

"MUDDY WATERS"

MAY— JUNE 2018 ISSUE



This year it seems like *Mother Nature* just went directly from Winter to Summer. At KYC the Executive managed the damages from spring flooding and readied the club for 2018. The new barge and the hardy crew working it installed the docks and poles, membership is full and it is time to go boating, as well as take advantage of all of the planned club activities. The shrink wrap and tarps have come off and the *Rub on and Rub Off* process is in full swing.

It is also time to check your boats safety equipment to make sure you are compliant before leaving the dock. Go to the Government Boating site for an overview of what your boat requirements are. Most needed items cost less than the \$200 fine for not having it! **Check your fire extinguishers—if they are KIDDE they could be part of a massive recall and you can obtain new units — check the Bulletin Board. We will be having a POWER SQUADRON SAFETY INSPECTION for members on JULY 14th starting at 9:30 AM. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS IMPORTANT EVENT.**

KYC has a number of new members, let's all make them feel welcome and help them find their way with regard to our facilities, helping out at functions, participating in functions and obtaining their required work hours. If you are looking for information on the club go to Kanag-ioyachtclub.ca and while there sign-in to the Member Section in order to access private member only information.

July has some great activities coming up, starting off with the **"PROGRESSIVE PARTY"** on July 1st. I am told this was an KYC favourite from years past. The party premise is that individual members provide a drink and an appetizer at their dock and members move from station to station, having fun and in many cases making new friends or renewing old ones. Lets make this old favourite a new favourite at KYC

PARTY *on the* DOCK

Fleet Captain **RICK BANMAN** and his first and best mate **DONNA** hope to expand **"PORT-A-HAWK"** again this year, bringing together members of KYC for a day on the water off the beach at Port Stanley. The gathering date is July 7th, with the 8th the rain date. Cast off and come and join your fellow boaters.



On July 14th, mark it on your calendar, **KAREN AND JAY CONNOR** members of the **Lond Power Squadron** will be performing Safety Inspections of members boats as they did in 2016. Safety on the water is very important and this free service can save lives as well as money should you be found in contravention of the current safety requirements.

The **General Member Meeting** will take place at 10:00 on Sunday July 15th. The last meeting was well attended and brought forward some of the problems we experienced in the Spring due to weather conditions and provided an overview by the Executive of the on-going management of the club and a wide range of items that have been or will be addressed for the future success and enjoyment of the club by it's members.



AUGUST AT KYC is going to be another HOT TIME. Starting off on August 4th the **"Boat Races"** will be returning at 1PM. Put your bets down and cheer for your favourite . At 6 PM one of our annual **Steak Dinners** will take place—you paid for it so show up and cook it how you like it! Bring guests and for only \$20 they too can experience a great meal and the evening entertainment. This year Kristi has lined up the **"Tim Woodcock Band"** featuring **Cheryl Lescom**.



Ken Gifford brought us a new favourite **"Peameal Bacon on a Bun"** in 2017 and **Kristi** is bringing it back on August 5th. The Bar-b-que will be lite and the buns ready at 1:00 PM. This is a pay as you eat meal so bring lots of loonies and a good appetite.



Although this is not a club event **"Harbourfest—Village of Port Stanley "** will take place again this year on August 10—12. KYC members participated in the evening boat parade, and a great evening fireworks display was enjoyed by all.

In this issue **Commodore Bill Graves** continues his dialogue with the members in **"From the Bridge"**. Long time active members **Max and Kim Wood** are introduced to the membership. Photographs of the Fall and Spring Meetings are provided along with activity around the club. As always I would ask you to send me photographs of on-going activities of members around the club and any other items that you think the members might be interested in, such as the **Lift Bridge Guidelines** provided by member **Tony Theunissen** .

Brian



FROM THE BRIDGE



BILL GRAVES — COMMODORE

Since the April edition, the new barge successfully installed the docks and poles. Thanks to Mark, Rick and others who prepared the barge for operation, and Tyler, Jeremy, Rick, Dave and others who took the time to learn the barge and develop the procedures for dock installation. We have established a few modifications that will reduce installation time and will be looking at these through the summer and before the 2019 installation.

We also were challenged by Measurements Canada and their definition of "trading" in fuel. Basically, they determined that by dispensing fuel we are trading in this commodity and as such require a temperature compensating pump. We made the decision with the cooperation of Dowler Karn to purchase and install a certified used pump. This action was approved by Measurements Canada and the "no pump" order lifted allowing us to once again pump fuel.

The 30A Electrical and all water outlets at the sea wall were restored. We removed all illegal 110v-15A plugs prior to the electrical inspection. Inspection of the repaired and replaced installations was completed and passed.

There were two properly installed 15A plugs that were left intact. As of today we are waiting final approval from the inspector and delivery of back ordered materials to install legal 110v-15A outlets for each dock. Patience please.

Unfortunately, due to personal reasons Dave Courage has decided to resign his position on the executive for the balance of the 2018 season. After discussions with four candidates Mark Newsom has accepted the Rear Commodore posting for the balance of the season. Please support Mark in this endeavor. The first challenge will be a work party for the South Yard and storage of all trailers, blocks, cradles etcetera. Let's all do our part.

Final note, our club house HVAC unit seems to have expired. We have solicited quotes from Hugh's, Coad, and Roy Inch. So far all are in agreement that the unit is old, inefficient and it's problems would not be cost effective to repair. Replacement quotes will be presented at the next meeting.

I am sure there are many more issues to discuss and look forward to the next General Meeting July 15th.

Let's go boating!

Bill Graves

Commodore

For / 2018 Executive

IMPORTANT NOTICE

"Courtesy Boat Inspection".



Karen Connor and her husband **Jay**, members of the ***London Power Squadron***, will be returning to the Kanagio Yacht Club on **July 14th** to perform another ***"Courtesy Boat Inspection"***.

Kanagio members enjoyed their inspection and passed with flying colours receiving their 2016 inspection stickers. Let's see everyone show their smiling face this year. It would be great if all of the boats docked at KYC could display their sticker for 2018

MARK THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR AND THE INSPECTIONS WILL START AT 9:30 am.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WILL BE PARTICIPATING ASAP IN PERSON OR AT knowlesbd@hotmail.com

Brian Knowles - dock 27

FALL MEETING



EXECUTIVE READY TO REPORT



KRISTI AND JOHN WITH
FUTURE KYC MEMBER.



MEMBERS WAITING TO
HEAR REPORTS FROM THE
EXECUTIVE



PHOTOS THANKS TO RICK MORGAN

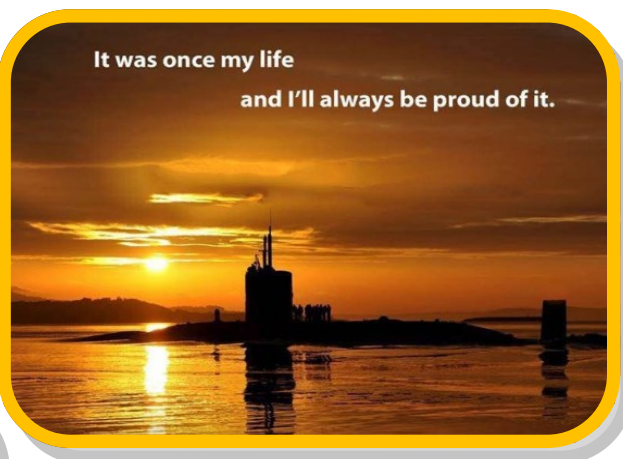
KYC MEMBERS

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. In this issue we recognize — MAX and KIM WOOD —



As a couple we started boating sometime during the 1990's with my first 'purchased' boat being a 24 foot Aquasport, but prior to that Max had a 16 foot Doral and says he claims ownership as a '*plank owner*' of a 295 foot submarine called Okanagan since 1968 (This ship is identical in many respects to the one now parked in Port Burwell.)

Since then, we owned a 26 foot Larsen and eventually a 34 Sea Ray both of which we docked at Port Bruce until we made the move with the Sea Ray called "*Cat's Paw*" to Kanagio...the logic of which is that this is the best club and the best deal on the Great Lakes.



Interestingly, *Cat's Paw* has been renamed and is currently back in Port Bruce at North Erie Marina with a new owner.



It was Metzie (Rick Metcalf) that brought it to my attention and as a group of about three fellow boaters from North Erie, we moved to KYC. The best thing we like about KYC is that we, as owners, have a say in what happens at KYC, not to mention the obvious club house, grounds and other events and benefits of being a member.

Kim has her operators card but prefers to let others do the driving. As for Max, he is not with the Power Squadron but is with *Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary* which he will be retiring from this year.

As we have done a lot of traveling over the years from Erie, PA to Put-in-Bay, Ohio on the American side and all the way to Windsor on our side we decided that local ports were going to be our destinations of choice with Port-a-hawk and the like being our travel destinations. That said, I would encourage everyone to make a trip across the lake at some point in time and meet so many boating friends that you may need a new address book just to keep track of them all.

Kim and I have many memorable trips over the years but one that stands out was the year when we left Port Bruce in the morning to a flat calm lake and met rough seas that built to 8 to 10 footers before we passed the break-wall at Ashtabula, OH. We were planning on staying at Harbor Yacht Club but after meeting a couple of trees traveling at high speed towards us on the river, we made a quick U-turn and ducked into AYC and made a whole group of new friends that we still stay in touch with, even in Florida. We later that day discovered that parts of Ohio had been declared a disaster area and *'Pickle Bills'* was now a floating bar somewhere in Lake Erie.

My recently purchased vessel is a Maxum 245 and I have yet to put a name on it but keep an eye on dock 40 or send me a suggestion.



SPRING ACTIVITY



Barry says "Sanding is Fun!"



KEN SAYS LOAD IT UP—SPRING IS HERE



NEW HOME FINALLY

DON'T DROP IT RALPH



BILL AND RICK ON FLAG DAY



BRIDGE OVER CALM WATERS



NEW GAS FACILITIES INSTALLED

SPRING GM



The Spring meeting started off with **Commodore Graves** setting the tone, followed up with Treasurer **Mike Blake** commenting on the current financials and projected forecast. This report opened some eyes to the financial operation of the club and ended with the membership voting to increase club dues over the next two years.

A LARGER THAN NORMAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS ATTENDED MEETING



2018 has presented some problems for the Executive and the membership, due to the winter ice storm damage, a short term problem with the provision of gas to members. However, the highlight of the meeting appeared to be the successful launch of the new barge which was assembled under budget and successfully allowed the installation of docks and poles by a dedicated crew.



The individual members of the Executive reported on their various situations, thanked members for their continued help and the meeting adjourned until the next meeting on July 15th.

Probationary members **Brian Kingswood** (left) and **Mike & Sherry Kingswood** were voted into full membership and presented with their KYC Burgees by Commodore Graves. Welcome to the club and Happy Boating.

LIFT BRIDGE GUIDELINES

these photos

King George VI Lift Bridge



Communications

Radio - Channel 06 (156.3MHz)

Telephone - 519-782-3451

Cell - 519-617-0494

Etiquette

When passing under the bridge the priority is to craft that are proceeding out to the lake.

Hours of Operation

Every ½ hour:

May 1 to September 30 – 6:00am to 10:00pm

October 1 to April 30 – 6:00am to 6:00pm

CANADA DAY FESTIVITIES

BOAT PARADE

DALE AND LINDA PITCHER ENTRY



THE RICK AND DONNA
BANMAN FAMILY ENTRY

MICHAEL AND SHERRY
KINGSWOOD ENTRY



Progressive Party



Members and friends share food, drink and a lot of laughs on their way from one dock area to another. Started out a little slow but quickly ramped up as the drinks increased and the wide range of foods treated the taste buds.



Skipper's Responsibilities Before Setting Out



The skipper is responsible not only for the safety of the boat and those on board, but also for their behaviour. These responsibilities include legal requirements, appropriate environmental action, prudent steps for the skipper to take and acts of common courtesy. The skipper must ensure that all rules and regulations are observed. The skipper's boating mate should also know the rules and regulations for boating safety.

"The Criminal Code of Canada states that it is an indictable offence to endanger the life of anyone by operating an unseaworthy vessel that is registered or licensed. Before leaving the dock, the skipper should ensure the boat is seaworthy to avoid situations which could lead to an emergency. Safety equipment, both mandatory and optional, should be checked to ensure everything is in good condition and readily accessible. The bilge should be checked for water; and fuel, oil and fresh water levels should be checked. A radio check should be done, and charts covering the waters of the intended cruise should be laid out. The navigation route should be

planned. This is the first phase of navigation.

The charts should be studied in order to plan a safe route. It is very important not to forget to check the weather forecast.

The skipper should have the experience and skill for the trip that is planned. Before leaving the dock, the following checklist should be used:

- Ensure that navigation equipment, charts and publications are serviceable and up-to-date.
- Make sure you have your PCOC.
- Check for gas fumes.
- Make sure there is adequate fuel on board.
- Make sure the electrical system is operational.
- On a PWC and some boats, check that the automatic stop switch lanyard is attached.
- Check that the required safety equipment is stowed in an accessible location.

Items for crew comfort should also be checked, such as cold drinks, food, sunscreen, blankets, etc. Some boaters even carry extra hats.

Both vessel and crew should be checked with the intended use in mind. A voyage offshore requires different equipment and talents from one that will make a 10-minute trip around the bay.

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