



"Limey" to our friends!

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The Commodore's Log

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Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it!

(Charles D. Warner, in the Hartford Courant, c.1890)



...except our die-hards who announced: 'We're not made of sugar eh?' and carried on regardless!

The prize for being the wettest this spring goes to the Limi crew & our few intrepid boaters who've braved

this crazy weather to enjoy a very quiet Rideau and unlimited dock space at the lockstations

But If there's one thing many of our boaters like just about as much as boating ... it's flying!

Some of our more obtuse folk even like diving, but we'll plumb those murky depths when one of them provides pictures!

This fabulous shot was taken by Tom Blood last summer. Many thanks Tom!

NEW FACES

On the water for the first time at Limi this year are:

Gord Bertrand, whose little 'Angel' graces dock 11A south.

Alison & Paul Conley, Alison taking this year's award for wife being here more often than husband!

Greta & Al Ercit, (& Sheltie 'Georgia'), whose little pontoon boat is ready to explore the whole Rideau!

Norm & Shirley Herbert, who think their boat will stay drier in the water than it was last year on land!

Roy & Julie Holtom, who, having sold their gigantic houseboat a few years back *had* to buy another little boat just to be able to return to Limi!

Roy McRae, who opted to tuck his little Peterboro in the shadow of Shel Cher.

Bill & Margaret Mills, more ex large yacht owners who just can't give it up!

Graeme Smythe, whose father dinged the prop (bigtime) & wanted us to fix it before his son found out! (Ain't that a switch!)

Blair Spencer, who arrived with bribes of batteries, booze & sodium lights! Thank you Blair!

And four new trailer boaters:

Pat Jones, James Mann, keener John McEwan and Ray Van Duzer

We bid you all a warm welcome and a sunny, successful 2001 boating season!

AND NEW DOCKS!



We'll never solve that 'chicken & egg' argument, Which came first? Real building docks or new boaters to fill them?



ON THE WILD SIDE

A hole in one! Take a look at the giant cedar tree beside the main dock. A very dedicated **pileated woodpecker** customized the trunk this spring (must have given him a real headache!)



The tree will survive tho', and watch this spot for all the interesting activity that develops in cavity trees

when the squirrels and chipmunks find out about it!

A pair of **mallards** has set up house again close to the ramp this spring. Much to their chagrin, but to the delight of our human observers, they're joined at supptime (corn on the ramp) by several other males of their species, whose landlord obviously provides room but not board! **Stop the press!** Our 'pair' now have three little ones learning the ropes!

And as much as we welcome your 'little ones' enjoying our surroundings, we ask that you do not allow them to throw stones at the ducks (or into the water for that matter). As well as the obvious possible harm to the ducks, mis-aimed stones are showing up on boats!

As usual, **bass** are nesting between our docks close to the boardwalks. Watch the male patrolling the saucer shaped nest and chasing off predators! And please, *no fishing* in these areas until at least early July.



Deer have been spotted by several customers in the cleared area beside our road, and **rabbits** are back this year in increasing numbers.

Wondering about all the stringed areas and plastic beer cups around the property? Those are delineating and protecting almost a thousand **dogwood & nannyberry** bushes, and **tamarack** trees we've just planted!

Dogs! Not what we normally consider 'wildlife' (tho' some of those canines might qualify!), are now more frequent at Limi and most are

very welcome. Problem comes from the owners who don't keep their mutts on a leash, and don't bother to 'scoop the poop'! PLEASE follow these two simple, standard rules before Gillian is forced to renew her acquaintance with the local dog catcher!

GIMCRACKS AND GEWGAWS

Before you dive into your dictionary to check out Gillian's newest linguistic delight, catch up on these odds 'n ends:

Gill's Fills, our May weekend, lunchtime barbequing effort was well supported and much appreciated by many of our sanding & scraping boaters. Die hards got an

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LOVE LOST

26 April 2001,

Dear Boaters,

Does anyone remember a yacht named 'The Micmac'?

Years ago this vessel was owned by the Johnson family and was berthed just below Long Island Locks beside the RCMP Camp.

If you have a picture of 'the Micmac', or have any idea where this vessel may be today, please let me know, I want to renew my acquaintance with a long lost love!

George A Anderson
c/o Lomi, Kars

AND FOUND!



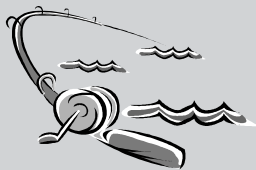
Marriages entered into by the Captain are good only for the duration of the voyage!

Congratulations Bill & Lana!

And just to make a liar out of the 'boss', Gillian (see Volume 4, issue 1 'New Faces'), our veteran and 'keep you all on your toes' Office Manager, Dawn Holt is now known by her maiden name, Dawn Lake!

NO FISHIN'

No rod & line needed to hook all kinds of yummy finned delicacies at Limi's

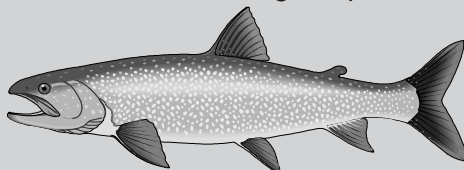


Fourth Annual FISH FRY

Gillian will cast her net at her favourite fish market to bring you recognizable favourites & unrecognizable challenges, barbecued or smoked to perfection while you sip suds in the sunset.

Saturday June 23

Barbecueing at 6pm



BYOB and

A side dish of your choice:

Appetizers • Chips & Dips • Salads/veggie trays
Breads • Desserts • Etc etc etc



GIMCRACKS AND GEWGAWS Con't

extra 'half price' bonus on May 27, the last day we'll do this until (maybe) late September. Meanwhile our snack bar is fully stocked and taking on a gourmet trend with the addition of Fettucine Alfredo!

The Lakehead University's **Urban Wanderers** did indeed wash up on our shores on May 23rd, and, looking more like drowned rats than real human beings, they were grateful for their first hot showers and real food in days! Drenching rain plagued them for most of the trip from Kingston to Ottawa, and food poisoning delayed their arrival at Limi. They plan to put up a website in September ... we'll keep you informed.

Limi's first **Boater's Handbook** is still in the writing stage and will be ready soon ... promise!

Our **Clean Marine** programme is garnering accolades from resident boaters, general customers and visitors alike, other than the occasional grumble from Service Manager David as he digs himself out from the recycle stuff burying his workshop!

Challenge the test! **Boater Certification** is an ongoing service at Limi, with both Gillian & Dawn being certified proctors of the test. We have study guides (\$20.00) and the Coastguard's 'Safe Boating Guide' (free) for you to study.

Testing can be done at any time, but we suggest you call first to make sure either Dawn or Gillian are in to administer the test. It isn't hard folks ...step right up and get certified now ! By September 15th next year anyone, regardless of age (contrary to popular belief, the chronologically

advantaged among us are *not* grandfathered) will need the certificate to operate any powered vessel under 4 metres, including personal watercraft.

Canvas anyone? Three pieces of Norbert & Ulla Riester's white canvas (each piece with a window) have gone missing! It's possible that a Limi boater with similar canvas hasn't yet realized they now have too much! If you still have canvas stored, would you please check it to make sure it all belongs with your boat?.....or Norbert & Ulla are going to have an awfully wet couch!!



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