

"MUDDY WATERS"

KANAGIO YACHT CLUB — July/August 2019 ISSUE



With the exception of **Uncle Ted** (from Fairport) it has been a long time since KYC has been visited by so many travelling yacht club members, particularly from an American Yacht Club. The August long weekend KYC steak bar -b-que saw the arrival of 11 boats from the **Riverside Yacht Club** and 25 members most shown above. The **Commodore** told me that it had been some time since their club had travelled to KYC and it was suggested that they make the trip, never thinking that as many boats would come over for the weekend. Although some rough water was experienced when they left, calm seas prevailed on the Canadian side. With a little shifting of some of our member boats, **Fleet Captain Rick Banman** and **Past Commodore Rick Metcalf** were able to welcome everyone and provided them with reciprocal docking. We trust that they had a fun time while visiting and that we will see them again in the near future.

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It is with deep sadness that we bid farewell to Dan Hopkins. Dan was certainly one of the longest serving Rear Commodores at Kanagio. Dan will be missed. Dan and Erin joined the club in April 2007 and over his many years as REAR was instrumental in a significant number of the repairs to the club infrastructure and directing new projects. Trust you are now at peace and out on the lake looking to catch the big one Dan.

Hopkins, Daniel Roy

August 29th, 2019

Peacefully at home, on Thursday, August 29, 2019, Mr. Dan Hopkins of Ailsa Craig, in his 67th year. Loving husband of Erin. Beloved father of Sandy Hopkins and Richard Falagario. Proud Grandpa of Kaleb. Sadly missed by his brothers Rick (Sue) and Bob (Marybeth), and sisters-in-law Kelly Anderson and Jan Anderson. Predeceased by his son Michael; parents Alan and Alena Hopkins; and brother-in-law Allan Anderson. A Celebration of Dan's life will be held at **WESTVIEW FUNERAL CHAPEL**, 700 Wonderland Road North, London, on Sunday, September 8, 2019 from 2:00 ~ 4:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to make a donation in memory of Dan are asked to consider ALS Canada, the Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada or a charity of their choice.



JULY and **AUGUST,** as usual, were very busy months around Kanagio. The weather for the most part was above average, providing us with sunny skies, unusually calm and clear waters allowing for fun with our fellow members, family and friends. The club house **Log Book**, I don't think, has ever been used so often. Fleet Captain **Rick Banman** was kept busy welcoming visitors from a number of ports including a convoy from the USA.

In this issue **Commodore Bill Graves—From the Bridge** confirms that we have had a reasonable year from the perspective of the Executive with only a few issues with and between members. The most frustrating issues have been with guests and guest parking and provides guidance for the future. The Commodore also provides some guidance for the incoming Commodore — After three years as Commodore I am very satisfied with the accomplishments of this executive. I would recommend the next Commodore limit him/her self to 2 years

We started off July with a rousing night of Karaoke led by **Jeannette Mansell**, and supported by her husband **Craig** along with several members and guests. There were the individual singers, the group singers and a fun audience. A lot of fun was had and it is hoped Jeannette will bring her equipment back.

The following event **Port-a-hawk**, continues to grow with several members gathering just east of Little Beach for the day.

The **July General Meeting** was well attended by members, probationary members and three probationary couples who were welcomed into the club as full members. Executive reports were tabled and a request was made for members to step forward to replace the positions being vacated by long time member and past Commodore **Joe Polisak**, who is retiring from boating. The meeting came to an early conclusion.

The August long weekend saw a flotilla of member boats head out of the harbour for a final farewell to member **Tom Hooghiem** who passed away way too soon.

Kanagio welcomed the visiting members from the **Riverside Yacht Club** (front page). Needing additional space Rick was able to dock two of our members boats at **Killins Marina**. Fleet Captain **Rick Banman**, was pleased that Killins allowed him to do that, and we sent out a thank you from the KYC membership as well as RYC.

Rick received the following email from one of the Riverside members.



Subject: KYC's Steak Roast

I am one of the Riverside Yacht Club members who you hosted last weekend.

Everyone had a great time visiting your club. Please thank all of your members for their show of hospitality to us. You made us feel very welcome and we look forward to returning next year.

We welcome you to visit our club and allow us to return your hospitality.

*Thank you again. **Fred Eichenlaub***



Ted and Sue Makse enjoying a sunny day at KYC

Uncle Ted Makse and his wife **Sue** arrived at the club for the 31st year to have fun, see their old friend **Metzi (Rick Metcalf)** and attend the August Steak Dinner. Ted sent me this note :

"We love your club. People are so good to us and we plan this same trip every year as a top priority. Have seen so many members come and go and still keep in touch with members that have left the club. Always CALIPSO weekend. Have come to fish fry instead once and another when I got the weekend mixed up. Still members accommodated us.

See you again next year. And remember your club will always be welcome to FHYC"

Members **Ralph Oliver** and **Brian Knowles**, decided that it had been too long since the last **KYC Dinghy Poker Run** and with the increased number of dinghies at the club, decided it was time for another run. The call went out for Poker Players and the response was more than we could have imagined. The day dawned perfect, with the sun shining, the water warm and the lake calm. A great afternoon was had by all, and hopefully this event can become an annual favourite at KYC.



The month of August ended with the Long weekend Annual Pot Luck dinner. The club provided the ham and corn. The **"Geoff Masse Band"** entertained in the afternoon.

It is sad to see the Summer coming to an end. However I would say, and I'm sure all would agree, that July and August were great months around the club, for boating (warm, calm waters), entertainment (good food, good bands and club activities) and fun in general.



This is the longest **Muddy Waters** to date. I had fun putting it together and hope you enjoy this issue.

Brian





FROM THE BRIDGE

By Commodore BILL GRAVES



Here we are past Labour Day and starting to wind down the all too short 2019 season. Within the next week the Fleet Captain will begin to mark storage spots in the parking lot and some boats will start to hit the hard for winterization and storage for the winter.

We have had a reasonable year from the perspective of the Executive with only a few issues with and between members. The most frustrating issues have been with guests and guest parking. As a result of members lining up to complain about where guests have parked I personally had a verbal dispute with a member over this issue. Due to this, I reviewed no less than 20 Canadian and US Yacht Clubs to determine how our rules stand compared to other clubs.

Typical rules, either within the bylaws or as regulations at other clubs included:

- Only full members may invite guests to the club
- Members must accompany guests on club property at all times
- Guests shall not park in member parking
- Guest must sign in at front desk / clubhouse
- Members are responsible for guest conduct
- Guest visits limited to 3 times per year
- Executive may limit any guest visits per year
- Guests will be limited if creating a nuisance, abusing guest policy or through excessive visits
- Members limited to 6 guests at any time
- Members are allow one guest vehicle on property parked in designated area
- Guest fees of \$15.00 per visit for use of club facilities
- Member is responsible for damage caused by guest
- Attempts to circumvent guest rules will result in the Member being disciplined
- There are many variations on these rules at various clubs.

It was clear that we are one of the most accommodating clubs with rules regarding our guests. We have less restrictions than most other clubs reviewed and yet our membership seems to struggle with the few rules regarding guests at KYC. Our rules require that we meet our guests at the gate and have them sign in at the clubhouse. We installed a phone system that would allow opening the gate from the pole phones, but we should still direct the guest to the clubhouse to sign in. Directing your guest as to where to park would also save a great deal of conflict.

Most members, when being interviewed, are interested in the club because it is a private club with a reasonable expectation of security. KYC members understand that this is not a marina, and as such our guests are invited and supervised by the associated member. Guests should not "sneak" through the gate behind a member vehicle. If your desire is to have strangers wandering on the property and having access to our boats, join a marina. Guests must respect that this is a private club.

I nor this executive are promoting becoming as stringent as many clubs are, however, we do need to adhere to our bylaws, rules and regulations. We all accepted them when we joined the club. If we as full members disagree with a bylaw or regulation, there is a process in the bylaws for change. Don't complain, propose a solution. If the membership votes in favour of change it will be, but if voted down you are expected to accept that democratic result.

After three years as Commodore I am very satisfied with the accomplishments of this executive. I would recommend the next Commodore limit him/her self to 2 years. I will comment more before November's election on the success that we have had as an Executive and trust that we can close this term without any further social issues. From a business perspective, the club is being passed on to the new lead in good health and positioned for success going forward. That was the goal!

Best regards,

Bill Graves

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KARAOKE NIGHT

Members **Craig & Jeannette Mansell** brought their amazing sound equipment to the club for a rousing night of music and fun .

Jeannette has a very good voice and started the night off entertaining those in attendance. Not sure whether it was the wine, beer or just a desire to entertain, but soon many in the crowd decided it was time to perform.

Rick Banman was ready to dance and later moved on to singing and dancing. Probably the highlight of the night was between guest **Val Posthumus** and her performances, including a special *kiss my cheek* rendition, followed by new member **Dave Tippett**, who really got the crowd cheering with his slightly *Newfie* tone in his voice and his desire to perform many old and new songs. The night ended with a number of group songs followed by Jeannette performing the last song. A great night was had by all and it is anticipated that this will become a favourite in the future.

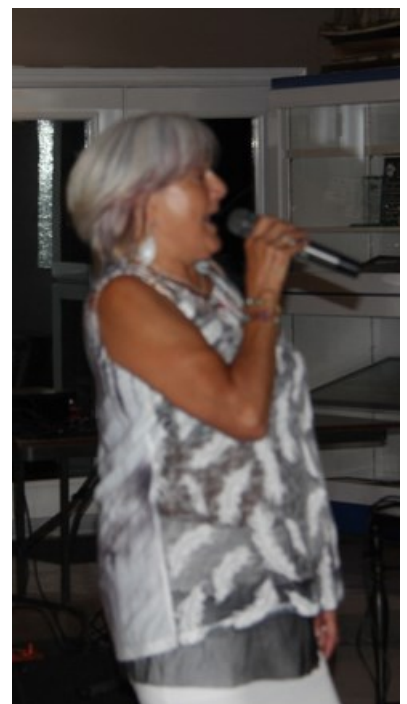




RICK BANMAN—lets just dance!



RICKY HEWITT—back from last time.



VAL Posthumus - "KISS MY CHEEK"



DAVE TIPPETT—I WAS A NEWFIE ROCK STAR—HONEST. GAVE IT UP TO GO FLYING.



MARISSA TIPPETT—"IS THAT REALLY MY DAVE?????"



DALE CROONES IT OUT



VAL, DALE, DAVE AND RICK HAVE A SHOUT OUT



AUDIENCE GOES WILD!!!!



GROUP SINGING TO END THE NIGHT

GENERAL MEETING

The July 21st General Meeting was called to order by **Commodore Bill Graves** at 10 AM. There was an excellent member turnout, with 25 full members in attendance along with 11 Probationary Members. This provides some idea of the changing make-up of the membership, and most of the new members are young, strong and able to do the heavy lifting—Ha Ha. Three new probationary members were voted into full membership and Commodore Graves presented each with a club burgee. Congratulations to the new members and hope you enjoy a long and fun filled time at KYC.

The various executives presented their reports with the majority of the reports upbeat. A well deserved thank-you was given to **Sally Matous** for the great food and catering. **Rear Commodore Dave Courage** indicated that the problems with the wi fi are on the providers side and a complaint has been filed. A reminder to all that the equipment is expensive to repair and should be utilized properly and put away properly. **Fleet Captain Rick Banman** reported that we are full plus one, and asked that members provide updated insurance certificates. **Membership Chair Kristi Metcalf** introduced two new members **Paul & Laura Ronayne** (#26) and **Jim & Katie Dean** (#47), please help them feel at home.



ARE WE READY? — YES — LET'S GET GOING



Excellent member turn out for the General meeting.



New members voted in at the General Meeting—Left to Right

Dave & Marissa Tippet

Craig & Jeannette Mansell

Murray & Cindy McDonald

SIX WORK HOURS



YES THAT LOOKS LIKE A FULL GROWN 6 BY 6. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Fleet Captain **Rick Banman**, brought together a number of members to move Dock Number 25 up and out of the water. **Rick Huismann** standing on the dock is being aided by members **Ralph Oliver, Dave Tippitt, Rick Banman, Paul Ronayne** and **Dale Pitcher** to raise the dock enough to prevent flooding of the dock during high water periods. Looks to me like a Government job, however, no hard hats!

This idea brought forward by the Fleet Captain has prevented a lot of wet feet and slippery docks — good idea Rick.

FINAL SEND OFF FOR TOM HOOGHIE



"Everyday is a good day"....most members of KYC remember this phrase as Tom's response as to how he was. He didn't just say this, he believed it and lived his life with the attitude of having a good day every day. A gathering of Tom's family and friends took place at the club with a toast being made to Tom before everyone joined his family on a journey out on the lake to celebrate his life. A gathering was held just east of the water inlet and Port Bruce, a favourite fishing and relaxing location of Toms'. Tom had two children, his son TJ with whom Tom is now, and his daughter Jodie and her husband John and their children Cameron and Mason. Tom was a proud and caring father, grandfather (Bubba) and partner who was deeply loved and is remembered with some tears and lots of smiles by his family and friends.





KYC members cruised out to a location enjoyed by Tom during fishing trips between Port Stanley and Port Bruce.



A ceremonial gathering of KYC members in honour of their friend Tom



Best Friend *Metzi*— Rick-Metcalf says goodbye to his friend Tom.



Riding in “*Fixed Income*” for the last time, Tom’s family and friends say their last goodbye.



STEAK BAR-B-QUE & ENTERTAINMENT

Vice Commodore Jim Kozak and **Sally Matous** along with their many helpers brought in another memorable August long weekend bar-b-que and evening entertainment. The steaks were excellent, although the wood burning pit was a ***LITTLE HOT***. We also enjoyed mashed potatoes an item I had not seen at a KYC meal previously, let's try it again, along with excellent corn, salad and rolls. Congratulations to all for a job well done.

After dinner the band "*Do-Overs*" entertained members and guests on the deck.



LONG LINE TO GET TICKETS AND STEAKS



BOY THAT PIT IS HOT, HOT, HOT. WATCH THE HAIR ON YOUR BODY!



**MEMBERS AND GUESTS GATHER
AROUND THE BAR-B-QUES**



TIME TO FILL YOUR PLATE AND SIT DOWN AND EAT





MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS ENJOYING THE LONG WEEKEND



PARKING LOT WAS UNUSUALLY FULL—GREAT FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT AND FUN ALONG WITH GREAT WEATHER BRINGING OUT THE MEMBERS AND GUESTS





**THE BAND "DO -OVERS" ARRIVED FOR THE EVENING
AND ENTERTAINED KYC MEMBERS AND VISITORS**



GOOD CREW ON THE DECK LEAD BY U.S. VISITORS





DINGHY POKER RUN

**BRINGING KYC MEMBERS TOGETHER
FOR A LITTLE FUN, COMRADESHIP, AND
A GOOD SOAKING**

It had been a long time since the last **KYC Dinghy Poker Run**. Interestingly, over the past two maybe three years, a considerable number of the KYC members have purchased dinghies. Not sure why, but it is a cheaper way to get around and have fun on the water, particularly on those days when the wind is out of the south and the lake is rough.

The Poker Run was not meant to be a race, just a cruise between five check points to obtain a playing card, and perhaps along the way, shoot your water cannon or water gun at the competition. **Brian Knowles** and **Ralph Oliver** organized the event and were pleasantly surprised when 16 dinghies registered to participate and some 19 individuals rode in the dinghies and completed the course. It became an international event, with a last minute entry from the USA. We were pleased to report that a total purse of \$190 was raised, with 90% going to the best poker hand and the remaining 10% going to the lowest hand. Everyone was a winner, with a great afternoon being had by all.



HAPPY DINGHY PEOPLE

The dinghies gathered at the club Launch Well at 1 O'clock. The club gathering became International when a USA dingy arrived and signed in. There was a wide range of power plants ranging from a Solar Powered fishing motor (**Morris Munday**), to a 20 Horse Power *flying machine* (**Roy McKinney**), with the majority being the tried and true 9.9 horse power engine.



The engines then revved up and the 16 dinghies headed south down Kettle Creek passing under the King George Bridge to their **First Stop** at the Rescue Garage located on the pier personed by **Tony & Sharon Colvin**.



The **Second Stop** was located on the beach west of the main swimming area and **Kathy McNeil** was in the water giving out cards and getting an occasional spraying.



Roy, in his high powered dinghy, was heading for the third station, while Morris was just barely leaving station number one—he was however, saving the planet. The American team ran out of gas leaving station number 2, however, had brought additional supplies, filled the tank and moved on to Station 3.

Arriving at **Station 3**, **Neil Enns & Ilona** were anchored and giving out a special treat while **Rick Banman**, steadied the dinghies and presented the card bag for selection. **Val Morgan** required a tow back to port as their dinghy died and she kayaked out to the course.



Station number 4 had **Rick Huismann** waiting in his "*Little Tooter Tug*" passing out cards, while being soaked by water guns. **Joyce** was standing close by taking photographs.

Station Number 5 was located back at the KYC Well, and Tony provided most of the participants with their fifth and final card. Everyone was a little wet, happy to have survived and anxiously waiting to see who had the Best and Worst Hands.

Roy & Debbie set the course speed record and **Morris and Lisa** came home well behind the leaders. Lisa indicated that they will not be saving the plant next time.

After a brief pause in the action, the cards were reviewed and winners selected. The presentation was then made on the deck to thunderous applause. Each participant in the cruise was presented with a bottle of wine from "**Ryans Cel-lar**" and each team won a sponsored gift via random draw.

All of the members and the International Team said they had a great time and hoped that the ***Cruise for Cards—Poker Run*** would be included in next years calendar of events.

Ralph and I had fun organizing the afternoon event and at this point in time look forward to running the "Non-race" Poker Run again next year. If you have any ideas to improve the day and make it more fun let us know.

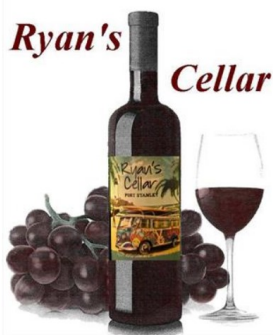


At the end of the afternoon, everyone was a winner, with each participant receiving a bottle of wine from **"Ryan's Cellar"**.

However, there could only be two official winners and these members took home the cash.

Member **Michael Kingswood** came in first with a winning hand consisting of three 9's, collecting the handsome sum of \$171. Congratulations! See you again next year so you can defend your championship.

The lowest hand was recorded by member **Mark Miller** who collected a total purse of \$19. Hope you return next year to challenge for the number one spot.



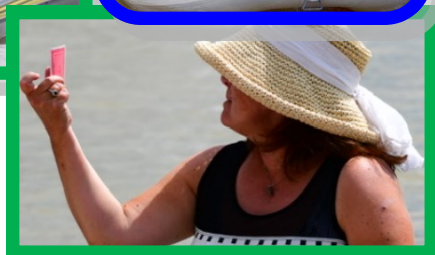
THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS

We were fortunate to have the following individuals donate prizes for the Poker Run. The prizes were randomly drawn for with the rest of the participants all receiving a gift to take away from the fun day. Thank-you for their generous donations:

- **Brad & Maurica Ryan – Ryan's Cellar Wine**
- **Bill & Kayla Carr – Firehouse Subs**
- **Rick & Lynn Sutherland – Bottle of Rum**
- **Jim & Katie Dean – Gift Bags – Office Hamilton Road Legal Centre**
- **Brian & Donna Knowles – Gift Bag**
- **Debbie & Roy McKinley – tea and candle bags**
- **Ralph & Lynn Oliver – gift Bag**
- **Paul & Laura Ronayne— AR clothing**



Thanks also to members and friends **Tony & Sharon, Kathy, Neil & Ilona, Rick & Joyce** for manning the card stations and Joyce for taking a lot of great photographs.



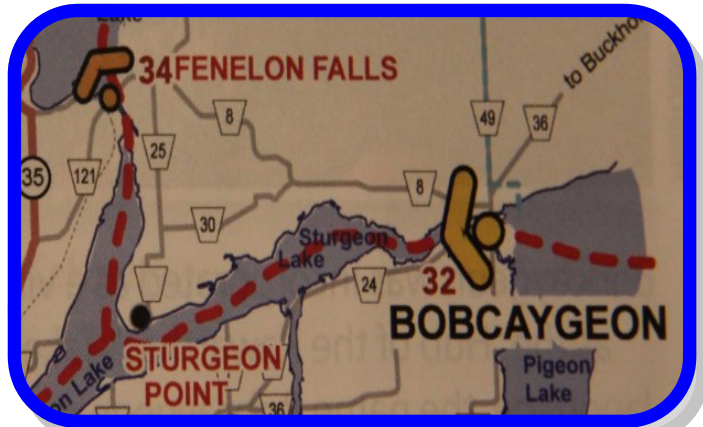
FUN ON THE WATER



EVERYONE IS A WINNER

KYC MEMBERS CRUISE

The cost to move our boats from KYC to the Trent Severn water way would be excessive, both by transportation by flat bed or water passage and the amount of gas needed. So **Ralph and Lynn Oliver** and **Brian and Donna Knowles** decided to take their dinghies and drive to the waterway. This was much cheaper and time sensitive. We left bright and early on a Monday, planning to venture out on the water for four days. We booked accommodations at **Gordon's Yacht Harbour**, in a two level floating boathouse in the town of Bobcaygeon. Lock 32 is located in the town of Bobcaygeon, and Gordon's is a stopping spot for boats looking for overnight accommodations or fuel to continue their trip. This was a great location for us to dock our dinghies and prepare for day trips onto Pigeon Lake to the east and south on Sturgeon Lake to the west and north. While the ladies shopped in the morning Ralph and I sat at the dock and spoke with people basically from all over the world who were doing the **"LOOP"**. Now that is a boat trip!



Leaving London and arriving in Bobcaygeon. Ralph and Lynn guide me down the ramp and into the water at Gordon's.





This was our individual floating accommodations. It consists of two bedrooms, kitchen, living/dining area and two bathrooms. Mornings can be spent sitting on the front deck and swimming off the deck in the crystal clear water.
(Accommodations for the two dinghies)



Talk about calm waters. This was our view looking northwest from the deck. Even when a breeze did come up you could still go boating



View to the north showing the access point to Lock 32. These boats were docking overnight and then waiting to move to the blue line in the morning to continue their journey west along the canal.

The **Great Loop** is a continuous waterway that recreational mariners can travel that includes part of the Atlantic, Gulf Intracoastal Waterways, the **Great Lakes**, Canadian Heritage Canals, and the inland rivers of America's heartland. Anyone who completes the journey is then named an official 'Looper.'





Bobcaygeon, provides a wide range of restaurant accommodations on the water and in the downtown area of the town.



Downtown Bobcaygeon is a very attractive area, with a wide range of shopping and eating establishments, including the world famous "BIGLEYS" department store.



Bobcaygeon is a great boating area, so the second day, we set out to travel east into **Pigeon Lake**. This is a rather large lake providing access to **Buckhorn**, and is surrounded by cottages, homes, mansions and the odd marina. There is really not very much to see from a dinghy and the passage is somewhat slow. Returning to home base, it was time for a swim and then head out for dinner. The big adventure was to be the next day when we tackled Lock 32.

We woke up the next day to another marvelous sunrise and headed to the **Eggsmart** restaurant for breakfast and get ready to tackle Lock 32 and the canal system leading to **Fenelon Falls**. We readied the dinghies for the trip, fueled up and headed for the Blue Line to await our turn to enter the lock. Moving into the lock, we looped our ropes around the guide lines and waited for the lock personnel to greet us and collect the passage fee. The young girl asked if we had a boat number, which we didn't due to the size of the craft and the engine horse power. Without the number, she gave us free passage for both directions—great deal. The water came in and we went up and out of the lock and on our way to Fenelon Falls. The trip is approximately 13 miles one way. It is a picturesque journey with a wide range of cottages, mansions and marinas located on the shores. Coming into Fenelon Falls you are greeted by Lock 34 a much higher elevation than the one we had just left. We docked the dinghies along a free sea wall and headed downtown for lunch. Fenelon Falls is larger and not as attractive as Bobcaygeon, although it is a major stopping point for travelers on the Trent Severn waterway. We took in all the sites of the town and then headed back to Lock 32. It was a very hot day and the waterway was calm for travelling.

I can tell you that travelling a total of approximately 26 miles on the tube of a 10 foot dinghy will provide you with a bad case of **"Dinghy Butt"**.

The weather was perfect for our trip, and the people in the area were very friendly and eager to help with questions or directions.

This was a great way to experience locks and a part of the Trent Severn waterway, without having to move your boat at great expense. If you are interested in doing a trip like this we would be happy to provide you with information or just go ahead and hook up the trailer and head north—stay off 401. **Happy Boating.....**

BOBCAYGEN LOCK NUMBER 32



DONNA WAITING ON THE BLUE LINE TO ENTER LOCK 32



RALPH & LYNN IN THE LOCK WITH HOUSE-BOATS, RUNABOUTS AND LARGE CRUISERS



WATER RISING TO TOP OF THE LOCK



RALPH AND LYNN CRUISING ALONG LAKE



LEAVING THE LOCK HEADING WEST



**LOCK 34 east
entrance**

**THIS IS THE REASON FOR THE LOCKS
AT FENELON FALLS SIGNIFICANT
CHANGE OF ELEVATION.**



Brian & Donna Knowles

Ralph & Lynn Oliver

**If you have a boating adventure you would like to share with the members,
please send me a copy of your story along with some photographs.**

Send to knowlesbd@hotmail.com

KYC HISTORY



KYC CLUB HOUSE YESTERDAY (date ?) AND TODAY 2019

