policies and Procedures** being implemented. Generally speaking, I personally think it is long overdue and will clear up confusion that has plagued us in the past and make it easier to do business.

Our Bylaw Committee was hard at work to put together a package that will bring us up to compliance while still having the flavor of MBYC.

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Commodore's Ball 2022 at the Waterfront Centre was a big success!

MBYC Directors 2023

Commodore – Robert Schindler

Past Commodore – Brian Leslie

Vice Commodore – Robert Mueller

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Dave Breau

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Director - Dock/Yard Master –
Andrew Robinson

Director - Entertainment – Greg Coderre

Director - Bar Management – Jim Holands

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Auditors – Frank Lauinger jr. and
Barry Costello

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Your Executive is reviewing the documents and will look forward to presenting it in the near future to the Membership. My sincere thank you to all that helped to put this together.

Something new that has been long overdue is the implementation of a **Work Program** at MBYC. For many years it has been discussed without gaining much traction as many felt it wasn't needed or warranted. But as times change, so must our club to be viable going forward. After all we are a self help/cooperative and getting more members involved will ensure our club is sustainable for years to come while keeping our rates manageable. This will definitely be a work in progress and I'm sure a few hiccups will arise. There will be more information coming shortly to outline the structure and implementation of this program. As always, we welcome any input from members that will benefit this endeavor to make it successful.

On a final note, I would like to welcome **Sam Craigie, John Fotherham, Jeff Ciralo, and Andrew McPhail** as the newest Regular Members of Macassa Bay Yacht Club. I'm sure most have already had some interaction around our docks, yard or clubhouse but if not there will be a **New Members Meet and Greet on Saturday, May 6th**. This will also coincide with the first Club BBQ of the season hosted by yours truly and your Executive Board so come on down and enjoy a cheeseburger, sausage, or hot dog made with love (or something?).

Have a Great Boating Season!! ■



VICE COMMODORE

Report from Robert Mueller

The "Club Work Hours Committee" is making progress with the mandatory work hour program, we're looking to have it underway after this years lift-in.

These work hours are for Regular Members and temporary dock holders, Social Members are welcome to help at any time.

This will be a program that will evolve over many months, changes will have to be made as time goes by.

Hopefully this program will get our members doing a few projects that would require outside contractors.

The Executive came up with a cost of \$40.00 an hour for those short of their ten hour commitment by the end of the year. This of course is subject to change. ■

Easiest way to do your Volunteer hours... sign up to help BBQ! Sign-up sheet is posted in the Club Bar.

Starting with this issue the MBYC MARINER will only be published twice a year. Spring and Fall.

Send your MBYC MARINER submissions via Email (preferred) to editor.mbyc@gmail.com or drop your article/photos addressed to Helena Laidlaw-Allan, Mariner Newsletter. Please be sure to put your name and contact info with your submission. Your submission will be checked for spelling/grammar. Submissions are always subject to review for content suitability.



PAST DIRECTOR - Dock & Yard

Report from Jack Allan

In December 2022, I passed on the position to Andy Robinson. I want to thank all the volunteers who helped make my job easier the last two years. Although Lift-in was delaying

in the spring, Haul-out went well, due to the team of volunteers and the boat owners,

There is still much to do and I know you will be happy to assist Andy as you have helped me. ■



PAST DIRECTOR - Entertainment

Report from Jo-Anne Lavigne

As I compose this final entertainment report I am reflecting on the past year.

Thanks to all those who answered my call to help out with various events.

Looking forward to the next sailing season, see you there! ■

COMMODORE'S BALL 2022

The 2022 MBYC Commodore's Ball was held at the Waterfront Banquet Center. It was a wonderful evening! Thank you Jo-Anne Lavigne, for arranging the event. We even had a photo booth with photography by Christopher Smith. Candid photos by Bill Newman. Dancing Music provided by FLASHBACK. WE DANCED ALL NIGHT!



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or get it off the site provided in the the club weekly memo.
Be sure to give the number of your picture as provided, not your names.

THE RIGHT DECISION *By Stan McCall*



It is September 2021 and we are on a 10 day trip on the east coast of Georgian Bay.

After a good breakfast of bacon and egg we left our anchorage at Horseshoe Bay behind Aberdeen Island by 8:00 am. There was strong wind so we were sailing with just a partially rolled up jib and were doing 5 to 6 knots. There is two of us sailing on a Bayfield 25.

In King Bay there are two marinas. One for sailboats and one for power boats. There is a store at the power boat marina so we went in to see if they had butane, no luck. Headed back out of King Bay heading north. The wind was picking up and blowing from the west so we kept on motoring.

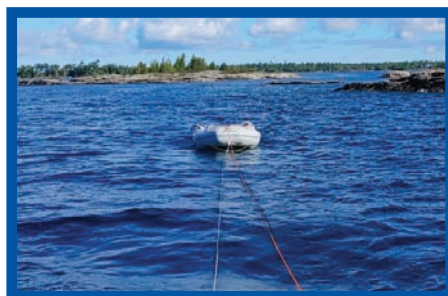
Sailing the east coast of Georgian Bay is not the same as sailing Lake Ontario. Lake Ontario is big and deep and no rocks. Georgian Bay is full of rocks and islands and channel markers and day marks on rocks. You have to know exactly where you are at all times and whether the red is to be on your right or left. When the sun is behind a channel marker it is silhouetted and hard to tell if it is red or green. When you see whitecaps the waves are braking over rocks.

We have strip charts and Mark is down below plotting our course on the charts. He has an old black and white handheld Garmin but it does not have charts on it so he has to transfer our location to the chart to give me a heading. I am steering the boat but I have my Garmin 78 handheld GPS with charts on it in one hand and the tiller in the other but when steering the boat I can't take my eyes off where I am going for long to zoom out and find the next channel marker or day mark. The best I can do is scroll up and keep the boat in the centre of my small screen. If I can't see the next channel mark to aim for or if there is more than one channel marker then I am calling down to Mark to tell me my next bearing.

Leaving King Bay we were between islands and in fairly protected water and the waves were less than a meter. As we proceeded and got out from the protection of the islands there was whitecaps over all the rocks on both sides of us. The waves were 2 to 3



meters and the wind was blowing 25+ knots from the west. The dinghy was surfing down the waves behind us. A Bayfield 25 will



only go about 4.5 knots but going into the wind and waves we were only able to make 2 knots at times with the big waves 1 knot. Up ahead there was a large taller channel marker. Larger channel markers are where two courses cross or where you have to turn. At the one coming up we had to turn toward the east. After that there was a number of channel markers we would have to navigate between. Some of them close together and a range to follow in on then a sharp left turn between two channel markers close to shore with about 20 feet between them. Mark came up and took one look around and said I think we should turn around. I had to agree. We had done this bit two years previous and we sure did not want



the anchor I had just set. Not satisfied that we were back far enough from the other boat I got back in the dinghy and reset the anchor farther back closer to the shore. It was pitch black and I couldn't see the shore. We had no sooner got the boat where we were happy than the rain stooped. There was nobody on the boat in front of us. We could hear them socializing on one of the other boats.

We were up early the next morning and I got back in the dinghy and retrieved the

to do the next stretch in these conditions. I had to time my turn so that we did not get hit by a wave broadside.

Once we were turned it was a bit easier because the waves were pushing us on the back quarter and it was a big relief when we got back in the shelter of the islands.

Back at King Bay the anchorage was quite crowded with 4 other sailboats and 3 Motor boats. We anchored down at the end of the bay and were ready for a rum and coke. We had a nice swim and a supper of potatoes, carrots, onions, mushrooms and chicken. We listened to the weather and studied the charts for the next day. The wind was to swing round to the north and we were to have rain overnight but there would be less wind the next day.

I had just got off to sleep when Mark woke me up. He had stuck his head out the front hatch before going to sleep and the wind had shifted to the north and the boat in front of us was too close for comfort and it was raining. I got my bathing suit on and a headlamp and dug out our spare Bruce anchor. Mark has a Rocna anchor at the front of the boat which is oversized for the size of boat. The plan was that I would take the Bruce anchor in the dinghy and row it out behind the boat then Mark would pull me back to the boat then he would release the anchor rope at the front of the boat while I pulled the boat back with

Bruce anchor then I went up to the front to retrieve the Rocna. When we were over the anchor the rode was rubbing against the dinghy that was tied to the swim platform of the boat in front of us. I cleated off the rope and got Mark to back up the boat a bit so that I could get our anchor back on board. We head out the way we went yesterday heading for Echo Bay.

What a difference a day can make. The wind was from the north so we had to motor till we made the turn at the large channel marker but the waves were not nearly as bad. Yesterdays decision to turn back had been the right decision. ■



SUMMER CRUISES AND EVENTS 2023



MBYC Summer Cruises 2023

Mark your calendars!

FOUR CRUISES ARE ALREADY PLANNED FOR SUMMER 2023

Bronte Harbour Yacht Club

June 24th to 25th

The Hydroplane Sailing Club

July 14th to 16th

Bluffers Yacht Club

August 4th to 6th

Etobicoke Yacht Club

Labour Day Weekend, September, 1st - 4th.

Sign up sheets will be posted closer to the events. Open to both power and sail and all Members with docks at our club! Numbers limited.

Laurie Bowen, Cruise Director

MBYC EVENTS

MAY EVENTS

Saturday, May 6: First **BBQ** of the season. Your Executive will kick off the season at the grill. Meet the **New Members!**

Saturday, May 13: Club **BBQ** & **Yard cleanup** & **Darts Banquet**
- Mitchell Hall/Evening

Sunday, May 14: **Mothers Day**

Friday, May 19: **Monthly Pot Luck Birthday Bash/** Club Bar

Saturday, May 20: Club **BBQ** & **Boat Yard Sale!?**

Monday, May 22: **Victoria Day/Club closed**

Saturday, May 27: Club **BBQ** - *Volunteers needed!*

JUNE EVENTS

Saturday, June 3: Club **BBQ** - *Volunteers needed!*

Saturday, JUNE 10: **Sail Past** in the afternoon & **BBQ Steak Dinner/Evening**. *Tickets on sale now at the Club Bar.*

Saturday, June 17: Club **BBQ** - *Volunteers needed!*

Saturday, June 24: Club **BBQ** - *Volunteers needed!*

Saturday, June 30: Light parade?

Saturday, July 1: **Canada Day** with games & **Ribfest Dinner**

More events to come!

Easiest way to do your Volunteer hours... sign up to help BBQ!
contact Greg Coderre at entertainment@mbyc-hamilton.org,
If you are available to help with these events.

