



"Limey" to our friends!

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The Commodore's Log

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WELCOME!

Welcome aboard for the 2002 boating season. May the wind be always at your back, the sun overhead and the rain only falling overnight on weekdays!

We welcome back our long time boaters and a whole raft (pun intended) of newcomers to our little marina. But before we introduce everyone, let's tell you, in a nutshell, what we're all about:

The affectionate acronym for Long Island Marine Inc is 'Limi'. Pronounced 'limey'. It's a pun on the ancestral origins of owner Gillian. We use 'Limi' consistently 'cos it's a lot easier than that other whole mouthful!

The long promised 'Boater's Handbook', describing our whole operation here at Limi and setting out the rules & regs, is almost ready & will be distributed to you soon. In a nutshell, the rules & regs say:

Treat everyone here, and Limi and other's property as you would like you and yours to be treated!

Our welcoming site, the friendliness we foster and the success of our 'honour systems' are our reputation, and are only as good as you are!

Enough philosophizing ... let's hear the drums roll and welcome newcomers:

Although we don't care who's showering with who, at some customer's requests (to protect their privacy) we don't print full names in the newsletters.

Terry M with his Thundercraft, who's now catchin' fish instead of stuffin' 'em!



Robert Eaton, left, & Gillian at the Nottawasaga Inn, December 2001

PROUD MOMENTS & SQUEAKY CLEAN!

Limi is unashamedly proud of being the first winner of the Ontario Marine Operators Association's annual

ROBERT EATON ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES WITHIN THE MARINE INDUSTRY

The 'knock your socks off' surprise award was presented to Gillian in December.

Limi has been an audited and certified 'Clean Marina' for more than a year now, and we fly that flag from our kiosks proudly!

Long time customers know how vigilantly we re-cycle our & your toxic wastes, shrink-wrap, plastics, metals etc. and follow the general rules around our site

designed to protect & enhance our environment.

We love trees, wild shrubbery (heck ... we keep on planting more of the stuff), dandelions, birds, rats (Yes ... rats!), frogs bulrushes and scooped poop!

We deplore garbage around our site, cigarette butts on the ground, oil slicks in the water (is your bilge clean?) and un-scooped poop!

Use only environmentally friendly products on & around your boat. Check out our Chandlery for Eco Rated boat products that are environmentally friendly. Follow our posted environmental mandate &

BE CLEAN!

Bruce P, with 'Debt of a Salesman', who should no longer be in debt on account on all the Real Estate business we've given him of late!

Garfield & Eleanor who were encouraged to join us by Bruce P, and like it so much they now owe him a 'debt'!

John R & his SeaRay

Paul & Shirlene D & good looking sons Mark & Nicholas

Murray M & his Thundercraft

Willy & Elisabeth S. and all the grandchildren!

Gary & Doreen L, not total newcomers (they visited us last season), but who are determined to 'get the hang of it' with their new Doral

Hilly, Ilana and all the little 'N's who purchased 'Calypso' only a few weeks ago & who worked like beavers to get their first yacht ready for the water!

Josh P, who probably doesn't realize that one of his bosses lives right next door to the Marina!

Jim & Julie D, whose last name we still can't spell!

Tim C & Loretta H. & their Thundercraft
Troy & Jennie M, who re-located from downstream a few hundred yards & who love our washrooms!

Jim C, on The Danick, who relocated from downstream quite a few miles.

Kevin & Joy Smith who came in last fall with their Maxum.

Dick & Joy H with their 24-foot Doral

Richard & Michelle D with their Grew

Robert & Linda C with their beautiful Albin motor-sailer

Hugh D, with 'Play'n Lazy', who won't be 'play'n' much at all until our Ship Shape Shop's Steve works his magic!

Robert R & Robert R (just to confuse us!) with **Audrey & Brenda** on their beautiful & unrecognizably restored houseboat 'Named After You'

Jane & Doug McA, relocating from a few miles upstream

Patrick O'N, his stroller walking wife whose name, (we're embarrassed to admit), we don't know! & their inquisitive **Connor**

Mel B & Muriel C with their Tempest

Roy & Kay M, musicians with their Sea Swirl

Noel & Michelle P and little Ben, who wants a tug boat when he grows up, but who right now has to settle for daddy's Bayliner

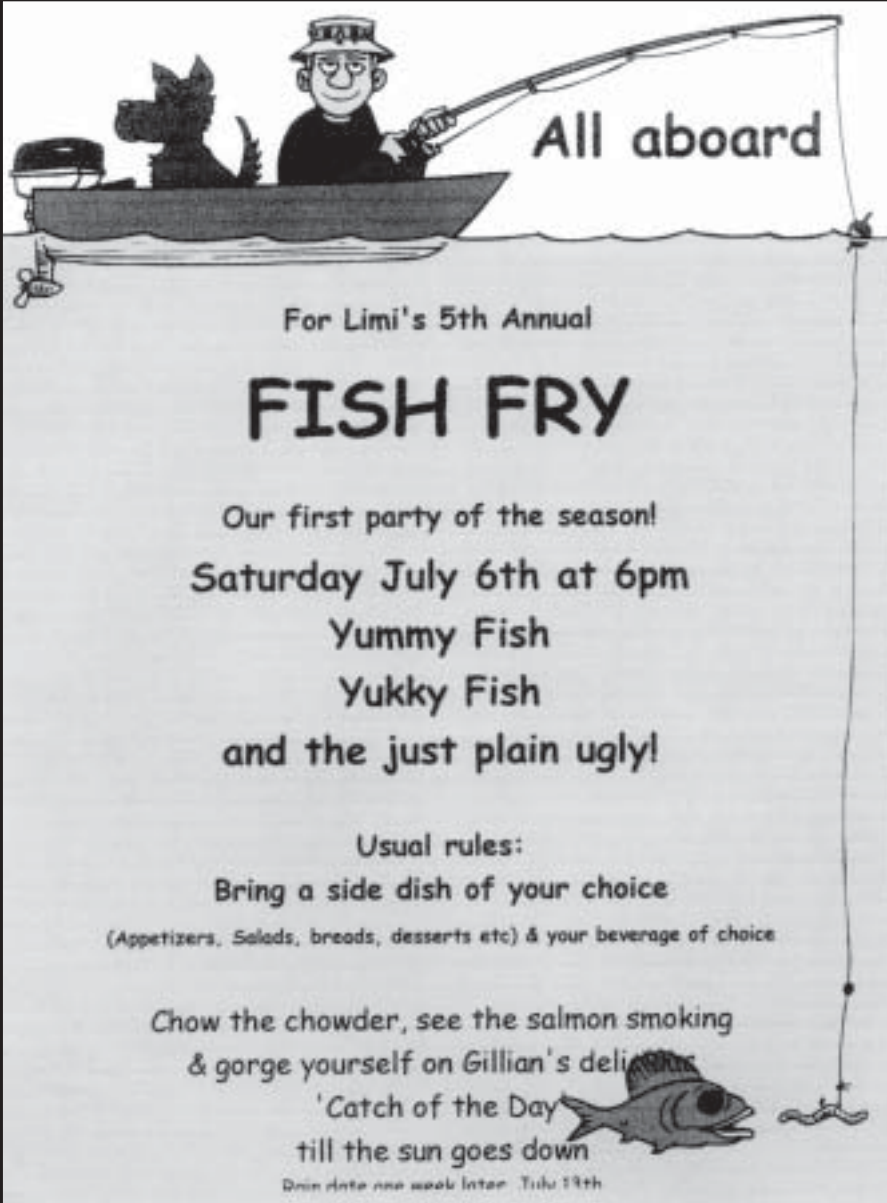
Ron & Ilona S & their Regal

Neil McF with children Reid, Lee & Joe

David R & son **Scott** with their Legend

Rob W & his Princecraft

Jon & Nancy W & their Forrester Bow Rider



All aboard

For Limi's 5th Annual
FISH FRY

Our first party of the season!
Saturday July 6th at 6pm
Yummy Fish
Yucky Fish
and the just plain ugly!

Usual rules:
Bring a side dish of your choice
(Appetizers, Salads, breads, desserts etc) & your beverage of choice

Chow the chowder, see the salmon smoking
& gorge yourself on Gillian's delicious
'Catch of the Day'
till the sun goes down
Drink date one week later. Tulu 13th

Helen M, whose future 'cottage' awaits restoration

Shane McE, restoring his Floridian yacht until he's (literally) blue in the face!

Pat J & his Wellcraft

Tony S & Diana who'll be 'on the hard' for a few weeks to fix her up before 'splashing' in early August

Bill W & his black 'Mariah'

Paul & Sandra C, who have just purchased Graeme S's Thundercraft

We heartily welcome you all, together with our other long-time & previously welcomed boaters to Long Island Marine. May your summer be long, hot & trouble free!

Apologies if we missed or misspelled you. Catch you in the next edition.

BOATING BEYOND YOUR REACH?

While our 'Long Reach' is one of the best cruising grounds of the Rideau, wanderlust does, and should, overcome all of us occasionally. Distant waters beckon.

Cruise our fabulous waterways often, and to best appreciate them, take it slow! You'll miss many treats if you rush when traveling north to Ottawa or south to the Rideau lakes or Kingston. Try to take in some of the attractive stops on the way, and be prepared for delays at the locks, especially on weekends.

Allow up to 30 minutes *per lock chamber* for the transit. Long Island has three chambers, Jones Falls has four and Ottawa has eight! & don't forget that if you arrive

at the locks just after they've started locking away from you, the time can be double!

It takes a minimum of 4 hours to get to downtown Ottawa (before you transit the flight locks into the Ottawa River), and possibly 10 hours to Smith's Falls.

Don't count on getting to the Rideau lakes in one day, or getting to Kingston in less than 3 days ... all these times presuming you're traveling at the speed limit, stopping no-where along the way and hitting the locks 'right'!

Gillian will gladly fill you in about travel times & good places to stop on your trip.

For the 2002 summer season the Rideau Canal lock operating hours & fees are:

June 14 to September 2

8.30am – 7.30pm

September 3 – 9

8.30am – 4.30pm

September 10 – October 16

Tuesday – Thursday 9.30am – 3.30pm

Friday – Monday 8.30am – 4.30pm

Season Pass \$7.35 per foot

Six day pass (recommended, for any 6 days in the season, not necessarily consecutively) \$4.20 per foot

Daily pass \$1.30 per foot

Single lockage & return \$0.65 per foot

Overnight mooring \$0.50 per foot

Seasonal overnight mooring \$7.50/ft

Power (where available) \$7.00 per night

Passes can be purchased when you arrive at your first lock station.

And don't forget to say 'Hi' to lockmaster Jack at Burritts Rapids, and George at Long Island. They & their staff are friendly, informative & helpful, & Jack & George have wonderful tales to tell! You'll meet both from time to time at Limi, usually playing guitars & the like at our social events!

ON THE WILD SIDE

Parrots anyone? Trailer-boater John M. dashed into Gillian's office last week looking for a cardboard box! Real excited he was, & told the story of this little, brightly coloured feathered friend who flew smack into his boat & collapsed, stunned, into the water! Box we provided, & the little critter allowed his rescuer the privilege of stroking his soaking wet body till he was well enough to fly away!

Quack Quack, real quacks! No, not the Battery driven 'chandlery duck' but the quacking of our first proud mother of the season and her three ducklings. They're cruising our docks already looking for handouts! It's not a good idea to feed any wild life ... but irresistible when it comes to ducks! Feed them if you must, but PLEASE don't allow the kids to throw stones at them!



Peter Goddard, right. Denise Cyr, front left, and the 123rd St John The Apostle Scouts

Growing wilder is our new, beautiful waterfront. As planned, the old, rotting boardwalks were removed over winter and the shoreline stabilized with stone. Thanks to Denise & Lionel of Bear's Den & Pooh, (the only ship ever built at Limi) the 123rd St John the Apostle scout troupe spent two days here in Spring transplanting native trees & shrubs to create a buffer zone at the shoreline. They did a superb job despite the weather, planting over 200! Peter Goddard, from Baxter Conservation Area was on hand to show them how. Dawn's son David has continued the work & will eventually transplant all the 'flagged' shrubs from along our road.

This buffer zone may look a little raggedy for a while, until these newcomers establish themselves. Bear with it ... we'll reap the rewards!

IT PAYS TO PLAY

Getting their boats repaired over winter, & therefore being entered in Limi's 'Splash Specials' draw paid off for **Luke & Nancy S**, who won the hand held VHF radio, and for **Robin H**, who won the inflatable dinghy. For those of you who entered the draw, we still owe you the thirty-point boat inspection & a free oil analysis. Contact Office Manager **Dawn** in the Workshop Office to book them.

GET CERTIFIED!

If your yacht is less than 4 metres long, including Personal Watercraft (Sea Doos) you must have your Operator Competency

Card before September 15th this year. All others must have it by 2009. But don't procrastinate! Right now the test is inexpensive (\$25.00) & easy ... a situation that could well change in the near future. **Gillian & Dawn** are certified Proctors, so just step up to the office & do the damn thing! Read the Coastguard's Safe Boating Guide (free from Limi) add a bit of common sense, know the pointy end from the blunt end and some VERY basic navigation and you'll be certified for life!

Note: Anyone born after April 1st 1983 must have their card NOW

LOST OVERBOARD?

Woodwind 11's skipper **Colin Chevrier** is a certified diver, & offers you his services at very reasonable rates. Contact him at (613) 567-7058

MOVE OVER HUCKLEBERRY FINN!

Even if you're not a 'Junkyard Wars' fan, you might consider watching, or even participating in the Raft Races on June 30th at Curry Park in Kemptville. Beginning at 1pm, teams are provided with similar bundles of materials and have 2 hours to build anything that floats. Then a successful sprint to & from a South Branch (Kemptville Creek) marker buoy could net you big prizes! Limited dockage available. Get details from Gillian.

GOT 'FOOTITIS' ?

(Nauticalspeak for the desire to trade-up to a larger boat), or you're maybe hoping for the second best day in your life (the first is the day you bought it, second is the day you sell it!), talk to **Doug Coupur** of **Authentic Yacht Brokerage** in his floating office at Limi or by phone, 269-3232.

THIS AREA'S FIRST BOATEL



Boatel 'Aruba', a forty-two foot, re-fitted classic Owens, is bobbing at her dock at Limi offering overnight accommodation at very reasonable prices. Contact owner Deane at 223-2493.



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TOILET TRAINING

Before you read the books & magazines, please read and follow the instruction signs in our washroom cubicles. Our composting toilets are a part of our Clean Marine mandate, and our only viable option for this site. The rule is simple:

FLUSH NOTHING BUT HUMAN WASTE
& A MODERATE AMOUNT OF TOILET
PAPER

There are NO exceptions.

And don't be shy ... we ask you to let a Limi staff member know immediately if the supplies are out, or the washrooms need cleaning in any way.

FOR MORE INFO ...

Check out our little Chandlery for neat boat stuff you may not know about. And be sure to check out our website, www.longislandmarine.com regularly for monthly boating tips to make boat care easier.

BILGE WATER & EXPLOSIONS!

Triggered by the recent pouring rains our workshop has some sage advice:

Over ninety percent of the water in a boat's bilge comes from above! Canvas tops are NOT waterproof, they are water resistant. The resulting submerged starters & tilt motors will cost you big bucks to replace, let alone ruin your boating trip while you're awaiting repairs!

The remedy?

For boats in the water, install an automatic bilge pump. For trailer boats, remove the hull drain plug when the boat is on land and block or jack the tongue high so that the rainwater runs to the stern & out through the drain. Of course, don't forget to put the plug back in before you launch!

And from apprentice Mike, please don't put propane canisters of any size in the garbage. Blowing up the City's garbage truck could be problematic, let alone could scatter unmentionable debris over your nearby boats! Put them in the Bait house & we'll dispose of them safely.

Limi's cookbook is going nowhere right now, not enough of your recipes submitted. If you'd like to participate, the rules are: Must be able to be made on a boat, presuming the craft has a stovetop or barbecue and a fridge or cooler. This one, albeit calorie free, deserves inclusion when we go to press.

A LIMI 'WHO'S WHO'

Richard Sargent, 5 year experienced Mechanic & Yard Staff. Newly bald head is diagnostic!

Mike Searsen, Apprentice Mechanic & yard staff. Difficult to look up to him, but he fits great in small engine compartments!

Steve Beverley, our Ship Shape Shop's Detailer. He fixes them up & paints and polishes bottoms!

Dawn Lake, General Manager. Also chief cook & bottle washer who can get ugly if your account's overdue!

On weekends helping out in the Chandlery **Sarah Forget**

Real Cyr, Gillian's right hand man! Can't miss the hat with the feathers!

Gillian Organ, Owner. Enuf said!

RECIPE FOR A HAPPY DAY

Preparation time: None

Cooking time: None

Serves: Everyone

1 cup friendly words

2 heaping cups understanding

4 heaping teaspoons time & patience

Pinch of warm personality

Dash of humour

Measure words carefully. Add heaping cups of understanding. Use generous amounts of time & patience. Keep on front burner - do not boil. Add dash of humour & pinch of warm personality. Season to taste with spice of life. Serve in individual molds.