



Smugglers Cove Boat Club



July 2023 Newsletter

Good morning Smugglers!

I hope everyone had a *Happy Canada Day* and has had a chance to enjoy the club and boating. I was fortunate enough to spend time with both distant and close relatives at our Family BBQ. Unfortunately, I did not dominate this year in the Cornhole tournament.

It was a great turn out at the *Cat's Caboose for Nancy's Celebration of Life* on Friday. The support and love for Bob and the family from our club was great to see.

As mentioned at our last *General Meeting*, we will be holding update and information meetings for July and August. Any updates from the bridge and Q&A from the floor will be discussed then. We will also reserve new member swearing in also if needed. See you this coming Wednesday.

Summer is here so get out on your boats and enjoy time spent with friends and family!

Looking forward to actually doing that myself soon.

See you at the club.

Cheers!

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Message from Vice Commodore Operations – Greg Wardle

In my last newsletter, I wrote about most of our start up kinks being worked out. Although that was true, there is always more unforeseen problems just around the corner. That was the case a couple of weeks ago when we had a main dock upriver anchor chain let go.

The chain had rotted to the point where a strong wind surge was enough to finally break it. The chain had been inspected recently but it is very difficult to do a thorough inspection in the murky *Niagara River*. One of the new tools we are using to improve anchoring inspections is a *GoPro video camera*.

Carl Byers has been videotaping all of the recent dives. He is creating a video library so we can keep track of the inspection and identify problems. This is a great improvement from transferring the observation verbally after a dive. Thank you very much Carl for championing this program. If you are interested in seeing what's going on down there, you can view the video at <https://youtube.com/@SCBCDives>

The temporary solution to the problem was securing the docks with a couple of large boat anchors and moving a few boats down river. We were fortunate that we had a dive scheduled the next day. The problem was assessed, and a permanent solution was installed a couple of days later. I'm sure I will miss a few people but thank you Brandon Russell, Keith Walsh, Bill Salton, and Bob Mennie for coordinating the response to this failure.

The *cablings of the club* is critical to the safety of our complex and our boats. We need more people to take an active role in this program. If you have interest in being involved, please let me know.

The new company that we are using to pump out the *Honey Barge* has worked out great. They are local and willing to come down the hill to do this important job. Thank you Lorne, for finding a solution to this problem. The original company we were using was coming from Hamilton and charging us accordingly. We had a couple of local companies agree to take it over only to back out at the last minute.

Our *new cleaning program* seems to be working well, with the exception of the *microfibre cloths* disappearing. There are *laundry bags* hanging in the cleaning closet for the dirty cloths and mop pads. When you are finished with the cloths, and they are too dirty to reuse, please put them in the laundry bag. Also, when we are running low on cloths, please take the bag home and wash them.

I have been restocking the supplies as needed but the cloths are not disposable. Lyn Walsh, Nancy Mennie and Jill Salton have been helping members understand the new cleaning program and this is greatly appreciated.

Our *recycling program* is just for returnable alcohol containers. All other items should be taken with you when you leave. The parks department is responsible for emptying our garbage bin at the top of the hill. They do not have a recycling program. If you want to do the right thing and recycle, you will need to take it home.

I have *a few jobs* that need to be done if people are looking for work. Please let me know if you are interested in any of the following jobs:

- Make signs for the recycling
- Waterproof the Honey Barge cover
- Finish building the cleaning closet shelves
- Reposition the Honey Barge ballast

Finally, it was a real pleasure to fill in for James at Sailpast. It was a great event and a very enjoyable day!

Regards

Greg Wardle

Vice Commodore Operations

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Do you wish to add another e-mail address to receive our club newsletter?

If you or your spouse wish to add their e-mail addresses to the distribution list to receive this *Newsletter* and *other club related announcements*, please send your request to the attention of the Secretary - secretary@smugglerscoveboatclub.com

Do you have an interesting article, announcement or other information to share with the membership in the monthly newsletter?

If so, please send your requests to the attention of the Secretary - secretary@smugglerscoveboatclub.com

2023 Ports Guide - Lake Ontario & the Thousand Islands - Club Purchase Priced!

The Club has a limited number of the 2023 Ports Guide (Lake Ontario & the Thousand Islands) available at cost to the membership.

\$48 cash.

Contact Bill Salton at billsalton@icloud.com

First come, first serve!



SCBC 75th anniversary crest/logo contest

Fellow club members!

Next year our club will be celebrating our 75th anniversary! 🎉🎊 One of the celebration events will be to design and create an 75th anniversary crest/logo.

Time to get your creative juices flowing...we wish to encourage wide member participation!

Our current club clothing supplier *Big Bear Spirit Wear* will make the crest available for sale to order from their website. In addition, we will be selecting anniversary clothing items that will be made available to purchase by members, family, and friends.

Specifications:

While incorporating the current club crest/ logo design, enhance it by depicting 75 years.

The design does not necessarily need to have the entire SCBC original crest logo in the new design, it can be simplified/modified as you artistically see fit!

- If there are several entries one will be selected by a committee.
- Prizes and recognition of entries will be awarded to participants.

To give us an idea as to how many entries we may be entertaining, please send your request to sign up to Nancy Mennie at nmennie1793@gmail.com

Thanks!

Nancy Mennie and Jill Salton

We now have an SCBC You Tube Channel!

Enjoy the beautifully decorated boats during sail past 2023 at Smuggler's Cove Boat Club in Niagara-On-The-Lake. [Sail Past 2023, SCBC Niagara-On-The-Lake](#)

If you have any video you wish to post, contact Jon Flynn. flynnjon@icloud.com



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