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The Commodore's Log

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SO MUCH TO DO... SO LITTLE TIME!



It's been real busy at our little marina this season. If you missed any of these you're not getting your money's worth!

June 9th saw our annual Navigation Clinic & knot tying lesson. Even cruisers who think they're familiar with the Rideau can learn something from the local knowledge provided here ... and so few of you can tie cleats & knots correctly! A smart eight or so graduated!

On June 16th more Limi boaters graduated from our Anchoring Clinic.

They'll now probably embarrass the rest of you as they demonstrate their skills and enjoy that early morning coffee, alone in a quiet bay 'on the hook'.

And, of course, June was the month for our annual Surf & Turf! A hundred claws & screamers met their death at the hands of caterers Josie & Terry. Together with about seven dozen pieces of cow flesh they made their way into a hundred Limi stomachs, ultimately to provide compost for our grateful bushes and trees. A new band to our marina 'NEWFIE FOG' stunned us all and kept us dancing till even the mosquitoes had quit for the night! Voted by many as the best band we've had yet, we're doing our best to have them back in '08. If you missed them this time set your watches for June 28th 2008!



"Newfie Fog"



"You can get there from here!"
Navigation Clinic

EVERYTHING THAT GOES OUT WITH THE BOAT MUST COME BACK WITH THE BOAT!

NEWS FLASH! NEED YOUR BOAT INTERIOR STEAM CLEANED?

JS cleaning will be on site Thursday August 30th and are offering a special discount on that day. Contact Rick @ (813) 791-0886

New this year was a whole day of free canoeing & kayaking demos & try-outs courtesy of DRIFTERS OUTDOORS. There was a free half-hour on your boat with accredited boat surveyor STEPHEN LEAKE and free boat handling lessons, also on your boat with our very own TONY VENTURA.



"Canoeing - learning to do it right!"



"Boating Lesson - getting Dennis ready to go"

On July 21st BILL BEVERIDGE of BRISTOL BUILT MARINE treated a few keeners to free lessons about your stern drives.

BRICKBATS & KEELHAULERS

(The ancient nautical tradition of punishing a crew member by hitting him over the head or dragging him, underwater, under the ship).

Quite a few of Limi's boaters deserve to be dragged from stem to stern in our Rideau waters for the following type of idiocy they've demonstrated & hilarity they've caused this season:

- There's one of our favourite boaters ... normally quite capable... who reported he couldn't start his boat. Before our techs could get to him he wrote us the following note:

"I fixed it! It was the dead man's cut-out! I won't tell anybody if you don't!"

What he forgot was that this scribe tells all!

- Then there's the one ... another much-liked fella, who brought us his outboard motor, announcing that it needed a carb kit. Said carb kit he had sourced in Ohio & it would have to be shipped. Now Limi's techs take a skeptical attitude to any customer's own diagnosis so they, as usual, began at the beginning ... try to start the sucker. Well, guess what? ... this venerable chappie had the fuel line hooked up backwards! We haven't yet come across an engine that will start without fuel!

Gillian's note: Many of our free clinics, seminars and lessons are surprisingly under-subscribed. There's valuable information here folks ... all for free! Make the most of your membership at Long Island Marine and benefit!



Brickbats ... preferably with a 2 x 4 ... go to:

- The parents who allow their kids to raid our 'honour system' cans in the Ice Cream freezer, taking the money as fast as honest customers put it in! PLEASE, Mom & Dad, supervise your kids!
- And this brickbat with a 1 x 1 ... It would really help us if you didn't leave your propane/butane canisters for us to dispose of. They can't go into the regular garbage so we have to return them to the various retailers from whence they came. It would be a great help if you would return them to your supplier when you buy the replacements.

SCUTTLEBUT

(Shipboard gossip, news & griping etc between the crew gathered around the water barrel (scuttle).

We don't normally question the relationships & liaisons that set-up around the marina ... your relationships are none of our business! However, having spotted Betty K on board another boat early one morning, we teased her mercilessly, then she countered with this shot proving her partners infidelity on board their very own boat!



"Brian sleeping with Faith"

Coming to our snack bar soon Plates, cups & bowls made of corn! Totally degradable in a matter of months, they'll be disposed of in our composter then used to add to and enrich the soil. They cannot be put into plastic garbage bags. There they can't decompose until the bag decomposes first, probably in a hundred years!

TRY THESE

So you thought Bounce sheets were only for the dryer! Wrong, according to an email we received recently a Bounce sheet will:

- Repel mosquitoes & bees. Tuck one in your belt or hat and be bite free!
- Chase away ants & mice. Lay a sheet near them and away they stay!
- Dissolve soap scum from your shower. Clean it with a sheet of Bounce.
- Deodorize your boat. Place Bounce sheets in drawers, closets, waste containers and under berth cushions to keep the air fresh & sweet.
- Collect animal hair. Rub the area with a sheet and it will magnetically attract all those loose hairs.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOAT CLEANING

Avoid Contaminating our Rideau waters with these solutions for cleaning ... saves money too ... !

- Substitute borax or hydrogen peroxide for bleach
- Substitute baking soda for scouring powders
- For copper use lemon & salt. Leave on for ten minutes.
- Brass? Use Worcester sauce (!) or a vinegar/salt & water paste. Leave on ten minutes.
- For aluminum try 2 tbsp cream of tartar with one quart of hot water
- For fiberglass stains use a baking soda & salt scrub.
- On Lexan windows use vinegar, water & a soft cloth.
- Remove mildew & mould with a vinegar & salt paste.
- In the fridge & cooler use baking soda.
- Soak vinegar in the head bowl overnight or leave in while you're away during the week.
- On wood use a three to one mixture of olive oil and vinegar.

KITS & KABOODLE

(An enlisted sailor's kit bag & all the stuff (kaboodle) he stows in it)

Several of you asked about the delicious steaks we enjoyed at our Surf & Turf. They were M&M's new, Top Sirloin certified Angus Beef steaks sold individually at \$7.99 each. Many thanks to Bruce & Sharon MacLean, who own the M&M stores in Manotick, Kemptville and Stittsville for recommending them.



"Rocky"

Lost kitty found! Check your boats thoroughly before leaving the dock ... you may have a stowaway! Our neighbour Linda G lost her beloved 'Rocky' this spring. Minutes before she tearfully arrived in our office with a 'wanted' poster, Dawn received a panicked call from the purchaser of one of our brokered boats. He had arrived in Cornwall, boat in tow, to find his stowaway fast asleep in a cushioned corner! Cat & Mom were soon re-united!

The all new PORTS cruising guide to the Rideau and Ottawa Rivers is now available in our Chandlery. \$37.95 gives you a mountain of information about small towns, villages etc together with extremely useful photos to aid with your navigation & exploring in our cruising waters.



AIN'T THAT THE TRUTH?

Author JOHN KESSEL sent this snippet, having interviewed a Rideau old-timer for inclusion in his upcoming book. The old-timer was commenting on the new 'carriage requirements' with which we must all comply:

"I gave up fishing when they banned fishing with a spear and when they put all those regulations in as to what I had to have on my boat. I figured that it was unsafe, as I'd probably trip over all that gear & fall overboard and drown!"



Party
time
again!



'End of Season Pig Roast'

Saturday, September 15th, 5:30pm

Bring your usually hungry selves and a food offering (salads, breads, desserts, etc. or something deliciously gourmet) and get ready to pig out at our ninth annual, hugely popular PIG ROAST beginning at 5:30pm. Oink Oink Acres will again be firing up the roaster early that morning and serving up succulent pig somewhere around 5:30 pm. Then enjoy our wonderful lockmaters 'THREE BY GEORGE' as they strut their stuff till we drop.

No Reservations Required!

No Charge!