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# The Commodore's Log

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## SUMMER STARTS HERE!

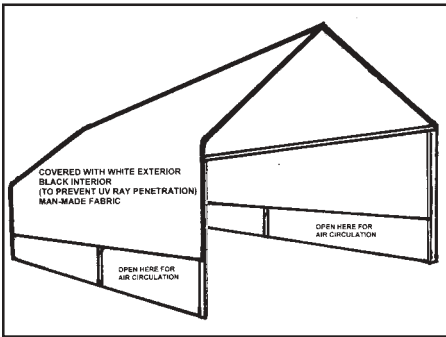
A real busy season is starting at Long Island Marine ... check out this line-up & **Let's Go Boating!**

### NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Introducing Real's new

#### Trailer Boat Shelters.

Keep your trailer boat under cover all year ... no need to install canvas or tarps after every boating trip or shrink-wrap for winter ... just drive her in & walk away!



Available on a year round basis at an introductory' 2004 price of \$750.00 (plus Paul's tax of course) covering October 15<sup>th</sup> 2004 thru October 14<sup>th</sup> 2005. Each will

contain a lockable storage box in which you can keep all your 'stuff' EXCEPT FLAMMABLES!

With payment due immediately you move in this summer, there'll be NO EXTRA CHARGE from the time you move in for the balance of the season YOU MUST order before September 1<sup>st</sup> to take advantage of this offer.

Number One off the production line is already built & in use ... yours to examine.

### BARBEQUING IN THE RAIN...

... and water in your beer may be a thing of the past if we erect a large gazebo in the main courtyard area for everyone's use. Hopes are to have one in place this summer with a little bit of help from our friends! The suggestion came from boater Betty K on 'Mutual Fun\$' who, hearing Gillian's usual first response 'But It aint in the budget!' suggested that we may be able to fund-raise for the structure ... If you have any opinions or ideas contact Betty thru' the Marina office or talk to Gillian.

## FUN STUFF!

Our seventh annual **FISH FRY** is on Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5.30. FREE, delicious FISH & free delicious YUKKIES!

**Manotick Antique & Classic Boat Club's** annual show is all day at Long Island Locks on Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup>

The second annual **Easter Seals Rideau River Run** is on Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup>. Free food & goodies at the Friday night Skippers meeting then spend Saturday 'floatin' along the Reach' and competing with the other boaters for socks, worms, quizzes & the like! More from Pierre at the June Fish Fry

Our seventh annual **Pig Roast** is on Saturday evening September 11<sup>th</sup>. Beginning at 6pm FREE scrumptious PIGGY and great music from our local Lockmasters band!

# SERIOUS STUFF

A NEW 'How to clean your Boat' demonstration is on Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup> Using all Ecologo rated products. Cal Devlin, a Limi boater & owner of 'Cal's Eco Depot' will demonstrate all that's best and effective in environmentally safe cleaners.

Limi's Beginner's Navigation Clinic is scheduled for Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup>. Covering general principles of navigation and navigation of the Rideau.

Limi's Anchoring Clinic, is on Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup> Learn the correct way to set the hook, save dockage fees & sleep tight!

NEW "Ask a surveyor" on Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup>. A free thirty-minute session with accredited marine surveyor Stephen Leake, (S.W.L. Consultants) ON YOUR BOAT. Value is almost \$100.00 and is your chance to get free advice! Available to sixteen boaters only so BOOK EARLY!



## CLEAN BOATER BE A CLEAN BOATER

We'll talk about showering later, but meanwhile get ready for the Ontario Marine Operator's Association's 'Clean Boater' programme, on stream at Limi this summer.

The Clean Marina programme ... and remember Limi is a proudly 'Clean Marina' ... has been extended to boaters. Given we all want to keep our waterways pristine, this programme gives you the chance to talk the talk and walk the walk.

Qualified 'Clean Boaters' merely need to show us that:

- Your bilge is clean, no oil, gas or diesel deposits
- If your engine is an inboard or sterndrive, you have an absorbent pad in the bilge (bilge 'rats' cost only about \$12.00 and last at least a whole season)
- Your boat's head can only be emptied by a shore side vacuum pump

In exchange you'll receive:

- **10% off insurance through 'Marine Experts'** (details available from our office)
- A decal announcing your compliance
- A clean boater manual
- A newsletter & access to a 'Clean'website

It's a standard Limi expects all its boaters to achieve ... and the fact is 90% of you qualify already!

Long Island Marine is an approved inspection marina and will be inspecting many boats other than yours, our members. Cost to everyone is \$35.00, the funds going directly to the programme and *not to Long Island Marine* (rats sez Gillian!)

You'll probably recover many more dollars than that \$35.00 investment if you take advantage of the 10% insurance discount and, in addition Limi will give the first fifty boaters who sign up a 400ml bottle of the new ONE & ONLY BOAT CLEANER, ecologo certified & probably the only cleaner you'll need for the whole summer!

Non-members will not be eligible for the free boat cleaner.

## F.Y.I. Automotive vs. Marine Engine Parts

*Marine engine parts seem expensive compared to auto parts. However there are major differences – especially when it comes to ignition protection.*

*Fuel vapours quickly reach explosive levels when trapped in a boat's engine compartment.*

*To reduce the danger of explosion aboard boats many marine engine components are required to be ignition-protected.*

## MARINE PARTS

### ALTERNATORS

*Have sealed electrical contacts to prevent vapours from igniting*

### DISTRIBUTORS

*Are ignition-protected and the vent has a flame arrester to prevent fire-causing sparks*

### CARBURETORS

*Are vented to allow overflow to be consumed by the engine*

### FUEL PUMPS

*Will not leak if the primary fuel pump diaphragm fails*

### FUEL TANKS

*Must meet the Coastguard fuel system standard*

### PRIVACY POLICY

*Long Island Marine only collects & saves information about our customers that is necessary for the operation of our business. We do not reveal this information to anyone who has no legal right to receive it. We do not sell or give any data to any other mailing lists. In fact the data is not even stored on any computer capable of distributing it electronically.*

*If you do not want to be mentioned in our newsletters please let the office know and your name will never hit the press again!*

## COMING & GOING

Recently we've said a sad farewell to Deane's father 'Buck', that wonderful Veteran who succumbed to his age & illnesses at the Perley Vet's residence in March. Buck was a great friend of Limi, who made our

### 'X marks the spot'

latitude & longitude sign above Gillian's office door. Buck built & inscribed our fish cleaning station at the ramp, caught & barbecued for us Rideau River bass (delicious!), and did this marina more favours than can be listed here. Goodbye Buck, we'll miss you terribly!

At the other end of the spectrum, Bill & Lana B welcomed a new baby, Scott, over the winter months. Congratulations guys. Turn him into a boater and you can be assured we'll offer him his first student job in about fourteen years!



hangs under your overflow vent to prevent spills into the water. The fine you could receive for spilling gasoline in any amount into the water is guaranteed to ruin your boating season.

And a note on that issue from Gillian:

*It's no secret that fuel purchased at marinas is more expensive than that bought at roadside pumps, and that boaters who jerry-can from roadside pumps are doing so to save money.*

#### **Here's the genuine explanation.**

*The fuel retailer's cost to purchase the fuel is based on their annual fuel sales. Marinas sell negligible quantities compared to their roadside gas station counterparts. Hence their cost to purchase, and their price to you, is higher. Typically a marina will be paying for its fuel about the same price that the gas station will be selling it. In addition, the increased premium on a marina's insurance policy is huge because of the increased environmental spill risk associated with having gas storage & dispensing right on the water's edge.*

*Many marinas are considering getting out of the retail fuel business because of increased insurance costs and little or no profit on the sales. Most are only continuing to offer fuel sales as a service, but will only do that as long as the income is at least equal to the cost.*

*Consider the boaters' problems if there is no fuel available at marinas, and calculate the actual savings from buying 'roadside'. That little 'gain' could garner us all long term 'pain!'*

- For the procrastinators among us, **DON'T FORGET** to obtain your Boater Competency Card soon. The test gets more expensive and more difficult each year as the deadline approaches. Gillian & Dawn are both certified proctors so you can take the test almost on demand. **IT'S NOT DIFFICULT FOLKS**, but delaying may make it so!

## AUTO PARTS

*Have exposed contacts*

*Create internal, high-energy sparks*

*Overflow goes into engine space*

*Leaks gas into the engine spaces if the fuel pump diaphragm fails.*

*Does not meet Coastguard fuel system standards.*

*Courtesy The United States Coastguard*



Our 'Honour System' didn't work very well in the snack bar last year. Total income was LESS than the cost of the products provided! We absolutely don't want to discontinue the service so PLEASE remember to pay for everything you take. As a precaution, the machines may be locked after hours this summer.

## WHINING & REMINDING



- Try not to take long hot showers in the early am hours. Quite a few of our boaters have to go to work directly from the marina, so your lengthy shower and the resulting recovery time for the water heater REALLY makes them late. If at all possible, save the 'Spa shower' till later in the day!
- Again this year the courtyard barbecue will be fired up on weekend lunchtimes, noon to 2pm. There are hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage, chicken and all sorts of interesting stuff Deane gets from M&M meats for your culinary pleasure! Also served on holiday Mondays and July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- If you insist on transporting gasoline in portable cans to your boat & filling your tank PLEASE either take your boat's tank ashore and fill it there, or if that's not possible borrow from us, at no charge, our 'no spill' device that

- Deane, our 'in-house' boat salesperson and member of the Canadian Coastguard Auxiliary will again be offering voluntary Coastguard inspections of your boat. It's an easy inspection to pass, and the decal you will then be able to display may save you hassles from Marine Patrols, especially if you are traveling in the Rideau Lakes, the Ottawa & the St. Lawrence.



## BETTY'S LIST OF THE TOP TEN THINNEST BOOKS ON BOATING

1. The Buyer's guide to trouble free boats.
2. Boat Repairs For Less Than \$50.00
3. The Big Book of Jet Ski Courtesy
4. White Knuckle Sailboat Races Throughout History
5. Boats That Make Great Investments
6. Boat Brokers Who Have Received a Nobel Prize
7. Buy a Boat and Save, Save, Save
8. The Book of Cap'n Drew's Advice That Has Really Helped
9. The Pop-Up Book of Middle Aged Boaters Who Look Great in Thongs
10. The Tear-out book of Marina Owner Pin-ups

**Thanks Betty, but awe shucks; you don't want the Pres's pin-up picture in your galley?**

### DON'T LOOK UP!

*Limi has grown so rapidly that we will be upgrading our washroom capacity over winter 2004 – 2005. The larger capacity system will still be a composting one ... of course ... but in order to ascertain how big a system we need we'll be installing door counters on the present doors this season. No need to panic ... there is no camera ... just a little counter recording how many times the door opens!*



### THE TRIALS OF NOAH

*The Lord came to Noah in Canada in the year 2003. Earth was wicked & over-populated. The Lord instructed Noah to re-build the Ark and save two of every living thing along with a few good humans.*

*"Here's the blueprint," said the Lord. "Hurry - in six months I start the rain for forty days and forty nights."*

*Six months later the rain came down.*

*The Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his flooded yard - & no Ark!*

*"Noah", he roared, "Where's my Ark"?*

*"Forgive me Lord" said Noah, "Things have changed. I needed a building permit. I've been arguing with the inspector about the need for a sprinkler system. My neighbours claim that I have violated the neighbourhood zoning by-laws by starting to build the Ark in my yard and the height limitation being exceeded. We are appealing to the Development Appeal Board for a decision".*

*"Then Transport Canada & the Department of Highways & Hydro want a bond posted for the future costs of moving power, trolley & other overhead obstructions to clear the passage for the Ark's move to the sea. I argued the sea would be coming to us, but they would hear nothing of this".*

*"Getting wood was another problem. There's a ban on cutting local trees in order to save the spotted owl. I tried to convince the environmentalists that I needed the wood to save the owls. No go!"*

*"I gathered the animals. But then I got sued by an animal rights group. They insisted that I was confining wild animals against their will. As well they argued the accommodation was too restrictive and it was cruel & inhuman to put so many animals in so confined a space."*

*"Environment Canada decided that I could not build the Ark without filing an environmental impact statement on your proposed flood".*

*"I'm still trying to resolve a complaint with the Human Rights Commission on how many minorities I'm supposed to hire for my building crew. The trade's union wants me to hire only union trades people with Ark building experience."*

*"To make matters worse, the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to leave the country illegally. They also charged me with attempting to export endangered species."*

*"So forgive me Lord, but it would take at least ten years to finish this Ark."*

*Suddenly the skies cleared and the sun began to shine. A rainbow stretched across the sky. Noah looked up in wonder.*

*"You mean you're not going to destroy the World?" he asked.*

*"No," said the Lord. "Your government already has!"*

