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## Skip's Corner by Skip Couch

### My First Salvage

One day, when I was fairly new to diving, a friend called and said there was a barge down on Lake Ontario. The barge was being towed by a tug, and the water was rough. The forward hatch had blown off, and the tug had to cut the barge loose because it was taking on water and sinking. It was in about 40 feet of water.

The company had big, long tubes for the salvage, so we took them down toward the hatch. I ended up putting

four in the hatch and one on the stern. Then we started pumping air into them. One broke loose, shot up through the hatch, and went up to the surface. We got it back, reattached it, and inflated the tubes. The barge finally came to the surface.

That was my first actual salvage job, back in the early 1960s.

Well, May is here—that means it's time to get out on the river. Stay safe, and as always... GOOD DIVING!

## Area Events

**June 6**-Trash & treasures, Clayton Wide Sale

**June 12-14**-Food & Wine Festival, Cerow Park, Clayton

**June 19-21**-Seaway Splash, Frink Park, Clayton

**May 28-October 15**- Clayton Farmers Market, Every Thursday, Village Park Circle, Clayton

**July 3**-Independence Fireworks Display, Clayton

**July 3-August 27**-Waterfront Concerts, Clayton

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## Newspaper Archives-May News

### Cape Vincent Eagle- May 7, 1896

Capt Charles Kendall will guide the Jessie Bain this season.

Capt. C. Hinckley, Jr., is in command of the steamer America this year.

The steamer St. Lawrence still has for her captain C. W. Rees, of Clayton.

The steamer Islander goes into service with Capt. A. Kendall in charge.

The genial Capt. "Andy" Miller will have charge of the Empire State again this year.

The steamer Antelope is now making regular trips between Gananoque and Brockville.

The steamer Alexandria commenced regular trips between Charlotte and Montreal Monday.

### Cape Vincent Eagle- May 16, 1889

—On account of low water steamers on the Cape-Kingston route are forced to make their trips around the head of Wolfe Island instead of going through the canal. It is estimated that it cost the company over \$2,000 extra fuel last year because of the low water in the canal.

—Alderman Swift, of Kingston, has completed the purchase of Horse-shoe Island. This property is a valuable one, and is beautifully situated within easy distance of Kingston. Mr. Swift purposes turning it into a public summer resort for invalids, tourists and holiday makers.

—Capt. Jap Ellis and Walter Allen, of Clayton, have purchased the steam yacht E. A. VanHorne of George Penn, Syracuse. She is to be put in first class condition by these gentlemen, and ready for business when the rush begins. She will be open for charter, for fishing or pleasure parties at all times.

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### Life Along the St. Lawrence

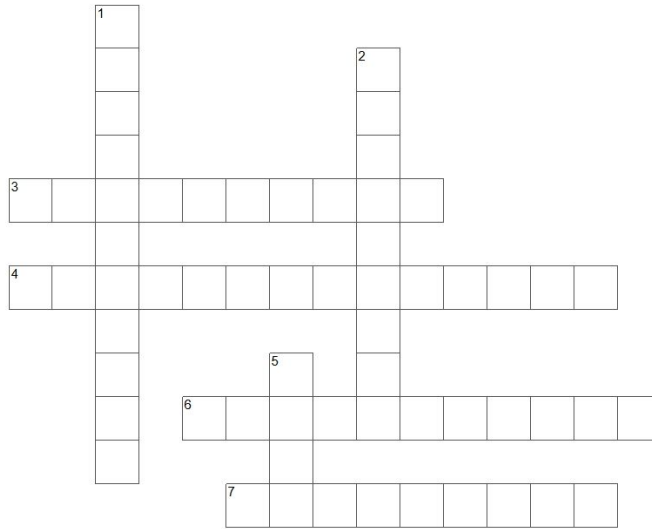
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#### ACROSS

- 3 Event Coyote Moon Winery holds every Sunday during the summer
- 4 Island known as the smallest inhabited island
- 6 A Museum in Clayton specializes in this type of classic watercraft

#### DOWN

- 1 Island believed to be connected to the Lincoln Assassination
- 2 Famous hotel overlooking Boldt Castle
- 5 Founder of this popular exercise had an island on the river
- 7 Historic club on Wellesley Island



Answers to May crossword next month or go to [riverratgazette.com](http://riverratgazette.com) to get the answers now.

### April Answers

Spring return of this black-and-white waterbird along the St. Lawrence Answer: Loon

Flower commonly seen blooming along riverbanks and cottage roads Answer: Trillium

Small yellow wildflower carpeting wooded island floors each May Answer: Trout Lily

River shoreline trees that bud early and line many smaller islands Answer: Willows

Springtime bird calls echoing across quiet island mornings Answer: Warblers

Purple woodland flower blooming on shaded island trails Answer: Hepatica

Clue: Early spring songbird known for its bright, whistling Answer: Ovenbird

Clue: Slender white wildflower often blooming near damp river edges Answer: Bloodroot

Clue: Green shoreline growth commonly seen sprouting along the river in May Answer: Cattails

Clue: Small insect that draws birds to the river surface Answer: Midges



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### St. Lawrence Historical Foundation, Inc.

The St. Lawrence River Historical Foundation, Inc. (SRHF) was formed as a non-profit corporation in July of 1994 to promote research and education regarding the maritime history of the St. Lawrence River.

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