"MUDDY WATERS"

KANAGIO YACHT CLUB — January/February ISSUE

Boy it certainly has been COLD, WARM and WET! January and February are certainly the worst months for KYC, with few if any activities, boat$ sitting idle in the cold covered only by a thin sheet of plastic, canvas or perhaps naked. Well there are a lucky few of us that are keeping up our tans in the southern portion of the United States, visiting a few — in water boat shows, boat equipment stores and marines dreaming about the coming 2018 season. Many members may have visited one of the largest in-door boat shows in Toronto in January, coming away with new equipment, ideas or even a new boat, each having the same dreams about the Spring and Summer boating season at KYC. Lets hope our dreams whatever they may be come true this year.

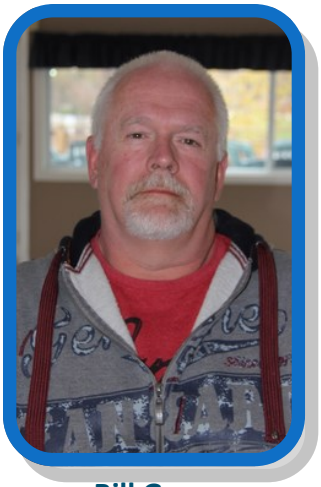
KANAGIO MEMBERS I believe, experienced a *Good* boating season in 2017, not a *Great* one, the club is full with a mixture of long term and new members, the club is Financially Fit, with the Executive for 2018 made up of tested and true individuals certainly capable of moving the club forward in a positive manor. Our new Design-Built Barge is under construction and will be ready for Spring sea trials and hopefully the installation of our docks—on our schedule. We always have normal maintenance and repairs to be taken care of and infrastructure repairs or replacements to be attended to as required. The January flood and ice attack has created some new headaches for the executive. I would like to suggest that 2018 at KYC is going to be a *Very Good* boating season, with lots of fun functions, great food and friendships renewed or started. A tip of the KYC Hat goes out to all the members who made it through 2017 and are anxiously looking forward to the 2018 boating season.

In this issue of '**MUDDY WATERS',** we remember and highlight **Mary-Ellen Heidle-Huismann** a member who passed away too soon in life, and introduce members **Tony and Sharon Colvin and Jim Kozak and Sally Matous, along with some of our members down south enjoying the sun and fun.**

As always if you have any pictures, articles — trip to **Toronto Boat Show**, jokes or other information about boating or otherwise you think the members might enjoy, please send them to me , I'll be waiting on the beach at **knowlesbd@hotmail.com** or **kycmuddywaters@gmail.com,** next issue March/April deadline date April 15th. Regards—

Brian

2018 EXECUTIVE



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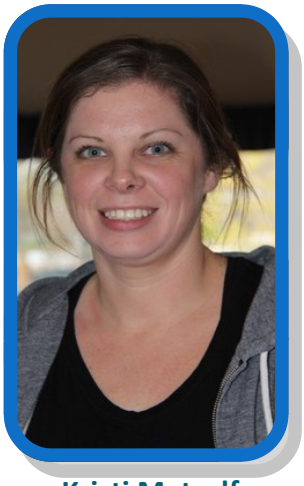

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ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS – **Roy McKinley (past commodore), Lisa Fitzmaurice, Ken Borkwood, Gerry Goodhue, and Joe Polisak.**

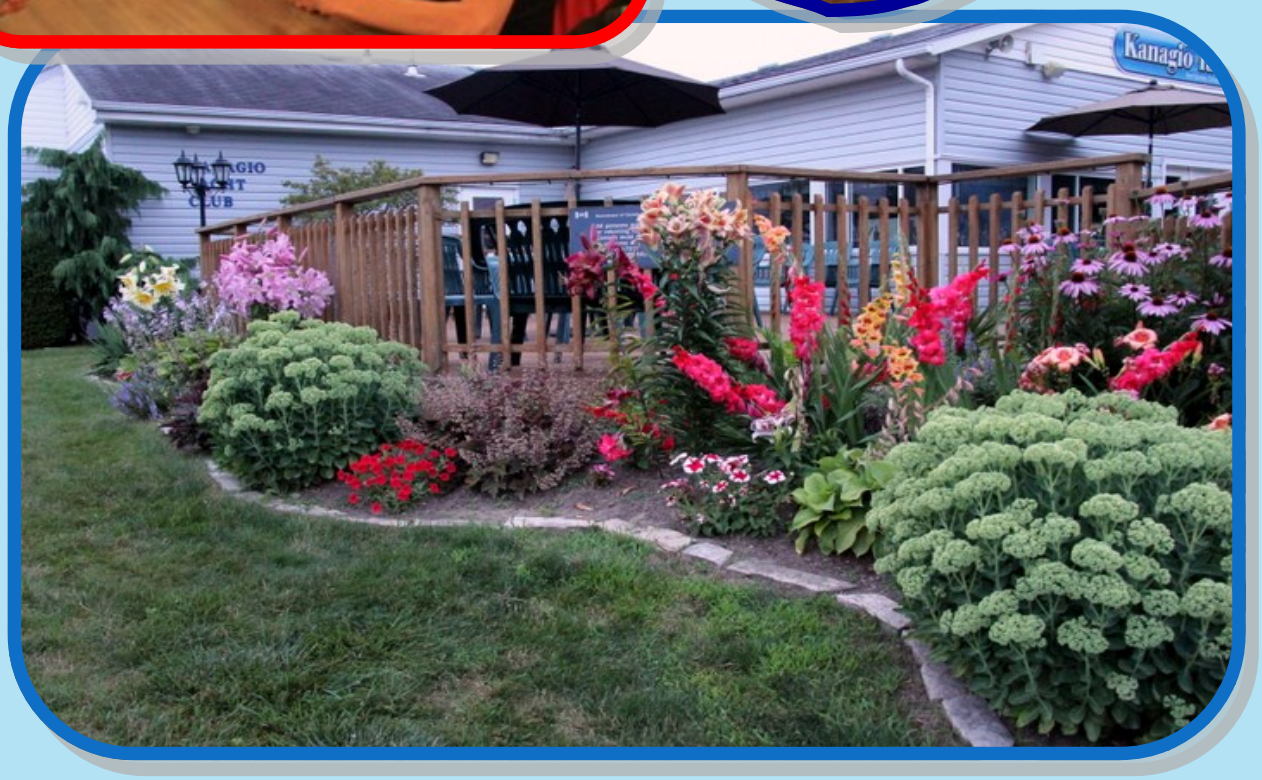
FROM THE BRIDGE

WILL RETURN NEXT ISSUE —
MARCH/APRIL

WE WILL MISS YOU

It was with great sadness that we all learned of the passing of **Mary-Ellen Heidel-Huismann**, at the youthful age of 54. Mary Ellen and her husband **Rick Huismann** were very active KYC members since 2014. She enjoyed their Formula "Beedriven" and were always seen heading out for a day on the waters. Mary Ellen was a major contributor to the beautiful gardens around the club house. We will miss your enthusiasm and ever smiling face around the club.

Almost always smiling and having a good time.



It is important to introduce new members to the club, it is equally important to recognize those members that have contributed to the club over the years, helping it grow into the successful club that it has become. In his issue we recognize new members — Tony and Sharon Colvin and Jim Kozak and Sally Matous

TONY AND SHARON COLVIN

· **When did you first start boating and where** – we are new to boating, we started in 2016 and had our boat at Mitchells Bay Marina on Lake St Clair

· **When did you become a member of KYC** – August of 2016 as a probationary Member, and September 2017 became full members.

· **How did you learn about the KYC** – we frequent Port Stanley and saw the marina from the street, and then looked it up on the internet and contacted Rick Banman about becoming member.

· **What do you like best about KYC** – the facility, the activities and the people.

· **Does your wife have a Pleasure Craft Operator Card and does she like to drive the boat.** – Currently she does not have her PCOC card, and is content to sit in the passenger seat and supervise, rather than be behind the wheel

· **What was your first boat** – we have only had one boat.

· **How many boats have you had over the years** – we have only had one boat

· **What type of boat do you have now (manufacturer, length/ beam, boat name and KYC dock number.** Our boat is a Searay Weekender, 30 foot, with an 11 ½ foot beam, in slip # 29.

· **Are you a member of the Power Squadron, which branch** – yes the London branch

· **Do you have any pets that also come on the boat** – yes 2 Bichons

· **Have you held any executive positions at the KYC** - no

· **Have you travelled by boat on the Great Lakes. Any memorable trips or moments in those trips you would like to share.** – the furthest we have made it so far is Port Bruce.

· We are looking forward to a good season of boating this summer and are hoping to go further on Lake Erie.

Jim Kozak and Sally Matous

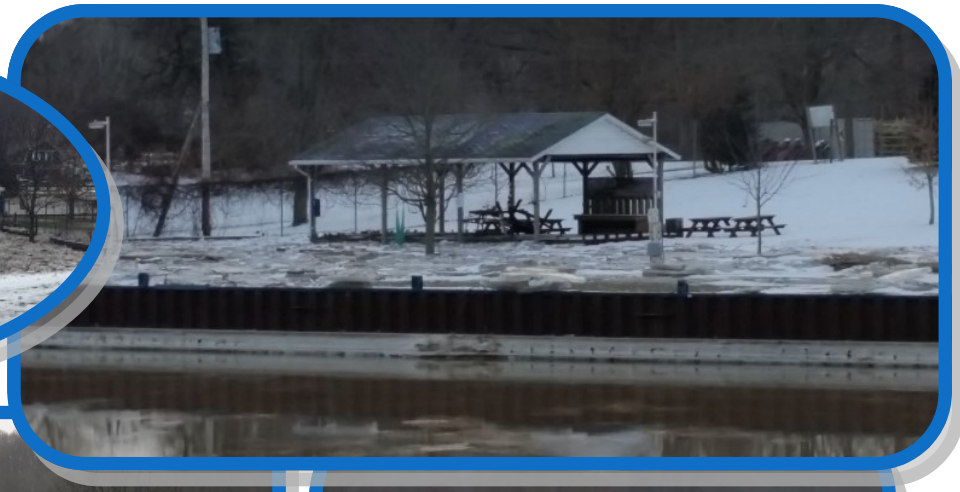
- When did you first start boating and where 1995 in Grand Bend
- When did you become a member of KYC July of 2002
- How did you learn about the KYC Joe Polisak introduced me to the club
- What do you like best about KYC everything, the members, the property & location
- What would you change or dislike about KYC More amen ties for members like a pool
- Does your wife or first mate have a Pleasure Craft Operator Card and does she like to drive the boat yes
- What was your first boat 290 Thompson twin screw 350's
- How many boats have you had over the years 2
- What type of boat do you have now (manufacturer, length/beam, boat name and KYC dock number. 1997 Cruiser 3375 w/11.8 beam since new and recently named Seaduction

- Are you a member of the Power Squadron, which branch yes London Branch
- Do you have any pets that also come on the boat Occasionally a chocolate lab and a shitsu
- Have you held any executive positions at the KYC not yet
- Have you travelled by boat on the Great Lakes. Any memorable trips or moments in those trips you would like to share. In my 23 years of boating I have navigated to the North Channel twice, the area is beautiful, water crystal clear but chilly. There is so much to see many little islands and coves. Navigating this area is worth the trip. We did a couple of trips from Bayfield where I docked for the previous 14 years and went to Sandusky and Cedar Point which was enjoyed by the kids when they were much younger. Today this trip would be a 2 hour run but a whole day running hard from Bayfield. Since being at Port we went to Pottahawk twice, once with Darlene and her crew and our entourage and the second time we went alone with a different crew and what a Party.

The more recent trip was to PeeLee Island and all I can offer to future boating there is have adequate fuel as the price on the island is robbery at neat $2 per liter. In concluding the year, we took advantage of the best weekend in September when we with fellow boaters Rick and Donna, Joe & Joe, Brian and his girlfriend, and Jeff & Carol on our boat went to Erieau. On route with Rick leading the way had stopped and as we slowly pulled up he was climbing out of the water showing a white ass . We all laughed at Rick and celebrated with a bottle of champagne and continued our trip. We had a great time together and hope to have more of these memorable events.

Photo of me popping a bottle of champagne with Rick Banman on his boat beside me. This is when we stopped in the middle of the lake after Rick took a dip. Look at the water, you would think we were in the Bahamsa.

WATER & ICE



THANKS TO **RICK BANMAN** AND **LYNN OLIVER** FOR THE CLUB AND KETTLE CREEK PHOTOS.

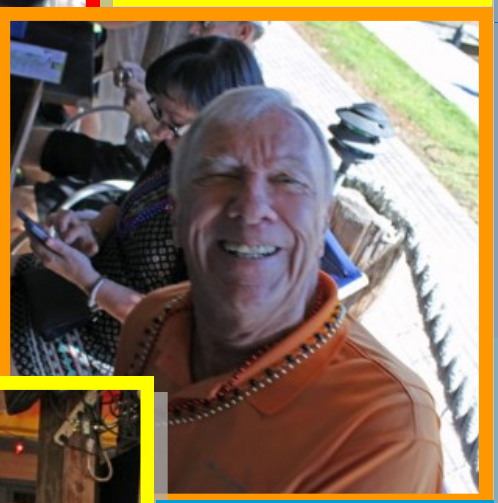
SNOW'S BACK

After the major thaw and flooding in Port Stanley, Mother Nature came back with a very cold spell and lots of snow to remind everyone that spring was still several months away.

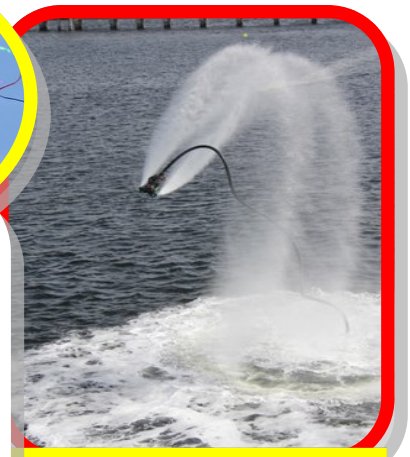
Photos — Lynn Oliver

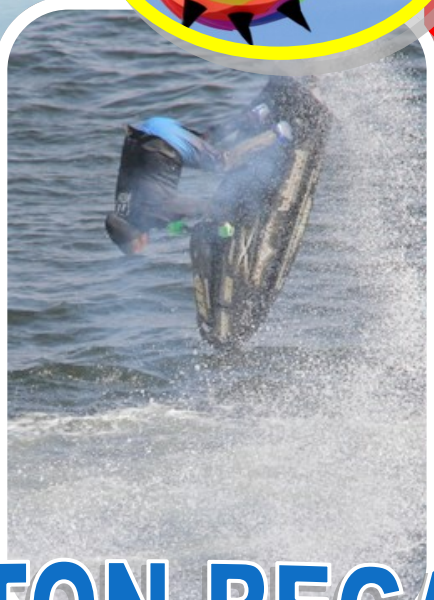
KYC MEMBERS PARTY IN FLORIDA

Among the more obvious were **Ken and Mary Borkwood, Tom Hoogheim and Wendy Cowie, Al Thibert and Ellie O'Reilly, Kim and Max Wood.** Also present (and some may recognize), were Frank and Janet Niville (formerly NEYC -Port Bruce) Bill and Nancy Bignall – (Bayfield) and Jim and Sharon Neville. The rest were mostly from Wisconsin and a couple from Nebraska…but everyone was from Tropic Terrace.



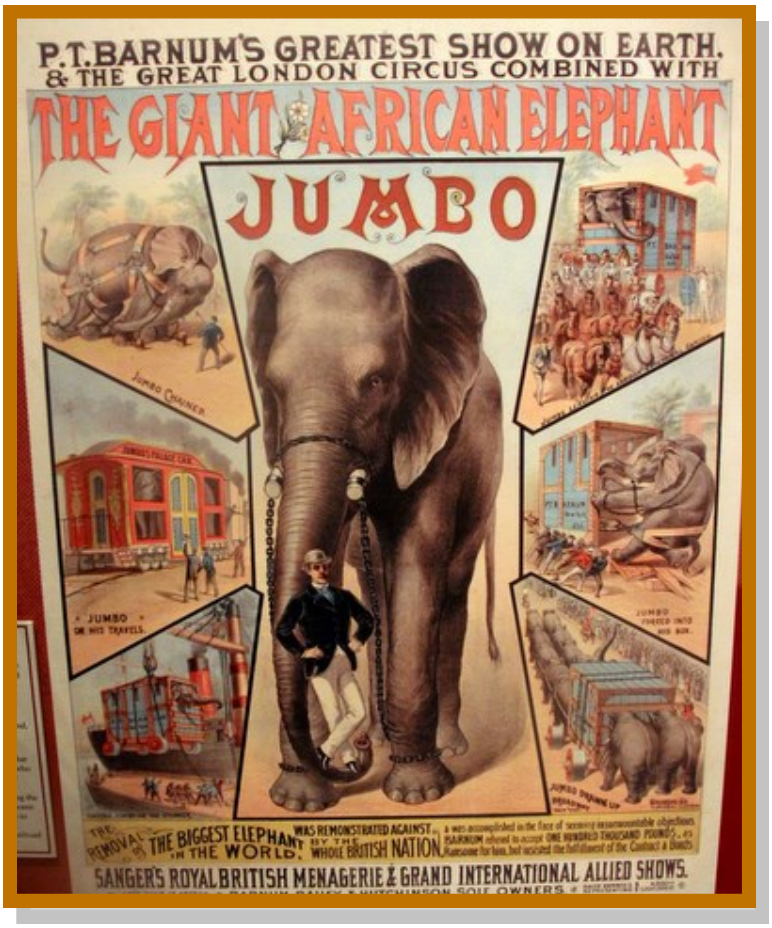
Donna and I took in the **Bradenton Regatta** again this year F2 Boat Racing, water acrobats on water boards, personal water craft and boaters boating. Big kite flying completion at Treasure Island. February is an active month on the west shore.

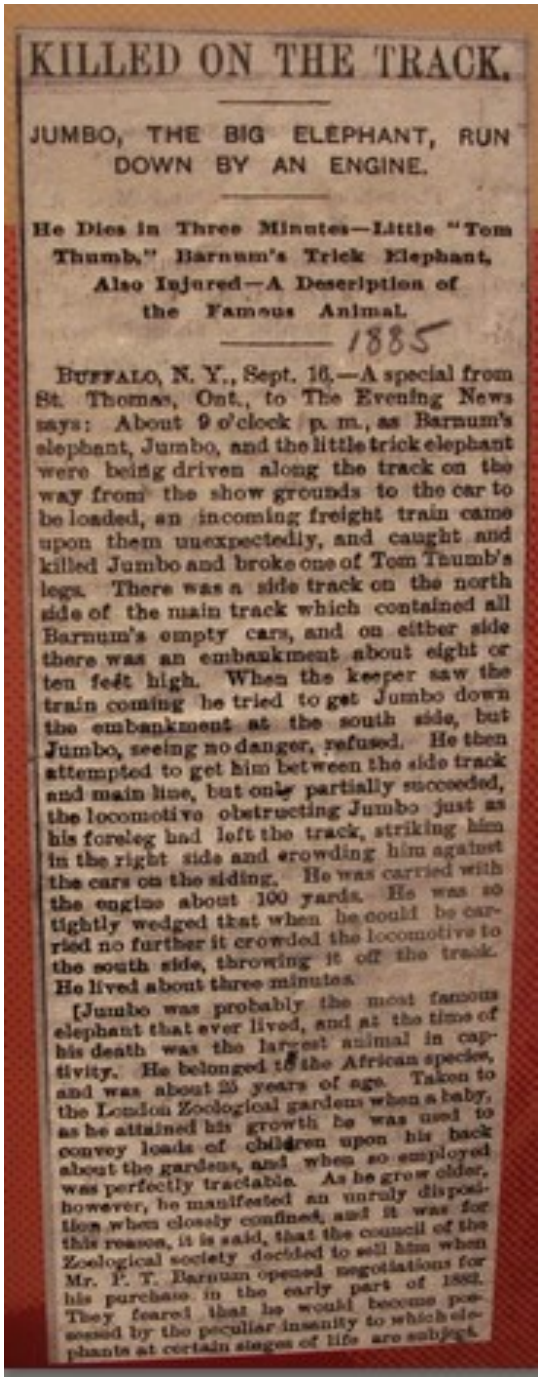




BRADENTON REGATTA

If you come to Sarasota you have to visit the ***"Ringling Estate"*** which is now part of the campus of the University of Florida. View the 36,000 square foot winter home and the private art museum of John and Mabel Ringling. There is also two buildings dedicated to the circus world of Ringling Brothers, with one have a reference to *"Jumbo"* being killed by a train in St. Thomas in 1885.





KILLED ON THE TRACK.

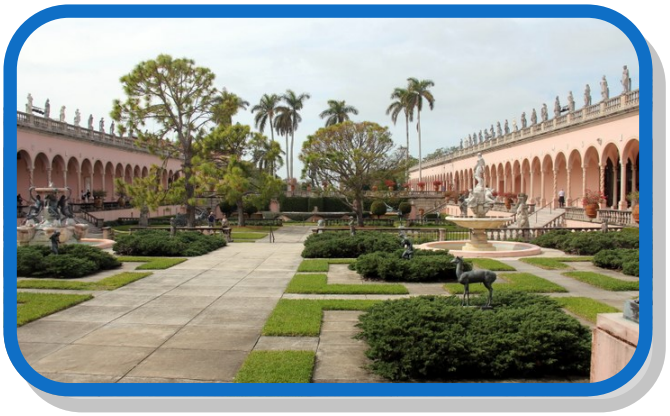
JUMBO, THE BIG ELEPHANT, RUN DOWN BY AN ENGINE.

He Dies in Three Minutes—Little "Tom Thumb," Barnum's Trick Elephant, Also Injured—A Description of the Famous Animal.

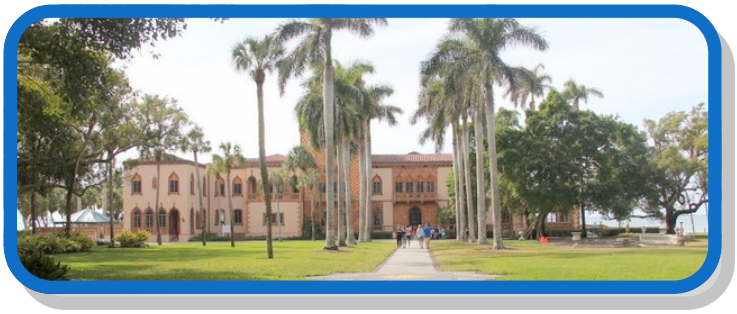
1885

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 16.—A special from St. Thomas, Ont., to The Evening News says: About 9 o'clock p. m., as Barnum's elephant, Jumbo, and the little trick elephant were being driven along the track on the way from the show grounds to the car to be loaded, an incoming freight train came upon them unexpectedly, and caught and killed Jumbo and broke one of Tom Thumb's legs. There was a side track on the north side of the main track which contained all Barnum's empty cars, and on either side there was an embankment about eight or ten feet high. When the keeper saw the train coming he tried to get Jumbo down the embankment at the south side, but Jumbo, seeing no danger, refused. He then attempted to get him between the side track and main line, but only partially succeeded, the locomotive obstructing Jumbo just as his foreleg had left the track, striking him in the right side and crowding him against the cars on the siding. He was carried with the engine about 100 yards. He was so tightly wedged that when he could be carried no further it crowded the locomotive to the south side, throwing it off the track. He lived about three minutes.

[Jumbo was probably the most famous elephant that ever lived, and at the time of his death was the largest animal in captivity. He belonged to the African species, and was about 25 years of age. Taken to the London Zoological gardens when a baby, as he attained his growth he was used to convey loads of children upon his back about the gardens, and when so employed was perfectly tractable. As he grew older, however, he manifested an unruly disposition when closely confined, and it was for this reason, it is said, that the council of the Zoological society decided to sell him when Mr. P. T. Barnum opened negotiations for his purchase in the early part of 1882. They feared that he would become possessed by the peculiar insanity to which elephants at certain stages of life are subject.



RINGLING PRIVATE MUSEUM



RINGLING WINTER HOME ON THE WATER

DOCK BIDDING

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS & ANSWERS WILL HOPEFULLY AID IN THE UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THE "*DOCK BIDDING PROCESS WORKS*" — FOR THE UP-COMING GENERAL SPRING MEETING.

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. (Rue 3.5G)

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)

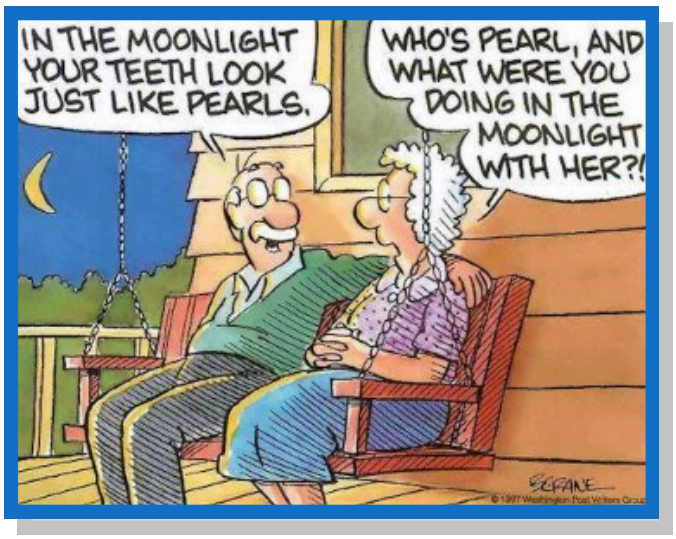
CAN PROBATIONARY MEMBERS BID ON A DOCK? Yes, at the annual spring dock bidding, in accordance with seniority. A dock thus acquired 'belongs' to that members until he/she chooses to bid on a different dock.

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 3.5g Dock Bidding and Assignments the Fleet Captain may assign docks if necessary after completion of dock bidding.

CRUISING ON THE LAKE

If you are planning on adventuring out on the lake next summer, a great site to visit would be **http://www.great-lakes-sailing.com/.** The site covers most of the ports available, showing what services etc. are available. The site also makes it easy to calculate the distance between various ports allowing you to calculate you fuel consumption and figure out many of your costs associated with a trip. Don't forget to take your KYC members card with you when traveling so that you can obtain reciprocal dockage savings.

EDITORIAL CORRECTION — **Joe Polisak** is a distinguished member of the Advisory Board, and in the December issue — "*From the Bridge*" his name was unfortunately covered in snow at the bottom of the page. I found him and Joe sends out a belated Happy New Year to the membership.