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The Commodore's Log

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FAMOUS LAST WORDS!

"Here's hoping for a wonderful, hot & sunny summer ..."

Gillian's last words in Limi's April newsletter!

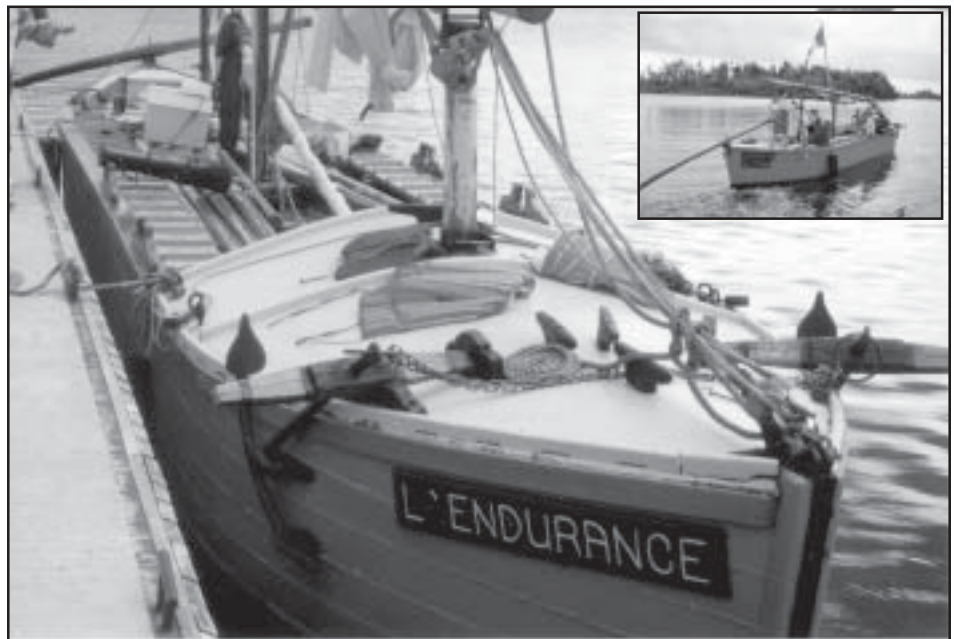
Well, we've been told we've worked miracles here at Limi since Gillian & Real took over in 1998, but this time maybe we've overdone it a bit! We'll try to take it down a few degrees for your boating comfort!

OH CANADA!

Early on the morn of our national celebration Gillian received a phone call enquiring about parts for an errant 1997 Mariner outboard, presumably hanging off the transom of a similarly vintaged 'tupperware' craft.

"No problem", said Service Manager David (aka Mohammed on account of his ability to move mountains around here). "Just bring her right over!"

So under the bridge she came, slowly, crew huddled under a sail, as our eyes bulged and our jaws dropped in disbelief!



It's the Durham Boat! yelled Gerry of Authentic Yacht Brokerage, whose business relies on identifying anything floating that might be for sale. And sure enough this almost sixty foot long, historic, lumbering wooden sailing craft, with a dozen or so Scouts aboard, slipped with their lengthy tiller alongside our main dock.

Soon they revealed their hidden secret, a cheater outboard motor that was (supposed to be) speeding their otherwise historically accurate ship 'Endurance' to Mallorytown, where they were to participate in a re-enactment of the war of 1812!

On a youth training programme for fourteen year olds, *Les Scouts d'Ottawa* were wet & hungry, and the repair was to take a few hours.

Knowing kids will eat anything at any time (it was only about 10am by now) we filled & warmed them with hamburgers & hot dogs before, with a canon blast by way of a 'thank you' that probably split every eardrum in historic Wellington (now known as Kars), they took off to go to their war!

For history buffs, the Durham boat was designed in 1750 and used (beginning in 1809) to carry troops & supplies between Montreal & Kingston. They were later utilized by our pioneers settling Lower & Upper Canada. There are no surviving original Durham boats. This one, the only one in existence today, was reconstructed by the NCC & Parks Canada in 1982. This will be its last year on the water. If you missed it at Limi you can see it next year in its final resting-place ... The Museum of Civilization!

FOR YOUR EDIFICATION!

and that of the family Barrie!

Limi routinely receives and peruses the *Canadian Coast Guard's 'Notices to Mariners'*. These publications keep us up to date on changes to our navigation system, both temporary & permanent. Any changes relating to our waters, particularly charts 1512 (Ottawa to Smiths Falls) & 1513 (Smiths Falls to Kingston) are posted in the Chandlery.

There are currently three changes that affect us: A colour change to a flashing marker at the mouth of the Rideau (Catarqui) at Kingston, and additional underwater cables in the Big Rideau and around Chaffeys lock. Check it out if you'll be travelling these waters.

And talking of charts, the hydrographic folk are re-sounding our area this year in readiness for a **new issue of Chart 1512**. There appear to be some significant changes, so put 1512 on your Christmas list! Only \$23.00 at your favourite licensed chart dealer, Long Island Marine!

Limi also receives regular *bulletins from Parks Canada* regarding lock schedules, water levels, markers that are off station, floating debris etc. We generally post them in the snack bar, washrooms, workshop office & outside the yard office. Keep an eye on these little epistles or chance putting your prop in the Monday pick-up pile, awaiting your cheque at 'pay us' time on Thursday!

Get hooked! Our popular *Anchoring Clinic* will be held in the courtyard

on Saturday August 25th at 10am, (rain date same time, same place, one week later). It's Gillian's ongoing mantra that, when you can get a good night's sleep bobbing at anchor in some secluded little bay, you'll increase your boating horizons a hundredfold and avoid the congestion of lock stations and marinas everafter!

There's no charge for this two hour session, but will somebody please offer the use of a reasonable sized boat for the on water demonstration!

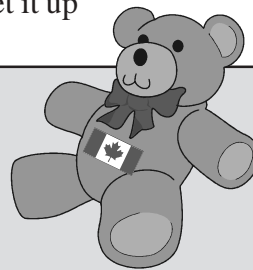
It would be helpful if you could let Gillian know if you'll be attending.

Congratulations to our old friend *Deane Corneil*, who is now a fully certified member of the *Canadian Coastguard Auxiliary!*



Now a 'Boating Safety Specialist' Deane has kindly offered to perform a Courtesy Inspection of your vessel and its contents to flag any issues that could get you in trouble, not only with the waterway authorities but with your own, personal safety. If you'd like to partake, and believe me, any deficiencies will be treated in absolute confidence, call Deane at 223-2493, or let Gillian know & she'll set it up

I'm Lost!



Found in the vicinity of dock 11 north: A cute little Canadian Teddy Bear with a backpack full of real money! Will his rightful owner please rescue him from Dawn in the front office?



From the sublime to the ridiculous:

GIMCRACKS & GEWGAWS

Limi regularly acknowledges the special achievements of our customers and staff, so move over Emmys, Grammy's and Tony's etc:

HERE COME THE LIMI'S!

The '*Believe it or Not*' Award goes to Barry L. on 'Bristolian 11' who, while flying high we presume, actually managed to strike a TV antenna! Got a great 'reception' when he asked us to check out his prop!

'*Soaker of the Year*' Award goes to our very own David (the mountain mover) who thought Amnesia's swim platform was at least the size of a football field. He soon discovered, too late, that though it was indeed only twelve inches wide, the Rideau River went down forever! No need to rake out our weeds folks ... just drop David in & he'll come up covered with the whole lot!

A week later he repeated the trick, albeit preparing himself this time, by dropping his pants in a flash (a skill of his that was *not* on his resume we might add!), & going in again after his 'little boss's' sunglasses.

And picture this:

An elderly gentleman customer (name withheld at the insistence of our lawyers) was making futile, see-sawing efforts to back his small boat on a trailer down the launch ramp. No matter how many times he tried, the rig ended up skewed sideways

So this season's '*Who's Really in Charge*' Award goes to his similarly chronologically advantaged wife who, having suffered the embarrassing scene for just too long, stomped to the back of the trailer, lifted that sucker up unaided and plunked it down good and square with the ramp! Even Real was impressed!!

Here's another reason to keep your dog on a leash: The '*Don't Get Mad, Get Even*' Award goes to the less than vigilant Limi crew preparing tables for the June Fish Fry.

In a flash a neighbour 'mutt' by the name of JD, leaped at a table and in one gulp wolfed down a whole pound of butter! Three dollars that little snack cost us, and Gillian was mad as hell! Philosopher Steve (whose territory at Limi is The Ship Shape Shop) pointed out that JD would probably throw up.

And so it was that JD's owner Ron just happened by Gillian's office the following day. With a twinkle in her eye 'El Presidente' casually enquired about JD's health.

The "*and the dog was sick*" scene in *Dylan Thomas's 'Childs Christmas in Wales'* pales in comparison to Ron's report of the vile, voluminous, stinking mess that JD erupted all over his precious Indian rug, smack in the middle of the living

room! Came *that* close to flowing on to the brand new broadloom ... a miss which Ron assures us saved JD from a fate worse than death!

Ron graciously offered to pay for the butter. Gillian equally graciously declined his money, telling him to put it toward his carpet-cleaning bill!

But here folks is a possible remedy to the 'dogs on the loose' problem.

We'll just feed them butter!



NEW FACES

We welcome new boaters:

Nicola and Bruce on 'Accord', who've braved the Big Rideau, already, anchored out overnight, coped with mechanical problems with aplomb and come back smiling! Not bad for beginners!

Karen, Rick, Sarah & Rob with their Larson, who are determined that they're going to do everything right!

Ed & son Matthew who nabbed our last available dock for their Tempest.

Claude, who insists there are no rocks in the Rideau. Must've dinged his prop by running over a muskrat with kidney stones!

Mark M, media mogul who thinks we can start his boat without keys ... He's gotta learn not to listen to Brad!

Battery eater **Mike** on his SeaRay.

Bruce R, who is probably the rightful owner of any keys or licence plates you may find lying around!

David G & his brand new Lund

Vedad & his beautiful Maxum, who arrived in the middle of our Fish Fry & declared it too hot to fish!

Rick D, who learned that boats run better when the water's under the keel and not in the tank!

Bob & Audrey, who, not satisfied with their old boat just 'sallied forth & bought another'!

John L. & Murray M. trailerboaters who've kept such a low profile that we can't find *anything* to tease them about!

And canoeists **Bev & Herb**, and **Janet & Chris** who've learned to avoid the maelstroms of the Rideau on weekend afternoons!

*We heartily welcome all of you to
Long Island Marine!*

Did you know?



For your personal safety it's wise to name your boat and perform all the traditional christening rites!

Why?

The TITANIC was the only ocean going liner that was never christened!

BRICKBATS & KEEL HAULERS

Now, before you, start throwing rotten tomatoes and the like at the dedicated crew here at Limi, consider the brevity of the following 'gripes' AND QUIT DOING THIS STUFF!

Please don't put discarded meats, fish, poultry etc, loose in the garbage barrels. Double bag and seal them tight. The hoards of squirming maggots we've had to catch, corral & dispose of makes Real puke!

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And don't forget the blue & black re-cycle box rules:

- Blue boxes are only for plastics, glass and metals.
- Black boxes are only for paper & cardboard.

Except for hazardous wastes, which go to the recycling facilities in the workshop, everything else goes into the garbage barrels.

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We love to see you and your kids swimming at Limi, after all, that's good, clean fun! (pun intended). However, there are some rules:

- You swim at your own risk.
- Children must be accompanied by you or your appointed 'responsible person'. We do not provide a lifeguard service.
- This is a marina. Boats who are at, approaching, leaving or maneuvering around our docks **HAVE ABSOLUTE PRIORITY!** If there is a boat nearby, get out of the water! Injuries from a prop can make 'Jaws' look like a cat scratch!

Some boats at our docks or in our yard are listed for sale by Authentic Yacht Brokerage. There's a sign on all of them:

'Absolutely no boarding without Broker'

It means what it says folks!

And as a boat owner we're sure you'll agree that unauthorized and unsupervised people cannot be allowed to board ANY boat, including yours bobbing at its berth. That also goes for peering into other boats when you think no one is aboard (something we've seen children doing especially). Please respect other's property & privacy!

Enuf griping...let's have some fun!

INTRODUCING Boatel Aruba!



You're invited to an 'Open House' aboard this area's first **BOATEL** right here at Long Island Marine

Sunday August 26th 3 - 6pm
Ribbon cutting at 4pm by

BERYL GAFFNEY
(Former M.P.P for Nepean)

Enjoy light refreshments as you tour 'The Aruba'
Enter a draw to win a night on board or a bottle of champagne

It's
Party
time
again!



'End of Season
an
'Swing & Sway'

The pig will be spinning on the spit all day

Saturday
September 15th

ready for the onslaught of Limi boaters at

6:00pm

Usual rules: Bring a side dish (salads, appetizers, dips, munchies etc) & the beverage of your choice.

Stomp to the sprightly tunes of our local lockmasters band and eat pork 'til the cows come home!

(Rain date Saturday September 22nd)

PARTIES PAST



And on the same day,
our annual

BRING & BUY BOATYARD SALE

9 am to 4 pm

Bring your nautical trash, treasures & junk and unload it at our fourth annual Boatyard Sale. No charge to sell. Your price.

We'll even sell the stuff for you as long as you price & identify it correctly!

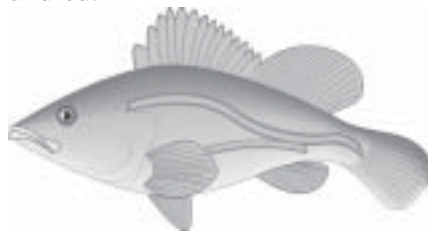
Got no trash or treasures?no problem, there'll be lots to choose from!



June 23rd saw the coming and going of our fourth annual Fish Fry, not a hamburger in sight!

The rainy Saturday's skies, with typical Limi luck dried and shone a mere half hour before barbecue time and bathed us with sunshine for the rest of the evening!

The nay-saying weather wuss's among our clientele, (thems that ain't yet let learned about the favours weather gods bestow on our little marina), meant that our eighty or so die-hards enjoyed a fish meal planned for over a hundred.



Now you know that Limi likes to regularly 'challenge' their respected customers, usually in the hope that some good newsletter fodder will surface.

Well, goddam it! In this respect this year's Fish Fry was an abysmal failure!

With delicious trout, whiting, salmon shrimp and mackerel gently cooking on the barbeques, and fresh salmon smoking on Deane's smoker, what did Limi customers line up for first?

The squirmy octopus, alligator & cod's tongues with their cute little cheeks attached ... that's what!



Not satiated with the more gross among our fishy offerings, those eighty or so stomachs devoured the remaining fifty pounds of fish and countless delicious side dishes whipped up by our culinary skilled guests, 'til not a morsel remained. Of course, we were short of butter!

ON THE WILD SIDE

Our two resident *Mallard* families, one mama with only two surviving offspring and the other with six, have become a familiar sight on our waterfront. One in the older family (now grown so big that they're almost as large as mother) has suffered a leg injury but is getting better daily. Probably escaped with his life from the jaws of a snapping turtle or perhaps some other waterfront predator. Although he swims almost as well as his siblings, he is a little clumsier on land. It's touching to see mother slowing down to his pace and keeping an eye on her handicapped child.

By the way ... have you noticed there have been no males in sight for weeks! Anyone with a clue as to the whereabouts of male, family-abandoning mallards at this time of year, please let us know!

The Limi crew drives our road every day, but it took boat broker Gerry's wife Lynn to point out the fabulous, natural *wildflowers* that adorn the property all the way out to Commodore Road. Drive slowly and appreciate this glorious, colourful display as you come and go.

On this same route a large *Doe* jumped right in front of Dawn's car. Even more reason to keep your speed to a minimum to enjoy the scene and avoid that little talk with your vehicle insurer!

It's August, and Fall is just around the corner. The first harbinger we've heard is the evening cacophony of song generated by the *Redwing Blackbirds* in the cattail marshes opposite us, and the cricket choruses all around as the sun goes down!

THE OUTPORT

Though we haven't had much time to promote it this year to our new customers, Long Island Marine is the ONLY marina on the Rideau system to offer an 'away' dock for daytime or overnight use by our boaters.

Gillian & Real's own, peaceful & private thirty-foot dock at our home on the South Branch is available to our boaters at no charge. Our sixteen-foot diameter, fully screened gazebo with a barbecue is there for your dining pleasure! Fifteen amp power and water is also on hand.

From here you can also walk to restaurants, stores and downtown Kemptville.

You'll need to fly your Long Island Marine pennant so the neighbours know you're 'legit'.

Make reservations and get navigation instructions from Gillian.

AIN'T THAT THE TRUTH!

When in doubt, go slow!

If oars are your back-up power, they work best when you actually have oarlocks on your boat!

Two batteries are better than one. Three are even better ...

And this courtesy of The Ottawa Citizen:



ON THE YUMMY SIDE

Easy on the hosts and easy to do on any boat:

CHUTNEY & CREAM CHEESE

Preparation time: 2 minutes, serves 6

- 1 (8oz) cream cheese
- 1 jar chutney

Pour chutney over the cream cheese and serve with tortilla chips or crackers. Can also substitute salsa in place of chutney.

Great when you're running short on time. Delicious too!

DESSERT CREAM

Preparation time: 3 minutes, serves 6 - 8

- 4oz container of Cool Whip
- 3 tbsp (or more) Kahlua, Cointreau or Drambuie
- Nutmeg
- Cinnamon

Mix well - no one will know it's Cool Whip! Serve over desserts or fruit, or in coffee. Also good on breakfast breads or pancakes.

CREW'S DELIGHT

(Gillian's personal favourite)

Serves 6 (easily expanded)

4 guests

2 crew

1 invitation for dinner ashore

Day before or day of planned shore side meal, call to make reservations at a suitable restaurant. To serve, tie up at the restaurant dock, walk ashore with the captain, cook & guests and have a great night out!

FISHING REGULATIONS ADDENDUM 2001

Reg. 235/45w sub 103A. Dept of Fish and Chips. CANADA

Pursuant to Order in Council committee session 12000A:

Senate members in attendance: 5 (five). Alive: 3 (three) Compos -Mentis 1 (one, sort of).

Be it known the following regulations are in effect as of midnight May 15th 2001, give or take a day or two.

An act to be applied to the catching, release, care of, breeding, whether in captivity or in the wild, and the knocking of the head with malice aforethought of those specie, known generally, but not necessarily, as personal watercraft (PWC s)

Specie: Protected and covered in this act:

The Greater Red Backed Mud Lout

Identification: Large, may weigh upwards of 350 lbs

Habitat: Docks, wakes, bars

Behavior: Very aggressive specie.

Does not boat unless subdued by billy club or additional alcohol.

Striped Puffers

Identification: Female version of the above.

Large black bifurcated ventral vein.

Brightly coloured.

Squeaks when hooked.

Habitat: As above while mating. Otherwise school together

Behavior: Fight before the hook is set, calm on retrieve.

Small Fry

Identification: Seldom weigh more than 30 lbs

Habitat: Shallow water over sandy bottoms

Behavior: Most often seen swimming in aimless circles.

(Cooking tip: Best pan-fried with an additional marinade of Pablum.

The Mud Lout is pre-soaked. Additional saucing can result in Halon activation).

Fishing tips: Water movement attracts all the above specie. A wake of between three & ten feet for the bigger ones is recommended. The larger wake is particularly recommended in no wake areas where they tend to congregate. You can judge wake size by observing signs with wiggly lines on them. When the third wiggle is awash you are at the appropriate trolling speed. Loud sounds are a good attractor since your prey is hearing impaired. Our scientists (the ones that brought you the Cod moratorium) suggest 135Db as appropriate. So crank up that stereo and loosen the muffler.

To assure a clean catch you may wish to try random course changes, sound for a starboard shift and make a hard-a-port. A shift to full astern can almost guarantee a full creel. This maneuver saves time in filleting.

Our experts, all of whom have several degrees in Sociology, tell us that empty beer bottles are a great chumming medium. A twenty-pound Danforth is the best size hook for the big ones; ten-pound mushrooms dropped vertically work on the smaller ones.

BOATEL ARUBA

At Long Island Marine

The forty-two foot, six berth, fully equipped Owens Aruba is beginning her new career as floating rental accommodation. Ideal for weekend getaways, accommodations for your guests, receptions, special celebrations or small group meetings.

***Details and reservations available from
Deane Corneil 223-2493***



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