

## Club History

### Part I The Early years 1975 – 1976

Whomever said history was bunk (I think it was Henry Ford) was wrong, in particular, in respect to the Cook Bay yacht Club. Once one of the largest and most recognized clubs on the lake our club finds itself ready to rebuild starting in 2010.

Surely to build a new, better future we must study the storied history of the CBYC. Once boasting a membership of over 120 the past offers a roadmap to our future.

We are most fortunate in that the club has retained the minutes of club meetings since its inception. It is from these minutes we hope to record and preserve the history and tradition of the CBYC.

In this first installment we look at a quick overview of the earliest years in the club, we will do this in point form just to give you some of the highlights and milestones. In future articles we will try and go into some more detail and maybe even as some interpretive license juts to stir it up a bit.

#### The Highlights 75 & 76

February 5 1976 is the first recorded AGM of the CBYC although some historic planning meetings took place in the months prior

Cost of the meeting Hall in Holland Landing was a whopping \$25.00

Stuart Hamilton it appears was made the first club Commodore by acclimation, other notables in attendance were Steven Book ,Treasurer and Sheila Silverthorne the club's first Secretary... also mentioned is Terry Kaesgaard the late father of BYC member Tom an avid Olson 25 Sailor and former LSIS Champion. Terry was to go on to win numerous club championships as well as pioneer the racing program at CBYC

A cost estimate of \$4,000 to dredge Nesbits was discussed with an additional \$18.00 per hour for a dump truck

Insurance for 1975 was estimated at \$30

A contest to design the club burgee was won by Bonnie Keberer. The prize was a one year CBYC membership

Two powerboats joined the club at a fee of \$10 per boat

The Winner of the race series that year got free docking for one year at Nesbits Marina

Club T shirts sold for \$3.21 and Burgees were \$7.49

It appears that the first official Fox Island race was held in 1978

The first Sailors Flea Market was 1978 (which we thought was our new idea for 2010)

Membership was a bank breaking \$20

Finally, the season ended with a skiing and toboggan day at a local ski resort

This then has been a point form look at years one and two. Certainly costs have risen over time but the idea of fun in and around boats has not. The early yacht club had a great balance of racing, cruising and social activities.

Stay tuned for the next addition as we explore early club activities in the early 80's