

# The “Hidden Jewel” of the 1000 Islands

TRIDENT YACHT CLUB  
celebrates 50 years

*Location, location, location.....Often referred to as the “Hidden Jewel of the Thousand Islands”, the Trident Yacht Club has been the boating home away from home for power and sail boaters from the Kingston region and from areas as far away as Toronto, Ottawa/ Gatineau and Montreal for 50 years. The Club is also a destination of choice for some of our neighbours to the south, as we also draw members from northern New York State. continued next page*







Trident Yacht Club... back in the day... early 1990's



East Harbour ready for 50th Anniversary celebrations



Trident Yacht Club Annual Sailpast



BBQ Terrace area and gardens are open to members and guests

Trident Yacht Club was founded in 1964 by Captain L. A. Winfield (Chip) Chapin, U.S.N.V.R. The Clubhouse stands on Trident Point between Kingston and Gananoque.



The Club's early membership and lifestyle was a reflection of its millionaire sailor founder; made up of a coterie of general staff officers (Air Vice Marshall Godfrey of Gananoque among them) and distinguished jurists, public servants and businessmen from both sides of the River. Its harbour provided space for only 32 yachts, but they were spaces proportionate to the sumptuous power yachts of members and guests that were attracted to the Club during those early years.

During the last three decades, Trident Yacht Club has been continually upgraded to become a nautical self-help and family-oriented community, focused on the total boating experience including regular social events, racing and long-distance cruises with stopovers at other Lake Ontario sailing clubs under reciprocity agreements. The splendid grounds and infrastructure speak for themselves. Strides are made to secure the future through the strategic purchase of surrounding property such as the replacement of the entire docking system in 2008-2009. An extensive Clubhouse renovation project will start this fall. The Club Commodore, Robert Toller, commented: "Trident provides the best of both worlds: open-lake sailing and great cruising plus the added benefit of the protected waters of the Bateau Channel sheltering its 106 slips when the weather creates challenges." He added: "The members are drawn by the proximity to some of the most beautiful boating waters in the world, deep in the heart of the Thousand Islands region and by a myriad of secluded anchorages in coves and the Thousand Islands National Park islands where boaters enjoy the wonderful swimming, snorkeling, sail-boarding and fishing."

Trident Yacht Club is member-owned and managed to ensure that Trident remains a safe and affordable option for those who want to enjoy boating in one of North America's premier boating environments. An open invitation awaits you to become a member. We



**Celebrating 50 years... Trident Yacht Club - Past Commodores**

Seated (L to R): Don Williamson, Grant Delaney, Phil Gertler, Blair Buchanan  
 Standing (L to R) : Mike Timlin, Claude Laferrière, Terry Tait, Bruce Fraser, Richard Ryde, Michel Dorais, Robert Toller, Dirk Paul, Janet Bayley, Paul Tobey, Olaf Skjenna  
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offer competitive mooring rates and an unparalleled Club environment for you to explore. We welcome you to make TYC one of your eastern Ontario cruising destinations this summer. Visit us at [www.trident-yc.ca](http://www.trident-yc.ca)

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**Great Club, Great People, Great Sailing!**

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