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# 2016 GYC SPRING NEWSLETTER



## NOTES FROM THE COMMODORE: SPRING 2016

Spring has arrived! Maybe! Launch day is just around the corner and the club will be busy as committees and boaters alike get ready for another season.

As in recent years, water levels will again be of major concern to the club and the board. Since adapting to changing levels can be the biggest financial risk for the club, the planning committee is tracking both the current and forecasted water levels and updating the board monthly. Needless to say, the board will be watching the levels closely.

The past winter has ended on a sad note with the passing of Past Commodore John (jack) Silverthorn and member Mike Traplin. On behalf of the board of directors I would like to express our condolences to the families.



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## NOTES FROM THE COMMODORE: SPRING 2016

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Due to the foresight and diligence of previous boards, the club finances are very robust. I'm happy to report that all 2016 fees have remained the same as last year. For the past few months your board has been working hard at mapping out costing and logistical details for several improvements around the club. Projects include the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the lighting (LED migration) replacement, hydro panel expansion, porch repairs, and renovating both men's and women's washrooms in the club house. To minimize impact on members over the summer, the plan is to tackle the washroom project this November.

The dinners being served up by the social committee continue to be the glue that makes the GYC more than just a place to dock boats. Thanks to the social team for all their hard work and to the members that come out for the good times. I'm also happy to report that we have booked the same band (Brian & Doug) for this year's Commodore At Home dinner to be held on Saturday Oct 1, 2016.

Don't forget about a few of the operational changes taking effect this year. This year's AGM moves from November 2016 to April 12, 2017. The 2017 season's dues payment will now be due November 30, 2016.



In closing I would like express my thanks to all of the 2016 directors for stepping up for a great Monday night out and for helping to make the GYC the greatest club on the Great Lakes!

Paul King,  
Commodore

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## VICE COMMODORE REPORT

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We are getting closer to another exciting year out on the water. It is time to start polishing and getting your boats ready for another year. The board has been very busy with many projects underway, we are currently looking into a face lift to the washrooms, sprucing up the clubhouse with new paint on the veranda and finishing off the picnic shelter and continuation of the LED lighting project. The rising water conditions are causing us to look at the need to raise docks.

I hope everyone has marked Saturday June 18, 2016 on their calendar for the Sail past ceremony and dinner. The Sail past Skippers Meeting will be held at 1200 hrs. & Divine Service at 1300.

I am looking forward to serving the club as Vice Commodore this year and if you need anything, please feel free to let me know.

Ann Hachey  
VICE COMMODORE and secretary

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

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Each year I am so excited to see spring arrive so I can enjoy working on my boat while surrounded by our GYC friends doing just the same.

I have had the privilege this winter to feel the pulse of the Club as I have worked away at the invoicing, receiving payments and entering the new budget into the books. It has been an enjoyable challenge.

Emailing the invoices was a new project from the keyboard of the Treasurer and although it had some rocky moments it was, overall, a success. This year, 57 members took advantage of the new E-transfer payment option and, perhaps, more members will give it a try in October.

As promised, this is a second reminder that the invoices for the next membership year will be emailed (postal for some) this October 2016 thereby making the

NEW deadline for payments on Nov 30, 2016. The snowbirds will no longer need to leave a postdated cheque with this new schedule. Please keep your email addresses current by forwarding to the Membership Chair or myself.

NEW this year, E-transfer will be offered for payment of fuel purchases with your own mobile device. Cheques will continue to be accepted.

The Board of Directors are up to their challenge and are making plans to do the maintenance and carry out the improvements in the Club, while working within the limits of the 2016 Budget. I will do my utmost to support them in this task.

Please remember that the confirmation of insurance for your vessel is required all year long, for those that remain on the property. As of March 30<sup>th</sup>, there will be 14 members whose Confirmation of Insurance are overdue. Please ask your broker to send your confirmation of 2 million dollars of liability coverage and policy expiry date to [treasurer@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:treasurer@georgianyachtclub.com) It's that easy! For any members who have a vessel returning to the property this spring, the same applies.

Whether you sand and paint or wax.....Happy Commissioning!

Becky Middlebrook  
Treasurer and Privacy Office



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## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

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The committee has not been very active so far this winter. With Spring just around the corner, we will over the next couple of months be looking at several things. First, we will be providing the Club information regarding the pro's, con's and options for Wi Fi. We will also be looking at how the Club might better utilize our property for winter boat storage. We are reviewing the Club's property insurance policy. We also hope to finalize an update of the financial forecast for the club.

We have been reporting water levels to the Board each month. At present water levels are approximately 29" above chart datum and 46" above the lowest levels in 2012. Water levels are projected to continue rising as much as another 6" - 10" by August. While the high water levels are generally good news, the high water may mean raising more docks.



Tom England  
Planning Director

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## PROPERTY AND GROUNDS REPORT

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Due to the lack of ice in the basin this winter we weren't able to continue replacing the wood on the docks as planned. We inspected all the docks and they appear to be safe to use.

Arrangements are being made to raise some docks this spring mainly along the east wall and by the gas dock for now. This work will have to be done after lift in.

We are currently getting estimates to renovate the washrooms upstairs in the clubhouse due to water damage in the shower areas. This work would be scheduled to be done in early November at the end of the boating season.

Wishing everyone a safe and warm summer.

Chuck O'Reilly  
Property and Grounds Director

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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It seems there are and will be a couple of bumps in the road on the way to an early spring. This past winter has been a quiet one on the membership front, just one new full member and no new applicants after a busy fall that added 5 new members.

We will be having a greet and meet April 16 at the pub night to welcome new members. I also encourage all to keep me informed of any email changes as this is very important for our new billing system that is saving the club a lot of expense. As of Mar. 28 we have 141 full members and 34 associate

### **A list**

Richard Scott  
Nick Bird  
Joe Watson  
Jennifer Prentice

Lee Miller  
Membership Director

### **B list**

Ben Miller  
Ted Primmer  
J Cameron Graham  
Mennow Harmson  
Harry Hartrick




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## MOORING REPORT

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Hope you all had a great winter! Almost tropical after last years. It was nice be able to do work normally left until spring in December and January.



We have been able to fill 4 slips with new members this spring. This leaves us with 2 empty slips to be filled, one 25 and one 27, both corner docks. Greg Shaw, Randy Poste, Brent MacKinnon will likely be in the south basin and Ian Boddy will be using Sam James old slip until a smaller one becomes available. We are running into a sign of the times with many of our slips being too narrow for the newer beamier boats.

Most of our smaller slips have been filled and the boats left on the B list are all 30ft and over. We are still waiting for a permanent slip for Mark Prentice who is bouncing around for now. We currently have 2 applications on the board for 25ft and under boats which if are accepted will make us full!

We kept the bubblers running over the winter to try and keep the ice out as the water level stayed up through the fall and some docks were closer to water level than 12 inches.

I have posted the trade request list on the clubs web site under mooring. Have a safe boating season, look forward to seeing you out on the water.

Mark Vincent  
Mooring Director

519-371-5535  
[markgrease@yahoo.ca](mailto:markgrease@yahoo.ca)

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## SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

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We had a fairly mild winter that surprised us with a severe ice storm and snow in late march and early April. The social committee organized a very successful 'Pot Luck' evening in December which was very well attended, the quality and quantity of food provided by those attending was amazing. I managed to recruit five new members for our hard working group : Menno & Marjorie Harmsen, Brent & Brenda MacKinnon and John Gilbert, Thank you for sharing the workload. A special thank you to Tony Child for installing the new countertop in the Kitchen (donated by Chris & Lynn Collard).



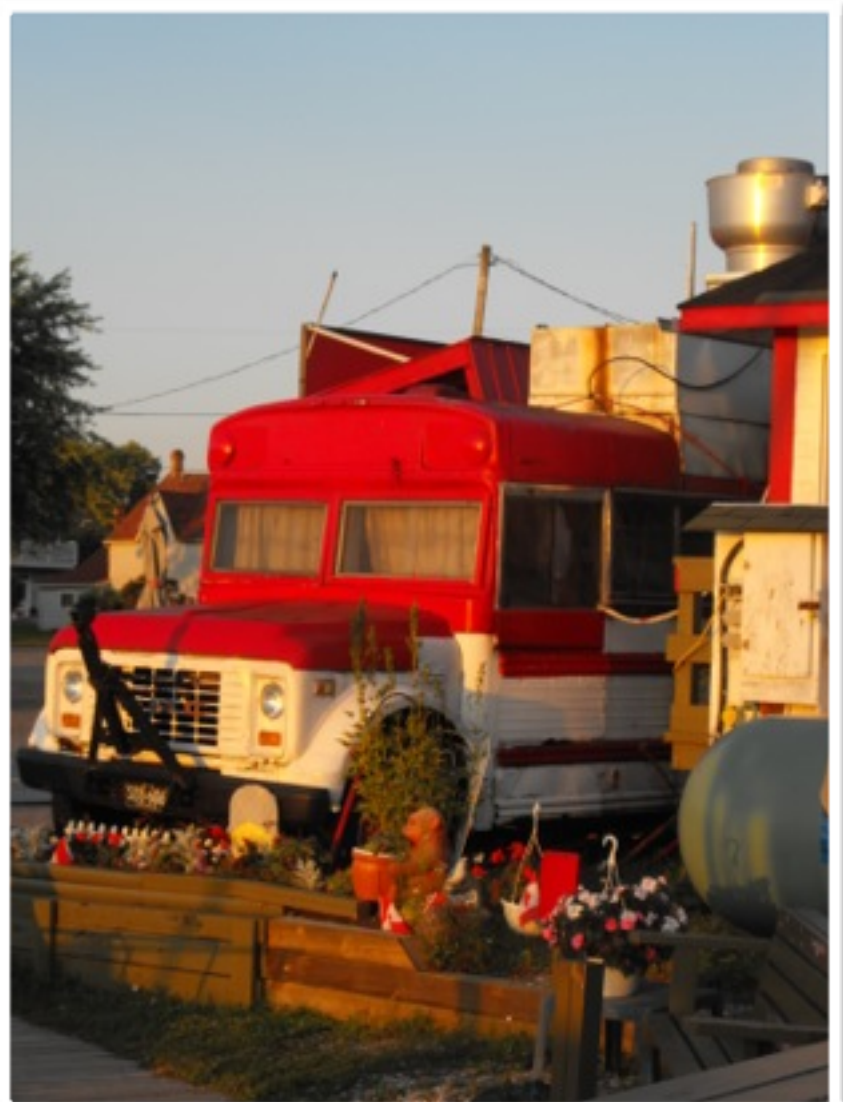
On January 6<sup>th</sup> the committee presented 'Chowder Night', which we have not done in several years. Committee members showed off their culinary talents with: seven different delicious chowders, a salad and crusty bread, followed by a variety of tea and bread cake deserts. The event was sold out with some 75 members attending, followed by a sailing video showing some of the travel adventures of Paul and Sherry Chard (former students of mine).

By the time that you read this news letter we will have had our annual International Night, this time a 'British Pub Night' serving a 'Ploughmans Lunch', followed by apple crisps and 'dump cake' deserts. Again a sold out event with some 75 members in attendance. (thanks again to Glen Usher for handling the Email reservations, enquiries and publicity).

Cradle moving and Launch are once more are a commitment that committee makes to provide coffee and donuts at cradle moving and a hot lunch on launch day.

I hope we can count on member support at the social events we are organizing for the upcoming boating season.

Carl Inglis  
Social Committee Director



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## HYDRO AND WATER REPORT

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Welcome to "Spring"!!!. As soon as Grey County recognizes what month it is and warms the temperatures we can turn on the water so that we can wash our boats. Hopefully our winter shutdown procedure was done as expertly as we thought and there will be no spring surprises, aka leaks.

After a couple of performance let downs with the gate entry systems last year we have looked into alternative security systems. After budgeting for a new system we have now decided to keep our existing card entry system and order in a couple of card readers to have on hand for immediate repairs. We also want to look into expanding the remote system that we have. We would also like to have a battery backup for one of the clubhouse doors in case of power outages.

The remaining three tower lights will be converted to LED this summer to complete our outside light changeover. Possibly Hydro One incentive programs will help with this final part of the program. Speaking of Hydro, we are going to start to monitor our usage a little more closely to see if we can make improvements.

The Board has decided to replace our electrical panel in the clubhouse this year. We have to provide outlets in the picnic pavillion and a new circuit or two inside for our social functions. The old panel has had years of circuit changes and is looking like an electrician's nightmare.

Happy Boating from the Utilities Committee

Chris Collard  
Utilities Director

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## GAS DOCK & SAFETY REPORT

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Exciting times at the gas dock fellow members! John Griffith will be happy to hear that he can leave his check book at home. No, we are not offering free fuel this year but will implement the e-transfer method of payment for fuel purchases. This will be the same way over 50 % of you paid you dues for this season , so get the app for your phone and take advantage of this handy method. We will record the transaction number for the club's records at time of purchase and paper checks will still be accepted.

Rudy has signed another 1 year deal to run the fuel dock, cut the lawn, and stock the washrooms with toilet paper on Friday evenings. We will get the hours and contact information posted as soon as It is decided.

Cheers to a safe and fun filled boating season,

Travis Low  
Gas dock and safety Director



**SPRING LAUNCH 2016**  
**SATURDAY, May 07, 2016 BEGINNING @ 0800 HRS**

**CRANE STARTING LOCATIONS:**

**Big Crane (#1)**

- 1) \* Start in **FRONT OF THE CLUBHOUSE** and work **TO THE MAST HOIST**.
- 2) \* To the **NEW GAS DOCK** & work toward the gas & pump-out station.
- 3) \* Launch all boats at the **WEST END OF THE SOUTH BASIN...** proceeding **DOWN THE OLD GAS DOCK**.

**SMALL CRANE (#2)**

- 1) \* Start **INSIDE THE GATE AT THE WEST BASIN** around **TO THE CLUBHOUSE**.

**PLEASE REMEMBER!**

- \* Be familiar with the Launch & Haul Out Guidelines.
- \* Most boats will be required to **move immediately following launch** to allow space for the launching of other boats.
- \* Please do not dock in an area where boats have yet to be launched.

**KEEP IT SAFE!!**

- \* Make safety a priority when working close to the crane. **If you are not involved, make sure and your guests stay well clear of the lifting area.**
- \* **The best place to park is on the road or upper parking lot.** Please do not park in areas that can impede the movement of the crane.
- \* **Your patience and tolerance for those “unplanned things” is appreciated...**if you do anticipate any problems please let the Launch & Haul Out Committee know as soon as possible.

**CRADLE MOVING - SUNDAY MAY 08, 2016 @ 0900 HRS.**

- \* If you have a cradle please be here on Sunday. Have your cradle **clearly identified with your last name & first initial. Please have your cradle tied up so nothing will swing and no ladders attached to cradles.**
- \* We are always looking for 4X4's and rigging to assist in cradle moving.
- \* Ensure your cradle is tied down and will not unfold.

**LAUNCH & HAULOUT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Saturday, April 30, 2016 GYC Club House @ 0900 hrs

Mike Forcier - Launch & Haul Out - 519-372-0722 or [mike@greybrucelaw.ca](mailto:mike@greybrucelaw.ca)

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GYC 2016 SPECIAL DATES

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MAY 2	BOARD MEETING AT 1900 hrs.
MAY 7	LAUNCH & LUNCH
MAY 8	CRADLE MOVING
JUNE 6	BOARD MEETING AT 1900 hrs.
JUNE 18	*SATURDAY* SAIL PAST AND DINNER
JUNE 18	*SATURDAY* SAIL PAST SKIPPER'S MEETING AT 1200 hrs.
	DIVINE SERVICE AT 1300 hrs.
JUNE 19	*SUNDAY* SAIL PAST RACE
SEPT. 3	CORN ROAST
SEPT. 6	BOARD MEETING AT 1900 hrs.
SEPT. 11 & 12	GYC FISHING DERBY
OCT. 1	COMMODORE AT HOME
OCT. 3	BOARD MEETING AT 1900 hrs.
OCT 3	FALL NEWSLETTER DIRECTOR REPORT ARE DUE !
OCT. 3	2017 SCHEDULE C APPROVED
OCT. 3	2017 MEMBERSHIP INVOICE PROCESS STARTS
OCT 15	CRADLE MOVING
OCT. 21 & 22	HAUL OUT & LUNCH
OCT 22	FUEL PUMPS, PUMP OUT & MAST CRANE DECOMMISSIONED
OCT. 22	BOATS WITH HOLDING TANKS MUST BE OUT OF THE WATER
OCT 31	FINANCIAL YEAR END (ALL EXPENSES SUBMITTED)
NOV.1	WATER OFF
NOV. 7	BOARD MEETING AT 1900 hrs.
NOV.18	ALL BOATS OUT OF THE WATER AND LIFT DOCK SKIRTS
NOV 30	2017 FEES DUE
DEC. 5	BOARD MEETING AT 1900 hrs.



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## GYC AD-HOC "TECHNOLOGY" COMMITTEE

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We would like to form an Ad Hoc "Technology" Committee with the mandate to assess current club owned computers/applications and to provide recommendations on how to improve processes and the tools used.

To get involved – please call me 519-372-1724 or email [paul.king@rogers.com](mailto:paul.king@rogers.com)

Paul King  
Commodore

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## HELP NEEDED!!

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We are looking for a member to take on the role of ordering and managing the inventory of club house supplies (garbage bags, hand towels, hand soap, toilet tissue, urinal pucks and sanitary napkin disposal bags.) To get involved – please call me 519-372-1724 or email [paul.king@rogers.com](mailto:paul.king@rogers.com)

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