



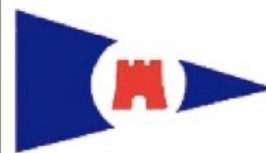
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A NEWSLETTER TAILORED TO THE FRIENDS OF NEWCASTLE YACHT CLUB



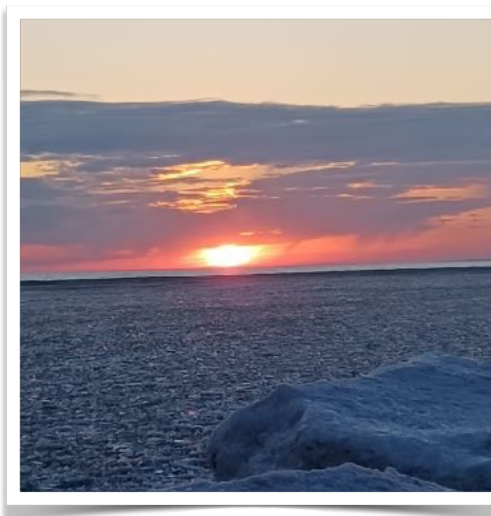
See the port's page
www.ponmarina.com
for marina info

Speaking of the marina's site, you may want to go there to check out the 44 rules posted about life around the port!

For example you don't want to exhibit poor seamanship, like I used to do, sailing to the dock!

Ahoy There!

Jan Marani - Commodore



With the lake looking a little frosty these days, it is welcoming to think that we are only a few short months away from breaking out the cleaning, sanding and painting supplies! And then... look out lake here we come!

I am very excited to be joining the Board this year. I would like to thank everyone for making me feel welcome

and supported as I try to fill some very big shoes. For those who don't know me, this will be my 5th season in Newcastle Marina. Wow! My Ajax 28, AmorEh is typically found at the end of pier 2 when it is not out on the lake. I love to get out on the water, whether to race around the marks or take a run up the shoreline, moonlight cruise, any excuse is a good excuse to go sailing.

I am thrilled to be collaborating with so many knowledgeable and enthusiastic boaters. They have already been planning out the season to include a variety of sailing, social and educational activities! So get ready to unfurl your sails and enjoy an amazing year!

Wine Ho!

Karl Loenhart - Sommelier?

It is an inescapable fact, that for many people, wine goes with boating. And certainly there was some wine at the 'Tasting' held by the Director of Chardonnay and the Vice Commodore late last year. Wines from around the globe were paired with exquisite charcuterie and great guests! And if you have to celebrate something somewhere, their's is a beautiful base!

What wines do you like? For the tasting I brought a couple bottles, one most likely was from Louis Jadot, a go to house around my house. I don't know what others brought though. Try as I might I cannot find my tasting notes from the night!



Wine came into play again for a few boating enthusiasts on January 1st. Wanda and I held a little New Year's Day Levee at our home (Bâches Battantes). It is an old tradition at my house going back to the turn of the millennium. And thanks to Nick (a neighbour from those days) it was at one of these levees that I tasted my first glass of Dom Pérignon. It too has become a bit of a tradition for us around the celebrations for the New Year. This year a fellow Tanzer 26 sailor brought a bottle of Rosé Impérial from Moët & Chandon, which is by the same house as Dom. We drank several Yellow Labels from Veuve Clicquot. But the highlight of the day (which turned into night) was easily the Lady Gaga edition Dom Pérignon 2010! Light fruit and early straw - elegant!

They say that disturbing the wine in the bottle can do it harm. And I am sure that by the time that bottle, came from France, and bounced around several LCBO way points, it may have been more like Bond's other favourite... shaken, not stirred. But I thought it was fabulous! Anyway... when everything was said and done, the damage in the dinning room was real! But I am still looking to taste some more!



Santeria on her way to the finish!



Dirk... being hard to catch.

Ever wonder how that trip went? You know, the one the Leading Edge took Up the Trent

Where are the power boats Vice Commodore? No Yacht Club is complete with out them!

Anticipation

Karl Loenhart - Past Commodore

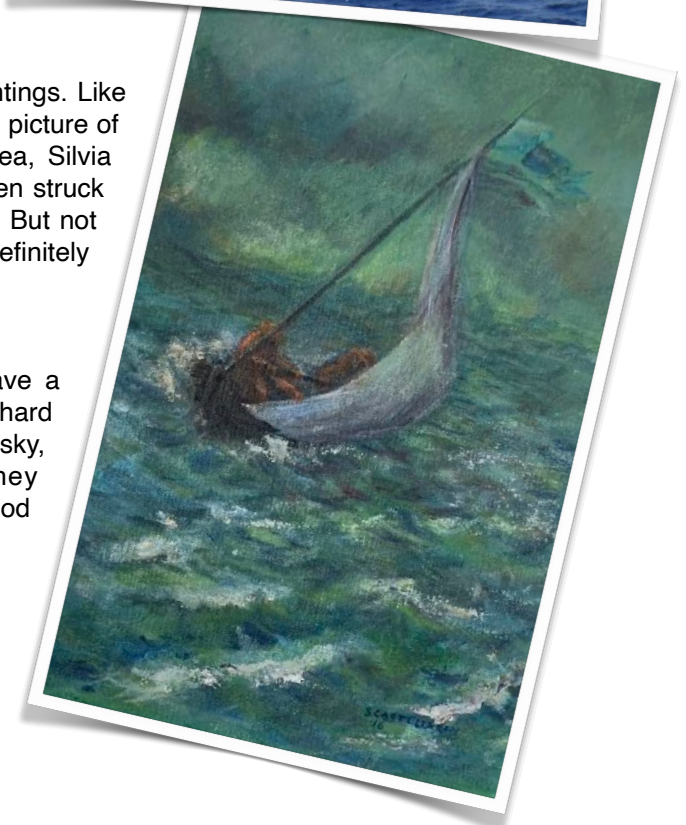
'Round about this time of year it is not rare to start seeing and hearing hints of anticipation from Ontario boaters. Perhaps worse this year because of the lame 'virtualness' of the boat show, (and indeed the year) many are impatient in their mention of the approaching season. So how do I get by until May? Art! Books, magazines, and social media. Paintings, pictures and videos.

First there is the art. Ever present in my home are a selection of works. Some are photographs I have taken - like this favourite from the deck of a Beneteau Cyclades 393. Dave and I were enjoying a rare lead on another 393 with the Eagles Beak piercing the sky behind her. If you don't know the Bec de l'Agile as it is more familiarly called, I suggest you Google (or Safari) some images! It is a pretty famous rock. I am an accidental artist with the camera. I could take thousands of photos and like only one. I can think of four or five that I have snapped in my life that I would be happy to call art.



But more than pics I enjoy paintings. Like *Sailing, the one* I have included a picture of here. It is by an artist in the area, Silvia Castellarin. In the Med' I was often struck by how hazy everything seemed. But not in *Sailing*. That colour of water definitely says Atlantic to me!

I find paintings sometimes have a vibrancy... an emotion... that's hard to capture. So does the sea. The sky, the waves, the colours - they combine to let you know the mood of the gods!



Club Dates
March, April

Thu Mar 3rd, 20:00 hrs
Snuggling

Thu Mar 31st, 20:00 hrs
Snuggling

Sat Apr 16, 20:00 hrs
Spring AGM Snug

Thu Apr 28, 20:00 hrs
Snuggling



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Membership
Fees & Forms
Due April 1



Neil awarded a trophy that he barely knew existed!



Team Blue Cloud



Four of the fleet's finest.

“ ... but when one has ceased to do seascape, it is the devil afterward - very difficult; it changes at every instant... ”

Claude Monet

Artists have enjoyed capturing sailing since forever. Also on one of our walls at home is a print of Monet's fairly famous *The Boats* or maybe its *Regatta at Argenteuil*. I think I may have seen the original in the Musee D'orsay, but Wanda has had the print for some time. It is inspiring to me! And I love the story behind that work... that there were a half a dozen friends hanging out in this suburb of Paris painting! I envision them being like the NcYC's own core group striving to keep their club going, overcoming obstacles, while lavishing in the beauty that surrounds them! I wonder what their club fees were?



Videos too, are so available on the web. Personally, I find that the countless foils rocketing through the water, and sixty footers rolling in huge seas at the bottom of the world, do less for me. Yet still, I watch.

What do you do when the anticipation gets to you? There must be things that prepare you for the season? Or things that distract you from how far off the lift in is? Maybe take to the FB wall of our Newcastle Yacht Club page or share some comments on our Instagram Account! Let the members know what you do!

“J'ai décidé d'être heureux car c'est bon pour la santé.”

François-Marie Arouet (Voltaire)