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The Commodore's Log

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We're launching?



New Baby and Proud daddy!

This one goes up, this one goes down, and this one goes???

The crazy, fabulous November weather prompted more than one of our intrepid boaters to suggest getting their craft back into the water to enjoy the fabulous days of Fall!

Meanwhile Limi's yard & workshop staff are eternally grateful to Don Patterson's boss for ensuring they didn't freeze their fingers off as they prepared your yachts for their long winter hibernation. JJ's 'What a good little boy am I' grin precluded his daily monitored predictions of warm, dry weather.

Your bottoms are gonna slide easy during next Spring's launch as Real, Ted, Steve & John gently slide the majority of our charges into the waiting waters of the Rideau River ... with the help of our brand new Conolift

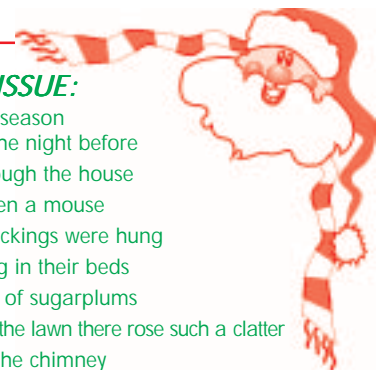
hydraulic trailer.

As an eagle ... honest, a real eagle, soared overhead, our 2001 launch crew got their briefing from the Conolift instructor on how to juggle all those levers & pads to customize the pattern for each boat. Your boat's pattern will be recorded so we can do the whole thing in reverse again next fall! Easier on your craft, easier on our yard crew and easier on the launch schedule as we get you into the water quicker! And for those of you requiring winter work on your engines and drives, easier to get you into the new workshop extension so Gilles & Andy, our stalwart techs can work in (relative) comfort.

Real's hat now sports a new feather!

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Two words you need to know:

Limi Pronounced 'Limey' an acronym for 'Long Island Marine Inc,' and a pun on the ethnic origin of owner Gillian!

Footitis Sometimes abbreviated to 'itis'. The disease to which all boaters are vulnerable, being the desire to own a larger boat than the one they've got! When preceded by a number, such as 'Two footitis, it indicates how badly they are infected. Two is mild, ten is pretty bad & over ten is *really* expensive!



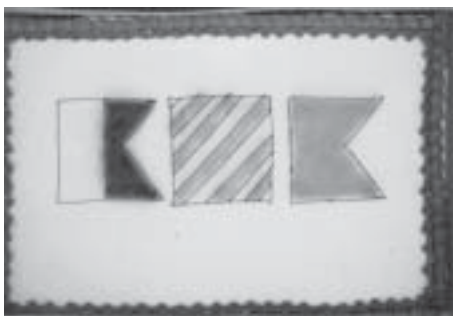
'tis the Season

Can't believe any of you have any energy left for Christmas parties after the partying you've done at Limi this summer!



The **June Fish Fry** saw over one hundred avowed meat eaters demolish five gallons of Limi's special clam chowder and about forty five pounds of fish, including squid, marlin, arctic char, shark & whiting.

Deane's Smoker delivered twenty pounds of delicious 'smoked as you watch' salmon. Courtesy of her & Doug's 'Authentic Yacht Brokerage' cake, our tummies were full as we quaffed copious 'beverages of choice' under the setting sun!



Flagspeak

'Twas the night before ...

the Antique and Classic Boat Show that we held our '**Welcome y'all barbecue**' in August, with Limi welcoming the shining beauty owners, some of whose crafts were bobbing gently at our docks.



Honoured Guest was Sid Herwig, that chronologically advantaged Rideau River rat who is the true founder of our Marina, having given birth to the then named 'Commodore Marine' in the nineteen sixties.

Sharon, of M & M Meats in Manotick served up delicious hamburgers, our trusty volunteers served corn on the cob

(thank you Olive) and Jack Arnold (Burritys Rapids Lockmaster), with band buddies Chris & Dave thrilled us with their saxophone, harmonica and guitar.

Much to the chagrin of Limi boaters, and Gilles P, who was told in no uncertain terms that he couldn't win the booze again (he hasn't finished the 105 ounces he won last year), it was an Antique & Classic Club member, Ron, who won the Texas Mickey! Fortunately one of our own, young Robert B, won the 'All I want is my boat' tee shirt and wore it proudly despite the fact that our smallest size was about six sizes too big for his eleven year old frame! But it seems as though Robert's dreams may be coming true ... Daddy Iain has ten foot itis!!



'Antique' guests

All through the (Full) House ...

was Lady Luck, who eventually smiled on the nine Limi crews who journeyed down the Rideau, across the Ottawa and into the Gatineau rivers on the **Hull Casino Trip** in August. Despite a real screw up with the reservation system (apparently due to the fact that Limi was unaware that boats must arrive by 4pm), and after our Limi boaters used their most creative and reportedly 'pushing the envelope' tactics to gain late admission, they were all allowed in. Want to know how they did it? Ask Tom ...our respected 'man in blue' who used his 'enforcement' knowledge to help save the day!

Our Service Manager Gilles Forget took the whole brood down and brought them all back safely.

Not even a mouse ...

found any leftovers from our *Third Annual September Pig Roast!* About 130, 'hell bent to get wet' boaters showed up to pig out on a hundred and forty pounds of head-on pig! But fool them we did with a huge tent covering the whole cotton



Roast Pig

pickin' lot ... so dry they stayed, and late they stayed ... some reports had the party finally winding up at 3am!! Yours truly and her feather hatted friend crashed at about 10.30pm, just as more food was arriving! Same band as the Boat Club Barbecue, same great dishes provided by Limi's wonderful boaters, and many voted this the best party yet!



Tents at the ready!

The stockings were hung ...

and the first gifts were purchased at Limi's *Boatyard Sale* held on the Saturday of the Antique & Classic Boat Show.

Ten boat junk & nautical paraphernalia vendors, together with Nancy's Old Fashioned Barbeque, started the shopping round with about 500 bargain hunters.

After three years of clearing out Limi's 'junk' our cupboards are almost bare ... but never fear, two delightful characters carrying on business as 'Rideau Boat



Trash & Treasures

Recyclers' were the happy recipients of the day's leftovers.

Ruben and James are in the business of stripping old boats and selling the much sought after parts from their base at Ludlow Boat Works, Beckett's Landing. If you're restoring an old craft check them out! 286-2461

An early stocking stuffer dropped into the lives of our lucky lovers Bill & Lana. Bill's entry in the Parks Canada Boater Survey netted him the Small Craft Guide to the Rideau & Ottawa Rivers and 'Where to Wine, Dine, Dock & Explore' on the Rideau River to stuff in his sock.

Three of our 'footitis' victims may have to suffer empty stockings this Christmas after they succumbed to the disease bigtime! Patricia & Richard, who left here last year with a mere twenty three footer & showed up in spring with 'Kare Knot' ... five footitis larger. George & Jane, who got the itis about as bad, trading 'Suzanne' for 'Miss Jenny', and most 'itis' struck in Limi history, ... Tim M, ... who went from sixteen feet (at the most) to thirty six feet when he snapped up 'Mel's Liner!

Hope he has 'itis' insurance!

All snug in their beds ...

are dozens of boats belonging to faithful Limi winterers whose fall return brings a tear of joy to Gillian's eyes like the family coming home after a long absence ... and these new Limi folk you may not have met:

Limi was honoured to have as frequent guests this summer Brits **Frank and Margaret Dye**, who, despite their advancing years, sail their little 15 foot open sail boat (with NO engine) as though they were teenagers!

With only a nighttime canvas over their heads, no berths and no facilities on

'Wanderer', they've plied almost all the coastal and inland waters of North America, the Intracoastal from Florida to Canada, the Trent and the Rideau systems, and often through rough waters that might even scare Pierre on his 33' Catalina!

Frank and Margaret sleep on Wanderer every night, and rarely accept invitations to dine out ... preferring instead to survive on dried rations supplemented by fresh produce in true pioneer style. Occasionally they splurged on Limi's freezer fare and Margaret developed a penchant for sleeping under the stars on one of Limi's picnic tables!

Read all about their adventures in Frank's most recent book 'Sailing to the Edge of Fear', available for about \$20.00 from Chapters ... or borrow it from Gillian.



Frank Dye (second from left)

Our hearts went out to a fellow we dubbed 'The Lonely Kayaker' who arrived at Limi one evening to rest overnight. Don Heald, not a youngster this rower, was kayaking from Ohio to New Orleans via Toronto and Ottawa!

Why you ask? Don was raising money for breast cancer research in memory of his wife ...

We wish you all the very best Don.



Don Heald getting ready for bed!

Not so lonely, but stalwarts nonetheless, were two chronologically advantaged lady canoists who camped here overnight on their millennium trip from Kingston to Ottawa. These two were so excited about their first opportunity to indulge in a bacon, pancake & syrup breakfast (from Limi's snack bar of course) that they left a loaded wallet on the freezer. They were all the way through Long Island Locks before we found it! Delivered to them by Limi staff it was ... gives a whole new meaning to 'happy campers'!

Not yet snug in their beds because all of our charges must be winterized & wrapped before the snow flies, have been:

Steve Beverley, that tall, pony tailed and quite recent Limi employee who is rushed off his feet doing much of our ever increasing boat detailing and winter boat preparation ... including washing your bottoms! and:



Andy Parker



Steve Beverley

Andy Parker, super qualified Marine Technician (a graduate from Georgian College Marine Technology Programme) who truly believes that his home town of Richmond qualifies as the gourmet capital of the world because ... in Richmond ... everything comes with ketchup!

We welcomed to our waterbeds this summer

Mario, who chose the last dock on the north side so he could practice with no fear!

'Saint' Peter, with his pontoon boat whose name Gillian could never remember until he gave her the biblical handle!

Lionel, Denise & Eric, who came here shopping for a fourteen footer, ended up with a thirty nine footer and have spent almost their entire summer with 'Bear's Den' on the water!

Larry B, who's sure he's going to like it here because his good buddies Don & Heather told him he will!

Colin C, another diver who bought diver John's boat 'Woodwind' and whose crew might have mutinied because they couldn't go to Brockville in November!

Sasha & Dragana, who snuk into a northside dock late in the season & decided to stay!

Andreas H, with 'Le Bateau', CJOH television personality who also believes Heather & Don ... and who is quite a personality!

Gerry & Don I, whose 'Black Beauty' truly is!

Barry & Krista, super contributing boaters whose new boat will be sunk by Gillian personally if they change its name from 'Bristolian'!

Janet & Chris, who tucked their little canoe under the trees and who intend exploring our river next summer.

Brian M, whose graceful motor sailer 'Transition' is always smothered with tender loving care!

Hector & Sue, with their beautifully maintained River Queen 'Sunadan' ... & who, having obtained the rights to the River Queen name, intend building new River Queens locally in the near future!

Peter & Denise, who came & went, and came & went and eventually came & stayed!

Gilles R, whose new Bayliner gave him a rough start ... in fact it won't start! ... but who gulped, then took an admirable stress free approach and will be boating with the rest of us in spring!

and recently snugged into their winter beds:

Robert & Mary Ann C, whose elegant 'Kool Running' quit running at Long Island Locks late in the year, but will be up & running next season!

Henry C, who sailed *two* pretty little Sharks into Limi this fall!

James G, who, to Limi's absolute delight, brought 'L'Aventure' here for the first time for her winter bedding!

For history buffs, L'Aventure, now proudly displaying a brass plaque inscribed 'Dunkirk', ferried troops & supplies across the English Channel during World War II!

Sid H, another (previously mentioned) 'honoured customer' who claims he's older than 'L'Aventure'! Sid's, at his own hand's beautifully restored Sheppard 'Summertime 11' is an inspiration to us all.!

Tony & Bonnie H&B, who arrived on 'Cami J' with the head securely stowed on deck!

Angela & Rod M, whose little pontoon boat belies his full time business

... cruise ships!

Bill M, who traded down bigtime two years ago & who already wants to trade back up!

Joe P, who with the Limi crew watched in disbelief as his road delivery driver put his just purchased 46' Three Buoys houseboat into our ditch last July, but who took it all in his stride and cheerfully brought her back this fall!

Earl R, who snaked in here with 'Anaconda'

Ian T, who'll be expected to 'Por Us One' for the extra special attention his bottom received!

and last but not least: trailer boater

Michael L, whose entire family must have caught every fish in the river during their crack of dawn fishing expeditions that began even before Real was up & watching!

Visions of sugarplums ...

had Lynne H, admiral of the Drummer fleet who spied the loaded boughs of elderberries along our waterfront and proceeded to make elderberry pies, which she generously shared with the Limi crew ... Steve B ate the biggest share!

Visions of a different style can come from a heavy pouring hand when you take five minutes to create this delicious recipe ... on your boat or at home in your Christmas galley:



RUM NUTS

4 Tblsp. butter	4 tsp. soy sauce
2 cups pecan halves	4 Tblsp. dark rum
1 tsp. salt	4 drops Tabasco



Melt the butter in a frying pan, spread the nuts in the butter. Saute slowly, stirring often, until lightly browned. Stir in the rum and simmer one minute. Add the soy sauce, salt & tabasco and stir. Cool on paper towels then enjoy!

Out on the lawn there rose such a clatter...

as Gillian demonstrated the principle of anchoring at our July **Anchoring Clinic**. Fifteen, eager to learn crew discovered how to enjoy awaking to nothing but the singing of birds and the pleasure of avoiding dockage fees by anchoring securely overnight. Then our newly skilled crew braved a light rain to actually see it happen as we boarded Pierre's fabulous 33' Catalina for a short cruise to the bay, setting & retrieving the anchor before heading back. Many, many thanks to Pierre for the use of his boat.



In she digs!

Down the Chimney...

will come Authentic Yacht Brokerage if you succumb to 'footitis' between now and Christmas.

Nuthin ... and I mean nuthin ... slows down those brokers in winter, when they regularly sell boats to unsuspecting Americans who can't understand why we can't deliver them in January! Nobody has enough nerve to send our Yankee friends a picture of our forlorn looking, snow locked boats and our ice buried equipment

So buy they do ... every winter here at Limi! If you're thinking of buying or selling don't wait until Spring ... there could be a sunny south soul who's looking for just what you've got ... and Doug & Deane may just have the boat of your dreams bobbing at a dock in Florida, lying in British Columbia or in any of the many other winter wet water locations that AYB covers.



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His clothes were all tarnished with ashes & soot! ...

but his bottom was real clean, protected from the chimney by those baggy red trousers we all recognize so well. Not so some of your unprotected bottoms!

While zebra mussels are on the decline here at Limi, Rideau River al-



A Limi boater's hull & trim tabs covered in zebra mussels

gae soup is not! Pressure washing tells the tale, as bottoms protected with antifouling or a good quality wax (like Zebra wax) shed their soup and waterline stains easily, leaving shiny, baby bottom smooth gelcoat. Not so those unprotected bottoms, whose waterline stains are almost impossible to remove completely, and whose gelcoat is becoming rough & pitted, and heading for an osmosis rash from the pollutant bath in which they've been soaked.

Think like Santa ... protect your bottoms with antifouling ... it even comes in red!

Talking of 'protection'

Some strange things 'disappeared' from boats under restoration this summer. A piece of mahogany lumber, an anchor, a stove, an electrical 'pigtail' and a 12v television to name a few!

We've never had a problem like this before at Limi, and although these articles are not necessarily of any great value, their thefts do suggest that someone (not necessarily from Limi) who is also restoring a boat is the thief.

PLEASE, everyone be vigilant of anyone in the yard snooping around in areas they don't belong, and report your sightings to the office asap. We will not hesitate to involve the police and, if ... heaven forbid ... one of our customers is the culprit, they and their boat will be removed from our premises toot sweet!



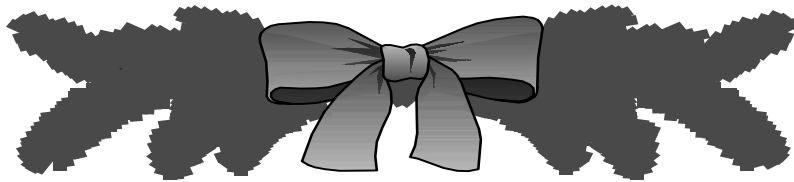
Like a bowl full of Jelly ... But went straight to his work ...

was Malcolm's Sheppard as we gingerly transferred his almost complete restoration project to its new home on the other side of the yard. This one year restoration job has (typically) turned into three, but in the water she goes next season ... Limi's shiniest beauty yet!



Malcolm's shining Sheppard

Like a bowl full of jelly was Gillian's reaction to Gerry & Lynne's Christmas touch on their much loved trawler 'Drummer', which they've been crewed chartering right here from our docks. They've had a wonderfully busy season ... and that bow is cute!



But went straight to his work ...



(Pic # 13, to come)

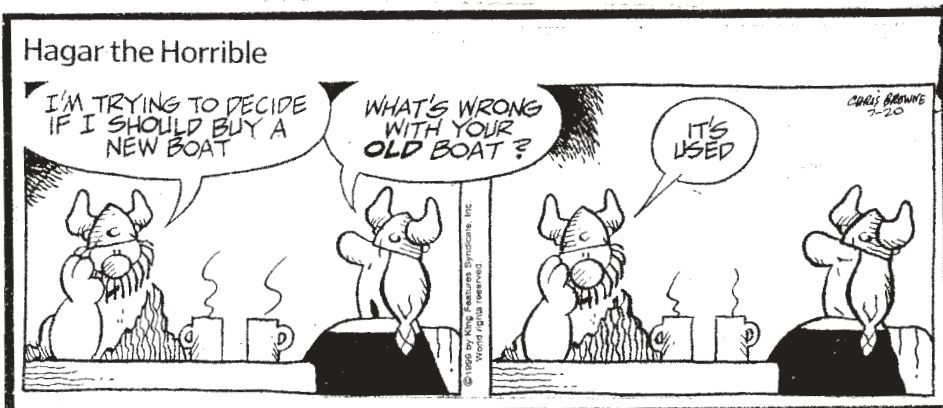
did eight Limi skippers and their crew during the Antique & Classic Boat Show.

Spotter boats they were called, positioned at anchor at each end of the fly by course and keeping police and show organizers apprised of the derring do's of passing boaters and errant participants!

And you know, Gillian, who was monitoring all on channel 68, was *really* proud & impressed! Though our beloved police apparently haven't yet figured out how to operate a marine radio, these Limi crews sounded like pros as they kept the lines of communication humming and everything in control!

Limi's congratulations and heartfelt thanks go out to:

- Martin & Lorraine* on 'Serendipity'
- Iain & Joan* on their *Glen L*
- Rick* on 'Zelda Two'
- George & Lori* on their *Thundercraft*
- Geoff & Cynthia* on 'Nessie'
- Chuck & Helena* on 'Tankard Two'
- John and Barb* on 'Dissipate'
- Jim & Jean* on 'Muriel Jean'.



courtesy Chris Brown and the Ottawa Citizen



*Happy Christmas
to all ... and to all
a good night!*

*Sae B. Dawn H.
Lillian G. Andy P.
Gillian Pearl John F.
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