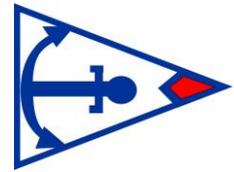




# The Bitter End

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## From the Bridge...

Summer starts officially when the boats hit the water! My boat was launched on April 29 and the weather has been very wet and cold ever since. I hope this is just an anomaly and the real summer is on its way.

I hope everyone was successful with your pre-launch preparations. I have seen a good number of boats being trailered up the highway and in my Club, almost every boat owner was actively involved in cleaning, waxing and bottom painting chores for the final weeks of April. The anticipation was palpable.

We had a good turnout for our Toonie Night Presentation about Chartering in the BVIs. Doug James gave a lively talk with lots of useful information for folks who have thought about chartering a boat, but not yet taken the plunge.

Graduation and our AGM were well attended. David Agnew, representing D/C Peter Frost, pledged the new members who turned out to receive their certificates and CPS burgees and the new Bridge which will soon begin the work of planning and organizing our course line-up for 2018. Marilyn Ellison received her 20-year pin and a framed certificate from C/C Robert Pepin. She was also recognized for successfully completing the **Boating 7** course (Off-shore Navigation).

Next up on our schedule of events is Boater Information Day, Friday, June 2 at Krate's Marina in Keswick. NPS will be joining the York Region Police Marine Unit for the afternoon (2:00 – 8:00 pm) providing information and free goodies to boaters. We will be collecting expired marine flares for safe disposal by CIL/Orion. This flare collection is jointly funded by CIL/Orion and Transport Canada, and co-ordinated by Canadian Power Squadrons across Canada. Since it is illegal to fire off these flares except in an emergency this is one of the few ways that boaters can get rid of their old flares (over four years from the date of manufacture). So come out and say hi, bring the kids and have a free hotdog or burger and ice cream.

Be safe on the water this summer!

On behalf of the Bridge,

Bill Reynolds, JN Editor

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### Slow down, you move too fast; You've got to make the moment last!

With summers as short as they are here in Ontario, it isn't unusual for boaters to try and squeeze every free moment of time into making way and doing as much as is physically possible in those short holiday periods. More so for those who are still required to do their eight hours per day to keep the bosses happy and collect the weekly wage packet. But when summer cruising becomes a marathon adventure, packing on as many miles as possible in the two or three-week vacation, we suffer from exhaustion and stress rather than feeling relaxed and exhilarated. Time is bliss: time is stress, but time well spent is a treasure. You can schedule meetings and colonoscopies, but you can't schedule a cruise.

A few years ago, Gale, Lolli, our dog, and I set off for the North Channel. After motor sailing for two and a half weeks we made it to Killarney and Gale said, "Three weeks on a plastic boat is enough! Take me home." A week and a few days later we were back in Lake Simcoe, too tired to even talk to each other. Investing in quiet and quality seems a better approach.

Sailors in the BVIs learn that if you haven't found a mooring or an anchorage by 1300 h you may not find one available. This sets a tone for the vacation. Sail in the morning. Find a good spot to tie up. Enjoy the surroundings and meet new people. Slow down and enjoy your summer. How could time be better spent than that?

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