



"Limey" to our friends!

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# The Commodore's Log

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## GET WET!

It's the lusty month of May folks, and with a fantastic summer season upon us the procrastinators had better hurry up & dip their bottoms ... or risk missing out on what the summer of 2007 has in store.



### 175 YEARS AND STILL FLOWING !

Our Rideau Waterway has trickled past this very spot for longer than even the oldest of our Limi boaters has been around. The 175th anniversary celebrations are underway. As well as the fantastic line-up at Long Island Marine this summer (see page 3) Parks Canada and municipalities along the whole corridor are staging a mountain of events all year. Check out the line-up at: [www.rideau175.org](http://www.rideau175.org) or see the schedule posted in our offices and Victuals kiosk.

### BIG AL WAS HERE!

(Al Capone that is)

Yep, Big Al plied our waters, ever grateful to Col John By for creating a route for him to move his booty! With fellow Chicago mobsters he frequented the Rideau and many towns bordering it. There are stories of nefarious types being ferried to his island, some never to return! His presence and ownership around the Big Rideau, previously rumored, will soon be documented in a book whose author is also on the trail of a descendent of Big Al's in Ottawa. See 'NEW RIDEAU BOOKS' on page 2.



Contact Long Island Marine at our new email address:  
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## NEW RIDEAU BOOKS



Local author & storyteller John Kessel is writing three books about the Rideau. The first, a coffee table book portraying his Rideau, a very different view of our river, is due out this summer. Watch for further info and a possible book launch at Limi!

The second, well underway and this scribes favourite, tells the stories of some of our local characters. His often irreverent accounts of their famous and infamous antics are a fascinating read. Included are some Rideaurats well known to many of us ... The eclectic Sid Herwig (the founder of this little marina in the sixties), Charles Acton-Bond, oft maligned but much loved developer of Rideau Manor Marina and Restaurant (now Hurst), the Millar Potters and the Duhamels (Paul's Boat Lines) to mention only a few. Al Capone's escapades around here are also featured.

The third book will document the Rideau's most interesting pleasure boats, commercial craft and workboats

The most important to us, of course, is the dredge 'Rideau', dragged over & abandoned at the entrance of Limi's creek (just south of our docks) by Charlie Bond. He claims the owner's bill was unpaid so his goddam' barge could sink ... which it did! You can still see the hull just at the waterline today.

*If you have any information for John, input to the second or third books or you just want to chat you can email him at [hjkessel@aol.com](mailto:hjkessel@aol.com) or call: (615) 264-0144.*

## SPIT & POLISH

This is a brickbat to our less than fastidious boat owners who never polish their hulls ... probably never shower either!

Unlike some ovens, there's no 'self-clean' feature on your craft! After seven months storage during wind, snow and freezing acid rain THEY NEED CLEANING! Soap & water is often all that's needed! Keeping those hulls and decks gleaming will not only impress the deadbeats of the Rideau and the Limi staff (Dawn especially!) it will vastly extend the life of your gelcoat or wood. And it will bring you thousands of extra dollars when you sell. Don't say you're never gonna sell! ALL boaters are prone to the sailor's disease 'Footitis'!

## DUCK 'DO DO 'ON YOUR DECKS?

Don't complain!

There are no easy solutions to this one, except perhaps to let us know about your problem so we can make the effort to scare them off whenever possible. Pity the unfortunate waterfront home owners in this area whose swimming pools are far preferable to our feathered friends than the river.

But California, as is typical, has larger problems!



## GOOD ENUF?

*These from 'Skippers Challenge Seamanship and Small Boat Handling'*

1. When rafting, which boat should be anchored?
2. The raised area at the after end of a boat's cabin top is referred to as the \_\_\_\_\_?
3. To avoid pumping oil or other contaminants overboard via the bilge pump you should put a bilge \_\_\_\_? under your engine
4. Backing boat trailers can be made easier by the placement of your hand on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the wheel for going ahead, and on the \_\_\_\_\_ for backing up
5. A half-inch hole located two feet below the waterline will admit \_\_\_\_\_ gallons of water per minute?

*Answers on page 4*



The dredge 'Rideau' at Hartwells

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Here's our fantastic social and educational schedule for the 2007 season.

## Saturday May 26 & Sunday May 27 IN WATER BOAT SHOW

Hosted by Parks Canada  
Demos, rides and marine info & related businesses on display.  
All day at Long Island Lock Station

## Saturday June 9th NAVIGATION CLINIC

For newcomers to the Long Reach.  
Bring charts 1512 & 1513  
10am in the Limi courtyard. No charge but please register with the office.

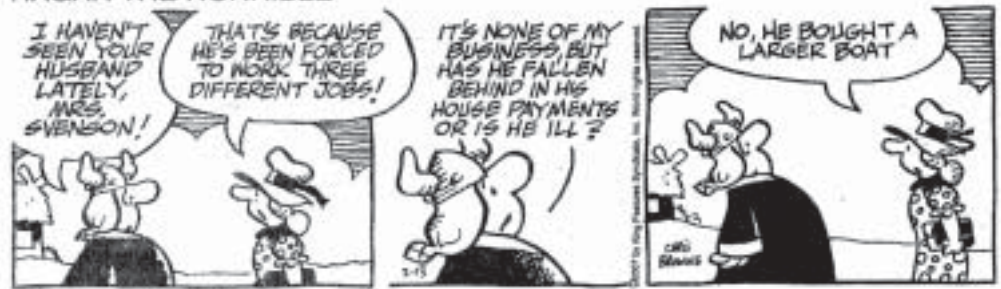
## Saturday June 16th ANCHORING CLINIC

For beginners and those who still can't sleep well at anchor!  
Bring charts 1512 & 1513  
10am in the Limi courtyard  
No charge but please register with the office

## Saturday June 23rd SURF AND TURF

Lobster for the connoisseurs and steak for the rest. Or both if you're on the fence!  
Lobster \$10.00, Steak \$7.00. We provide baked potatoes, garlic bread etc. Please bring side dishes ... salads, appetizers, breads, desserts etc.  
5.30 pm on the waterfront

## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



*Saturday July 7th*

## IN WATER BOAT HANDLING

Forty-five minutes of instruction on your boat with emphasis on docking. No charge, but you need to book your time slot at the marina office. Only 7 spots available ... first come, first served!

*Also Saturday July 7th*

## CANOEING & KAYAKING

10am to 4pm, Long Island Marine. Beginners can learn and old-timers can learn new tricks under the instruction of 'DRIFTERS OUTDOORS', certified ORCA lake & flat water instructors. No charge

*Saturday July 14th*

## ASK A SURVEYOR

Thirty minutes with a surveyor on your boat. No charge, but you need to book your time slot at the marina office. Only 8 spots available ... first come, first served!

*Saturday July 21st*

## STERN DRIVES EXPLAINED

10am in the Limi courtyard. Learn to tame the beast! No charge but please register with the marina office.

*Saturday August 11th*

## ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOAT SHOW

All day at Long Island Lock Station  
No charge

*Sunday August 12th*

## FOURTH ANNUAL EASTER SEALS RIVER RUN

Boater scavenger hunt with mega prizes, and for the boatless, a whole day of family fun at The Swan on the Rideau. Begins at 11am  
Contact George Pettit: (613) 692-4550

*Saturday August 18th*

## VOYAGEUR CANOE RACE

Starting 10am from Curry Park, Kemptville. Hosted by 'DRIFTERS OUTDOORS' fantastic prizes. More details from the office. Or contact Genny or George (613) 258-3211

*Also Sat August 18th (& Sun 19th)*

## RIDEAU FERRY REGATTA

A tradition revived! Family weekend, classic & antique boat displays and fly-pasts, powerboat races and eco displays. Contact Scott Cameron: (613) 283-9107 email: [rfyc@sympatico.ca](mailto:rfyc@sympatico.ca) web: [www.rfyc.ca](http://www.rfyc.ca)

*Saturday September 15th*

*Limi's Tenth annual end of season*

## PIG ROAST

LIVE BAND

5.30 pm on the waterfront. No charge but please bring side dishes (salads, appetizers, breads, desserts etc.)

Think summer at Long Island Marine



## ANTI-FOULING (Bottom paint or wax)

We can't stress enough the need for boaters to coat the 'below waterline' areas of their hull and the outdrive with antifouling paint or a wax designed to keep algae & zebra mussels to a minimum. Some boaters won't antifoul because they 'don't like the look'! Well firstly the bottom paint is mostly underwater & secondly the damage your hull can suffer will be expensive!

Whether you're in the Rideau River, The St. Lawrence, the Caribbean or most other world-wide waters there's all sorts of ugly stuff & uglier critters that want to cling to your boat's bottom. They eat away at it's material (fiberglass, steel or aluminum), slow you down, cost you more in gas consumption and more again at pressure wash time ... Let alone the damage & depreciation caused by a pitted hull surface!

Antifouling paints work by releasing toxins at their surface which poison the critters and the algae, making them fall off ... dead!

The toxin is mixed with a coloured 'binder', becoming what we then call 'paint.'

The more ... and I mean MUCH more expensive paints release the toxin as the binder dissolves and disappears from the bottom of your boat. The huge benefit is that as long as you can see the colour, you still have active antifouling. Annually you only have to patch the spots where the colour is missing, or wait till it's all gone before you re-coat.

The more normal priced paints which we use in this area also have toxins in the binder. However, the coloured binder itself doesn't dissolve, but instead relies on the toxins working their way to the surface to make a poisonous meal for the critters *et al.*. Hence with this paint ... and it's almost certainly the type you'll use ... you cannot apply it until less than two weeks before launch (so that the surface doesn't get too hard & prevent the toxins from getting out). And of course, the evidence of coloured binder left on the hull at the end of the season is no measure of remaining toxin. Then, after the boat sits out of the water for the winter, the paint REALLY hardens so, even if there's any toxin left it cannot get to the surface to kill anything! With these paints you must thoroughly sand the existing binder or re-coat every season.

By the way, many brand name antifouling paints are compatible with each other, so you can just apply one brand over another without having to remove the original paint.

Rather than use paint, you should spray your out-drive with 'outdrive spray' to keep the algae & mussels from adhering to those surfaces. It isn't unusual for mussels attached to the drive to actually cut your bellows ... expensive!!

*DON'T paint or wax the shaft or the anodes.*

*DO run your boat at hull speed for at least one half hour per week to further discourage fouling*

*DO become familiar with all the thru-hulls on your boat & check them regularly for build-up. A clogged water intake will cook your engine and cost you BIG bucks!*

Our Chandlery has antifouling paint, waxes, outdrive spray & all the rollers, & brushes you'll need if you choose to do the job yourself.

Whether it's YOU or Us.... Just do it!

## BOAT TRAILERS

Summer is the time to service your trailer when the boat can be off it & in the water. Tires, axles lights & bearings all need to be inspected & serviced before you take trailer and boat on the road, or haul and store your boat for winter.

## DON'T BE A VICTIM!

There be thieves among us!

*(not right here at Limi of course)...*

Dastardly denizens, too close to us for comfort, find stealing stern drives to be temptingly profitable.

Boat in the water? No problem!

They don't care that it sinks!

*Limi has stern drive locks to help protect your baby in the water or on land*

Lock Price \$35.49, (\$54.95 Installed)

### ANSWERS FOR 'GOOD ENUV'

1. Centre vessel, preferably the largest.
2. Dog House
3. Bilge Rat (Bilge sock)
4. Top-ahead, bottom-back
5. 70 gallons! But it has not been estimated how many gallons per minute a frightened

## SPRING COMMISSIONING

If Long Island Marine winterized your boat last fall, Spring Commissioning of the systems we winterized was included in your winterizing price, and if any problems arise from that process they will be corrected at no cost to you.

If you winterized any systems yourself we will Spring Commission for you at our posted rates. However, we cannot be liable for the state of those systems in spring. Typically problems can have developed with batteries, starters, alternators, fuel, bilge pumps, fluids etc.

*Prepare your boat carefully ...  
We all want a long & trouble free summer!*