



# MUDDY WATERS

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## A GREAT 2015 BOATING SEASON



The year started off with **Vice Commodore Bill Graves** motoring into the harbour with his new front and aft thrusters, and Sally at his side, looking forward to another great summer at the **Kanagio Yacht Club**.

Unfortunately the year started off with the club in a financial position it had not suffered in many years, with membership well below the maximum 62 members. The April 2015 General Meeting was a sombre one with **Treasurer Bill Glover** bringing in a budget based on revenue from only 57 members, slightly above the actual membership at that time and the Treasurer's Report stated "there was no room for capital expenditures, and if unforeseen expenses arise members could be required to cover the cost through an additional levy."

During the year Bill reported that the accounting had been transitioned from Simply Accounting to Quick Books and that more in-depth reports for the executive and the members would be available in the future.

It is with relief that the Treasurer's report at the end of the year will be full of great news — due to the fact that during the summer months the club membership actually grew to more members than docks and we again have a waiting list.

It would appear that *the best kept secret on the Great Lakes* was found out by the boating community with many new members coming to the club. The new members have often been younger, great for the future of the club. However, many of the new members have larger boats — possibly creating another unintended problem for **Fleet Captain—Al Thibert**, who has to provide docks as well as fall storage for all of the boats large and small — good luck Al.

**Dan Hopkins— Rear Commodore** for the past several years, continued to oversee the physical aspects of the club completing a number of maintenance items as well as having the old truck trailer storage structure dismantled by several club members and removed from the site. This not only removed an eye sore from the south storage compound but created new much needed parking.

## MESSAGE FROM COMMADORE ROY McKINLEY

**Commodore Roy McKinley** is coming to the end of his first term and indicated that he is proud of the successful management of the club, it's funds and a "*Healthy Financial Statement*" moving forward into 2016.



As you all know Roy is like the *Energizer Bunny* always on the go whether he is lifting a members boat, maintaining the HVAC, training new members on club equipment or always available to help or advise new or existing members. As commodore one of Roy's goals was to make the operation of the club totally transparent to the membership, a situation which he feels has been accomplished—with all functions providing receipts for expenses, along with a more detailed accounting system allowing the executive and members insight into the financial operation of the club.

Roy along with first mate Debbie has been a hands-on commodore for all club functions, to insure a smooth enjoyable time for members and guests. Roy was available to provide supervision of club repairs and general up keep, making sure that the right skills and knowledge for the project was available for the job.

The winter of 2015 was a trying time for Roy with several members deaths. This involved dealing with one Estate of a member and his existing boat and their missing Sea Doo, the lawyers, along with a member using others key fob and problems with club inventory etc. contributed to extra time spent on club business.

Although Roy may start to talk "*Gaylic*" occasionally, the membership owes him much for what can only be considered his successful year as commodore of the Kanagio Yacht Club.

**BOAT NAMES**— If you see a neat name take a photograph and send it to me. We will publish the photo, hopefully finding some curious, strange and funny names along the way. I saw this one on a



## 6 Tips For Boating With Your Dog — by Galati Yacht Sales

Our four legged friends love going out on the boat almost as much as we do. Our dogs are part of the family and we need to insure that when they are on the water that we are prepared and they are safe. Here are six tips for boating with your dog



**1. Invest in a life jacket.** You may know that your dog is a good swimmer, but depending on conditions such as the current, they could face problems. Life jackets are especially recommended if you have a small dog or one that is not strong. You can purchase a dog life jacket from your local marine store, pet store, or online. Before you purchase a dog life jacket though, you should measure your dog's length, neck, and girth to ensure that you are purchasing the correct size. Once you purchased a doggie life vest be sure to have your dog try it on before you head out on the boat to ensure it fits correctly.

**2. Bring extra water.** The atmosphere out on the boat can be very hot and dry which is conducive to dehydration for dogs. Dogs do not sweat, so keep an eye out for heavy panting and a rapid heart beat. It is important that you take extra fresh water along for your dog and make sure that they have ample water available at all times. Collapsible dog water bowls are a good thing to have when out on the boat with your dog.

**3. Take doggie waste bags or wee-wee pads.** A big challenge of boating with your dog is making provisions so that they can go to the bathroom. If you can make stops to land then you should bring waste bags as a courtesy and pick up your dogs waste. If you are unable to make stops to land then you should train your dog to use wee-wee pads.

**4. Bring a leash.** You never know where you could end up when going out on the boat. So, it is always good to have a leash just in case you end up going to an island that has a leash law, a marina, or a restaurant. It is recommended though that you do not tie your dog to the deck, as it is not safe.

**5. Bring treats for positive reinforcements.** There are times such as docking and anchoring that you really need your dog to be well behaved and out of the way. Something you can do to help them is to give treats to help them to stay put while you are doing these tasks.

**6. Develop a plan in case your dog goes overboard.** While we hope this never happens, if it does you need to be prepared. You should talk to everyone on board so they will be prepared and know exactly what to do.

## A message from Vice Commodore Bill Graves

Now that we have all enjoyed the 2015 Deck Jam our season starts to draw to a close. Soon we will start to see boats take up their storage space in the parking lot and winterizing dominate the activity in the club. We had a great year of events and functions including the addition of the opening function and the classic car show.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members and friends who helped out with this years functions. A very special thanks to the Fish Fry crew who once again did an excellent job of feeding, blendering and entertaining us. It is a lot of work with very little reward except seeing the enjoyment of the members. They are to be commended for another great function.

We have accomplished a lot for the club this season with an unprecedented 13 new members joining and once again a wait list at KYC. The season was not without challenges, most transparent to the membership, but the club is back on financial track and has been fiscally responsible with your dues. Many maintenance and upgrade projects were conducted "under the radar" without disrupting members boating weekends. I am proud to have been part of the 2015 Executive Team and wish you all a safe winter and great boating season in 2016.

Excerpt from e-mail dated September 9th.



**ANOTHER BOATING DAY ON LAKE ERIE—IT WILL TEST YOUR ROUGH WATER SKILLS**

Last Name	First name	Seniority #	Seniority date Y/M/D	Dock #
Gifford	Ken	1	1985.04.21	23
Enns	Neil	2	1987.05.16	48
Robertson	Tyler	3	1988.10.29	55
Fitzmaurice	Shawn	4	1989.05.01	54
Mighton	Dennis	5	1990.05.06	59
Kyle	Barry	6	1991.06.01	60
Goodhue	Gerald	7	1992.07.10	44
Borkwood	Ron	8	1993.08.08	26
Gathercole	Jim	9	1994.07.02	28
Borkwood	Ken	10	1994.08.27	42

The schedule shown above lists the ten members on top of the Seniority List. **Ken Gifford** tops the list with 30 years. Ken has been an active members of the club over the years

**Neil Enns** is in second place, with a total of 28 years. **Neil and Ilona** decided to anchored at the Blue Water Marina in Sarnia in 2014 to see if the grass was greener on the other side. Neil maintained his membership in KYC and returned to the club and all its benefits in 2015.

As mentioned 2015 saw a significant number of new members come to the club. We hope they enjoy the KYC surroundings, social functions, etc. and some day are found at the top of the Seniority List.



**TALL SHIPS VISIT**

## APRIL— KYC CLASSIC CAR DAY

**Ricky Hewitt**, a member since 2007 took on the task of hosting a vintage car show, which was sponsored by "**London City Chrysler and London City Mazda**". Ricky was able to bring a number of cars from London City, including a rare "Hellcat"—boasting some 700+ horsepower.



Ricky had limited time to pull the event together, however, with the help of his car friend, a local promoter of classic car shows, the event was considered a success. The Saturday weather dawned bright and sunny and a number of classic cars from the area showed up to show off their pride and joy, and also take in the grounds and boats located at the Yacht Club.



KYC member **Shawn Fitzmaurice** (left) ( member since 1989) proudly displayed his highly modified Nissan 350z , while **Ralph and Lynn Oliver** (members since 2002) arrived in their new corvette (right).

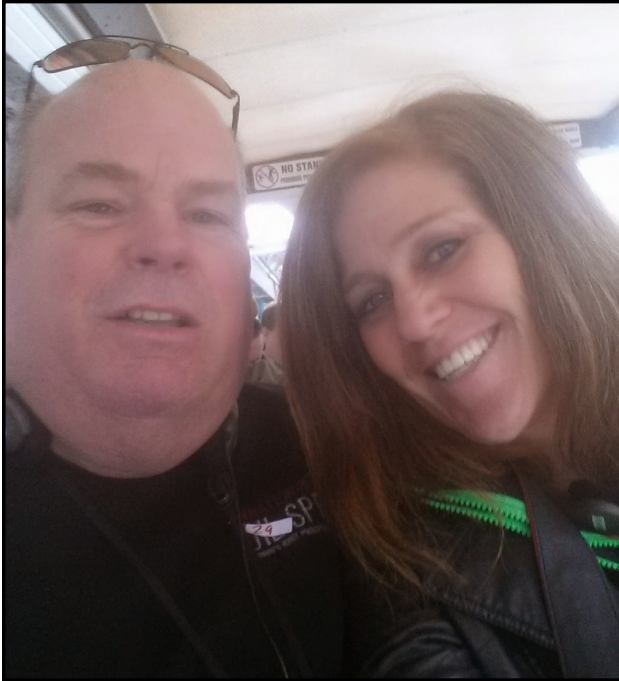


Certainly one of the highlights was the bar-b-qued hamburgers and hot dogs along with a drink provided by **London City Chrysler** and cooked by Ricky and other KYC members.

This was an excellent time for the proud owners of the cars to introduce a boating crew to their weekend past time. Perhaps this can become an early season event which can grow and perhaps raise funds for the club in the future.

Thanks go out to **London City** for their sponsorship and Ricky and his friends for creating another new event and memorable day at the KYC.

## INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS



KYC members welcomed **Jon Foskett and first mate Lori** as new members to the club at the September general meeting. Jon and Lori started boating some five years ago in Port Franks. Originally members of the Port Franks Yacht Club, friends introduced them to KYC during the summer of 2014 and they decided to stay. Jon indicated that they like the location of the club, the Village atmosphere, KYC amenities, and the fact that members made them feel at home.

This summer they acquired "**Living R Dream**" a 1995 Carver 390 aft cabin, providing a home away from home over the summer. They have a miniature Schnauzer named "Misty" who also enjoys time on the boat.

Jon and Lori are looking forward to another great summer in 2016 and the opportunity to travel on Lake Erie, hopefully with members of the club.

## CAMERA SHY

**Steve and Becky Prentice** have been boating some 16 years, and find that boating brings together a lot of folks from different diversities that form good friendships. and are now members of the KYC. Previously members of the Port Franks Yacht Club, they live in the area and enjoy the convenient access to the club and enjoy the small town amenities of Port Stanley.

Their boat "**Seas the Day**" a Silverton 352—39' aft cabin is currently located in dock. Steve will also be remembered for bring the first "Red Neck Swimming Pool—to the club, in the back of his Ford F150.

The Prentice's have a Bouvier named "**Jed**" who also enjoys the club.



**Rear Commodore DAN with his Pal "Maggie" after another hard day**

The job of the **Rear Commodore** is to look after the physical features of the club, those areas beyond the steel walls and the individual slips. This is probably the most taxing and labour intensive position in the club.

**Dan and Erin Hopkins** have been member since April 2007. Dan has been the rear for a total of 6 years, taking one year off. Dan has been instrumental in the completion of a number of positive improvements to the KYC during his many terms, and we are fortunate to have such a hard working individual in our membership.

Dan has one of the hardest assignments trying to keep everyone happy with the operation of the club. He needs to provide work assignments to the members so that they can get their 15 hours of work in before the end of the year. This itself is a major task which often results in hurt feelings along with being part of the team that is charged with making sure members follow the Rules and Regulations of KYC as created by the membership not the Rear.

We should all give Dan a helping hand and applause for his dedication to the club.







It was a beautiful sunny day after the fall general meeting providing time for members to say good-bye for the winter, check on their stored boats, and investigate Ken's new Corvette. Shown in the photo on the left are KYC members **Ralph Oliver, Gerry and Carol Goodhue, Wendy and George Glover** , and **Ken Borkwood**, always happy to show off His new toy.

The photo on the right shows a number of boats being readied for winter, while **Donna Knowles and Lynn Oliver** discuss how much they enjoyed the summer activities at the club and look forward to a warm winter and new adventures in 2016.



Members of the KYC take a walk on the newly renovated "**Port Stanley PIER**",

The \$3 million plus renovation is anticipated to be a new tourist attraction for the community, bringing back memories for many of the older club members as well as the surrounding population.

The continued development along the water way can only be a positive for tourism and the boating population, with the new boat launch ramp.



**LOOKING FOR A NEW BOAT?** You are going to need a Survey for your peace of mind and probably for the insurance company. I found a good site on the web which has a wealth of information, it is **Port Credit Marine Surveys**, which has a section called Survey 101. Below are a couple of examples from the surveying overview. Even if you don't need a survey, many of the comments they make with pictures are good ideas to check into for your existing boat.

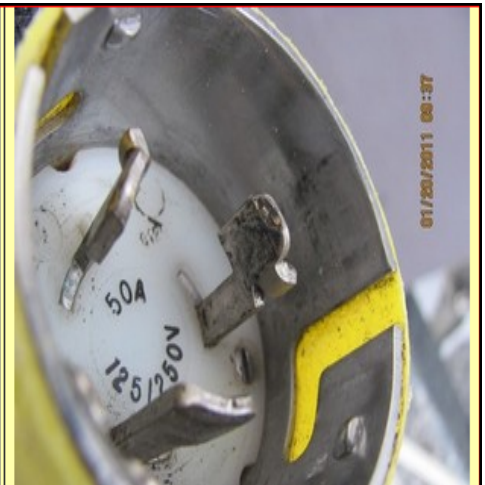
**Don't forget one of the perks of KYC membership is a 10% discount at Stan's Marina if you need parts etc. for your boat.**



#### Next boat .....

Look at the shorepower cord. Is the insulating cover abraded or brittle? If so replace it. See the little weld spots on the contact at right, that is caused by arcing i.e. electricity jumping across a small space, this will generate excessive heat and will melt down at some point..... replace the cord.

Never unplug a cord without opening the main circuit breakers As you wiggle the cord loose arcing will degrade the contact points and send your battery charger into a fit thereby shortening its life.



#### Next boat .....

Hoses - There are few things on a boat more neglected.

I cannot stress this enough ... Squeeze every hose on the boat! The wet spots on the hose at right appeared when I squeezed the hose. I immediately closed the seacock or I'd be dealing with another sinker.

I think its kind of cute that he/she actually had tapered wooden plugs on hand.

PS. wear gloves when squeezing head hoses, then smell the gloves. I changed all my waste hoses to ABS pipe with only 6" hose connections at the toilet and tank. The ABS will last forever and never stink.



**Source—Port Credit Marine Surveys—Port Credit,  
Ontario William Gouk AMS**



Lucky for the **Kanagio Yacht Club (KYC)** and the former **Village of Port Stanley** this member was not accepted by the interviewing or review committee after learning of the size of their boat. It would have created massive crowds and we would not have known what to do with all the money from curious guests!

*Here's a guy with only seconds to live...*



"Did you name it after me,  
like you said you would?"

**WELCOME**

The Kanagio Yacht Club is located in Port Stanley, Ontario, Canada on the north shore of Lake Erie. Port Stanley is a picturesque fishing village located at the mouth of Kettle Creek. It boasts the largest natural harbour on the north shore which accommodates freighters and a large fishing fleet. You can take a scenic train ride, dine in a wide variety of restaurants, relax on the large sand beach enjoying some Mackie's fries or sipping your favourite beverage at GT's, shop in the boutiques, craft shops, art studios and clothing stores, purchase a variety of fresh fish, enjoy an evening at the summer theatre, visit the famous water gardens, or just relax strolling around the quiet village with an ice cream cone in your hand.

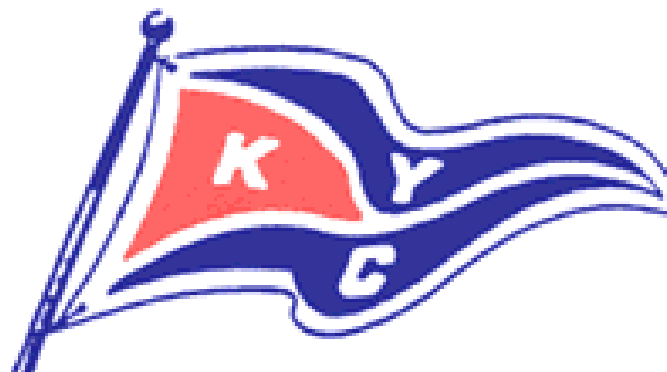
The Kanagio Yacht Club is the last club on your port side before the railroad bridge. Proceed under the lift bridge and around the S-curve in the creek. We can accommodate up to 40' power boats and shallow draft sailboats.

We have a number of events during the year open to all ILYA members, Can-Am rendezvous in late June, CALIPSO weekend over the Civic Holiday in August and The Labour Day deck jam.



**List of Executive Officers 2015**

- Commodore* Roy McKinley
- Vice Commodore* Bill Graves
- Rear Commodore* Dan Hopkins
- Secretary* Pat Mighton
- Treasurer* Bill Glover
- Past Commodore* Wendy Glover
- Fleet Captain* Al Thibert





## KANAGIO YACHT CLUB "MUDDY WATERS"

Do you have an idea for the newsletter please let me know at [knowlesbd@hotmail.com](mailto:knowlesbd@hotmail.com)

- Send me photos and written comment about club activity or special interest functions you think members would be interested in reading about.
- Do you have an article which would be of interest to our boating members, please send it in for next publication.
- Have you been on a boat trip that you would like to share with the membership—send it in. One or two pages with photographs would be appropriate.
- News letter will be sent out by email to membership and available on line at [Kanagio Yacht Club](#) web site, every two months.

The next issue will come out in early 2016, covering the election of club executive, commodores ball and information leading up to Spring Launch. Have a great Christmas, New Years Eve and get ready to have another marvelous boating season in 2016.

**IF YOU TAKE SOME GOOD PHOTOGRAPHS AT THE COM-  
MADORE'S BALL. SEND ME SOME FOR THE NEXT ISSUE**

*Brian Knowles*

**Life is short, Break the rules, Forgive quickly, Kiss slowly, Love Truly,  
Laugh uncontrollably, and never regret anything that made you Smile.**