



Muddy Waters

Kanagio Yacht Club

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LOOKING FORWARD TO WARM WEATHER AND CALM WATERS IN 2016



ROY McKINLEY was re-elected to a second term as Commodore. Congratulations Roy. For a list of the new KYC Flag Officers see inside pages 2 and 3.

We have a new slate of club officers, the Commodore's Ball was a successful function and 2016 will see the clubs boating season extended by three weeks.

Although the boats remain land locked and covered in plastic or canvas, members are looking forward to the coming boating season. Some with the anticipation of a new boat, others adding something to their existing craft and yet others just wanting to relax and enjoy their existing boat and new and existing friendships at **KYC**.

The **Toronto Boat Show** was attended by many followed by the **London Boat Show**, each providing new dreams of things to come or wish for—perhaps in the spring. Our web site is currently down and **Scott Viner** our new web master is in the process of bringing it back to life. The club also has new burgess available for those members without one and those that need to replace their old one.

The **Kanagio Yacht Club** has a new slate of officers, several returning for another year — with the drive and leadership to steer KYC through another active and financially successful season. Many of the same successful club functions will take place again this year with the return of some new ones, such as the Car Show and Euchre party. A list of known functions are included in this addition so mark your calendars now.

Looking forward to a great 2016 boating and fun summer!!!!

KANAGIO YACHT CLUB 2016 FLAG OFFICERS

At the November 2015 Annual meeting the KYC membership voted to elect the following members to the management team for 2016. Congratulations to the following members on their election, and the continued support of the membership in carrying out the various assignments required for another successful boating season in 2016. **Commodore Roy wanted to thank everyone, for re-election & the Commodore's Ball.**



ROY McKINLEY
COMMODORE



DAN HOPKINS
REAR COMMODORE



LISA FITZMAURICE
PAST COMMODORE



JON FOSKETT
VICE COMMODORE



BILL GLOVER
TREASURER



AL THIBERT
FLEET



RICK BANMAN
MEMBERSHIP



PAT MIGHTON
SECRETARY

2015 GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Barry Kyle (centre) looks a little like Popeye during the General Meeting. The heat was down and everyone looked a little cool during the proceedings. The general election saw Roy McKinley re-elected commodore with the balance of the Flag Members returned by acclamation. Two time commodore Liza Fitzmaurice will serve as Past Commodore with the retirement of Wendy Grover (George) from the club. Jon Foskett was elected Vice Commodore replacing Bill Graves who retired. Two new members were elected to the club, bringing the total membership to 62 plus a waiting list.







CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS

Actual date and time of functions will be up-dated when available.

- April 3 - **Dock Bidding** starts 9:30 Followed by Spring General Meeting at 10 am
- April 9 - **Dock Installation**—contact Fleet Captain Al Thibert to join a Dock Crew.
 - **Clean-up Day** 9:00 to 3:30, Hotdogs and Hamburgers served at 1:00 PM
- April — May - **LIFT IN** — No specific date, members make own arrangements with lift operators. Don't forget your insurance certificate.
- May — **Spring Kick Off** and opening of the 2016 Boating Season.
- May 29 — **General Meeting** 10 am
- July 17 — **General Meeting** 10 am
- September 29 — **Election of 2017 Officers** 10 am followed by General Meeting
- October 15 - **Dock Lift Out**
- October 29 - **Water turn-off**
- November 19 - **Commodore's Ball**
- November 27 - **Annual General Meeting 10 am**

KYC SEASONAL REMINDERS

- Make sure that your **name is on your trailer** and don't lock it as it may have to be moved
- **Remove all items** from the storage area that are not used for storage of your boat.
- **Boat Insurance**—don't forget to provide insurance information , **NO INFORMATION = NO LIFT INTO WATER.**
- Don't forget if you see a **maintenance problem** small or large, report it to the **Rear Commodore** immediately so that it can be repaired or replaced.
- Please install your stairs and **dock poles** even if your boat is not going in the water immediately.
- Obey the **Speed Limit** in the parking lot.
- Have you guests park in the **Visitor Parking Area**, front row parking for boat owners.
- Remember to **become familiar with the tractors** again before you take them out amongst the living
- All **pets are to be on a 5—foot leash** at all times.

Thanks — Dan — Rear Commodore





Hopefully member **RICK BANMAN** has a better day when his boat goes back into the water in the spring.

Rick (with his boat on the lift in the background) says—*"The saddest day of the year, is the day your boat comes out of the water for winter"*

Hopefully Rick looks better in the spring. Perhaps First Mate Donna can make him smile and comb his hair.

Was Lee, trying to clean the bottom of **Jim Kozak's** boat during the fall lift out, or was it a little too much fun and refreshments?

Tom (Hoogy) Hooghiem and **Rick (Metzy) Metcalf** are shown coming to the rescue.

Thankfully everyone came out safe and sound.

Thanks to Rick Banman for the Sad Selfie, and capturing the rescue mission.



Don't forget to send me your photos of club activities , individual member functions or just everyday happenings around the club. Also add your comments. Send them to knowlesbd@hotmail.com

EXISTING MEMBERS

It is important to introduce new members to the club, it is equally important to recognize those members that have contributed to the club over the years, helping it grow into the successful club that it has become. Some members did not reply to my request for information, others had previous time commitments and will be featured in later issues. In this issue we recognize — Shawn and Lisa Fitzmaurice and Dennis and Pat Mighton.



Shawn (Gizmo) and Lisa Fitzmaurice occupy the fourth position in club seniority list. Shawn has been a member of the Kanagaw Yacht Club since May 1989, some 27 years.

Shawn started boating as a child with his Dad. His family has a cottage on the Lake so he started off boating from the beach. The first boat of his own was a 12 foot skiff. He had many smaller boats over the years his first larger boat was an Owens (a woody) then he moved on to a Steury 24 Foot fly bridge.

He had been boating on the creek for years driving by the KYC club from the marina that used to be on the other side of the rail bridge by the condos.



SANITY MAINTENANCE
— passing by the
mouth of the harbour

He also used to keep his boat at the covered docks that are now the Kettle Creek Marina.

Lisa met Shawn and his two beautiful daughters through his sister in 1991. Shawn had lost his wife the previous year. We became a family and we spent our summer weekends at the KYC. The sense of family is what we find most attractive about the KYC. Everyone is always there to help each other from broken boats to needing to borrow spices for the Bar-b-que or mix for a drink.

We previously had a 36 foot Carver fly bridge. Basically a floating cottage. As anyone who knows Shawn can attest I never got to see the top of my dining room (galley) table for all of the tools. When we sold the boat it took a trailer to empty it before the new owners took it away.

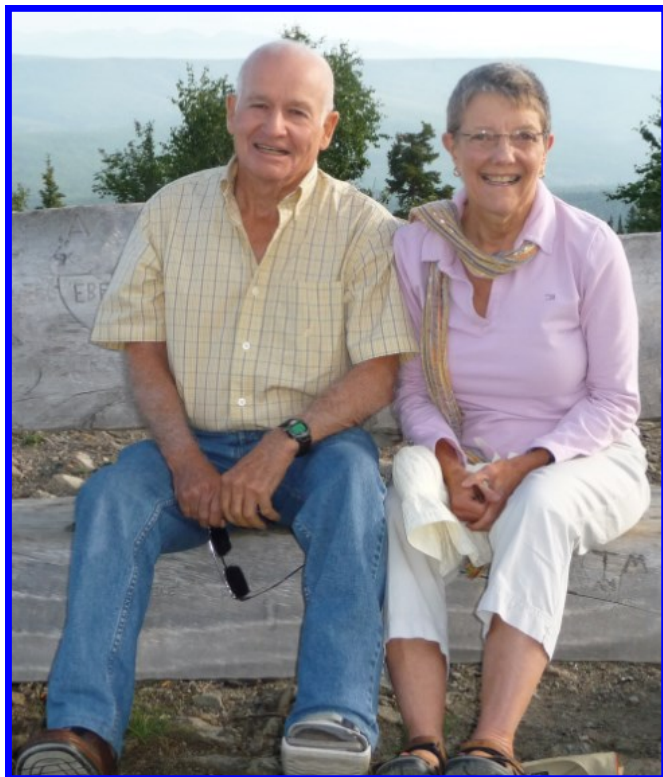
We now have a 38 foot Baja with a nine foot beam with a name that suits, **Sanity Maintenance** and no dining room table! Our home is dock number 54.

Lisa has given significant time to the club having held a number of positions on the Kanagio Yacht Club Executive, including Treasurer, two terms as Commodore, Past Commodore and also serving on the Advisory Board. Lisa will be back on the Executive this year as Past Commodore. Both have always helped with entertainment functions.

Although we do not travel across the lake we have spent some time exploring the coast line of the Lake. We go for \$100.00 hamburgers once in a while, in Port Bruce or Port Glasgow. In the summer months the club is like a second home.

Here's to enjoying another wonderful summer with our friends !

Cheers, Lisa & Shawn (Gizmo)



The following questions and answers provide a small glimpse into the support of Dennis and Pat Mighton to the *Kanagio Yacht Club*, their boating experiences .

Dennis and Pat have been and continue to be very active in the management of the club and participate in the on-going activities of the club.

Thanks for the continued support and Dennis's many jokes throughout the summer evenings.

- **When did you first start boating and where**

Pat canoed as a kid at summer camp. Denny worked five summers on the Great Lakes, on the CPR passenger steamer, SS Assiniboia. In 1989, for our 25th anniversary, Dennis bought a 25 foot, 25 year old, Shepherd cruiser. A beautiful wooden boat – and a pile of work! We named it Shyam. While we worked together to get it ready to launch Pat dreamed of travelling “*down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico*”. Port Stanley is as far south as we got.

- **When did you become a member of KYC**

1990

- **How did you learn about the KYC**

From our friend Mike Baldwin who was a member at the time.

- **What do you like best about KYC**

A tough question. What's not to like? The friends we've made. Sitting at the picnic table with nothing more important to do than just sit at the picnic table. Breakfast on the back of the boat watching the creek go by and Barry bring in some fish. KYC dances, especially in our early days at KYC. Fish fries and steak dinners. Deck jams, and memories of John Lampman singing Sonny's Dream.

- **How many boats have you had over the years**

Two – Shyam, the Shepherd cruiser, and “*Sonny's Dream*”, a Rosborough trawler. Plus a dinghy and a very small row boat.



"Sonny's Dream " waiting on the blue line for it's tern to continue

- **What type of boat do you have now?**

"Sonny's Dream " is a 25 foot trawler made in Halifax by Rosborough, with an 8.5 foot beam. We bought it new in 2002, after our first boat met with misfortune. We've been at Dock 59 as long as we can remember.

- **Are you a member of the Power Squadron**

Yes. Kitchener-Waterloo Chapter

Have you held any executive positions at the KYC

Dennis was on the Advisory Board for several years. Pat is in her second year as Secretary. Every member should serve a term on the Executive. It's a great way to see the amount of behind-the-scenes work that needs to be done to make Kanagio the great club it is, and to appreciate those who do the work – executive and so many other club members.

- **Have you travelled by boat on the Great Lakes. Any memorable trips or moments in those trips you would like to share.**

In 2003 we put in at Kingston, a fabulous harbor on Lake Ontario, and travelled into the Thousand Islands and over to Clayton, New York. It was a great trip. We weathered a terrible storm, anchored in a protected cove, and we stayed out of the way of the humongous freighters that ply the lakes.

In 2012 we did the North Channel along the northern shores of Lake Huron, with a group of boaters from the Kitchener-Waterloo Power Squadron. Another great trip. Another storm in another protected cove in a most beautiful part of the world! We have done the entire Rideau from Ottawa to Kingston, and the Trent from Trenton to Fenelon Falls. Both beautiful routes, especially in the fall when there's very little boat traffic and hardly ever a need to tie up at the blue line.

2015 COMMODORES BALL—GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

Secretary **Pat Mighton** commented that it was a nice evening. Amazing how well an old bingo hall can clean up! As the Masonic Temple it's a very attractive venue for a party.

Congratulations go out to **Wendy Glover** (a past commodore) and husband **George** for a great job of organizing the Ball — and we are all sad to see George and Wendy leaving the club to pursue other interests. **Rick Metcalf**, aided by his daughter **Kristi**, was excellent in presenting the "AWARDS" for the past year — including several "Swim Club" members.





2016 "KYC" NEW MEMBERS



Welcome to new member **Chris Ellison** and his Family to the Kanagio Yacht Club. Chris is looking forward to his first summer at the club and new adventures with his Blow Boat "*Second Wind.*" and his crew.

The following questions provide an overview of Chris's boating experiences and his plans to sail across the lake in 2016. Welcome Chris

- **When did you first start boating and where?** I first started boating approximately 10 years ago. I decided to purchase a 14 foot flying Junior sailboat and sailed it at Fanshawe Park Lake. I then purchased a windsurfer to continue to learn how the wind works. I had a lot of fun and learn a lot.
- **When did you become a member of KYC?** I first became a member of KYC last October. I had spent that summer searching for a boat with no success. I finally found the one I wanted in September and arranged for it to be moved here in October. The toughest part was waiting until the spring to put her in the water.
- **How did you learn about the KYC?** I researched a number of options in Port Stanley. However a friend of mine kept suggesting KYC because of its excellent members and resources. When I checked it myself I agreed and contacted the club.
- **What do you like best about KYC?** I found the other members to be wonderful people. I have learned so much from them and they have been so helpful in many ways to me. I also very much enjoyed the clubhouse because of its many amenities and year-round security and access.
- **Does your wife or first mate have a Pleasure Craft Operator Card and does she like to drive the boat?** My 20-year-old son, Jonah, is my first mate, he has been the most eager to learn about sailing and boating last year. He and I studied for, and acquired, our operators card together. Jonah has excelled at sailing and he is eager to get back to it this summer. Jordan is also interested in the boat but mostly just relaxing on deck and enjoying the sun.

• **What was your first boat?** My first boat was a 14 foot flying Junior sailboat. It was a lot of smaller than the one I presently own but I learned a lot about sailing.

• **How many boats have you had over the years?** I have only ever owned two boats, not including my jet ski.

• **What type of boat do you have now?** My Present boat is a 1974 28 foot Morgan out is-lander. She is named "Second Wind."

• **Are you a member of the Power Squad-ron?** YES

• **Do you have any pets that also come on the boat** I own a medium sized bichon frise poodle cross dog. He has been to the boat and has mixed feelings at this point.

• **Have you travelled by boat on the Great Lakes?** Not yet, but I hope to sail across this summer





LOOKING NORTH FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE, ca. 1913
Elgin County Archives



The picture above is from the Elgin Archives showing the original pier in 1913, construction taking place to the north while fishermen and boaters take-in the calm waters.

The photo to the left shows the new pier some 102 years later. Significant new construction has taken place along the beach and on the top of the hill which was previously a park/picnic area.

Major changes again coming to the harbour and Port Stanley.



The Kanagio Christmas Lights shone bright along the sea wall thanks to members **Bill and Sarah Braun**



This guy must be a frequent visitor to “Plenty of Fish”



Commodore Kanagio is looking for interesting boating information from members. If you have something you think the membership would be interested in please send it to me for inclusion in an issue of *Muddy Waters*. If you have access to products etc at a discount let everyone know.

KNOTS — KNOTS — KNOTS - Pat Mighton suggests going to this site to help you with your KNOTS.....

<http://www.animatedknots.com/>



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