

# Commodore Report for the Year 2021-2022.

Thank you to the Executive for making 2022 a successful sailing season.

We were able to throw off the shackles of Covid restraints and launch on schedule and enjoy a full sailing season.

CIYC celebrated our **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary** with over 100 guests on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The sun came out, despite the gloomy forecasts and we were able to celebrate with members, new and old, including a few of the founding members. Thanks to the hard work of the planning committee we had great food, video and photos of the last 50 years, music and dancing and we were piped in by our own bag pipers, Bob, and Doug (not Mackenzie!)

The **Blessing of the fleet** took on a more diverse and inclusive character, thanks to Kristyn Watton and Lloyd Ayotte. We had a smudging ceremony, prayers, and bagpipes.

Our Club has grown and while we say goodbye to some members, we have welcomed 11 new full members and 8 social members, and we are in the enviable position that our docks are almost full.

We chose to waive the initiation fee for new members from the special meeting in May 2022 until launch of 2023 and we reduced the work hours to be more in line with other local sailing clubs. (15 hours for Full Members and 6 for Social Members).

Adult and Youth Sailing programs continue to flourish under great leadership. Frank Foote was able to arrange for instructors to be certified and re-certified at our Club. Bob Morrow has donated his boat, so we now have 2 adult instructional sailing vessels.

Youth Sailing had 4 very successful weeks with 11 students attaining their CANSail II.

CIYC is well on the way to being compliant under the Ontario Not for profit Corporations Act (ONCA) which was introduced in October 2021. We must meet all guidelines by October 2024.

The Right of Way Agreement between the Town of Kingsville and CIYC and the agreement between Meltons, the Town and CIYC was reviewed with the Town and updated, and the contract is in the hands of the Town lawyer for review. This agreement if approved will allow boats up to 12-foot beam to pass along our right of way and in turn the Town will pay a larger portion of any dredging fees.

We were the successful recipients of 2 grants:

## **The Ontario Resilient Community's Grant**

The \$21,200 Resilient Communities Fund Grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) will be received over 24 months and will help build the Club's resiliency from impacts of COVID-19

Our plan includes:

- hiring a consultant to update the strategic plan (Paul Cairoli waived his fee)
- assess and improve the Club's environmental footprint through Ontario Sailing's Clean Marine program,
- assist with costs to ensure we are ONCA compliant.
- train and hire adult and youth instructors and help grow the programs.

The goal is to increase access to safe, affordable sailing and small boat watersports.

You may see the OTF logo on some promotional material.

We will have a formal grant recognition event in the next year.

#### **Ontario Sailing Covid Recovery Grant of \$7000.**

This will be used to upgrade the new learn to sailboat, donated by Bob Morrow, and purchase a Kayak launching system.

These Grants are in addition to the Grants donated to the Youth sailing Program by the Town of Kingsville.

We continue to reap the benefits of our membership in **Ontario Sailing** and having a club member (Paul Cairoli) on the Ontario Sailing Board does not hurt either!

Benefits have included :

- Grants this year and last.
- Advice regarding insurance and we have changed our club insurer to Gallaghers (formerly Skippers) who are more aware of the challenges sail clubs face.
- Free consultations regarding ONCA.

**Strategic Planning** sessions with members were held in the fall and final recommendations will be presented by the new Executive at the Annual Meeting. The vision remains the same and a Mission statement was created, both of which reflect the great club we have at CIYC.

Finally, I would like to thank all the club members who helped to make this past year so successful. While we require a minimum of 15 volunteer hours a year, the club could not run without the significantly greater number of hours that our Members donate. It is a labour of love.

In Particular I would like to thank the Executive who have worked tirelessly to keep the toilets flushing, boats floating, programs running, boats hauled and launched and raced, docks maintained and, channel dredged, information communicated to Members through the CIYC News, Facebook and website, the books balanced, bills paid and so much more.

Sandy Wright has lots of innovative and exciting plans for the upcoming year and I wish her and the new Executive well.

Thank you

Rachel Park