

"MUDDY WATERS"

2023 AT KYC WAS ANOTHER GREAT YEAR



Celebrating the remarkable milestone of its 90th anniversary, **KANAGIO YACHT CLUB** stands as a testament to enduring evolution. From the relocation of its clubhouse to the noteworthy shift from sail boats to power boats, the club has embraced change over the years. Noteworthy is the transformation in the length of crafts, reflecting the dynamic spirit of the times.

The commitment to maintaining the club as a self-help organization, where members actively contribute their time and effort, is truly commendable. **KANAGIO YACHT CLUB** has not only adapted but excelled, boasting one of the finest facilities on the north side of Lake Erie. Impressively, this achievement has been accomplished while ensuring that membership costs remain competitive with other esteemed yacht clubs.

Reflecting on the rich history of the club, it's inspiring to envision more years ahead filled with enjoyable boating and socializing at Kanagio. The recent success of **KANAGIO YACHT CLUB** is evident in the flourishing experiences of its members throughout the past year.

The commencement of the 2023 boating season saw the successful dredging of dock areas and the traditional raising of the flags. Diverse functions enriched the club calendar, featuring a new Italian Dinner, perennially popular steak barbecues, and a delightful morning brunch. The annual Dinghy Poker Run continued to captivate, with enthusiastic participation from the majority of members.

The utilization of the club house by individual members has experienced a surge in popularity, underscoring the sense of community fostered by **KANAGIO YACHT CLUB**. Notably, the Executive introduced a member survey, garnering an impressive 86% participation rate. The insights gathered will prove invaluable in guiding the Executive as they navigate into 2024.

As **KANAGIO YACHT CLUB** basks in the glory of its achievements, it's clear that the spirit of camaraderie, coupled with a commitment to excellence, will propel the club toward even greater success in the years to come. Cheers to a legacy of seafaring adventures and shared moments at **KANAGIO!**

IMPORTANT REMINDERS GOING INTO 2024

- Volunteer members serve as travel lift operators and fuel committee members. **If fuel is needed, please pre-book** with the designated person on the schedule.
- **Advance notice is crucial when requesting travel lift services.** Contact lift operators well in advance, providing at least a week's notice to arrange a mutually agreeable time and date.
- **Only member boats in good standing with the club will be lifted.** Ensure that insurance is up to date with the Fleet Captain, and accounts are current regarding dues, penalties, or initiation payments.
- **The Fleet Captain maintains the NO LIFT list,** beyond the control of lift operators. If your name appears on the list after arranging a lift in advance, there is ample time to resolve issues with the Fleet and Treasurer as necessary.
- Upon being lifted, it is expected that the next task is to clean up and store stands and blocking.
- **Cradles must be stored as directed by the Rear and Fleet as soon as the boat is launched,** a responsibility managed by tractors and hand carts, not travel lift operators.
- All shrink wrap must be taken to the designated area and prepared for collection by the recycling company. NO SHRINK WRAP is allowed in the garbage bin. Appliances are also prohibited and are the member's responsibility to dispose of OFF SITE.
- **Recycled/used oil should be deposited in the tank at the South yard.** Only oil is allowed; no other fluids.
- **The South Yard is designated for the neat and tidy storage of winter storage materials.** It is not for miscellaneous items; spare boxes, tables, and other belongings are not allowed.
- **Tractors will be stored in the garage.** Trailers and the Honey Wagon can be stored outside, keeping the garage open for maintenance projects when the space beside the garage is available.
- **Manage helpers and guests responsibly,** from allowing their entry, signing them in per the bylaws, directing them to a guest parking area, to being accountable for their conduct.
- **Do not share your key fob.** These guidelines are common-sense reminders based on frequent feedback. Please review and understand your responsibilities under the bylaws and regulations of KYC, considering the law, fellow members, and joint liabilities.
- **Member visitors are not allowed to bring dogs onto the site.** Members with dogs please respect your neighbours and for sure clean up after your dog, the geese and bad enough.



DREDGING

The increasing silting along the members' slips had reached a critical point, necessitating the club's decision to undertake dredging of the creek. Given the limited options for contractors experienced in handling such tasks on Kettle Creek, a local firm was chosen for the job. Remarkably, they not only completed the assignment in a remarkably short time but also left the site in excellent condition. This marked a significant improvement over the last dredging effort, and the costs came in well below the initial estimates.

As the boats were launched into the water in spring, there was a noticeable difference – ample water under the hulls and propellers, bringing satisfaction to all members. This successful dredging project not only addressed the immediate issue of silting but also showcased the club's commitment to efficient management of its facilities for the benefit of all.



CLEAN UP DAY

Sunday April 23th and it is cold, dreary and the boats are for the most part still covered in plastic, waiting for the warm weather to show up. However, it is time to clean up the parklike setting at Kanagio and get ready for the 2023 Boating Season. Dressed for the weather members gathered around for a hot dog and a drink and talk about what was to come.



DOCK INSTALLATION

Fleet Captain **ADAM BARTON** in his first year was given significant new challenges with the club undertaking dredging of the dock areas, a number of new members requiring dockage and existing members acquiring new and larger boats.

We extend our gratitude to the **Dock Installation Crew** for their resilience in facing the cold and navigating potential hazards associated with their task. Special recognition goes to **Mike Weaver**, who leads the crew, ensuring the safety of everyone involved.

Our heartfelt thanks also go to **Carl Lee, Rick Huisman, Rick Sutherland, Jeff Wallace, and Murray MacDonald**, whose collective efforts contribute significantly to preparing Kanagio for a summer of boating.



BOAT INSPECTION

The **London Chapter** of the **Canadian Power Squadron** attended at the club on June 20th to undertake a Free Equipment Safety Inspection of members boats. Upon successful completion of the inspection members were given a certificate and sticker which is then displayed on their boat for all to see.

Thanks go out to KYC member **Brian Butler** for Co-ordinating the event. KYC member **Carl Lee** along with member of the Power Squadron **Barry Kay, Karen Conner** and **Bev Miatello** undertook the inspections. The squadron also provided participants with lunch which was cooked with **Commander Alice Barata** and **Nick Barata**. Our thanks go out to the London Chapter and we look forward to seeing them again in 2024.





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Mike Kingswood, Brian Butler, Sherry Kingswood, and Dave Tippet, members of KANAGIO, successfully underwent the Canadian Power Squadron Free Equipment Inspection, securing the 2023 Inspection Sticker. Special appreciation goes to **Karen Conner** and **Bev Miatello** (pictured), fellow Squadron Members, for their assistance during the inspection and for providing valuable insights into boating safety requirements for our members. Thank you for your support!

ITALIAN DINNER

The first event of the year marked a unique blend of culinary innovation and venue transformation. The clubhouse underwent a metamorphosis to mirror the ambiance of a restaurant, featuring an exclusive menu focused on Spaghetti and Lasagna. This gathering operated on a pay-for basis, achieving financial equilibrium thanks to the committed members who invested not only in the days leading up to the event but also worked tirelessly throughout the entire Saturday to ensure its success.

Neil Enns, in collaboration with **Ilona**, took the lead in coordinating the function and skillfully crafted the delectable sauce for the spaghetti. Tables adorned with carefully chosen decorations provided a charming backdrop for members and friends to come together, savor the delicious meal and desserts, and partake in socializing. The libations, including specially crafted Red and White Wine by KYC Members **Brad and Maurica Ryan**, the proprietors of Ryan's Cellar, added an extra touch of sophistication.

The triumph of the event was the result of a collective effort, with special acknowledgment to members such as **Michael and Sherry Kingswood, Tony and Carolyn Theunissen, Mark and Lisa Gardner, Susi Hodgins, Dale Pitcher, Kelly Blake, Ken and Cindy Saunders, Jeff Locke, and Rich Banman**. Their invaluable contributions not only enhanced the success of the event but also earned them significant work hours in the process.









Member **Neil Enns** pulls the ticket for the 50/50 draw along with Vice Commodore **Brian Knowles**. Member **Carolyn Theunissen** was the lucky winner.



The restaurant set-up for the club house proved a success and everyone enjoyed a great meal and an opportunity to socialize with old friends.

STEAK BAR-B-QUE



The inaugural Paid Club Event of the year took place with the July 1st Steak Barbecue. Attendees, comprising both members and guests, indulged in a delectable 10-ounce Striploin, complemented by baked potatoes, salad, rolls, and delightful desserts. The unique twist to this event was that members and guests had the chance to personally grill their steaks to perfection—ideally tailored to their preferences. This event marked the kickoff of paid functions for the year, consistently attracting an outstanding turnout.

The clubhouse was once again transformed into a restaurant-style setting, providing members with the enjoyable opportunity to gather with members and guests, savor a superb meal, and relish the atmosphere.





CALIPSO FESTIVAL

August saw the annual **Port Stanley Calipso Festivale** take place and several of Kan-agio members participated in the boat parade. Members gathered to create an historic presentation creating a floating **Port Stanley Terminal Rail** train.

KYC Members **Dale and Linda Pitcher** and their crew captured the first place prize for the best decorated boat in the parade. The theme of the boat was presentation of YMCA performed by the Village People.





DALE AND LINDA PITCHER'S winning "VILLAGE PEOPLE" themed boat, singing "YMCA" down the Kettle Creek.

KYC Members in the Port Stanlet Rail Road train hauling the load. Commodore Rich Banman and family cruising along in the white ballooned entry. A fun time was had by all and a large group of spectators on land enjoyed the parade on a very nice summer day.





KANAGIO WAS WELL REPRESENTED IN THE PARADE AND MEMBER **DALE PITCHER** AND HIS CREW TOOK FIRST PLACE FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW.



Commodore Rick Banman presented the Port Stanley food bank with a cheque from Kanagio from the Annual Donna Knowles Dinghy Poker Run.

COMMODORES BALL

The 2023 Commodores Ball, a prestigious event held in honor of the esteemed KYC 2023 Commodore, **Mr. Rick Banman, and Lady Donna Banman**, unfolded with grandeur at the enchanting *"Caso Station"* in St. Thomas on the memorable evening of November 18th.

The banquet was orchestrated flawlessly by **Kathy's Catering**, renowned for their culinary mastery. Departing from tradition, the historic beef meal was transformed into a delectable Buffet Dinner, featuring an array of sumptuous dishes. Guests indulged in succulent Roasted Turkey paired with savory stuffing and rich gravy, complemented by the tangy sweetness of cranberries. Side offerings included creamy mashed potatoes, refreshing cabbage salad, and vibrant beet and carrot salad, all topped off with a refreshing Mixed Greens Salad.

The culinary delights didn't end there. Dessert was a delightful affair, with the tantalizing Sticky Toffee Pudding stealing the spotlight. A fresh fruit platter added a burst of freshness, while coffee and tea provided the perfect conclusion to the gastronomic journey.

Following the formalities and speeches that paid tribute to Mr. Rick Banman and Lady Donna Banman's remarkable contributions, guests were treated to captivating entertainment by [insert name of entertainer or group]. With their electrifying performance, they set the stage alive with music and laughter, ensuring an unforgettable evening for all in attendance.

As the night unfolded, laughter echoed and glasses clinked in celebration of camaraderie and achievement. The 2023 Commodores Ball proved to be a fitting tribute to Mr. Rick Banman and Lady Donna Banman, honoring their dedication and leadership with elegance and style. It was a night to remember, filled with warmth, camaraderie, and the joy of shared moments that will be cherished for years to come.



REX RAND AWARD BOB ASHCROFT

A standout moment of the evening unfolds during the presentation of the prestigious **REX RAND AWARD**, an honor bestowed upon a dedicated Kanagio Yacht Club member(s) for their invaluable contributions to the club's success. In this instance, it recognizes tireless efforts in rectifying damaged electrical equipment along the docks and repairing the access gate. With great pride, Bob emerges as the deserving recipient of this accolade at the Commodores Ball.

Bob has been a member of KYC since July 2005. During this time period Bob has always been prepared to offer a helping hand with projects around the club.



Congratulations Bob from all of your friends at Kanagio. Well deserved boat and Bob can be found at dock 43.







A fun time was had by all. Pretty ladies all dressed up and gentlemen being gentlemen.

NEW YEARS EVE



A fun time was had by all at the first KYC New Years party. Happy New Year and looking forward to a great 2024 boating season.



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