



"Limey" to our friends!

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TODAY'S RIDEAU

Entrepreneur Paul Morralee has produced a nice little half-hour video, taken from his boat 'Nina', of our waterway from Kingston to Ottawa. It's peppered with interviews of boaters, the lockmasters & marina owners ... one of which is 'Yours Truly! (Best looking marina owner on the system sez Gillian!). You'll know a lot of the folk interviewed, and you should memorize those you don't know so when you meet them you can demonstrate your advantage!

It's available from our Chandlery for a mere \$20.00. Great stocking stuffer (aaghh, Christmas looms) or souvenir of your idyllic days afloat!



Speaking of Christmas!

Haul-out is sickeningly soon! The season's flying by and our yard staff are already preparing for the winter season. More details later, but for those of you considering one of our new Trailer Boat Shelters, BOOK SOON! The deadline for reservations is September 1st



SO FAR THIS SEASON

We had another successful **Fish Fry** with more than 80 guests chomping on salmon, mackerel, alligator, shrimp & crawfish, together with many other fishes and the yummy side dishes ... especially the desserts provided by you, our guests.

The anchoring **Clinic & Navigation Clinic** assured that a few more boaters are now a little more confident while floatin' on the Rideau!

Cal Devlin, Limi boater & owner of 'Cal's Eco Depot' gave a terrific demonstration of the effectiveness of his environmentally friendly products. We have them in the Chandlery, so stock-up in time for your winter boat cleaning. Be sure to ask for the product sheet detailing the products and explaining where to use them.

"Ask a Surveyor" saw Stephen Leake, Marine Surveyor give valuable advice to all who participated ... Thanks Steve!



TURN IN YOUR HOMEWORK

Many of you received 'Customer Satisfaction' surveys earlier this year & about a half have been returned. This ex-school marm knows all about those kids who have to be reminded that assignments are due! So to you procrastinators ... please turn them in soon so we can analyze the results. We'll take the reprimands and suggestions seriously, rectify any problems we can ... and feel justified in basking in the glow when you tell us you like us!

BRICKBATS!

Limi boater, (un-named to avoid her embarrassment) and our GM (no name necessary) are having a jolly old social time helping yard employee Robert. Robert is covering with plastic the grass seed he'd just sown. To prevent the plastic from blowing away "Just take a few nails" they were told "and push them through the plastic into the soil"

Limi boater can't push one of her nails in far enough, there's something hard down there.

Now the average, sane thinking person presumes they've just found a rock, right, and makes the obvious, effortless move ... just move the nail a few inches and find soft ground. Right?

No, our enthusiastic duo, led I'm told by our GM, head to the workshop for a hammer! Gotta pound that nail through the rock ... and that needs a mighty big hammer!

The fountain that ensued was abundant evidence THAT THERE ARE UNDERGROUND WATER PIPES AROUND HERE. Quit trying to split rocks! (But thanks for the help (?) anyway!

SO YOU THINK GAS IS EXPENSIVE?

Frequent contributor Betty K of 'Mutual Fun\$' sent us the following:

Here are prices per gallon of products we gladly consume:

Lipton Iced Tea	\$9.52
Gatorade	\$10.17
Brake fluid	\$33.60
Vick's Nyquil	\$178.13

And this is the shocker

Evian Water	\$21.19
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\$21.19 a gallon for water!!!

So next time you're at the pump be glad your boat doesn't run on water!

Some tips to reduce the expense

1. Fill your tanks to only 90%. Gas is stored underground where it's cooler. It expands when it's in the warmth of your tank and if you've filled the tank it'll run out your overflow vent. Not good for the river & a damned expensive throwaway!

2. Don't carry any more weight on your boat than necessary. More weight = more power required to push you along = more gas consumed!

3. Make sure the weight is distributed evenly. A boat that is bow or stern heavy, or listing ... even slightly to port or starboard, increases drag & therefore gas consumption. Uneven weight distribution is often caused by the crew on board, the storage of all that beer & ice, & often by the retrofitting of such things as extra batteries. If you can't re-locate the offending object, counterbalance it ... maybe with more beer!!

4. Keep you engine well tuned. I know this sounds like a plug for our workshop, but nevertheless an engine not running clean, or running too cool can cause a leak in your wallet!

And the biggest Brickbat of all ...

Goes to the idiot who FLUSHED HIS SHORTS DOWN THE TOILET! Obviously he can't read, is operating at an IQ of about 20 and has bowel problems! Despite all our signage about flushing nothing except 'what you ate, this turkey caused us to have to replace a \$400.00 pump & spend several hours up to our elbows in shit.

Gillian was spittin' mad and reacted with the displayed, now mutilated shorts and the threatening posters delivered to your boats and plastered all over the Heads kiosk.

PLEASE, flush nothing down the toilets except what you ate and a moderate amount of toilet paper!

It's that simple! Do we have to resort to posting an employee at the heads to verify that every male who uses the facility leaves wearing his shorts?!!!



'End of Season Pig Roast'
and
'Bring & Buy' Boatyard Sale.

Saturday, September 11th

All day for the Boatyard Sale • 5 pm for the Pig Roast

Bring all your nautical trash, treasures and junk and unload it at our second annual Boatyard Sale. No charge. Your price. We'll even sell the stuff for you as long as you price it and identify it correctly! Got no trash or treasures? ... no problem, there'll be lots to choose from!

Bring your usually hungry selves and a food offering (salads, breads, des-

serts, etc. or something deliciously gourmet and get ready to pig out at our seventh annual, hugely popular PIG ROAST beginning at 5pm. Oink Oink Acres will again be firing up the roaster early that morning and serving up succulent pig somewhere around 5:30 pm. Then get even with our wonderful lockmasters as they strut their stuff till we drop.

No Reservations Required! No Charge!

TRAK MAP RECALL

One run of the Smiths Falls to Ottawa chart has major errors in the buoyage numbers. Check yours. If the buoy number closest to our marina toward Kars (map 8,) is not N116, bring the chart to the Chandlery for a no-charge replacement.

LOST & FOUND

We're closely guarding an 'Approved' orange life-ring found floating in the water at the north end and a man's 'Cardinal' brand wristwatch found kissing the mud at the south end.

AIN'T THAT CUTE?

How many of you noticed the robin nesting on top the snack machine this summer? Successful she was ... hope they don't get rotten bills from too much candy!

SON OF A GUN..!

We're privileged to have available the services of **BRIAN FROST**, and his company 'THE WOODEN BOAT GUILD'. Wooden boat owners know all too well the difficulty finding skilled craftsmen to fix their loved ones ...but we've found one! Brian was raised building & repairing boats in his home port in South Africa and has practiced the craft for decades in Canada & the US. Apologies to Brian for the perhaps, but not intended, derogatory title to this article, but it's the closest the author could come to describing someone who was born into boating. Don't know what I'm talking about? ... Google it or check out 'Son of a gun' in your dictionary!

AND THIS HURTS!

'Tis the time for hornets! If your boat is on land and little used, you'll probably find a nest aboard! Bring the blaster & be careful!

MAKE THE CALL!

All of you...and Limi too, whine and complain about other boater's excessive wakes, negligent operation and excessive speed.

We at Limi have had extensive discussions with the Ottawa Police Marine patrol. They tell us they're not **hearing** enough complaints to justify increasing their budget to provide more police boats, or more time on the river. If we want action

WE MUST LET THEM KNOW!

CALL

236-1222, x 8920

You'll probably have to leave a message, so be sure to leave your phone number. **THEY WILL CALL YOU BACK!** You don't need to be able to identify the boat, though if you can, it helps. General complaints will do. *The more the better*

TRICKS & TIPS

PLUGS

Never ... ever forget to install the plug, or plugs in your boat before you launch her!!! It's standard marine practice to remove the plugs from all boats stored on land, even for a short period. This prevents rain from filling the hull from above ... & heaven knows we've had tons of the wet stuff this season! Most trailer boaters know all about plugs, but one unfortunate 30 foot cruiser owner saw his baby almost go to the bottom this summer, damaging engine, starter motor, alternators & the like, let alone the interior finish damage & the ensuing mold problem! Not his fault though...that 'other marina' who delivered & launched the boat failed to install the plug!

PART OF A PROBLEM!

We're experiencing huge difficulties obtaining parts for older engines. Seems manufacturers are on a mission to persuade all of us to upgrade to newer models, and the 'after market' suppliers are not always able to fill the gaps, especially for engines and components more than about twenty years old. We can usually track them down somewhere on the North American continent, but that's time consuming & expensive to you, the boater. There is no solution to this

SET SAIL FOR KEMPTVILLE

A new public dock has been installed in Kemptville. Those of you with less than seven feet of overhead clearance (so you can get under the last bridge) can now safely tie up & enjoy all that downtown Kemptville has to offer ... groceries, liquor & beer, banks, gift shops & lots of great restaurants from pizza to Cordon Bleu! Right at the head of the dock is a new coffee shop & deli... sip your cappuccino & admire your yacht bobbing at the dock!



problem except to be patient, do some homework, sometimes be prepared to pay more than you expected or buy a newer boat! Our policy is to give the boater, with our input regarding serial, model & part numbers, the opportunity to search out the parts themselves and keep the bill to a minimum.

LISTEN UP!

Limi's newsletters always include 'advice' to our boaters, and let us assure you that advice is given in the true spirit of unbiased help. **IGNORE AT YOUR PERIL!** Remember that little article in the previous newsletter about Marine vs.: Automotive parts? Read it again! A Limi boater, un-named because they were not the fools to install an automotive fuel pump, filled up with gas at a neighbouring facility & noticed a gas smell on their trip back to our docks. Their investigation showed GALLONS of gas in the bilge **AND THEY KEPT ON COMING!!!!** Fortunately, and incredibly no spark emanated from the engine or on-board equipment to detonate the bomb ... & they & their little one survived... shaken but safe! Check out your boat & its systems, or have us do it for you, to ensure your craft doesn't become a floating bomb!

What to do if you suspect a problem?

(that is, if you're lucky enough to have or notice a warning)

- **TURN OFF THE ENGINE AND EVERYTHING ELSE.**
- **DROP ANCHOR. IF POSSIBLE, OR BE PREPARED TO DRIFT**
- **IF YOU CAN GET EVERYONE OFF THE BOAT, DO SO.**
- **CALL FOR HELP.**

NEED CANVAS WORK?

Does your canvas need to be re-sewn?

Do zippers or windows need replacing?

Is your mosquito screen letting mosquitoes in?

Get a free estimate to correct the problem. Have a friendly neighbouring boater do your sewing.

Come & see Lionel & Denise on 'Bear's Den' at dock 4B north most weekends

or call
(819) 663-4643

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