"MUDDY WATERS"

KANAGIO YACHT CLUB — July/August 2017 ISSUE

CANADA 150

BUSY TWO MONTHS FOR MEMBERS

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The Newsletter of the Kanagio Yacht Club

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JULY AND AUGUST WERE VERY BUSY TIMES FOR THE KYC MEMBERSHIP AS WELL AS THE VILLAGE OF PORT STANLEY. CANADA TURNED 150 YEARS OLD IN JULY AND THE ANNUAL AUGUST *"HARBOURFEST"* LONG WEEKEND IN PORT PROVIDED LOTS OF ACTIVITIES BOTH ON THE LAND AND IN THE WATER. SEVERAL KYC MEMBERS ENTERED THEIR BOATS SUCESSFULLY IN PARADES. KANAGIO CELEBRATED *CANADA'S BIRTHDAY* AND *HARBOURFEST* WITH FOOD, MUSIC AND FUN.

IN MID AUGUST, THE 11TH ANNUAL *"FISH FRY"* TOOK PLACE WITH PROFITS FROM THIS FUNCTION GOING TOWARD BUYING TWO PERMANENT GAZIBOS FOR THE DECK. ALTHOUGH THE WEATHER WAS IFFY QUITE OFTEN, IT GENERALLY STAYED FINE FOR THE CLUB ACTIVITIES.

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FROM THE BRIDGE

COMMODORE BILL GRAVES

As the season starts to slow and we enjoy the last of the club functions for 2017 I would like to thank all of the members who have supported the annual club projects, functions and the great crew of the Fish Fry for their hard work and successful season of events. We are all looking forward to Tony Morgan and the annual deck jam as well as the always phenomenal "pot luck".

As the Commodore and on behalf of the executive I would also like to thank the membership for keeping up the spirit of the club and camaraderie that we requested at the beginning of the season. With the exception of a very few "member issues" we have been allowed the opportunity to focus on the important business of managing the club. Thanks to all!

Special thanks to the Fish Fry Committee for donating the 10' x 20' gazebo for the club house deck. Also, to the crew who stepped up to get the gazebo assembled prior to the August 5th Civic Holiday event. We will need some digging done for the gazebo legs and tubes/cement poured to complete the job. Rick Banman will be installing a piece of flashing between the units when the cement is poured and the installation complete. Anyone interested in helping finish this project and in need of work hours please see Dave Courage.

As an update to club business, let me offer the following:

Dock Removal:

Unfortunately, as the season moves on we are planning dock removal based on availability of contractors to remove docks and poles. Kristi has a tentative date of October 14th. Once she has confirmed this she will advise the membership officially and will assign the necessary crew. Please make sure that Kristi has up to date insurance for your boat prior to requesting a lift.

KYC Business Plan and Bylaw Revision:

Although the business plan continues to be progressed, the budget for a barge and associated equipment will limit any other significant activities for the next few years. We will work on the business plan through the winter months once we have firmed up the cost associated with the barge.

The Bylaw edit will be pursued by the Commodore and Executive with the support of Ken Borkwood on behalf of the Advisory Board. We do hope to have this completed this season. Any recommended bylaw revisions from the membership would be appreciated and should be submitted to us via the email address **KYCcommodore1@gmail.com**

Barge:

We have looked at many options so far but as yet are not satisfied with what is available in the marketplace. There was an excellent unit available in Chicago with the right equipment on deck and within budget. Unfortunately it weighed in at 75,000 lbs. Where our lift is limited to < 50,000 lbs it would have to live in a slip for the summer and the well for the winter. We would have to hire a crane at about $ 1,600 if lifting the barge for repairs or maintenance. At this time we will continue looking for a unit under 50,000 lbs with the desired equipment. We will keep you posted. If anyone sees / hears of an available piece of equipment, please pass it along to Dave Courage, Bill Graves, Mark Miller or Dave Taggart.

In closing, although a seemingly short season with some of the worst weather and limited boating we have had in years, our members did maintain the esprit de corps, and with a little over six weeks to go, we did have a great season sharing stories with old and new friends alike on the wonderful KYC grounds!

Sincere thanks from the 2017 Executive. See you at the September meeting.

Bill

JUST A REMINDER **TO KEEP THE GATE LOCKED, DON'T LEND OUT YOUR KEY FOB AND KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR STRANGERS AROUND THE CLUB.**

AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE LOST SEVERAL ITEMS FROM THE CLUB HOUSE, AND ON THE WEEKEND A MEMBER REPORTED HAVING CASH REMOVED FROM HIS BOAT.

CANADA 150

Canada turned 150 on July 1st, and in celebration, Port Stanley and members and guests at the **Kanagio Yacht Club** participated in a number of birthday functions over the long weekend.

KYC members enjoyed bar-b-ques, live entertainment, a boat parade and culminated with evening fireworks set off from the beach.

Although rain was forecast for most of the weekend, somehow it seemed to quiet just before each of the planned functions was to take place, thanks Mother Nature!

Vice Commodore Ken Gifford aided by his many helpers planned a three day program of food and fun. The **KYC Canada Day Weekend Activities** started out Friday night with a Hotdog and Hamburger bar-b-que.

Saturday started early for participants of the Boat Parade, as they completed their decorations for the parade which commenced at noon with the opening of the King George V Bridge. Members of the **Kanagio Yacht Club** along with several boats from the other local marinas showed off their Canadian inspired decorations.

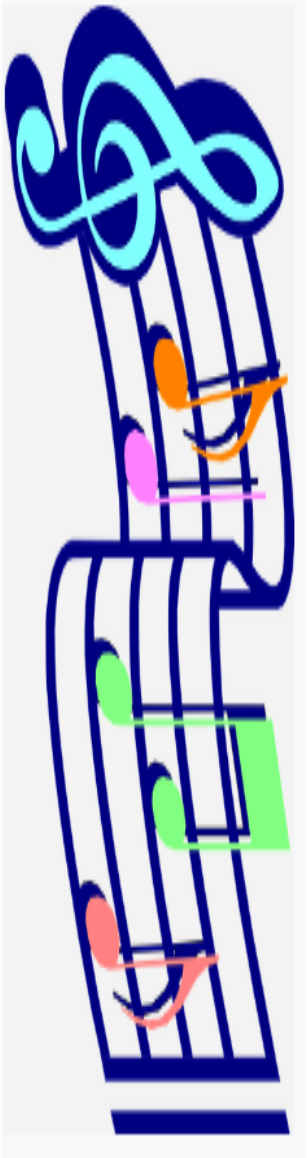
Club member **Tom Hooghiem** and his first mate **Wendy Cowie**, prepare for the parade, with a Hudson Bay Trader sitting on the front of the boat along with a Canadarm the main features along with many red and white balloons.

The **"Banman Beavers"** took home one of the three metals presented by the parade organizers. Members **Rick and Donna Banman,** and their crew make their way along the harbour.

LARGE CROWDS GATHERED ALONG BOTH SIDES OF THE KETTLE CREEK

BOAT PARADE IN THE HARBOUR WITH KYC MEMBERS WELL REPRESENTED

SATURDAY NIGHT STEAK AND ENTERTAINMENT



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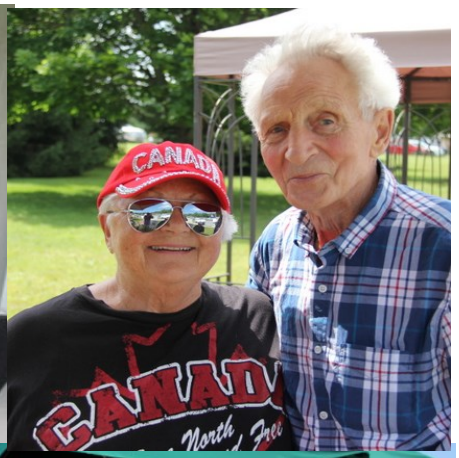
SUNDAY MUSIC - FRIENDS - BACON ON A BUN



Former member Gerry Hooper played with a country band to a crowd of KYC members and their friends.

Ursula and Mike, two of the longest Honorary Members of the club enjoyed the music and talking with old friends.

The afternoon was topped off with a feast of Peameal Bacon on a Bun—a new treat and one that I am sure will be repeated.

GENERAL MEETING

THE EXECUTIVE PREPARE FOR THEIR PRESENTATIONS, WHILE A LARGE GROUP OF THE MEMBER-SHIP WAIT TO HEAR HOW THE CLUB IS DOING FINANCIALLY AND ABOUT MAJOR PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR.

The July 16th General Meeting was called to order with 36 members and 4 probationary members in attendance. Commodore Bill Graves indicated that the intent of the meeting was to get through the majority of the items in the Officers Reports to permit a more fulsome discussion on the ***Paper Regarding a Barge Purchase***.

Treasurer Mike Blake indicated that the club was in a positive financial position. **Commodore Graves** brought up the displeasure of the membership with Drones buzzing overhead, and the operation of Personal Water Crafts by the two new rental companies at excessive speeds in the creek was being brought to the attention of the operators. **Vice Commodore Ken Gifford** thanked everyone involved in the July 1st weekend activities. Ken said he was looking forward to the upcoming events in August and suggested anyone interested in helping should contact Kim Wood. Ken noted that some ***"Chafing Dishes Have Disappeared!!!!!!*** New dishes will be purchased out of the annual operating budget - if you have the old ones please return them. **Rear Commodore Dave Courage** indicated that a temporary line was strung to allow for Internet access. He requested again that the membership have patience with improvements to the internet, material has been purchased and every effort is being made to rectify our internet saga. Again it was noted that you should clean up after yourself, your children and visitors. **Fleet Captain Kristi Metcalf** is researching the purchase of 8-10 end poles for docking and should be available for 2018. New wood poles for the well have been purchased and installed. Kristi indicated that some members had not installed their dock poles, and that expiring insurance should be renewed and provided to the Fleet Captain to prevent having to send out email reminders. **Secretary Lynn Sutherland** brought to the attention of the members that **SHIRTS AND SHOES SHOULD BE WORN WHEN USING THE LIVING AREAS (KITCHEN AND SEATING AREA) WHEN IN THE CLUBHOUSE.** This is a health and safety issue. Members are reminded that during club functions the kitchen is off limits. It was noted that Fish Fry money will be used to purchase two gazebos for the deck. Burgees need to be purchased and once available will be made available to those wishing to replace their existing burgee and given to those who have not yet received one. **Membership Chairman Rick Banman** reported that the club is currently full and that we have 4 individuals on the waiting list. It was noted that the Kanagio web site is up and running. Members please check into the Members Only section, and check out the new KYC clothing line. The Bylaw & Rules and Regulations review continues to take place.

With the retirement of Smitty discussion was had on the pros and cons of the club purchasing our own barge to allow for the installation and removal of our docks and poles. Significant discussion was held and there are a number of issues to be investigated and discussed. However, to make a long story short, **the membership voted to allow creation of a Barge Committee to research the acquisition of a barge for the club, with a purchase price up to $100,000 subject to acceptable financing being arranged**, hopefully for use in 2018.

The meeting was adjourned with the next General Meeting date Sunday, September 24th at 10 AM.

KYC & HARBOURFEST

The annual Port Stanley ***Harbourfest*** was a resounding success based on the number of visitors to the community over the long weekend. KYC started off the weekend festivities with Hotdogs and Hamburgs on Friday night, followed by a steak bar-be-que on Saturday with live entertainment on the deck. The steaks were great and the band was able to perform under the two new gazebos which members had installed in the afternoon.

Several members decorated their boats and participated in the evening parade which took place south of the bridge. Members **Dave and Tammy Courage** came away with the First Place award, while **Kristi Metcalfe** was awarded Second Place with the Best Lighting and **Martin McNaulty** came in third. Congratulations to the winners and everyone that participated. Perhaps more KYC members will break out the lights and participate in next years event.

The night was topped off with a great fireworks display presented by the local BIA which was enjoyed by youngsters and the young at heart who lined the pier.

MEMBERS INSTALLING THE NEW GAZEBO—FINISHED PRODUCT LOOKS GREAT AND PROVIDED GREAT LOCATION FOR THE BAND IN THE EVENING.

BOY THERE ARE A LOT OF MUSHROOMS AND ARE THEY EVER DIRTY. MARY ELLEN, LISA, MARY AND PAT WORKED HARD ALONG WITH OTHER MEMBERS TO MAKE SURE WE HAD ENOUGH MUSHROOMS FOR THE STEAK.

TWENTY-FIVE DOZEN (300 COBS) THAT IS A LOT OF *SHUCKING*! MANY HANDS MADE THE JOB MUCH EASIER.

FIRST YOU LINE UP TO GET YOUR STEAK—A NICE 10 OZ PIECE OF BEEF!

ALL THOSE CLEANED MUSHROOMS AND SHUCKED CORN HAVE TO BE COOKED.

NOW YOU HAVE TO BAR-BE-QUE THAT STEAK. BOY THAT GRILL IS HOT!

GRILLING

BOY IS THAT HOT!!!!

MORE GRILLING

NOW FOR THE POTATOS, MUSHROOMS, CORN, SALAD AND BUNS

LETS EAT!!!

BEAUTIFUL CLEAR MOON LIT NIGHT FOR A BOAT PARADE AND FIREWORKS.

CHEERING CROWDS LINED THE PIER.

KYC MEMBERS TOOK THE FIRST THREE AWARDS.

IF YOU MISSED THE EVENTS BE SURE TO PUT THEM ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR NEXT YEAR.

HARBOURFEST FIREWORKS

TIME TO PARTY

KYC HISTORY

1934 KYC FLAG PARADE—PEOPLE ON THE SHORE WATCHING

2017 CANADA 150 PARADE—KYC PARTICIPATING AND PEOPLE ALONG THE CREEK WATCHING

11th ANNUAL FISH FRY

The **11th Annual Fish Fry** was another resounding success as evidenced by the number of people fed (reported to be 270) and the number of cars in the parking lot.

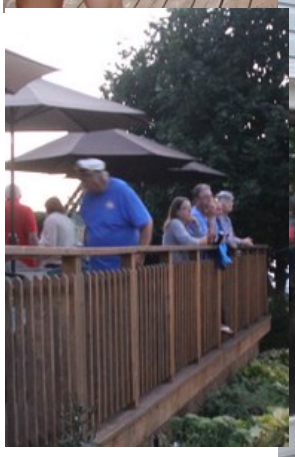
The Event Committee consisted of the Jerry & Carol **Goodhue, Ken & Marry Borkwood, the Metcalf Clan (members and non-members) and Lynn and Rick Sutherland.** However, this is a club event and the majority of club members contributed in some way. We had preppers, cooks, cleaning staff. There were ticket purchasers, liquor donators, draw supporters. This is an event that has the majority of members participating - even those who aren't lovers of perch!

The Committee would not be able to host this event without the participation of all those helping hands. To each of you who gave of your time, your donations, and/or your funds the Committee

Members breading the fish, and selling tickets for the Davey Jones Locker. It takes a lot of help to create such a successful event.

ENTERTAINMENT AND BLENDER WARS

TWO MAN ADVANTAGE entertained the afternoon crowds, while several members blended their favorite drinks to the delight of the taste testers. Everyone was a winner, however, the top three are on page 23.



BLENDER-WINNERS

FISH, CORN, FRIES PREPARATION

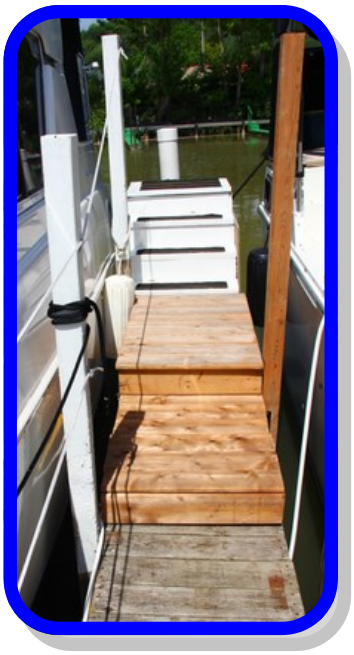
The line up for the fish dinner was long both inside and outside. The wait was well worth it and it is reported that some 270 dinners were served. Great job by all the crew who prepared another exceptional meal. The parking lot was also full.

The evening was highlighted by local favourite "SARAH SMITH" and her band who entertained the large crowd until midnight. A great time was had by all those in attendance.

CROWDS GATHERED AROUND THE STAGE AND KYC GROUNDS TO LISTEN TO SARAH, AND HAVE A GOOD TIME

AREA AROUND THE DECK LOOKING MARVELOUS
THANKS LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

HOW MANY *"CAPTAINS"* AND A PAST COMMODORE ARE NEEDED TO DIG A HOLE ? Well it needed four, John, Mark, Roy and Bob.



DOCK ADDITIONS REQUIRED DUE TO HIGH WATER LEVELS IN 2017

JASON BANMAN

Jason Banman, son of KYC members Rick and Donna Banman was off to the **Provincial Championships** competing in *Bocce Ball* in July. **Jason Banman** competed with **Special Olympics** in Brampton with his coach and two teammates. It was his first time attending Provincials, and although the nerves got the best of him at first, each game he did better and better. A friend from Kanagio was there to cheer him on, and he was so happy to see her. The support meant a lot. Provincials occur every four years and we can't wait to cheer him on for the next event. Thanks to all the crusty old **"Sea Dogs"** at KYC that have practiced with him.

Do you have a story you would like to tell, a boating adventure, any old adventure, send me a copy along with some pictures and I will see that it is in the next Muddy Waters. Many of our members have never travelled by boat on Lake Erie, tell us about your trip and interesting things that happened to make it a fun outing. Best beaches, best Yacht Club reception, cost of travelling, best restaurants, how you fixed problems, whatever you think might be of interest or help a fell KYC member on a trip.

Send your copy to Brian Knowles - KYCmuddywaters@gmail.com