

"MUDDY WATERS"

JULY—AUGUST 2018 ISSUE

July and **August** are busy months around KYC with several activities taking place for members and their guests. The **Port-a-hawk** gathering continues to grow in numbers—still a few behind the original *Pottahawk* but growing each year. The **Progressive Party**, an old favourite from years past, appeared to be a great success and hopefully will be continued next year—see the following page for the highlight of the Party.

Karen Connor and **Val Clifford**, members of the **London Power Squadron**, returned to undertake Courtesy Boat Inspections, with those members that participated all receiving their 2018 Safety Sticker.

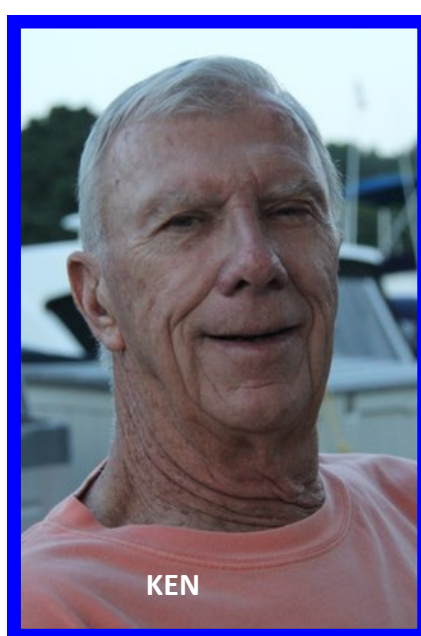
Although Mother Nature provided extremely hot humid weather, the gardens around the club continue to provide a picture perfect setting for events around the club house. High winds and major rains came toward the end of July and moved several docks sideways requiring the barge to be brought back into service, this is when having our own barge and dedicated crew members shows its long term worth to the club.

Thank you to **Dave Courage** and **Mike Blake** for their dedication and past service to the members of the club while serving on the Executive,

Mark Newson has taken on the task of **Rear Commodore** with his first major undertaking the clean-up of the South Yard. **Ken Borkwood** has stepped forward as **Treasurer** to handle the accounting for the club—all the best to these two gentlemen for their help.



MARK



KEN

Several of our members during, the summer months, set out on cruises to other ports and enjoyed other club activities on the USA side of the lake as well as Canadian harbours. If you are planning a trip many of our members can help you with information on cruising to other clubs or marinas in both countries, take advantage of their knowledge. Also remember to take pictures and send them to me with comments on your trip please.

This year saw some major **Capital Expenditures** at the club and the General Meetings to say the least were filled with many questions. In order to give the Executive time to prepare, it is now suggested that questions be presented in writing before the meeting so that the Executive can be well prepared to answer members inquiries.

Although I was away for the annual Port Stanley **"Harbourfest"**, I understand that the boat parade was not as well attended by members of KYC this year or boats in general. The evening fireworks however, were reported to be one of the best in recent years.

The **KANAGIO YACHT CLUB** turned 85 years old In August, with a full membership, financial stability and a summer of fun and friendship.

The club, 85 years later continues to meet its original **"MISSION STATEMENT"**.

- To encourage all phases of boating on Lake Erie and related waterways
- To promote a high standard of skill and seamanship in the handling of craft
- To secure honorable conduct in all activities and competition
- To foster a friendly and co-operative spirit among its members
- To cultivate fraternal relations with other yachting organizations
- To maintain proper facilities for recreation of its members on a non profit basis.



The summer of 2018 sure has gone by fast—is that because I am getting old? My mother who is 102 tells me that the older you get the faster time moves ahead much like a speedometer. Hopefully, with summer coming late it will linger around well into September/October, providing warm temperatures, calm waters and continued activities at KYC. Well it is time to sign off another issue of **Muddy**

Waters, hope you enjoy this issue. **Brian**



For the KYC Members that participated in the **"Progressive Party"** if you missed this display, like I did, you missed the **"Best of the Best Participation Display"**. Donna and I had our own progressive table and unfortunately I didn't make it down to the most southern portion of the club for drinks, food and photographs. *This is a good example of why I would appreciate members sending me photos of club activities please.*

Cindy MacDonald, brought together an old dingy and a lot of imagination and hard work to create the **"Ship Wrecked Bar"**. Congratulations to Cindy for taking the Progressive Party to another level, and we all look forward to next year's event. Thanks to Lynn Oliver for sending me the photo of Cindy and Jules tending the Bar.



IN THIS ISSUE - Look at the **activities** and **Entertainment** coming up in September and October. **"FROM THE BRIDGE"** with Commodore Bill Graves. **Port-A-Hawk** club activity on the water. Power Squadron **Courtesy Boat Inspection**. Club gardens and the **Garden Committee**. High winds and **Dock Damage**—barge fix all. **South yard** overhaul. **Members weekend** cruise to Erieau. Associate members **Gerry and Marggie Boyle** sail off on a new adventure to the east. Look at all the members **new boats** filling the docks. High winds and dock damage. The **South Yard** tackled and rejuvenated. Thanks go out to the **Gas Committee**. Friday night **Pot-Luck**. Long weekend activities, **boat racing, steak dinner** (best steak yet) and live **band on the deck**.

KYC COMING EVENTS—SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Saturday September 1st starts off the *Fall Boating Season* and the second **"Steak Bar-b-que"** event of the year. Head for the hot coals at 6:00 PM and grille your steak just how you like it.

Following the steak dinner will be the **5th Annual Euchre Tournament**. This event is always well attended



and a lot of fun—so be sure to head up to the club house for an evening of fun and laughs. Last years winners enjoyed the competition and the spending money.



On Sunday the 2nd, the annual **Deck Jam featuring "Wrif Wraf"** will take place.

This will be followed by the **Potluck Dinner** in the club house. The dinner always provides a wide range of foods, so bring your favourite dish your appetite and come and join the festivities.



FROM THE BRIDGE



BILL GRAVES

COMMODORE

With a season that started very late due to severe winter weather and conditions in April and May, it's hard to believe that this year's boating is only seven weeks away from dock removal. **Dock removal is scheduled for October 13th and water OFF November 12th.** Exceptionally cold weather may require an earlier shut off date so don't procrastinate on winterizing. Let's all hope for an extended and favorable 2019 season.

After the labour day weekend the parking lot will be marked for boat storage. There will be some changes this year as we are trying to consolidate the boats on cradles to the south yard so that every year we are not struggling with moving cradles out of every corner of the parking lot. The cradles will be positioned and will remain in their storage positions all year. This is a trial this year and we will see how it works out. Of course this will displace some other boats from historical storage spots, but everyone will have suitable storage at the discretion of the Fleet Captain in cooperation with the Rear and several members who have been instrumental in helping with this change. Special thanks to the lift operators for their input. I do ask members to cooperate and not fuss if the Fleet moves your boat it's just winter storage.

In advance of the next General Meeting and election of officers the Secretary has circulated a Bylaw change submitted for the consideration of the membership. The purpose of this change is that the Advisory Board is having difficulty finding members who are interested in Executive positions and who have met the requirements of the Bylaws to be presented for Commodore or other Executive positions. In review we could not rationalize why all other positions are held by elected or acclaimed members until they are replaced or step down, but the Commodore is not to exceed two terms. In the past it may have been in place to avoid a perceived dictatorship. Just to be clear, I (Graves) have no intention to run for Commodore for the 2019 season. I will sit on the Executive and Advisory as Past Commodore and aid the new Commodore in this transition.

Positions on the Executive as you know are volunteer and are much more time consuming than members seem to appreciate. The many past Executives, including those that I have served on since becoming a member in 1999, have all accomplished great things to move the club forward. This Executive at the direction of the Membership was no exception having accomplished self sufficiency through the purchase and equipping of the Dockmaster Barge, saving the on site fuel through working with the Ministry of Weights and Measures and Dowler-Karn to purchase a suitable pump and meet the requirements to dispense fuel, repairing the spring flood damages to our sea wall services and getting our boat power and water in place before launch as well as working with the Electrical inspector to get an inspected and legal solution to providing power to dock boxes, replacing the clubhouse's aging HVAC, and presenting the membership with a financial overview and proposal that will help maintain the financial health of the club for years forward. These examples along with day to day operations and many more accomplishments illustrate the work and pride taken by this Executive in serving the club.

We have harped on the transparency policy this Executive practices with respect to the business of Kanagio, and the danger that "table talk" presents to the health of the morale at this club. The Executive is free with any information requested by the members and is deeply offended by members who seemingly try to stir the pot by making up very divisive stories without ever trying to confirm their theories. In spite of access to information, some members persist in creating and spreading "fake news" items as if fact. This is poison. The tendencies of some members to make uninformed criticisms of the actions of the Executive is unacceptable and contributes directly to members not stepping up. As I have stated at past meetings, the members who serve on the Executive should feel proud and accomplished for the efforts put into KYC's operation. Instead, unwarranted criticisms discourage members interest in participating. Curiously, the culprits never step up to serve on the Executive but are far too quick to criticize. If you have a concern approach a member of the Executive directly, through email, or bring your questions and comments to the General Meetings. I do plan on discussing recent examples in detail at the September General Meeting..

In spite of these concerns I am very proud of the work that was done by this 2017-2018 Executive and the members who stepped up to fill vacancies when required. I am personally pleased to leave the legacy of the dock barge, protection of our fuel dispensing operation, financial plan forward and the many other contributions that have been accomplished with this great team.

The overriding point that I am trying to get across to all of the membership through this editorial, is that this is a great club and membership is a privilege. We have a self sufficient club and non-profit organization that offers all of its members very cost effective recreational boating in a beautiful setting. Members are required to put in work hours and the club depends on capable and willing members stepping up to act on the Executive and our senior experienced members to act on the Advisory Board. I do hope to see others step up to serve on the Executive and encourage everyone to resist "table talk".

Without an Executive this club could not exist. Please step back and consider the consequences of the actions of members who enjoy creating petty issues and respect the efforts of the new Executive in 2019 and those beyond. Focus on the positive efforts and accomplishments of the team and be damn happy someone is willing to do it! We are all here to enjoy the camaraderie, our boats and the great setting offered by KYC.

Sincerely,

Bill Graves

KYC Commodore

2017-2018

PORT-A-HAWK

The weather and water temperature were both perfect for the *Third Annual Port-a-Hawk*.

There were 15 boats lined up along the shore from KYC. Hopefully next year we get more boats to join in.

Rick and Donna Banman cooked hotdogs, while **Linda Pitcher** delivered them, her mandate was 30 minutes or free!



SAFETY INSPECTION

Saturday the 14th was another beautiful sunny (hot and humid) day, with a sprinkle of rain during our second "Power Squadron Courtesy Safety Inspection" Karen Connor and members of the London Power Squadron inspected eleven boats and all successfully completed the inspection and received their 2018 certificate.

One change to the Safety Requirements was noted in that if you have a VHF radio on your craft, you only require half the previous number of flares — this inspection saved some members money! If you do not have the required safety equipment, the fine per occurrence is \$200 – think about that. Last time we had an inspection a member discovered that his PFD's did not function properly, that could have been a disaster.



Ken Borkwood welcomes aboard "**SeaDiamond**" Karen and Val for his safety inspection. Ken is one of those individuals that had just bought 12 flares only to find out that he only needs 6 under the new regulations.

Karen and Val also discuss flares and required safety equipment with **Tony Colvin** in the back of his Sea Ray "**island time**".

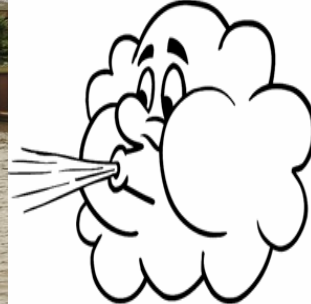


GARDEN COMMITTEE

CONGRATULATIONS AND A THANK YOU TO THE MEMBERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTRACTIVE AREA AROUND THE CLUB HOUSE DECK AND THE FISH POND AREA. A JOB WELL DONE AGAIN THIS YEAR! THANKS TO RICK & DONNA BANMAN; JEFF & CAROL LOCKE; DALE & LINDA PITCHER.



HIGH WIND DAMAGE



NEW BARGE GOT A MID SEASON WORKOUT REPAIRING DOCKS MOVED BY HIGH WINDS AND BOAT MOVEMENT. THANKS TO BARGE TEAM—TYLER, RICKY, DAVE, BRIAN, RICK AND JEREMY FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

SOUTH YARD

We have a new **Rear Commodore—Mark Newsom** and the south yard which went into disarray in early 2018 has been reorganized, foot printed, member numbered, defoliated, graded and graveled. This will provide an organized location for each members equipment and improve the look of the property.



GERRY GOODHUE AND THE “BIG GREEN MACHINE” MAKE LIFTING AND MOVING





GERRY GOODHUE AND THE BIG "GREEN MACHINE" LEVELING OUT THE SOUTH YARD.



READY TO ACCEPT STORAGE AGAIN—LOOKING GOOD

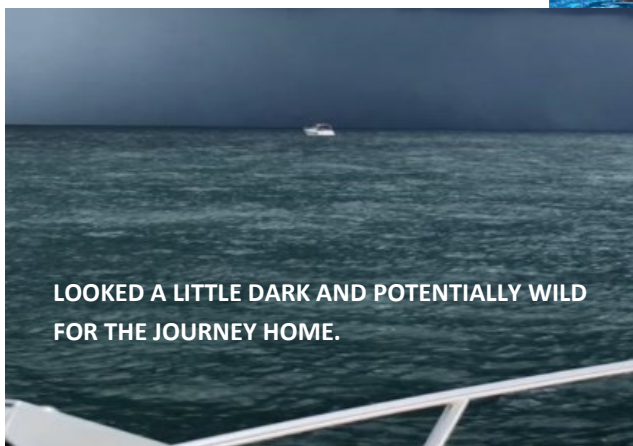


ALL IN A ROW - EASY TO GET AT AND NEAT

MEMBERS CRUISE



KYC Members Rick & Donna Banman and their son Jason, Jeff & Carol Locke, Jim Kozak and Sally Matous, Tom Hooghiem and Wendy Cowie set out for a weekend of fun at the Erieau Marina. The skys did not look good when they left and got even darker for their return trip. However, as seen from the photos provided by Rick all appeared to have a great time.



MEMBER JOURNEY

Former KYC Members **Gerry and Marggie Boyle** who are now Associate Members, set out from KYC for an adventure in their sail boat " *Wind Song*" Gerry will be sending me continuing comments on their trip out east. Hope you enjoy their comments and perhaps someday another member will set out and have a source of information.

Hi Brian and everyone

Thought to send you a note and let you and everyone know how we are making out after 3 weeks of traveling and over 700 miles.

It's difficult to condense everything into a short letter.

We are currently in Tadoussac, Quebec waiting out a front that brought wind gusts up to 35 knots, supposed to die down to 15-20 tonight and we will be off up the Saguenay fjord tomorrow morning at 5:30 to catch the flood tide. Peak tide on an ebb can reach 6 knots so timing is important.

Spent a week in Quebec city, the marina is walking distance to the old part and markets so not hard to take.

Came down through the Bay of Quinte and Thousand Islands and got lots of anchoring in but up here pretty limited so just marina hopping for now.

Coming into Tadoussac was amazing, had to sit and wait about an hour for the Beluga whales to get clear. Getting some pictures that are pretty amazing, got a gopro mounted on our bow rail that should work well if I can master the technology.

We hope everyone is enjoying the summer and getting out on the water. The social stuff at Kanagio is always the best.

Regards for now

Gerry and Marggie



GAS COMMITTEE

MEMBERS BOATS MUST HAVE BEEN ALMOST DRY, BECAUSE THIS HAS BEEN A BANNER YEAR FOR THE TRADING OF FUEL FOR BOATS. WITHOUT THESE DEDICATED MEMBERS TAKING TIME OUT OF THEIR BUSY BOATING SEASON, MANY OF THE BOATS WOULD NOT BE LEAVING DOCK. LED BY CHAIRMAN **JOE POLISAK** THE FOUR MEMBER TEAM HAS DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB OF MEETING THE MEMBERS NEEDS.

LETS ALL THANK THESE INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND A JOB WELL DONE.



TONY COLVIN (LEFT)



STEVE PRENTISE (RIGHT)



KEN BORKWOOD (LEFT)



CLAUDIO MORESSA

AUGUST LONG & HOT WEEKEND



FRIDAY NIGHT 'IMPROMPTU' POT LUCK SUPPER. THANKS FOR ORGANIZING TOM. MAIN DISHES AND DESSERTS EXCELLENT.

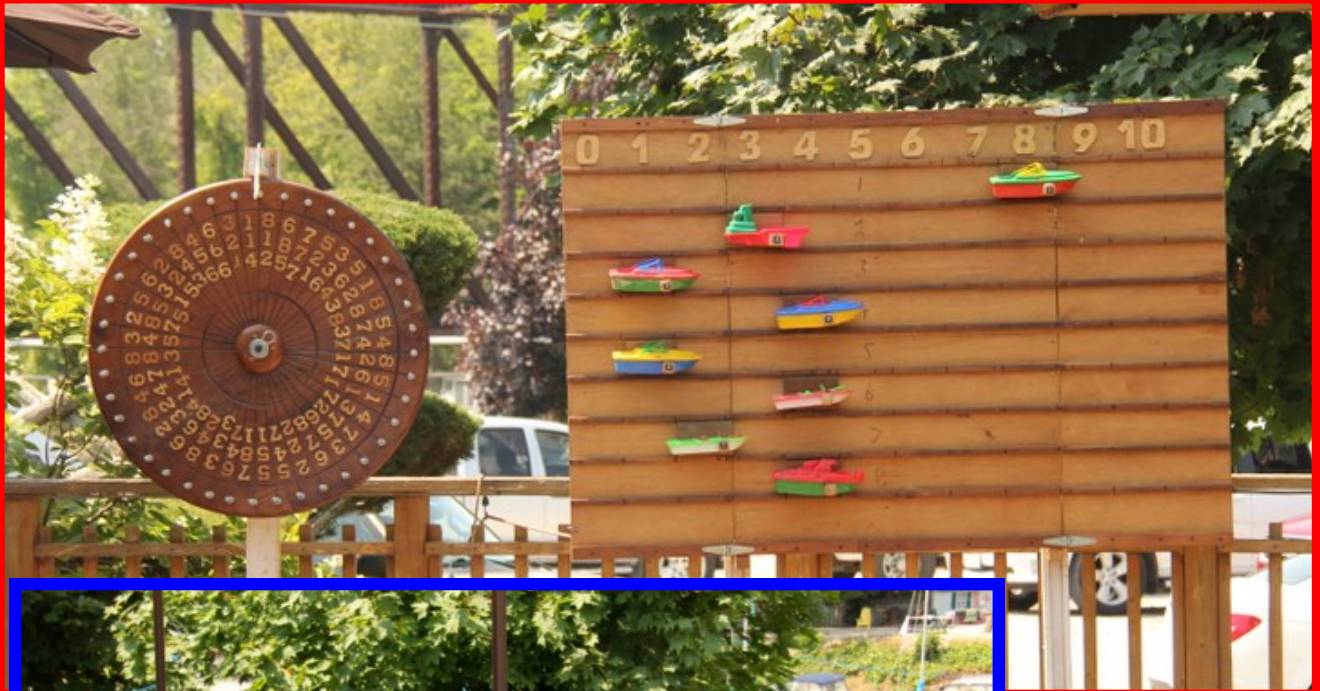
IT WAS ANOTHER HOT DAY WITH EVERYONE LOOKING FOR SHADE!



TOM LOOKING ON



AFTERNOON BOAT RACES



TIME FOR STEAK



MEMBERS



MIKE AND KELLY CAUGHT A FISH & MIKE CLEANED IT.

KEN AND MARY BORKWOOD ANCHORED WITH FRIENDS AND OTHER KYC BOATS OFF THE BEACH ON ANOTHER CALM LAKE ERIE DAY



TYLER IN THE SHADE WHILE A BUNCH OF LOVELY LADIES ENJOY THE CALM, WARM WATER AND SUNSHINE OFF THE BEACH.



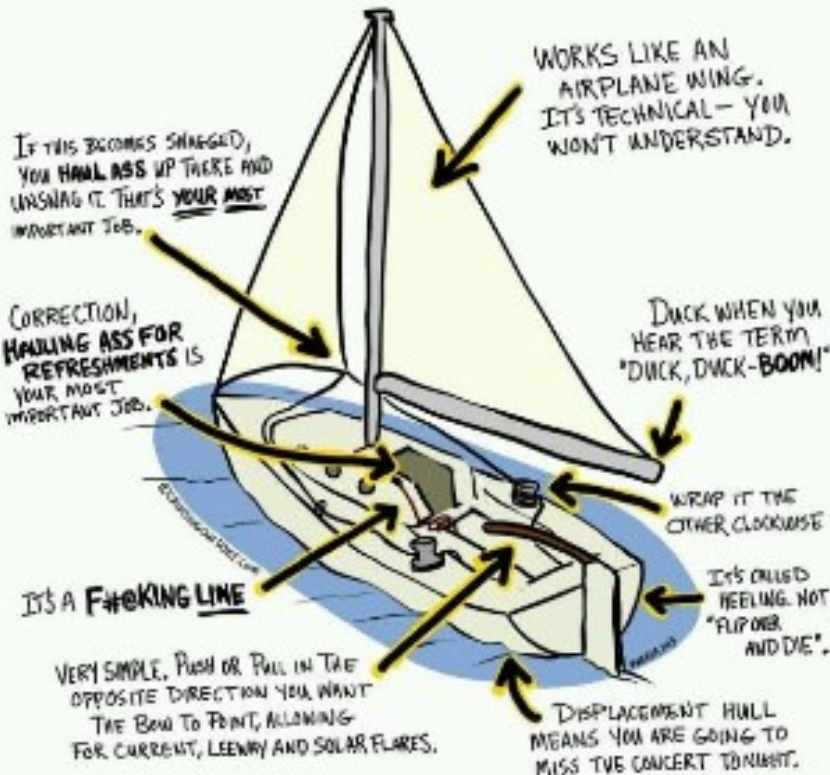


"I know you're new to boating, so I'll give you some friendly advice...the boat goes in the water, not your SUV."

This is a non-political post.
You're welcome.



HOW I EXPLAIN SAILING TO MY GUESTS



I Ordered a Chicken
And An Egg From
Amazon.

I'll Let You Know.

HUSBANDS ARE THE BEST
PEOPLE TO SHARE YOUR
SECRETS WITH.

THEY'LL NEVER TELL
ANYONE BECAUSE THEY
AREN'T EVEN LISTENING.