



# "MUDDY WATERS"

**KANAGIO YACHT CLUB — MAY/JUNE 2019 ISSUE**

May and June had to be one of the wettest starts to the boating season in memory. High water levels were predicted early and they came and continue to remain. Some docks have been under water depending on the direction the creek is flowing and the wind is blowing. It took a long time to get most of the boats into the water and the dock areas set-up and ready for another season of activities around the club. The good news is we have a full complement of members, the club continues to be financially sound and a significant amount of required maintenance has been undertaken and successfully completed.

Under cloudy skies and a cool breeze the annual *Flag Raising* took place with a good crowd of KYC members. Commodore **Bill Graves** was physically unable to perform the flag raising however, was on hand to oversee the process. Fleet Captain **Rick Banman** and a number of members undertook the raising of the various flags while former Commodore **Rick Metcalf** fired the club cannon, welcoming in the 2019 boating season.

The Spring meeting of the membership was well attended with the Executive and various chairmen providing an overview of the past operating history and items to be looked forward to in the near future. One major item of concern is the planned repairs to the King George lift bridge and how its closing could impact our season ending boating. The Executive will keep us informed with regard to the impact these repairs could have on the length of our season. New members were officially welcomed into the club as full members and a demonstration on the operation of defibrillator presented to those members showing an interest.

The water is high and although some docks occasionally go under water, there has been no real problem launching boats and making it to your dock—with the exception of a few wet feet or shoes.

Hope you enjoy this issue and look forward to the coming season and all of the functions planned by the Vice Commodore. Don't forget to send me some photos of on-going activity around the club. Here's to warm weather and calm seas....**Brian**





# FROM THE BRIDGE



## **Members,**

Finally it seems summer is here! Might be good for the power boaters if the wind would calm a bit. I'm sure the sail boaters are ok with it though. A break in the rain would be welcomed by us all!

## **Water Levels**

I attended the KCCA presentation on water levels June 25th. In a nutshell, a good presentation, however, nothing much we did not already know. They did advise residents that they are under a flood warning until the 30th of June. Also, that they expect a small rise, mostly from surge and the water level to taper off slightly in July. They did not offer any suggestion of what to expect in 2020. As a result of the information provided by KCCA I would suggest that our members be careful on wet docks and tough it out for a week or two and the water is expected to lower enough to clear the docks. No major work or expenditure is justified. The docks should likely all be placed on top the sea wall and stairs stored for the 2020 season.

## **Bridge Closure**

I did speak to the Fire Chief and the Director of Physical Services from Central Elgin. They did not offer any firm position on the bridge issue but did feel that it will still offer passage for marine traffic under one side only in the late summer / fall. The project is Elgin County and they provided a contact person at the County for me to call. I did speak to Brian Lima at County and he advised that the scope of the consultant's project was expanded and as a result there will be a disruption to vehicular traffic but no effect on marine traffic in 2019. He did not discuss 2020 but was very cognizant of the impact of restricting marine traffic. The scheduled meeting for June has also been postponed.

## **Shrink Wrap**

The folks who have collected our wrap for recycling refused it this year because it was not "clean" and contained string and other debris in the bags. We were forced to hire an extra bin and load the wrap for disposal. Unfortunately this results in the waste wrap going to land fill and a cost to the club of about \$400.00. If the membership wants the wrap recycled it will have to be bagged free of vents, zippers, string etcetera .... Just the wrap, clean and dry. If the members chose not to do this we will have no choice but to send the material to landfill. We enjoy the lake and the environment ..... I trust the membership will commit and make the right decision.

## REMINDERS:

### Guest Parking & Conduct

**Your guests are your responsibility and reflect on your membership.** This starts with letting them in the gate as your guests and accepting responsibility for their actions ..... first up, PARKING. There are designated spots for our members and your guests should not be using those spots. There are areas for guest parking ... direct your guests to use them. Further, the conduct of your guests is your responsibility. Unacceptable language and behaviour per the bylaws will not be tolerated. If a good time is being had by all that is great, however, if your neighbor asks you to control your guests it is your responsibility to manage them or send them home. Members have rights. Visiting the club is a privilege that can be terminated.

### Dogs

**Member's dogs and guests dogs arriving by boat are the only dogs allowed on the property.** Our dogs and those of legitimate boating guests must be kept on a leash. The owner MUST be on the other end. This has become very irritating for some members and should not be a distraction from enjoying the boat and club. The geese are bad enough but cleaning up after a dog is the owner's responsibility. We will be adding penalties to the revised bylaws for members not in compliance. Those who are letting dogs run free are causing undue stress to other members ..... Smarten up.

Thanks to all who participated in the clean-up day and other work around the club. Respect your fellow members! Help out new members and guests so everyone can enjoy the short season. Let's get boating and enjoy the club and the lake! Regards,



**BILL GRAVES — COMMODORE**



# FLAG RAISING



Annual Raising of the flags



**It was a cool day for the flag raising however, a good crowd was present for the opening activities.**



**Members take in the Annual Raising of the Flags, on a cool May Afternoon**



**The KYC cannon is primed and ready for Past Commodore Rick Metcalf to pull the cord and welcome in the *Raising of the Flags* and the 2019 Boating Season .**



# GENERAL MEETING



**Executive preparing for General Meeting. left to right Past Commodore & Advisory Board Chair Roy McKinley, Secretary Lynn Sutherland, Commodore Bill Graves, Rear Commodore Dave Courage, Fleet Captain Rick Banman, Vice Commodore Jim Kozak and Treasurer Jeanette Mansell.**



**Members looking forward to information to be provided by the various Executive members about the operation of KYC**



**The May Spring Meeting is always well attended**



**New members Todd & Jenn Davies and McKenzie Cline, Brittany absent.**



**Members given instructions on the use of the club defibulator by Todd Davies.**

The May 26th General Meeting was well attended, with **Commodore Graves** calling the meeting to order at 10 o'clock. Two probationary members **McKenzie & Brittany Cline** and **Todd & Jenn Davies** were voted into full membership and presented with club burgees, congratulations and welcome to the club.

**Commodore Graves** provided early information on the Townships plan to close the King George lift bridge beginning in September. There will be a June meeting with the Township and it is hoped that all of the impacted marinas north of the bridge will be represented to present a case that the start date be delayed or that half of the bridge remain in the up position to allow boats to pass. The Commodore thanked the Dock Crew lead by **Tyler Robertson** for a job well done and thanked **Jim Kozak** and **Sally Matous** for the Pulled Pork dinner. Bill also commented on the theft of several packages of sausage, buns and vegetables from the club house. This is a black eye on the club and will be properly addressed if the culprits are found out. Security Cameras have been approved in the past and are being looked into and will be reported on at the next meeting.

**Treasurer Jeanette Mansell** presented a revised Financial Statement for the year ending November 2018, which included a comparison to the 2017 statement. A Budget for 2019 will be prepared for the membership and provided at a later date.

**Vice Commodore Jim Kozak** reported that plans for various functions during the summer are well in hand and that on June 29th entertainment will be provided by *"Captain Finn and the Salty Sea Dogs"*. You can check them out on Facebook. **Barry Kyle** hoped that *"the dogs would be on a five foot leash!!!!"* Keep this date on your calendar.

**Fleet Captain Rick Banman**, thanked all those members who helped with the installation of the docks etc. and reminded everyone to provide their vessel insurance certificates. No Certificate no lift in or out of the water. It was also mentioned that any wood decks would have to be removed for the winter and that canopies were to be no larger than 10' x 10'.

**Membership Chair Kristi Metcalf** reported that there was one new probationary member—**Bradley & Maurica Ryan** who will be residing in slip number 31. Lets make them welcome. Members were reminded that all **dogs are to be on a five foot leash** at all times and held onto by the owner, and that the **gate is to be CLOSED** at all times.

**The next General Meeting will take place at 10AM on Sunday July 21st.**



**Mark Newsom**



**Dave Courage**

**A changing of the Rear took place at the General Meeting, with Dave Courage assuming the position from Mark Newson. Commodore Graves thanked Mark for a job well done. During his tenure Mark was responsible for several major projects, including gravel base for the south storage yard, new shingle roofs on all of the existing buildings and repairs to the club house deck.**

# PRIVACY SHRUBS SOUTH YARD



**Landi and Jeremy Groenendyk** planted a row of cedars along the western fence of the "South Yard", which with rain (lot of that this year) and sunshine will provide an attractive privacy screen to the yard. Landi has also volunteered to keep our Japanese Yew trimmed, taking over from **Ron Borkwood**, who managed the Yew for many years.

# KYC EVER CHANGING

As a member who now has ten years of membership, it has been interesting to see the changing areas take place adjacent to the boat slips. The area around the slips basically consisted of a gravel pathway and grass areas for sitting and enjoying the day.

Much like the backyard of many houses today, this area has evolved into a relaxing area providing many amenities for relaxation and entertaining. Members were put on notice for putting up shelters often during entertainment functions and having to take them down the same day.

One of the first major changes took place in 2007 with the proposal to put in concrete patio stones to make it easier for the grass cutting crew and members who had to move their tables. The individual members had to purchase and lay the patio stones and not everyone moved forward with this change.

Dock box size is described in the regulations, however over time there has been a wide range of styles and sizes utilized. Many of the boxes were used to house a fridge and storage area of various boating and entertaining items. The following are current examples of dock boxes both old and new located on the area in front of the members boat.



I am not sure he started the move to more comfort but previous member [Jon Fosket](#) brought in a full outdoor kitchen, large overhead umbrella and outdoor furniture in order to make their time spent in dock more comfortable. Soon many of the members were looking to improve their dock area for relaxing and socializing. The first major change was the acceptance of covered cabanas over the existing patio stones. What would a cabana be without some furniture and some very attractive furniture started to replace the picnic table and hard benches.



The patio areas now have electric retractable shades, gazebos with metal roofs and raised decks, propane fire pits for those cool spring, summer and fall evenings, palm trees and satellite dishes. The KYC park like setting continues to evolve providing members with most of the comforts of home and providing a great space for entertaining family and friends or just relaxing. What will be next—keep your eye open for the **SMALL HOUSE** with living room and sleeping accommodations?????





**TONY COLVIN** SAID—“ *Perhaps I should have gone for the dock on the upper level!*” By the time Tony put his boat in the water and was ready to tie up, his dock was approximately one foot below the water level. Kettle Creek is well above last years water levels.



Members **Pat** and **Dennis Mighton** waited until summer to put their boat in their slip, water levels still very high at the well and the dock.

# STEAK IS BACK

The first steak bar-b-que of the season was missing from the activities calendar, however, Vice Commodore Jim Kozak was able to get it back on schedule and provided what I thought was one of the best meals in recent history.

Thanks to all the members who helped bring it together and in particular Sally Matous and her Catering Staff.

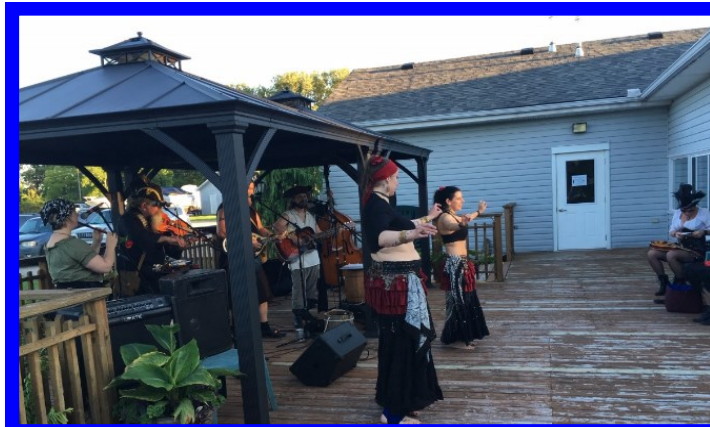


# EVENING ENTERTAINMENT



Family fun while listening to the "SALTY SEA DOGS"

Belly dancing on the deck.





- MAXIMUM TWO PARTICIPANTS PER DINGY.
- SIGN-UP AT KYC SEE BRIAN KNOWLES OR RALPH OLIVER DOCKS 27 AND 28

**AUGUST 24th**

- COST \$10 PER TEAM

**2019 KYC DINGHY**

**POKER RUN**

- ASSEMBLY AND INSTRUCTIONS KYC LAUNCH WELL AT 1:00 PM SHARP. FIVE CHECK POINTS.  
**THIS IS NOT A RACE—WHEN FINISHED MEET ON THE DECK AND CARDS TALK.**

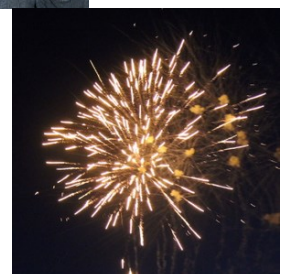
- WINNING HAND—HIGHEST POKER HAND
- LOWEST HAND — JUST WHAT IT SAYS
- WINNING HAND 90% OF THE PROCEEDS
- LOWEST HAND 10% OF THE PROCEEDS
- WE ARE LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL PRIZES



**BEG, BORROW OR BUY A  
DINGHY FOR THIS EVENT AND LETS ALL HAVE A  
GREAT FUN FILLED TIME.**

# JULY - AUGUST FUNCTIONS

- **July 14th**—The Annual **“Port-a-Hawk”** gathering of KYC members will take place at 1:00 PM either at the main beach or Little Beach, depending on the wind direction. This casual event continues to grow every year.
- **July 20th**—**Karaoke Night**—An evening of fun with Jeannette & Craig Mansell. Starts at 7PM until 11PM in the Club House.
- **July 21st**—**General Meeting** of the Executive and Club Members at 10 AM. New members to be welcomed into the club, along with reports regarding the on-going club business. Important to be there and participate in the running of your club.
- **August 2nd to 5th**—Port Stanley **Calipso Festival**, entertainment, parades, fireworks.
- **August 3rd**—**Boat Races** on the deck starting at 1:00 PM.
- **Steak Dinner** (pre-paid) at 6:00 PM
- **Entertainment** commencing at 8:00 PM on the deck.
- **August 4th**—**Peameal Bacon** on a Bun 1:00 PM
- **August 24th** (Weather date 25th) - **Dingy Poker Run** starts out from club at 1 PM
- **August 31st**—**Steak Dinner** at 6:00 PM, followed by
- Annual **Euchre Tournament** starting around 8:00 PM



# Remembering Tom (Hoogie) Hooghiem

**"Everyday is a good day"....**most members of KYC will 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.

When Tom joined KYC on November 25, 2002, he quickly became an active, contributing member. Since joining the club, Tom received (in no particular order) the Rex Rand Award, acted as Membership Director and was a frequent winner of the prestigious Blender Wars Contest. He was a top producer in selling 50/50 draw tickets for various KYC fund raisers.

He also loved to play Euchre and was fierce a competitor when playing Left, Right, Centre. There's still a debate as to who won the most Bocci ball games - Tom or Jason.

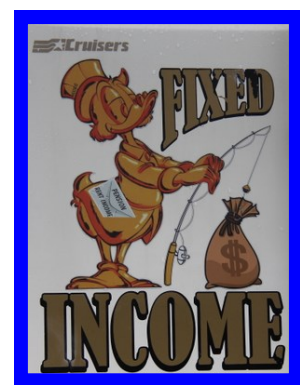
It was well known that Tom had an Open Dock Box for his friends and he regularly hosted spur of the moment *"Set it and forget it"* pot luck suppers.

He also occasionally provided unintended entertainment by falling into the creek while fishing beside his boat, Fixed Income.....(I should mention there's a distinguished group of us who have done this as well).

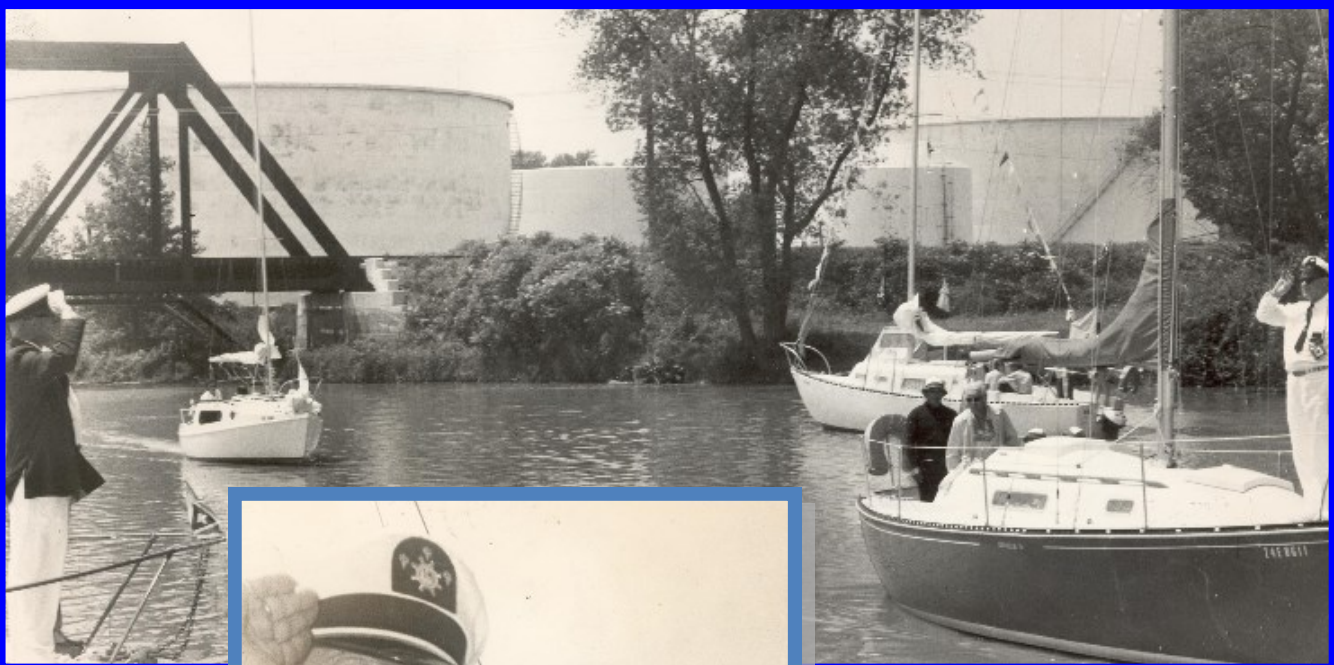
Some of my favourite memories are bobbing around Lake Erie with Tom on an endless and mostly unproductive quest for perch and more recently pickerel; watching his grandkids behind the boat as they were tubing around the lake....and most recently an unforgettable trip to Erieau with good KYC friends and returning back on the heels of a twister! During that ride, Tom kept his cool and got me and Fixed Income back safe and sound.

Tom had two children, his son TJ with whom Tom is now with and his daughter, Jodie and her husband John and their kids 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.

**Toms ashes will be scattered between Port Stanley and Port Bruce on Saturday, August 3rd.....**Rick Metcalf (Metzie), Tom's long time friend and dock partner, will be leading the boat procession which will catch the 11:00 a.m. bridge. Friends and family are welcome to join and are encouraged to wear a flowered shirt in memory of Tom.



# A LITTLE KYC HISTORY



**St. Thomas Times-Journal article published June 16, 1975 with captions:**

*"Sail past - Sunday at the Kanagio Yacht Club in Port Stanley, a joint sail past of Canadian Power Squadrons St. Thomas and London units was conducted. Fourteen boats from both units were reviewed by Commanders Lynn Beaton of St. Thomas and Jack Beemer (jacket) of London. This was the first joint project of the two units and the first sail past ever by the St. Thomas Squadron according to Commander Beaton." (13a)*

"Squadron Commanders - Lynn Beaton, left, and Jack Beemer, commanders, respectively, of the St. Thomas and London Power Squadrons, inspected 14 vessels in the sail past held Sunday at the **Kanagio Yacht Club** in Port Stanley. This is the first joint effort of the two squadrons and Commander Beaton says this is the first ever sail past for the St. Thomas Squadron. The London Squadron has 400 members while the St. Thomas Squadron has 57."