



"MUDDY WATERS"

KANAGIO YACHT CLUB — NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ISSUE

As 2016 comes to a close KYC can look back on a boating year of marvelous warm weather, a lake that was calmer than most years, a healthy financial position and a number of new and probationary members also contributing to the continued health of the club.

There has been a changing of the guard, with the retirement of several long term members of the executive, who each in their own way have helped guide the club forward. I am sure that all members what to thank these members and wish the new Flag Officers all the best in the coming year.

It was a sad year in that we lost long time member **Shawn Fitzmaurice** to cancer and a significant number of our mature shade trees to elm disease, the trees can be replaced, Shawn can't.

2016 Vice Commodore **Jon Foskett**, brought Karaoke to the club and **Lori** and **Jon** also re-introduced the **London Branch of the Sea Cadets** to KYC. Interestingly an association which had existed back in the 1950s and 60's (see page 7) and is anticipated to continue now into the future. The members associated with the **Annual Fish Fry**, pulled off another very successful function, the **Euchre Event** was again enjoyed by members, and the pond become an attractive focal point at the entrance to the club. The **South Storage Yard** was 90% organized and the **Travel Lift** and **Honey Sucker** continued to be maintained by members at a high level of service. The Commodores ball from all accounts was another successful evening in honour of two term Commodore **Roy McKinley**, accompanied by first mate Debbie.

"**Muddy Waters**" is going into a second year, and I want to thank those members that contributed their KYC Bio's, helped by taking photographs and **Max Wood** for his continuing Bucket List journey to Florida. If you have any suggestions please let me know. I will continue to stumble forward bringing members a glimpse of club activities and some Historic Events which have taken place at the club. **Brian Knowles**

FALL STORAGE



MUDDY WATERS

The Newsletter of the Kanagio Yacht Club

Please e-mail contributions and comments to knowlesbd@hotmail.com

If I ask you for information about yourself and you don't want to provide it please let me know. With all of the phone camera's today someone must have some photographs or a storey to tell! Please send them on to me. Thanks Brian

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NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

ELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE - YEAR END REPORTS - FLEET MEMBER COMMENTS

The November Annual Meeting took place with forty-three full members and four probationary members present. Four additional members voted by proxy.

The Executive recommended that **Jeremy Groenendyk** and **Richard Jucker**, having completed their year-long probationary period, be accepted as full KYC members. Members voted by secret ballot in favour of both welcome to the club.

In his absence a written report was submitted by Treasurer, **Bill Glover**: Our fiscal year ends on November 30 and we are ending the year on a positive financial note. Our budget for the year was exceeded, while the expense budget saw a significant reduction creating a rather sizable net income position. The tree project and the Commodore's Ball were the largest expenses in November. We will circulate our 2015/16 Financial Statement in the next few months. My thanks go to the Board of Directors for their financial supervision and their focus on the best financial interests of the club, to **Mike Blake** for his work on financial statements and banking, **Dave Tremblay** for his help with communications, and **Lisa Fitzmaurice** for her friendly work on collections.

Commodore – Roy McKinley thanked Lisa Fitzmaurice for the Commodore's Ball and the executive and members for their support during his two years as Commodore.

Past Commodore & Advisory Board Liaison – Lisa Fitzmaurice thanked members for attending the Commodore's Ball and for their support this summer and fall during Shawn's illness and following his death.

Vice Commodore – Jon Fosskett - thanked members who helped with social events throughout the year and extended best wishes to the new executive.

Rear Commodore – Dan Hopkins announced that grounds and equipment have been '*put to bed for the winter*' and asked members to show the new Rear Commodore the same support they have given him over his time in the position.

Fleet Captain – Al Thibert - reported a) that the latest soundings show that the creek bottom has not risen significantly, and b) all docks are currently taken with one member on a waiting list. - Two issues that must be addressed by the new executive: a) two boats were lifted this fall without showing proof of insurance, and b) a few boats and trailers are parked in the yard where they don't belong, possibly leading to problems for snow removal and with soft ground in the spring. - Al thanked members (especially the dock crew) for the support given during his four years as Fleet Captain.

Membership Report – Rick Banman - The KYC roster is now full with 64 members (six new in 2016). There is a couple of names on a waiting list and will continue to add to this list.

The Election of KYC Flag Officers for 2017 was made by secret ballot, with the following individuals occupying the following positions:

Commodore – Bill Graves
Vice Commodore - Ken Gifford
Rear Commodore - Dave Courage
Secretary - Lynn Sutherland
Treasurer - Mike Blake

Advisory Board Members – Ken Borkwood, Lisa FitzMaurice, Gerry Goodhue, Joe Polisak and Past Commodore and Advisory Board Liaison – Roy McKinley

YOUR NEW FLEET MEMBERS FOR 2017





2016 RETIRING FLAG OFFICERS

I am sure everyone joins with me in thanking the 2016 retiring Flag Officers for their hard work and dedication to the club. **Roy McKinley** (front left) as Commodore for guiding the club for two years through its financial and interpersonal problems to a financially secure position, and a new management team now with seasoned members and new blood.

Dan Hopkins (back right) for his 6 years of tireless dedication as Rear Commodore, certainly one of the most thankless jobs. Dan has improve our physical plant and our infustructure significantly over his tenure as Rear.

We will miss **Jon Foskett** (front centre right) as Vice Commodore, who as a great entertainer himself, introduced the club membership to a number of new items in the entertainment side of the club, while maintaining past favorites.

Pat Mighton (front left) as secretary constantly sent out emails keeping us up to date with regard to important functions at the club.

Treasurer **Bill Glover** (absent) brought in new accounting software and reported favorably on our financial position.

Liza Fitsmaurice (below) presenting new officers with their position burgess as Past Commodore. Liza has been and will continue to be an important member of the club executive having held many flag positions over the past several years.

The following pictures include the new flag members as well as members in attendance for the election and general meeting which was followed by a "Pot Luck Lunch"





FROM THE BRIDGE



**BILL GRAVES
COMMODORE**

COMMENTS FROM THE BRIDGE -

On behalf of the 2017 Executive I have been asked to add a few words to the latest edition of *Muddy Waters*.

We had our first Executive Meeting December 4th at the club and after a transition meeting with the 2016 team we got down to the business of planning for 2017. Our first order of business was the open position on the executive of Fleet Captain. Kristi (Metcalf) has stepped up and was welcomed to this position. I am sure that all members will support Kristi with the challenging task of dock assignment and that all members will be timely in updating their insurance for the Fleet and other elements of her position throughout the year.

It was important to us to set some key targets for the club going forward in 2017 and we would like to share these with the members:

1. It is Canada's 150th birthday. Lisa Fitzmaurice is liaison with local Port initiatives for the big birthday party. We will be planning some special events and participating where we can with the community to make this summer a memorable one.

2. KYC Business plan. We are in a sound financial position, however, the membership must recognize how quickly this can turn around. Dredging and seawall repairs are our two major expenses and we remain cognizant of this. Other potential expenses are the Club House HVAC and roof. We have traditionally dealt with these items through our operating budget or assessments and have not established any reserve for these unplanned expenses. Keeping these things in mind, we also want to look at capital projects that can be budgeted to enhance our enjoyment of the club. We want feedback and ideas from all members and will conduct a survey to collect everyone's input. We will also collect technical data that will help us evaluate and plan for future needs to invest in our electrical, plumbing and other services.

3. Bylaw Revisions. The 2016 Executive began a process with the Advisory Board to update and improve the working and intent of the Bylaws and Regulations. We will continue this work and present to the membership each edit for approval by the membership.

4. Purpose of the Executive. It is important for the Executive and Membership to recognize that all of us are volunteers. The Executive is selected by the members to manage the business of the club. The members are expected to be tolerant and accepting of each other like a family there will be occasional differences, and the members are expected to respect each other and show common sense in their actions and interactions with other members. The executive is tasked with upholding the bylaws, but will not address interpersonal issues where the members involved have not taken steps on their own to resolve any issues talk to each other.

5. Promote Camaraderie (*Esprit de corps*) : defined as enthusiastic devotion of members to a group and strong regard for the honour of the group; the common spirit existing in the members of a group and inspiring enthusiasm, devotion, and strong regard for the honour of the group. This should be our motto.

6. Manage the Club in the best interest of the membership. We will endeavour to work with the membership to be fiscally responsible, while enjoying the club and enhancing the facilities for current and future members.

Among our discussion points at our first meeting we addressed Honorary and Associate members including our past Commodores and long term member’s access to the club. Where we understand that there are members who feel that they need not have access once they don’t have an asset at the club, we feel that these past members bring history, many stories and a valuable connection with the development of the club. Our bylaws require that when these members leave the club that they surrender club keys and fobs (Article 407-408) “unless arrangements have been made with the Executive”. We feel that the value these people bring to the club is worthy of offering them access to the club and therefore exercised the Executive clause allowing them continued access on a case by case basis.

We have included the above items in this edition of *Muddy Waters* in an effort to improve communications as this is a great tool to keep the membership up to date on the work of the Executive. We hope to offer an update through Muddy Waters over the course of the year and trust that it will respond to member requests last year for more insight into the business end of the club.

As this year comes to a close and we plan for a great boating season and 150th birthday for Canada we wish you all a safe and happy holiday season. I am confident that we can all work together and adopting the motto of *Esprit de corps*, that 2017 will be a great boating season at KYC.

Season’s Greetings!

Bill Graves

Commodore

Dave Courage

Read Commodore

Ken Gifford

Vice Commodore

Mike Blake

Treasurer

Lynn Sutherland

Secretary

Kristi Metcalf

Fleet Captain

Roy McKinley

Past Commodore



INTRODUCING EXISTING AND NEW KYC MEMBERS

This month we introduce a long term couple of the club and recognize their support and contributions to the club over the years. In this issue we recognize —Ralph and Lynn Oliver .

- **WHEN DID YOU FIRST START BOATING AND WHERE?**

I first got into boating at the age of 12. My grandfather and dad built me a sea flea. It was used on holidays in Haliburton and the Thames River. This was back when the dam was functional, the water levels were high and it was OK to power boat on the river.

When our two sons were in their teens we had a ski boat and spent most of our summer weekends at Port Franks on Lake Huron. If the lake was rough we could ski in the Ausable River. These were great family outings and bring back pleasant memories from our boating past.

- **HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT KYC? WHEN DID YOU BECOME A MEMBER OF KYC?**

When we first moved to Port Stanley Lynn and I met Wayne and Sharon Garland, who were members at KYC. In the summer of 2000 our current boat a 27’ Phoenix became available and we purchased it. I first saw this boat at the London Boat Show and wanted one from that time on. As it turns out the boat we now own is the same one that was in that show.

It was mid summer by the time we owned the boat and the only dock available in Port Stanley was at *Cootsees* — a small facility opposite the KYC.

When Wayne Garland noticed we were over there he suggested we apply to KYC—we have been here ever since.

There are many advantages to belonging to the Kanagio Yacht Club, besides the beautiful grounds, great facilities and friendships made. When we first joined KYC I had no idea how to winterize or maintain my boat, however, there has always been some one willing to help and show me the proper way. I will always be indebted to **John Fleishauer** for his help and friendship.

- **HAVE YOU OR YOUR FIRST MATE HELD ANY POSITIONS ON THE CLUBS MANAGEMENT TEAMS, AND WHAT OTHER ACTIVITIES HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED IN OVER THE YEARS?**

I served as a member of the of the Advisory Board for a number of years. I continue to be one of the Lift Operators, an important function at the club and a great way to meet new members of the club.



RALPH and LYNN OLIVER



A LITTLE KYC HISTORY



This summer the **Kanagio Yacht Club** under the direction of Vice Commodore **Jon Foskett** and his first mate **Lori** continued a club association with the **London Branch of the Sea Cadets**. **KYC** has a history of associating with the Sea Cadets as shown below in a 1962 photograph and in 1939 with students of Chesley Ave Public School Mariners club. As in the past, members of the club were instrumental in bringing the youth to the club for a weekend and giving of their time and boat to provide the young seaman with hands on experience on the Great Lakes.

With the boating industry experiencing reduced participation by the Millennials, attributed to Student Debt—reducing disposable income, lack of time and a reduced desire to join clubs in general, it is important that we as a club encourage the youth in the area to understand seamanship, and the joys associated with boating in general. Jon and the club have indicated a desire to see this association continue and I trust that the torch will be passed on to our generations who will enjoy the friendship associated with boating, and the pleasure of cruising on the Great Lakes.



The photo above taken in 1962 is of several members of the **London Sea Cadets HMCS Courageous** getting ready and discussing the upcoming trip across Lake Erie on KYC members boats to meet members of the **Conneaut Sea Cadets** for a weekend of comradeship and seamanship experience. Records show that nine boats made the journey to the **Conneaut Yacht Club (CYC)** with a total of 41 cadets. The London cadets were billeted in Conneaut cadet houses, and they arranged for a tour, evening dance and a morning church parade.

The Conneaut cadets visited London on the Labour Day Weekend.



The principal of **Chesley Ave Public School, H.A. Second** was a member of the **Kanagio Yacht Club (KYC)** and former Signal man during the war, formed the "Mariners Club" in the basement of the school in order to give the London land-locked children exposure to boating. The club constructed a 12' boat out of barrel hoops, canvas and old orange crates and named the vessel "**AUK**".

The AUK was brought down to Port Stanley for its maiden voyage and provided the initial club of 21 cadets with access to the water and a new adventure of the shores of Lake Erie, in association with the members of the Kanagio Yacht Club. The article did not say how long the club existed, but it was to continue in the basement of the school with the club growing in numbers and creating more boats.



Winter Courses



Boating Education with a boating course offered by your local Canadian Power & Sail Squadron. Sign up now and be more confident on the water next spring.

December is a great time to further your