



"Limey" to our friends!

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The Commodore's Log

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PIG-OUT!

The sun shone & shone (as usual!) on Limi's Eighth Annual Pig Roast! Over one hundred gluttonous boaters licked the platters clean ... except for a few crumbs of desserts that weren't even enough to feed the ducks! In fact the hungry souls at the end of the line had little left to choose from. Philosophical Simon said "don't worry ... the REAL eaters went straight for the desserts! "

A new band to Limi, 'The Standby Brothers' ... Les & Steve ... were so appreciated by our crowd that they played well beyond their planned finish time 'cos the dancing boaters wouldn't let them stop!

Marine Surveyor Stephen Leake won the 'Lunch with Dawn' prize and followed it with winning the Texas Mickey! New rule next year ... NO two prizes for anyone! But we're happy for Steve because he's been almost a fixture at Limi & has many times offered valuable advice to us all.

Robin Hopkins from Shel Cher won the deck chair...Robin needs it so when he runs out of gas he can sit on his top deck & watch the other, fully gassed boaters cruise by!

Ray & Casey Quinton won the top prize, the hand-held VHF radio. Hopefully that served as salve on the wound because they also won Limi's first annual ...



Who's afraid of the big bad pig? Joy H & Dee P... That's who!

GOLDEN PROP AWARD

For excellence in prop damage during one summer season!

Dawn made the presentation, explaining that, as with the Stanley Cup, the recipient can keep the plaque over the off season but it must be returned to us for display during the following summer. Dawn quipped that this may be as close as Ottawa gets to the Stanley Cup!

These two new boaters ... GREAT customers by the way ... accepted the award gleefully (???) and intend to show it to all their friends!

Remember ... anyone can qualify for this award & we're looking forward to identifying the new (hopefully 'new') recipient for 2007!



Ray & Casey, proud winners of the Golden Prop Award!

Colluding with Limi in the preparation of the plaque was our own Gator P, whose professional sign-making talents and generous donation of time helped make this award possible

More pictures from the Pig Roast are overleaf, followed by some 'UGLY STUFF' as the 2006 summer season draws to a close.

FEAST YOUR EYES ...

If you missed it you can Pig-Out with us next year!



At the Trough!

The Standby Brothers

Finally....The Pig!

Feeding Time

Is Everyone Happy

Can we get some?

Thanks to Rick M & Mike P for many of these shots

Still more

'WELCOME ABOARDS'

In the 'Better Late Than Never' category we welcome:

Rick & Jan M. who've dragged their beloved twenty-nine footer all the way from Vancouver Island IN PIECES! Now they & Steve L. are in a neck & neck race to see who can be first in the water in 2007!

Dee & Mike P. Our second 'Mr. Hydro', Mike generates our juice but takes absolutely no responsibility for what it costs! These avid newcomers have already fitted right in with the partying crowd at our docks!

Tammy & Ross N. with 'Speed Bird', a not-so-little 'IMP' who'll be gracing our docks next season. Hope they know about our No Wake zones and Brian C's camera!

Ed & Joan R. who, after a few teething troubles with their new purchase 'Jessie D', are showing signs of being very capable boaters.

Danson H. with his twenty-footer whom we haven't got to know well enough to either tease or compliment yet!

Dave & Brenda W. with "Live A Little", their thirty three foot Chriscraft which we'll have to squeeze in somewhere in May!

All of you are very, very welcome at Long Island Marine!

AND A SAD FAREWELL

Our summer waterfront employee Robert Barrie (Barrie is ok 'cos his dad Iain has never showered with a friend... at least at Limi!) is leaving us to pursue employment in a field closer to his intended career path. He's in his last year of high school and intending getting into the computer business ... networking or security he tells us.

Robert has been with us for more summers than even he can remember and has been very much appreciated by our customers for his diligence & caring attitude.

We wish him well ... we'll miss him!

Replacing Robert is Tommy C (just in case he ever 'shower with a friend'). Tommy is still learning the ropes (pun intended) so please help us to train him & let him or us know of your needs & wants. Welcome aboard Tommy!

GONE CRUISIN'

Was the message on our workshop door one Tuesday afternoon recently as the Limi Staff took off upstream on our annual staff cruise. We took that forty-footer all the way up the Kemptville Creek to Highway 43!

Robin & Barb H have treated us every year for many years & we truly look forward to, what is often our only chance to be on the river all season! Like the mechanic's car, our personal boating takes a back seat to our

customers needs and running this little marina. However ... we do strive to make up for it in winter!

Thanks Robin & Barb ... it's truly appreciated and I promise never to tease you about gasoline again! Trouble is, I have absolutely no control over Dawn!



Left to right from Front row back: Gillian, mechanic Dan & Dawn, mechanic Sean, Dawn's partner Garry, Tony, Admiral Barb Mechanic wife Lee, grass cutter Rod ('whom we call 'dreadlocks') and his landscaper boss Mike, Chris, skipper Robin, and standing with bald head to the sun, surveyor Stephen

UGLY STUFF

These last pages are not delivered in the jocular, colloquial manner of most of our newsletters. Rather they're serious advice and information so that you, our cherished customers, can more fully understand your boat and our Marina over winter.

Sadly the 2006 summer season is drawing to a close. Read, mark and digest the following to help save your sanity and ours!

All boats must be out of the water by October 25th because Parks Canada lowers the water level of the Long Reach beginning October 30th. By then, not only do we need to have all the boats out but all the docks as well. Once the water level goes down we have a beach along our waterfront so our lifting equipment can't reach far enough to grab hold of the stragglers ... If your boat is still in the water, there it remains until May 2007 ...OUCH!

Limi staff are working flat out from the end of September to the beginning of December (if they're lucky) and maybe later. They must work in all weather ... rain, snow & the high winds that Fall often delivers to our part of the world.. We vigilantly track the forecast overnight temperatures to make sure that all engines & domestic systems are protected before the thermometer bottoms out.

Taping & shrink wrapping are done last ... when all engines, heads, showers etc are secured. Don't fret if it rains and your boat isn't covered ... It rains in the summertime also!

Gillian O. explains:

Newcomers will not know, and old-timers have probably forgotten why we usually use only first names and last name initials throughout our newsletters. It's to protect your privacy, triggered by a customer a few years ago who, with full name in print, was teased for being the first to 'shower with a friend'. Turned out he was married ... but the 'friend' wasn't his wife!



TIPS FOR A 'BOAT HAPPY 'WINTER

Get ready!

If you haven't already done so, fill out your haul and winterizing requisition in the office A.S.A.P. Generally boats are addressed in the order that the requisitions come in.

For the winter season, and before tarping or shrink wrapping, we strongly recommend that removable equipment & valuables, e.g.: electronics, life jackets, oars, anchors, fenders, lines, etc. be locked securely below or removed from the boat completely. Long Island Marine is not liable for damage, theft or deterioration of such items.

Please keep your boat insured as your liability continues throughout winter.

Storage period is Oct 15 - May 14. If you are not staying with us for the summer of 2007, transient rates (dryland or dock as applicable) will be charged beginning May 25th 2007

Owners are allowed to perform any work themselves on their own boats, providing such work does not cause an environmental hazard or nuisance to neighbouring boats/owners. Any outside contractors hired by the Owner can only be for a service not provided by Long Island Marine, must be pre-approved by us & must provide a certificate of insurance before beginning work

Boat engines can freeze in the water if temperatures drop to around -5 degrees. Don't risk it ... that would be costly! Boats still in the water Oct 17th may be hauled at our discretion

Tarping

If you choose to tarp your own boat YOU MUST NOT TIE THE TARP ROPES TO THE BLOCKS OR STANDS!

Canvas

If canvas has not been removed when Limi is ready to cover the boat, LIMi will remove & store in boat. Time for the canvas removal will be charged at our hourly rate. There is no charge to remove tonneau covers.

We cannot store canvas over the winter... take it home & spread it out in your basement or garage so that it remains thoroughly dry and doesn't get irreparably creased,

Batteries

We do not store batteries. For boats which we winterize we will disconnect the batteries, load test, charge them if necessary and leave them in the boat. The condition of the batteries is not guaranteed next spring.

If you wish to remove the batteries to take home, you must do so before tarping or shrink wrapping. This becomes a tough call when you're taking your trailer boat away for the winter.

The outboard or outdrive must be in the 'up' position while you tow on the road. It must be in the 'down' position for the seven months of winter. If it's an outdrive, in order to lower it you'll either have to re-connect the battery when you arrive at your winter location, or instruct us not to disconnect the battery in the first place. Please give Dawn your instructions.

Winter Repairs (Mechanical, Hull, general repairs).

Winter work must be authorized before January 31, 2007 if you wish to take advantage of our lower Winter rates.

GET READY FOR SUMMER 2007

Boats & boat engines over winter, and how to make sure your boat will be 'ready to run' next spring

Every boat owner wants their boat ready & running for the beginning of the summer season. However our long, severe winters can be responsible for many system failures, especially and particularly in older and/or poorly maintained boats or engines: Though not a complete list, the following failures are typical:

- Battery, starter, alternator or bilge pump failures
- Fuel, oils & other fluids deterioration or contamination
- Canvas deterioration
- Seal, impeller or gasket deterioration resulting in oil or water leaks
- Failures as a result of poor or inadequate winterization practices
- Steering & multiple other failures due to corrosion

The Long Island Marine crew also wants commissioning & launch to go smoothly, and will do their utmost to make it so. However *we cannot be responsible for such failures*, nor is it fair that your inoperable boat delays another's launch.

Ours, and most marina's standard launch procedure is to bring the boat to the workshop and check the critical systems on land before launching. We then check for hull leaks and coolants as soon as the boat is in the water but still on the launch vehicle. If your boat will not start, is leaking oil, taking on water or is in any way inoperable or unsafe, we will put it back in dryland storage and call you for your instructions. This may incur extra charges to you for handling the boat between its storage location, the workshop and the water.

You can avoid this delay & expense by fixing known or suspected problems over winter (taking advantage of our lower winter workshop rates),

and thoroughly checking out your boat yourself prior to launch (if you feel comfortable and capable with the procedures), or by asking Long Island Marine to commission the boat for you. This usually incurs only about an hour's labour plus the cost & installation time required to replace any failed parts.

Of course, if we winterized your boat we will Spring Commission it at no charge, and if any failures are due to our negligence ... believe me ... an extremely rare occurrence, we will fix it at no cost to you.

Please feel free to discuss this with our Service Department if you have any concerns.

Long Island Marine wants to see you ALL launched on schedule and ready for another fabulous summer on the water!

WISHING YOU ALL A TROUBLE-FREE WINTER!