



# Spyglass

Spring 2010

Last night I did something that I probably should not have done ...I made a decision without consulting the rest of the CBYC Executive. That decision may seem trivial but it quickly leads me to think about what a great group of people we have behind the scenes running this yacht club.

The decision I made? It was simply to name the first edition of our new newsletter the Spyglass..... Was it because I needed to have my own way? No. It was to give the hard working executive a break. The name need not be permanent but for now it works and it is one less decision a very busy Executive has to make. Forgive me guys.

I am a huge fan of the movie series the Matrix in which the main character Neo lives in a world that is far removed from reality. Things are not as they appear. In one sequence as Neo is about to enter the real reality one of the other characters says to him "Say good by to Kansas".

Well I too lived in Kansas. That is to say I was totally unaware of what the yacht club did, how it ran or the amount of time and effort fell onto the shoulders of the few keen executive members. I simply, without questioning it, arrived and enjoyed the racing, showed up for social functions never once realizing what it took to put these events on. Worse than that, I often criticized the events for being less than perfect. What a mistake on my part. How could I have not realized what it took to hold this little band together, not knowing how many hours of selfless time were spent organizing and without so much as a thanks from guys like me.

So here I find myself today part of the Executive and what an Executive we have. Here it is 2010 , the economy is a mess, all the Executive have day jobs and we decide this is the year to start turning the club around and to rebuild it into the best little yacht club on the lake. The exciting thing is we are going to do just that. It comes at a price, however, and that price is time. Since my involvement in the Executive we have had at least 5 full blown meetings including the 2010 AGM . The meetings are exciting and the interchange of ideas is fast paced as one simple idea goes around the table and morphs itself into a much larger, more complex and more exciting idea, The problem with the Executive is not trying to generate ideas but trying to keep them to a manageable number, pacing ourselves and keeping the meetings from going until dawn.

For those of you who did not make it to the AGM we need to tell you what we have done and what we plan to do,

We are going to add value to your membership in the CBYC. This year membership will entitle you to discounts at major marine retailers such as Sobstad in Barrie and Genco in Port Credit with others to follow. We have created a three tier membership that reflects a fee structure more in line with costs of use by CBYC members. We are going to have real events catered to racers and non racers alike, education seminars, increased communications, an interactive web site as well as a newsletter.

Certainly not everything will happen at once and there will be a few problems on the way but hopefully you will see the promises made at the AGM become reality as the year progresses.

Already the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commodore Jorge Gomez has done a phenomenal job on the web site. It will be interactive, feature a crew bank, tell of our history, host the newsletter etc

Paul Faulkner Vice Commodore Racing has put together a new look racing series. His programs run so smoothly it looks too easy but believe me it has taken him hours.

Our Social Committee Co-Chairs Marianne Schmoll and Johanna Powell are hard at work making our social events unforgettable. Our two Regatta Days, Flea Market etc. will be non miss events. If that's not enough our end of season Banquet will be so spectacular it makes one almost wish the summer was over. We are also working on some events in conjunction with the Barrie Yacht Club

Even small yacht clubs run better on money so Ian Perrin is heading up a newly formed Ways and Means committee which is charged with raising funds through sponsorships and other means which will not come out of member's pockets. These funds will help us grow, realize our dreams, keep dues low and contribute to events.

Skip Lennox too has a job on the Executive as Director at Large (or is that Large Director). He will be working closely with the Marina to ensure events go smoothly.

Bryan Haas is making the job of Past Commodore into a real position and not just a retirement title, He will be heading up an active Past Commodores' group and capturing and preserving club history.

Michelle Ayliffe our Treasurer is making sure our excitement does not exceed our bank balance.

As for me, I want to grow the membership, as do we all, and work on this newsletter. To that end we will publish this about 4 times a year, certainly after each of the Regatta Days, Commodore's Ball and end of season lift out. I hope the newsletter can concentrate not only on the Yacht Club activities but also on its members.

What a group of members we have, guys like Tim Marsden, arguably our most successful club racer on the lake, Skip Lennox former Canadian Olympic sailor, Helmet Keberer one of the CBYC original members and a host of others all of whom have interesting stories that we can explore in future newsletters.

As of now we are no longer just a racing club. We are a sailing club that will be of appeal to all sailors be they racers , cruisers, crew or even those who are currently boatless but want to share in the sport and its experiences. We want to create more spontaneous interaction between members so that "hanging around the dock" spinning half true tales about sailing and our experiences become as important as actual sailing. We want every sailboat owner in Cook Bay to see the value of being a member in the CBYC and join. We need you to be proud and excited about the club to the point that you become ambassadors of the CBYC and help us grow

In a nutshell 2010 is going to be fast paced. We will reinvent some old traditions like the sail past and a strong race programs and combine them with fun events and new events. There is a lot of work ahead for the Executive. If any of you want to have some fun by getting involved in any of our projects you will be welcomed with open arms. In the meantime enjoy your first issue of the "Spyglass".

**Paul Cairol  
Commodore**

## The Ways and Means

We had the first meeting of the Ways and Means Committee last Sunday.

Ian Perrin and Marcia Munce discussed ( using grape juice as a creative aid) how we will attain our goal of \$2,000 in additional ( read – not out of member's pockets) funding for CBYC.

We hope sponsorship of various racing and social events and by allowing access to non members at certain events, we expect our target will be reached in the near future.

We would appreciate any good contacts which you might think would be open to a call from us (or you) about sponsorship and of course , we'd love your help and always your ideas. Ian is at [iperrin@selfmgmt.com](mailto:iperrin@selfmgmt.com) or 905 601 4738 if you want to make contact!!

**Thanks in advance.  
Ian Perrin**

## Regatta Days Mark your calendar!

This year we are planning 2 regatta days with fun planned all day long. Mark your calendar now as you don't want to miss these days. The first is on **June 12<sup>th</sup>**, with a Mardi Gras theme and the Sail Past included.

The Sail Past is a long standing tradition in many yacht clubs around the world. The commodore will anchor his boat and everybody shall sail past with a salute. It is a fun way to kick off a season.

There will be two sets of races these days with prizes given after the event to the winners. Our goal is to get as many boats and members as possible out on the water. (racing, crewing, watching, committee boating, etc...) Everybody is invited to participate, cruisers and racers alike. It is a great opportunity for novices to learn about racing or race with somebody else. These races are not part of the club championship.

In between the races will be lunch provided by the club along with some seminars and discussions on boating. At the end of the day we will finish with a pot luck dinner, some live music, and awards for the day.

If you have any ideas on how to make these days great, or want to help, please give me a call.

**Bryan Haas**  
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## Welcome Race Fans!

Cook Bay Yacht Club is again offering up a great schedule of racing for our members. The 2010 season contains lots of competitive Tuesday Night Races with both white sail and spinnaker divisions. Tuesday races begin on May 11<sup>th</sup> and run for 18 weeks. Start times are 7pm for the first twelve races and 6:30 pm for the last six. This season, it is only the Tuesday racing that counts toward the club championship trophies. Complete details are available on the club website. On May 29<sup>th</sup>, come out for the inaugural Fox Island Cup Race. This is an invitational race intended for our club members and boats from yacht clubs all around Lake Simcoe.

In addition, the club has planned two Regatta Days (June 12<sup>th</sup> and August 21<sup>st</sup>) to be filled with fun races, food, prizes and the good company of fellow sailors. The short just-for-fun races on these days are open to all club members, racing or cruising. Mark your calendars and get your bottom paint on, it's going to be great!

See you on the water!

**Paul Faulkner**  
(Vice Commodore, Racing)

## Flea Market

On Saturday, **May 15**, CBYC will host a Flea Market and BBQ breakfast at Kon-Tiki, from **9 a.m. to 11 a.m.** It's only \$10 to set up a table at the Flea Market – what a great way to turn the boat junk that is cluttering up your garage into someone else's marine treasure! Breakfast sandwiches will be available for \$2, along with coffee and juice. Just remember to take away your table, and anything that does not get sold!

## Club History

One of the new ideas is to capture the club history and preserve it. We have been around for over 35 years!. This job is going to be spear headed by the past Commodores, however all are welcome to help. Once the boats get in the water we will start going through the boxes of old minutes and information and try to put it into some sort of friendly format. We will be looking for old pictures and information along the way. If you have any, please hold onto them!.

Bryan Haas  
Past Commodore