

"MUDDY WATERS"

KANAGIO YACHT CLUB — JANUARY/FEBRUARY ISSUE

The new Executive has been working hard since taking office getting ready for another exciting 2017 KYC boating season. In addition to the normal Summer Activities at KYC, this year is **Canada's 150th Anniversary** and Port Stanley and KYC are ready to celebrate. See the **Club Activity Schedule** on Page 6 for early details. Please see **Comments from the Bridge** page 2

Coming up on April 2nd is the first **General Meeting** of the year, and in addition to the business of running the club it will include the **DOCK BIDDING** process. Last year there was a lot of confusion, individuals not happy and questions about the process. The new executive and in particular **Fleet Captain KRISTI METCALF** are looking forward to this year making everyone happy with their assigned docks. See page 4 for an overview of the **Dock Bidding Process**, and if you have to bid on a dock come to the meeting prepared to participate according to your docking desire and your seniority.

Karen and Jay CONNOR representing the **London Power Squadron** will be returning on June 2nd to perform **Courtesy Safety Checks** on member boats. Please let me know at knowlesbd@hotmail.com or **sign up in the club house** if you will be participating in this years inspection. Last year we had 25 members or 40% of the club participate, which was good for the first year, however, this year we should see more participation - **KYC is dedicated to safe boating** so sign up soon and make this another successful function provided for free to the club.

In this issue, we introduce you to long time members of KYC—**Scott and Cindy Viner**—see page 7.

This is the second issue in which I have included old pictures of activities at KYC. I hope you enjoy seeing these historic activities. I certainly find them interesting and show how times have changed, yet in some cases remain the same. This winter Donna and I moved our winter home from Lakeland to Sarasota, Florida and have found it to be dominated with boating and water activities. We visited one of the top 25 Marina/Yacht Clubs in North America and where met at the dock by the dock master in full uniform. We attended the *St Petersburg Boat Show* and learned that Florida provides significant aid to the boat industry and purchasers. It was interesting to learn that the maximum tax on any boat is \$18,000 or 6% whichever is the *Least*, which was put in place to curtail purchasers from acquiring boats in zero or reduced tax havens, bringing purchasers back to the USA. We also attended the *Bradenton Riverwalk Festival*, attracting visitors from all over the world. The F1 racing included to participants from Ontario.

I continue to try and get members to participate in "Muddy Waters", however to date with limited success. If you have a story about boating, visiting a boat show, any show, buying or selling a boat that you would like to share, please send it to me for the next issue. I can't believe that with all the pictures taken on cell phones, I-pads, and conventional camera's that no one has any pictures to share with the membership and a story to tell.

All the best at the General Meeting and successful Dock Bidding and see you in the spring.

Brian

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The Newsletter of the Kanagio Yacht Club

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

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KYC—LOCATED AT STAN'S MARINA

DO YOU KNOW WHEN - 19-__?



FROM THE BRIDGE



BILL GRAVES
Commodore

KYC Members,

We are quickly moving toward the 2017 boating season! This past week (mid-February) has been a teaser with the unusually warm weather. I am sure many of us have been at the club checking on our boats and looking longingly at the creek. Don't worry suddenly we will be waxing and bottom coating. Then comes the BBQ!

Your executive team has been busy with the business of our club. Please take note of the following:

Annual Fees:

We have several members in arrears. The bylaws are clear and will be enforced regarding penalties and loss of dock and seniority for members in bad standing with the club. If you are not paid up you will lose your designated dock and it will be offered to other members at dock bidding. If you are in arrears, contact Mike IMMEDIATELY and make arrangements for payment. treasurerkyc@gmail.com

If you are not returning this season, please let us know so we can organize available docks accordingly and invite new members from our waitlist for 2017. Please be courteous to your fellow members.

Work Hours 2017:

We will be using the reporting method started last year on line for work hours. We will also be returning to detailed individual invoices for annual fees. ALL work hours will be submitted by October 31st OR WILL BE LOST. The Treasurer will require this time to issue detailed statements to all members so that payment can be made by November 30th for the following year. kanagiohours@gmail.com

Insurance:

We currently have 20 members who have expired insurance on their boats. Although it is the "off season" valid insurance is required for boats on KYC property. Please make sure your insurance is up to date and send a copy of your renewal to Kristi for the clubs files. Thanks for your cooperation. 123kmetcalf@gmail.com

Key Initiatives

Canada Day Festivities – Lisa Fitzmaurice continues communicating with Elgin County and Port Stanley municipal authorities to get as advanced of information as possible on the planned festivities for Canada's 150th Birthday. We will then be working with Ken Gifford to plan KYC's functions and/or our participation with local plans.

KYC Business Plan – We are working on a questionnaire to collect data and thoughts from all members toward our necessities and desires for our club. Many of the key contributors are snowbirds and we will complete and distribute the questionnaire in time for their return.

Bylaw Revisions – In process.

Executive / Management / Camaraderie – Smooth sailing thus far for the 2017 Executive. We have had a couple of issues based on member concerns and have addressed these issues with the affected parties. Again, it is important to remind everyone that we are **VOLOUNTEERS** when issues arise from the membership, if they warrant action we filter them through the Bylaws and Regulations and seek resolution from the member involved. If you are presented with an issue by a member of the Executive, please understand that you have created a situation that was of concern to your fellow members and that the Executive has acted on the issue based on KYC practices. Should you have concerns, discuss them with the Executive.

Remember, we all want to have a great year. There is some give and take in getting along with your fellow boaters. Let's enjoy our favourite pastimes This is a great club and we have the opportunity have a stress free summer with our friends and family at KYC. A little consideration for others, compromise and understanding will go a long way!

Our next Executive meeting is March 7th. We expect to have more information on the dock installation dates and other issues to report. The Spring General Meeting is April 2nd and includes Dock Bidding. We are trying a new method for this with a magnetic white board mapped out with docks and slip sizes. We have magnetic icons for every member's boat and will simply run through the seniority list and Kristi will place the boats in the open slips. We are hoping this will simplify the process, and after this "try out" if it works well we will make some improvements for future years. Brian has done a great job of clarifying the rules for dock bidding in this edition of Muddy Waters.

All the best, your 2017 Executive,

Bill Graves
Commodore

Dave Courage
Rear Commodore

Ken Gifford
Vice Commodore

Mike Blake
Treasurer

Lynn Sutherland
Secretary

Kristi Metcalf
Fleet Captain

Roy McKinley
Past Commodore

DOCK BIDDING

Dock Bidding is something that up until 2015 was generally a non-issue in April at the first General Meeting of the year. However, between 2015 and 2016 the club welcomed some 17 new members to the club, creating a difficult situation for the Fleet Captain (**Al THIBERT** retired) who was in charge of making everyone happy with the dock assignment. Kudos go out to Al for looking after this very complex procedure. Unfortunately Happy was not always the case and the new **Fleet Captain KRISTI METCALF**, finds herself again with a number of members looking to participate in the Dock Bidding Process as many of the docks had been assigned on a temporary basis. The following is a Question and Answer overview which I trust will aid existing members looking to move, along with recent new members looking to be assigned a permanent dock. I trust this helps make the process a smooth operation and that at the end of the day everyone is happy.



THE FOLLOWING Q & A WILL HOPEFULLY AID IN THE UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THE "DOCK BIDDING" PROCESS WORKS

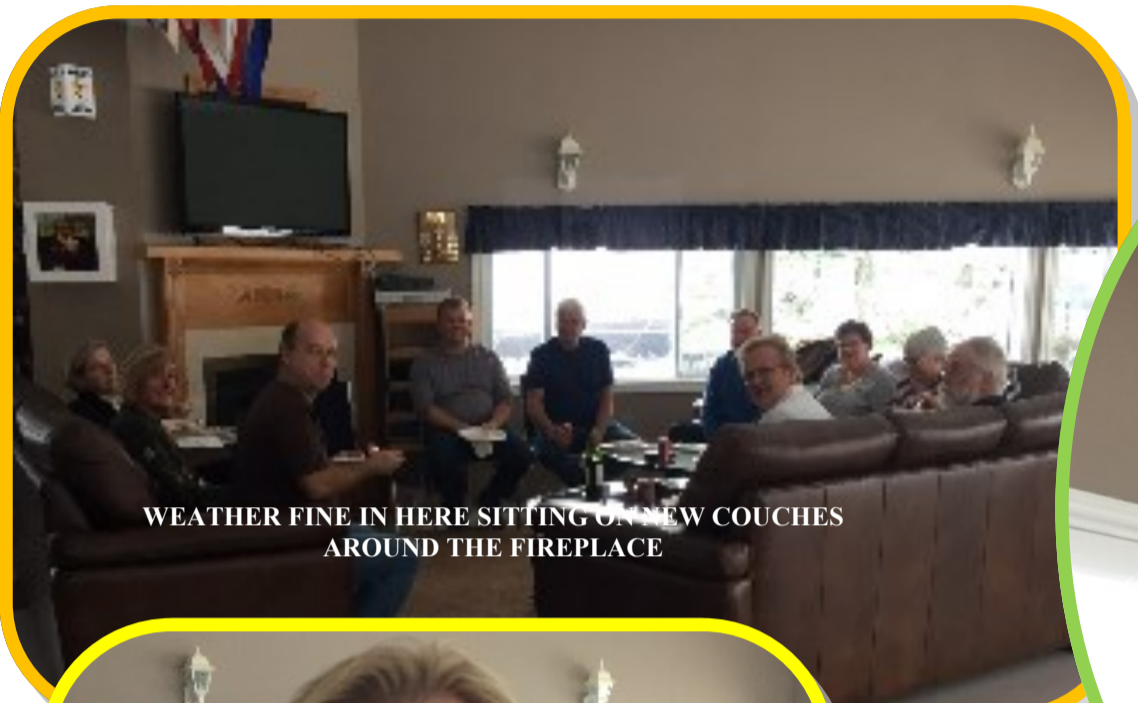
- **HOW DO I KNOW WHICH DOCKS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BID ON?** The Fleet Captain will advise the paid up membership as to which docks are available in the notice of the Spring General Meeting. (Section 3 Rule 3.5b)
- **HOW IS SENIORITY DETERMINED?** This is based on the date on your initial membership cheque. A listing of Seniority has been mailed out to all members.
- **CAN A MEMBER BID BY PROXY?** Yes proxy bids are acceptable. (Rule 3.5d)
- **WHICH DOCKS ARE OPEN FOR BIDDING?** 1) Docks that are vacant because members have left the club, b) docks that were assigned mid-season in the preceding year to new member(s), c) docks left vacant by a full or probationary member who during the dock bidding procedure successfully bids on another dock.
- **WHAT IS THE BIDDING ORDER?** By seniority of membership provided that the size and draft of the member's boat are appropriate to the size of the dock available. (see KYC Rules/Regulations 3.5e)
- **CAN PROBATIONARY MEMBERS BID ON A DOCK?** Yes, at the annual spring dock bidding, in accordance with seniority. A dock thus acquired '*belongs*' to that member until he/she chooses to bid on a different dock.
- **WHAT ABOUT NEW MEMBERS?** Members who join during the boating season are assigned a temporary dock by the Fleet Captain — if a suitable dock is available.
- **DOES THE TEMPORARY DOCK ASSIGNED TO A MEMBER WHO JOINS MID-SEASON 'BELONG' TO THAT MEMBER OR IS THAT DOCK OPEN FOR BIDDING THE FOLLOWING YEAR?** It is open for bidding the following year.
- **WHO HAS THE FINAL SAY?** According to KYC Rules/Regulations, Section 3.5h Dock Bidding and Assignments, the Fleet Captain may assign docks if necessary after completion of dock bidding.



WINTER POTLUCK



TAMMY COURAGE and JOHN AND DONNA have been trying to extend the activity calendar at KYC by organizing Potluck lunches to help get rid of the winter blahs. A few of the members below discussing how great last summer was and the great weather coming for the 2017 boating season!



WEATHER FINE IN HERE SITTING ON NEW COUCHES AROUND THE FIREPLACE



TAMMY BEING TAMMY



ANYONE OUT THERE?



LOTS OF FOOD!



BILL - I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU SAY - "I HAVE MORE HAIR THAN YOU ON MY HEAD AND MY FACE" JOHN



Kanagio Yacht Club 2017 Calendar of Events

Dates, times and events are subject to change

Sunday April 2	9:30 am 10:00 am	Dock bidding General Members Meeting <i>Reminder: to be eligible for full membership probationary members must attend three general members meetings</i>
Early spring		Water turn-on
To Be Determined - April	8:00 am 9:00 am to 3:00 pm 1:00 pm	Dock installation <i>Contact Fleet Captain Kristi Metcalf to join dock crew</i> Clean-up day Hot dogs and hamburgers for all workers
May 19 & 20		KANAGIO SUMMER KICK OFF WEEKEND
Friday May 19	8:00 pm	To Be Determined
Saturday May 20	1:00 pm 6:00 pm 9:00 pm	Flag Raising Ceremony Hot dogs & hamburgers Entertainment – <i>To Be Determined</i>
		
Sunday May 28	10:00 am	General Members <u>Meeting</u>
Saturday June 3 rd	TBD	Power Squadron Boat Inspections Organized by Brian Knowles
June 30 & July 1		CANADA DAY CAN/AM PARTY <i>Invitations/Announcement will be sent to affiliate clubs</i>
Friday June 30	6:00 pm	Hot dogs & hamburgers
Saturday July 1	6:00 pm 9:00pm	Steak Dinner (<i>Prepaid, Guests \$20</i>) Entertainment – <i>To Be Determined</i>
Sunday July 16	10:00 am	General Members Meeting
August 4 & 5		CIVIC HOLIDAY & KYC 84th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Friday August 4	6:00 pm	Hot dogs & hamburgers
Saturday August 5	6:00 pm 9:00 pm	Steak Dinner (<i>Prepaid, Guests \$20</i>) Entertainment – <i>To Be Determined</i>
Saturday August 19	4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Blender Wars Fish Fry & Entertainment – <i>To Be Determined</i>
September 1, 2 & 3		LABOUR DAY – SUMMER'S LAST SHINDIG
Friday September 1	6:00 pm	Hot dogs & hamburgers
Saturday September 2	TBA	3 rd Annual Euchre Tournament (to be confirmed) <i>See Donna Banman for signup</i>
Sunday September 3	1:00 pm 5:30 pm 9:00 pm	Deck Jam Potluck Dinner (Clubhouse) Entertainment on the Patio – <i>Tony Morgan</i>
Sunday September 24th	10:00 am	General Members Meeting
To Be Determined -October	8:00 am	Dock Lift-out
Saturday October 28		Water turn-off
Saturday November 18	TBA	Commodore's Ball (to be confirmed) <i>Kettle Creek Golf and Country Club</i>
Sunday November 26	10:00 am	Annual General Meeting & Election of Officers

INTRODUCING EXISTING AND NEW KYC MEMBERS

This month we introduce a long term and active couple of the club and recognize their support and contributions to KYC over the years. In this issue we recognize — **SCOTT and CINDY VINER**.

When our daughter was born her horoscope read, “The best times in your life will be spent by the water”. I turned to Scott and said... *We don't have a cottage, we don't have a pool... WE...are getting a boat!* Laura was born July 20, 1999...within 3 weeks we bought our boat and officially joined KYC on August 13th of that same year. (Scott's family thought we were crazy!)

In all fairness, there is a prequel to the story... as I had already witnessed firsthand what boating and KYC life looked like through my friendship with Tyler Robertson who introduced me to the club over 25 years ago! He was the one to encourage us to take the plunge (metaphorically of course) and not let having a newborn hinder us from experiencing the boating life! Laura has literally grown up knowing many of the most senior members and benefiting from the sense of community within the club.



Some of the fondest memories I have include hearing Neil Enns sing out Ray Peterson's “*Tell Laura I love her*” lyrics as we passed by. “*Uncle Jerry Goodhue*” who took her on her first “Gator” ride and Joe Polisak who admitted he'd secretly thought our “only child” was destined to be a spoiled brat shared his thoughts years later and complimented us on what a wonderful daughter we had raised – then he broke out his best Tequila!

Scott, who has taken many of the Power and Sail Squadron courses, is definitely the only Captain of our vessel. I claim title of galley slave and tell folks I make a mean Margarita, which seems to suffice. Any further stories regarding my boat piloting skills or lack thereof remain in the vault.

We have a dog (AKA the fur child) but we don't often bring her down to the club with us since we typically spend the day and head back to London. She's a golden retriever (read very hairy and sheddy!)

Our boat is a Sun Runner with a 28-foot haul and we are located at dock 32 the midpoint of the club. When we purchased our boat, it was aptly named “*First Attempt*” so we kept it. Now as we approach 18 years of ownership the name does not really fit but hey, if we should have a bad docking experience it serves as a good excuse for those who don't know better.



Scott and I have both served at the club. Scott held an executive position as secretary for 2 years. He also spent a number of years playing the role of MC at our annual Commodore's Balls. Years ago KYC had a lady's auxiliary and I enthusiastically joined and became Vice President where I helped to organize many club functions and raised funds for the club through the sale of KYC branded merchandise.

We have done some travelling on the lake and experienced the reciprocal hospitality of the clubs on the south side of Lake Erie. We've also experienced Canada's biggest boat party – Pottahawk. As Scott would describe it is not something you want to explain to your children! Rick and Lynn will recall how we managed, in a sea of over 2000 boats, to navigate right beside our fellow boaters to spend the day! Talk about finding a needle in a haystack! So yes we've been there done that!

If I were to sum up my experience at KYC I'd have to say it has been an enriching one. We have made some long lasting friends, hosted some fun filled events, and experienced a lifestyle unknown to many.

When approach the lift bridge and see those people sitting on the shore side with their ice cream looking out with a smile and a wave, you have to pause a moment and realize how blessed we are to be the ones in the boat, playing alongside mother nature on that vast body of water we call Lake Erie. I'm thankful to have been a part of this life experience called boating.

Scott and Cindy



COMMODORE'S BALL 2016

BRADENTON FLORIDA RIVERWALK FESTIVAL



PEIR 22 YACHT CLUB



360 DEGREE FLIP ON A PWC



WATER JET FLYING



WAKE BOARDING



SKI/HYDROFOIL FLYING



ACCIDENT BOAT SINKS



F1 RACING

The annual **Bradenton, Florida Riverwalk Festival** was a great water activity weekend. Donna and I enjoyed a beautiful sunny day enjoying the water activities along with local residents and a significant number of Snow Birds from the northern states and Canada, including two racers from Ontario.

A LITTLE KYC HISTORY

Yachtsmen Preparing For Season At Port Stanley



These photographs from the *London Free Press* in 1938, show YACHTSMEN from the KYC preparing for another Boating Season.

The boats have changed at KYC over the years, with the use of fiberglass - lucky, that boat at the bottom could be another infamous "**KYC WOODY**".

There has certainly been a change of hats to the current baseball style cap, or Tilly style — what will they have on their head in 2097?



Time hasn't changed spring cleaning. It is still "**Rub on Rub off**", however, there is no sign of an electric polisher to help with the task, just a lot of elbow grease.

Dear Don:

The first social event of the year for the Kanagio Yacht Club will take the form of a Smoker in the Clubhouse at Port Stanley Friday evening of this week. There will be a very short business meeting and then we will start "smoking." Some good movies are on the program as well.

WHY NOT COME ALONG? THE TIME IS
8.15 Friday, February 28th.

The Kanagio Yacht Club

CHECK OUT THE INITIATION TO THE FIRST SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR IN 1936.

Invitation indicates that IT WILL BE IN THE FORM OF A "**SMOKER**"!

THERE WILL BE A VERY SHORT BUSINESS MEETING — THEN START SMOKING.

CAN YOU SEE THIS HAPPENING IN 2017 AT KYC.....I MEAN THE SHORT MEETING.

MEETING INVITATION SENT OUT FEBRUARY 1936 - TIMES CERTAINLY HAVE CHANGED

The following information was taken from the most recent up-date of **RHUBLINE—GREAT LAKES SAILING**. THIS IS A GREAT SITE FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN TRAVELLING ON THE GREAT LAKES. GO TO THE FOLLOWING TO ACCESS THE INFORMATION SOURCE FOR GREAT LAKES BOATERS.

www.great-lakes-sailing.com

4. Great Lakes Ice Cover

Usually at this time of the year, we could expect the ice cover on the Great Lakes to be at about 60%. However, this year it is a mere fraction of that - about 8%.

Notwithstanding several recent winters of extensive ice cover, bone-cracking cold temperatures and significant snowfall, the long-term trend has been for warmer temperatures and reduced snowfall. This has implications for us as boaters. Extensive ice cover significantly slows evaporation and heavy snowfalls add to the volume of water in the lakes and in the streams and rivers of the entire Great Lakes basin.

Current ice cover for each lake as at the end of January is:

- > Lake Ontario 1%
- > Lake Erie 1%
- > Lake Huron 15%
- > Lake Michigan 12%
- > Lake Superior 7%

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