



The *High* and *Dry*

Kitchener-Waterloo Power and Sail Squadron

August, 2012

Manitoulin Memories

by Rick Brenneman

On August 18, 20 enthusiastic boaters in 7 vessels set out for our North Channel rendezvous. The week-long event began at Gore Bay with a welcome wine and cheese reception in the gazebo in the park adjacent to the municipal marina. Welcome remarks were delivered by Ron Lane, the mayor of Gore Bay. After the reception everyone made their own dinner arrangements and later met at the Canadian Yacht Charter headquarters for a chart briefing presented by Ken Blodgett, owner of CYC.

On Saturday morning, check-in and provisioning details were completed and by mid-morning, the departure was made for the four hour sail to the Benjamin Islands. Joining the flotilla were Rick and Ardys in *Lil' Haweater*, Guy, Johanne Lazure and their daughter in *Vitamin Sea*, Paul and Ann Proudfoot in *Banana Wind*, Bryan and Lynda Hodgert and David and Alison

Burkett in *Panacea II*, and Dennis and Pat Mighton in *Sonny's Dream*. Two other boats, Jamie and Janice in *Wind Dancer* and Robert, Jackie, John, and Linda in *Scorpio's Dream* were storm-stayed in Britt and would join us the following day in the Benjamin Islands.

We enjoyed an invigorating sail out of Gore Bay and through the open waters of the North Channel. As the afternoon progressed, the wind began to strengthen but everyone arrived safely, without incident, at the sheltered anchorage tucked between the North and South Benjamin Islands. The evening was cool and breezy and everyone opted for spending a quiet, relaxing time onboard, preparing dinner and becoming familiar with the area.

Following a hearty breakfast on board, we prepared for an exciting day ahead. Dinghies were launched and Paul and Anne Proudfoot guided us on a fascinating dinghy excursion through the isolated bays of the Benjamin Islands. The scenery of the

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From the Helm

by R. Glenn Shugg, commander

Kudos are extended to Rick and Ardys Brenneman who have stepped up again and organized the 2012 Rendezvous. This event will take place in the North Channel, August 18-25, 2012 and will start and end in Gore Bay on Manitoulin Island. Best wishes to all attendees for fair winds and continued warm weather. Bring back lots of memories and stories you can share with us in the High & Dry.

The Fall teaching program will offer the **Boating** course which is now given in two parts: **Boating Basics** which covers the Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) and **Boating Essentials** which covers the navigation, plotting and charting segments. Together, these two segments are the equivalent of the standard Boating course. **Advanced Piloting (AP)** and **ROC(M) – VHF** will also be offered this fall. Details will be posted shortly on our website at www.kwboating.ca. The squadron is currently working on additions to our website which will allow students to review course data and sign up and pay for their choices on line. In addition, the CPS website offers the opportunity to take the course and exam for the **Pleasure Craft Operator Card** on line. Check out details at www.cps-ecp.ca.

Congratulations to all new members who completed qualifying courses and members who added to their boating knowledge by taking additional courses during the past year. Well done and hopefully we will see all of you enrolled in more courses this coming teaching season. Please contact our Training Officer, Barry McClinchey, at 519-578-8743 or bmcclinc@gmail.com to let him know what courses you would like to take.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out in our squadron activities. If you would like to discuss how you may participate please contact me at 519-894-5335 or rgs@gto.net.

Enjoy the rest of what has been a great summer for boating.

Back to School



It's time to enroll in additional boating courses and get a head start on next year's boating season. Being a knowledgeable boater is the best way to ensure your safety and enjoyment on our waterways. A variety of boating courses have been scheduled for this fall including *Boating Basics*, *Boating Essentials*, *Boating*, *Seamanship*, *Advanced Piloting*, *ROC(M)*, and *Electronic Navigation*. A complete description of these courses is available on our website at www.kwboating.ca. For more information and to enrol in any of these courses please contact our training officer, Barry McClinchey at 519-578-8743 or e-mail bmcclinc@gmail.com.

We're Going Online!

Please assist us by updating your membership profile including your e-mail address so that we can proceed with our online arrangements.

To update your membership profile log into the CPS website at www.cps-ecp.ca and select the *Membership* tab. Go to *Members Moorings* (you will have to create a login if you are a first time visitor) and select *My Profile*. Please update all your contact information including your e-mail address.

In this way you will be helping us to be more fiscally and environmentally responsible by eliminating the cost and waste of paper copies. We appreciate your understanding and co-operation.

Rick Brenneman
High and Dry Editor

Coming Events

November 30, 2012 – The Squadron Christmas Banquet has been scheduled for Miltons Restaurant on Friday, November 30th, 2012. “*Some Kind of Magic*” will be providing the entertainment. For details and tickets please contact Pat Pearl at 519-742-9987 or visit www.kwboating.ca for further details

June 21–23, 2013 – The 2013 Rendezvous is scheduled for the weekend of June 21–23 in Port Dover. We have some amazing activities arranged including a 50's themed dance on Saturday evening. Dust off the bobbie socks, saddle shoes, poodle skirts, tight jeans, duck tailed hair, and heavy rimmed glasses for an amazing evening of fun and frolic. This is an event you won't want to miss. Details will follow on the squadron website at www.kwboating.ca.

February 23–March 1, 2014 – The 2014 Rendezvous is scheduled for the week of February 23 to March 1st Burnt Store Marina, Punta Gorda, Florida. This week-long adventure will include pristine anchorages, secluded state parks, island resorts and the beautiful waterfront city of Punta Gorda. Situated on the protected waterway of Charlotte Harbour is some of the most amazing sailing/boating waters of Southwest Florida. Plan now to arrange to participate in this fabulous adventure. This will be a charter experience you won't want to miss. We will be chartering boats from *Southwest Florida Yacht Charters*. Visit their website at www.swfyachts.com for information on power and sail vessels that are available. Detailed information will be posted on our website at www.kwboating.ca and an information meeting for all interested participants will be held early in the winter of 2013. This is an amazing opportunity for you and your friends to share a boat and enjoy a fabulous southern getaway in the winter of 2014. For more information call Rick or Ardys Brenneman at 519-662-2861 or e-mail rickardys@hotmail.com.

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islands is absolutely stunning with pink granite rocky outcrops and windswept pines clinging precariously to shallow crevasses. What a sight to behold; a “Group of Seven” landscape right before our eyes! I can understand now why so many boaters return to the North Channel year after year. We all agreed, that we would be back!

After lunch, we gathered on-shore for a variety of activities. Dave took a group of interested photographers on a hike to search out awe-inspiring Kodak moments among the islands. Rick took a group of interested hikers on a geology and history trek through the granite cliffs while Ardys led a group of aspiring artists on a sketching and watercolour activity. Later in the afternoon, we gathered around a blazing fire and enjoyed an enthusiastic and delicious Happy Hour and reminisced about the day’s events. After a relaxed time of conversation and camaraderie we returned to our boats for dinner and made preparations for an early departure the next morning.

Tuesday morning we were greeted with the challenging task of weighing anchor. After two breezy nights, the anchors had set securely in the clay bottom and retrieving them became quite a chore. The huge clump of clay that surfaced on the anchor of *Lil’ Haweater* would have been a potter’s dream. What we wouldn’t have given for an electric windlass! We pointed our bows eastward and made our way toward Little Current. The scenic route through the channel between Bedford Island and the La Cloche mountains on the north shore kept camera shutters clicking. What amazing scenery! We continued eastward to the Wabanno Channel and stopped for a lunch break at secluded and well-protected Mosquito Bay at the north end of the channel. We shared a delicious pot-luck lunch in the comfort of *Panacea’s* cockpit thanks to the generous hospitality of *Panacea’s* crew. After an enjoyable

lunch-time break, we continued our travels down the channel toward Little Current. We arrived at the Port of Little Current and were assisted to our dockage area by a very welcoming and efficient dock staff. When all boats were securely docked and libations enjoyed, we all made our own evening plans in the town of Little Current.

On Wednesday morning we met at the Anchor Inn where we were invited to watch a live broadcast of the Cruisers’ Net which is hosted by Roy Eaton each morning at 0900 throughout the months of July and August. Roy is a retired school principal who has invested his time delivering a daily broadcast to cruisers in the North Channel over VHF channel 71. The hour-long programme includes weather updates, news, cruising events, and live check-ins with boaters in the area. On the morning that we were there 114 cruisers checked in, sharing information on their location and their cruising plans. Roy also provides a valuable link for contacting cruisers in the event of emergencies since VHF and cell phone communications are somewhat sporadic in the region.

Following an afternoon of shopping, sightseeing, and reprovisioning, we reassembled at the gazebo adjacent to the marina for a pizza and salad dinner. Members of the Little Current Yacht Club were invited to join us. We had the privilege meeting Jim and Judy Coreless, commodore of the Yacht Club, and Roy and Margaret Eaton from the Cruiser’s Net and enjoyed their company at our evening dinner. Words of welcome and a burgee exchange ensued with delicious, mouth-watering fruit pies from the local bakery providing a tasty touch to the evening meal. Upon returning to our boats, we gathered in the cockpit of *Scorpio’s Dream* for a surprise birthday cake to celebrate Pat’s 70th birthday. What a day of activity!

Thursday morning we departed Little Current enroute to Clapperton Harbour where we planned to spend the evening. Winds had died to the point that sailing was impossible so we motored for the four hour journey to the anchorage. When we arrived at the anchorage, we anchored in a sheltered cove in front of an abandoned resort which used to be owned by Henry Ford. Today the area is abandoned and the derelict buildings are all that remain of a once thriving and up-scale vacation get-away. Rumour has it that the island is haunted and later that evening Ardys and I found out that it may be more truth than rumour. After another amazing Happy Hour on *Panacea* we returned to our boats anticipating a quiet and restful evening. Overnight, the mother of all storms descended on us and through the blinding lightning, howling winds and torrential rain, we donned storm gear, tended anchors, and hoped for the best. Fortunately all anchors held securely but during the storm, we heard a distinct knocking on the side of our boat. Ardys and I are both convinced that Henry was seeking refuge aboard *Lil’ Haweater*.

With deteriorating weather conditions, and a family commitment on the weekend, Ardys and I made an early departure on Friday morning and headed back to Gore Bay. The rest of the group followed soon after with plans to visit Bridal Veil Falls, our planned final destination, by car on their way home. The unanimous conclusion by all participants was that this was a rendezvous not to be missed. Without doubt, we will return! The beauty of the area defies description!

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The phenomenal success of this rendezvous resulted from the enthusiastic involvement of all the participants, the generous hospitality and support of the local authorities in Gore Bay and Little Current, the helpful and accommodating staff at Canadian Yacht Charters, and the generosity of the K-W Power and Sail Squadron. Thank you all! We had a great time!

We Need YOU!!!



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On the weekend of June 21-23, 2013 we are planning to host our annual squadron rendezvous in Port Dover. In an attempt to satisfy the needs and interests of all our members, we would like to include a fishing tournament as part of the weekend events. However, we need some fishing enthusiasts to assist with organizing and planning the tournament. This is a great opportunity for you to become involved in our squadron and help us to arrange this activity. If you are interested in assisting us in this way please call 519-662-2861 or e-mail rickardys@hotmail.com to indicate your willingness to volunteer. Your participation is appreciated.

***Rick and Ardys Brenneman
Rendezvous Co-ordinators***



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