

Georgian Yacht Club Newsletter

Autumn 2017

Commodore's Report:

October 4, 2017

What a summer - the nice days were very nice and the wet days were very wet!

While the weather put a lag on the boating season, it didn't slow down any of the projects around the club. I'd like to congratulate all the directors for their contributions to the club improvements and operations on behalf of the members. I would encourage members to seek out the various directors working on your behalf and pass along your appreciation in person.

After launch this spring, we had concerns about a broken tie back holding up the north wall in the west basin. Further inspection determined that 1 of the 3 tiebacks were broken. These particular tie backs were 19' 3" from the wall, which required substantial digging. Thanks to Chuck O'Reilly and Terry Ferenczy for running the mini-hoe, to Terry Burley for doing the welding on short notice and to Ed Griffith for loan of his portable welder.

I would like to extend my congratulations and thanks to membership chair Tom England for organizing a very successful new member orientation Meet and Greet on June 14.

The Big Duck night-time boat parade in July was a blast. It was great to celebrate Canada 150 with ~18 boats and to parade through the inner harbor with the huge crowds there to see the Big Duck.

With all the wet weather resulting in increased water levels, it became imperative to raise 10 more docks. With the higher water levels, the longer docks in the North basin and by the gas dock were very difficult to work on. Thanks to the great crew (Chuck O'Reilly, Ken Hearty, Roy Waite and Ed Griffith plus many others) this job got done. The work and welding crew from Sutherland's were also indispensable and worked very hard in difficult conditions to get these last few docks up and out of the water. Several docks needed much more than above average persuasion as many of the upper posts are filled with cement, it was not a simple task to just insert a new pin.

The GYC and Cruisers' Net Rendezvous was held in Little Current Aug 2, with 11 boats attending. I'd like to personally thank Don and Marion Gibson and Carl and Joanne Inglis for making the drive up to Manitoulin Island for the event. It was a great day hosted by Roy and Margaret Eaton and plans are underway to do it again next summer. I was very happy to receive a plaque of appreciation from the Cruiser's Net that is now proudly on display in the upper hall at the club house.

We have been sending out more frequent email updates to members to help keep all informed. If you are not getting the email updates, please reach out to membership chair Tom England.

You may have noticed the beautifully restored DRAGONFLY boat at the club this summer owned by new members Graham and Jocelyn Cameron. Did you know that the DRAGONFLY made national news this summer? The Association of Dunkirk Little Ships and DLS DRAGONFLY held an event around the premier screening of Christopher Nolan's new film DUNKIRK. This included a very special guest, Mr. Michael Bentall of Neustadt, one of the very few remaining veterans of the Dunkirk Evacuation in 1940. CTV was at the club to interview the Mr. Bentall, Graham Cameron and to film the Dragonfly.

See the full video here:

SEE HERE <http://www.ctv.ca/YourMorning/Articles/July-2017/Dunkirk-veteran>

In closing I would like express my thanks to all of the 2017 directors for stepping up for a great Monday night out and for all the work that they and their committees do from Tuesday to Sunday.

Sincerely,

Paul King, Commodore



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Vice Commodore's Report:



It is hard to believe that another boating season has come and gone. It is wonderful to have such a facility so close to home for all the boaters to enjoy. The clubhouse has gone through a lot of changes over the past year, finishing touches to the beautiful picnic shelter, lovely new washrooms, Adirondack chairs, a new concrete porch and railing. We will continue to make improvements to the docks, to the pump out and to the clubhouse over the upcoming boating season. This is a place for all to meet and share their boating adventures and experiences. The property is for all members to enjoy, please remember to keep it clean. I was disappointed to see so many droppings left by



dogs. Please remember to poop and scoop.

There will be another rendezvous in Little Current next summer. I look forward to seeing as many members as possible enjoying this getaway. Thank you to the organizers of this upcoming event.

It looks like there will be

a number of small docks available next year. If you know of anyone who would be interested in experiencing our wonderful club, please direct them to the website or speak to the Membership director. It is nice to keep the facility full, so as many people as possible can enjoy our wonderful facility.

We have a number of social events planned for this winter. I hope to see you there.

Happy Boating!

Ann Hachey



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Treasurer's Report:

Dear Members and Associate Members,

Hopefully all of you found several days of warm summer days to enjoy your vessels and fellowship around the club.

As most of you are aware by now, your invoices for the 2018 season will be sent to you before November 1, 2017 which is the beginning of the upcoming membership year.

Payments are due November 30th and interest of 10% will be charged on all overdue accounts. Please be aware that the post office no longer automatically date stamps enve-



lopes; therefore all payments must be received by November 30 or they will be subject to the 10% interest fee. NO exceptions unless prior notification is made directly to myself and no reminders will be sent. Invoices are sent by email and I request that you confirm receipt of your invoice. This confirmation by the members saves

me hours of time and I truly appreciate it. If you do not use email or if you have previously requested that you receive your invoice by postal mail then I am happy to continue to accommodate the mailings. Unpaid accounts by Feb 6, 2018 may be subject to cancellation of membership and mooring.

Any changes to your services for the 2018 Membership year (starts November 1, 2017) should be submitted to the Board and all resignations or changes should be made in writing, all before October 31, 2017. Your cooperation is very much appreciated in these regards as it saves hours at the keyboard! Financial Reports are available by request,

prior to the Annual General Meeting in April 2018.

A reminder that all certificates of insurance are now to be forwarded to the following email:

boatinsurance@georgianyachtclub.com

Thank you for entrusting me with administering the GYC finances.

I am always interested in your questions so please feel free to contact me. I wish you all a safe Haul-out and a moderate winter.

Kind Regards,
Becky Middlebrook



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Property and Grounds Report:

It was another busy summer around the club, in June we repaired a wall tieback that had failed along the wall just to the south of the club house. All the halyards on the flag pole were replaced along with new flags, thanks to Larry McCartney and Ed Griffith for their assistance on that job. Also the roads were graded and new gravel was brought in....Thanks Harold!

In July we raised ten more docks, some with great difficulty. Many people were involved in that project and Thanks to all who helped out. This makes a

total of 34 docks that have been raised over the last 2 summers, hopefully water levels will remain steady for a while.

In August the front porch of the club house was replaced, a big improvement for sure.

This year we set up a Porta-Potti on the south side of the property and it seems to have seen regular usage. I will be recommending that we continue to rent it again next year.

A big Thank you to Kurtis Low for keeping the grass cut and filling in the ruts in

the gravel after the numerous rain storms we had this summer.

A reminder to make sure your dock is ready for winter, raising ladders and skirts as well as removing any supports that were used to steady your dock.

In the spring we'll be looking for a few volunteers to repaint all the posts on the front porch across the front of the club house, all materials will be supplied.

Chuck O'Reilly
Property & Grounds



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Mooring Report:

It was a busy summer for summer mode. Trevor got bored at one point with the damp weather and decided to clean up the mooring data base. He has done a fantastic job along with the help of Terry and Clark the boats have been re-measured. He found several slip numbers in the data base which are inaccessible so these will become dinghy docks.

A couple of members have purchased larger vessels that we haven't been able to provide permanent slips for as of yet. If you plan on buying a larger boat, please submit a request first, as we likely will not have space. If you request a slip for a larger boat, over-all accurate length is important, added swim platforms and permanently

At this point it looks as if we will have around six 25ft. docks vacant for spring; but a lot can happen between now and then, as it did this spring.

We will be having another mooring meeting later this fall to try and get a head-start on spring. Have a good winter and hopefully a dry, warm summer next year.

Mark Vincent - Mooring



Gas Dock Report:



Hello fellow members,

Despite the summer that didn't seem to happen, my family and I were fortunate enough to get a nice weather week to travel up the inner channels of the east shore to Killarney and into McGregor Bay. A fabulous boating experience!

Gas sales seem to be on par with other years even with the cooler, damp weather we experienced this season. Kudos to my son Kurtis on a great job manning the pumps and keeping the weeds cut at the club.

Time has come to part ways with our troublesome vacuum pump-out system! The board has approved the purchase of a new unit that will be installed as soon as possible. The old diaphragm pump carried us over the summer again

and hopefully gets us through haul out. It sometimes requires filling the suction hose with water from the garden hose to get it primed.

Please do your best to help out and get involved when called upon by the committees that keep the club operating, it's how we keep the fees down and keep improving our club.

Safe haul-out and off season,

Travis Low - Gas Dock and Safety



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Utilities Report:

I wrote a fall report and then scrapped it because we just had summer. Thank you, it was lovely for our power boaters.

Utilities have been their old frustrating self this summer. We have had all the new old LED tower lights replaced because of defects and now in the last month another tower light has started pretending that it is a strobe light. The replacements are covered by warranty, but we bought them to shine and not be shutoff.

We installed another two circuits in the picnic shelter to boost available outlets for coffee pots and bands etc. Thanks to Tony Childs for his assistance. Our electrical panel is now full, so we should be thinking of a replacement in the next budget. Before that we need to identify the multitude of circuits coming from the panels and what loads they are possibly carrying and where they disappear to in the walls.

Water will be shutoff by November 1st. Hopefully the water levels will not rise any

further as some of our waterlines are not too far from the present level, making winter ice damage a possible concern.

A bit of trivia to contemplate over the long winter. In 2016 we consumed 65,600 kwh. of Hydro. It will be interesting to compare that to this year's total.

Any suggestions for water and electrical improvements around the club are always welcome.

Chris Collard



Planning Report:

For the 2017 boating season, there have been no planning or development updates at the club. The planning and development committee has been tasked to monitor the lake levels monthly. Water levels have gone down 5 inches since August 1, 2017 and are projected to go down 3 inches in October 2017. Hopefully, this will be enough of a drop in the lake levels that it will not affect our docks this coming winter.

Ken Hearty



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Social Report:

Social Committee met after a very wet and cool summer on August 29th at a small BBQ to say good bye to Glen and Donna Usher who are leaving boating and the GYC. We thanked them for their many years of hard work and service to the Club. Afterwards we spent some time planning the upcoming Corn Roast and Commodore at Home Dinner. Committee member position changes : John Gilbert will be taking over the Treasury function [formerly held by Donna] and Joseph Hardin will take over the Communications function [formerly held by Glen}.

New Members: We welcome four new committee members: Joe & Joanne Fryer, Alicia VanAlphen, and Marija Scriven.

CORN ROAST :

Was a great success with some 140 people attending, the weather was great. We served: corn on the cob, hamburgers, sausage on a bun, coleslaw and all the trimmings.

COMMODORE at HOME on September 30th was a super evening with some 160 members and family in attendance, the food was delicious and everyone enjoyed the band.

HAUL OUT October 21st. The committee



has planned : coffee and donuts in the morning and a hot lunch at mid day, Menu: Sausage on a bun, Hamburgers, Chilli, cole slaw and a vegetarian lasagne.

CLUB HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS: We purchased a new bbq, Chris Collard installed much needed faucet in the kitchen, and Chris and Tony Child installed two new electrical outlets in the now completed picnic shelter.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1) Pot Luck and an evening with Joe Watson and Yvonne McTeer, showing us their travels in the Bahamas on Saturday November 11th, Happy Hour at 5pm Pot Luck at 6pm, Joe and Yvonne to follow.

2) Pot Luck and an Evening with Cam and Jocelyn Graham. Discussing their famous boat "Dragonfly", her reconstruction and her role at DUNKIRK i WW 2 on Saturday December 2nd (same times as above).

Respectfully submitted
Carl Inglis
Director – Social Committee



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Membership Report:

We currently have 140 Full members and 40 Associate members.



“A” List

Richard Scott
Nick Bird
Joe Watson
Jennifer Prentice
Stan McLean
Kris VanDolder

“B” List

Ben Miller
Ted Primmer
Joe Ostrander
Ron Downie
Brian MacIntosh
Josh Ferguson
Marija Scriven



Since last Spring, there has again been a significant amount of movement.

First, we announce with regret the departures of Bill Taylor, Glen Usher and Myles Moynan as Full members. We also lost the late Ken Robinson as an Associate member. Karen Robinson, wife of the late Past Commodore Cam Robinson, past away also.

In terms of new Full members, we are pleased to welcome (spouse in brackets) Thomas Moore (Angela), Josh Baker (Sandy), Kurtis Mink (Christine), Roger Martindill (Sue), Joe Fryer (Joanne) and David Reitzel. We also welcome as Associate members to the “B” List Ron Downie (Deborah), Brian MacIntosh (Rita), Josh Ferguson (Jennifer), Marija Scriven and Dann Demars (Fanny). As Associate members we welcome Mark Sparkhall (Lynn), Doug Dawson (Brenda), Paul Livingston and Brad Beitz (Lori).

The Board will also be considering at the November meeting applications for Associate membership by Jake Priester, Guy Doherty and Steve Meades as well as an application for Full membership (to the “B” List) by Associate member Doug Dawson. These applications are on the clubhouse bulletin board.

The club held a meet and greet for new members on June 14th. Approximately 60 members turned out, including 28 new members and family, to enjoy the cooking of Jamie Nicol and Clark James. Thanks go also to Cam and Jocelyn Graham for inviting us to tour their “Dunkirk” participating boat, Dragonfly. Cam and Jocelyn will also be giving a presentation at the club about Dragonfly on Saturday, December 2nd, so mark your calendar.

If you see someone in the club who doesn’t look familiar, introduce yourself. Chances are the person may be a new member, and we encourage everyone to make the effort to make our new members feel welcome.

Membership Database:

The website is user friendly. If you move, change your phone number or email address, please update the in-

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Membership Report:

formation on the website. Alternatively, you may email membership@georgianyachtclub.com and ask that we update the information.

Insurance:

Most members have remembered to have their insurance agent forward updated insurance certificates to boatinsurance@georgianyachtclub.com. Please remember that we are all volunteers and it is appreciated if members mark their calendar as a reminder that they need to have their agent forward a new certificate in a timely fashion to minimize that amount of work reminding members about expired certificates.

Considering Retiring from Boating?

Over the past couple of years we have taken note of members who have moved out of the area to be closer to their kids and grandchildren and for one reason or the other, aren't using their boat as much.

When it comes to your membership status – what are your options? For some, especially those who move far away, the option may be to resign. For some, the option may be to reclassify from a Full member to an Associate member, so that they can participate in social activities as they wish. For some, the option may be to remain a Full member (with voting rights) and go to the “A” List to preserve a high priority for getting a slip back if they change their minds and want to start boating again.

Very Important date for your consideration – October 31.

If you are considering your future in boating please note that a written request that you wish to resign, reclassify, or give up your slip (but retain Full membership) is required. From a financial perspective it is best to give written notice prior to the end of our fiscal year (October 31st). This also allows the club to admit new members in a timely fashion.

After October 31st, club by-laws stipulate that members are to be invoiced as in the past and that there are to be no refunds if a member decides to change their status after the start of our fiscal year.

We hope that most of you may remain active boaters as long as some of our most “senior” members. We do, however, recognize that circumstances change and we trust that the information above will serve as a reminder of club policy and may help those of you who may be at a cross-roads.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom England, Director



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HAUL OUT - FALL 2017

The plans for winter boat storage 2017-2018 are as follows:

CRADLE MOVING will be held Saturday October 14, 2017 at **0900 hrs.** (one week prior to Haul Out). *We are always looking for 4 x 4's and rigging to assist in moving cradles. **Please clearly identify your cradle with your last name.** If you have a cradle stored at The Club, be there.

HAUL OUT CRANE SCHEDULE:

Big Crane (#1):

Friday October 20, 2017 at **1200 hrs.**

*Starts at the West end of the South Basin and lifts all boats south of the basin.

*Proceeds to the end of the Old Gas Dock and works westward.

Saturday October 21, 2017 at **0800 hrs.**

*Proceeds to the Gas Dock and lifts toward the north-east corner of North Basin.

*Proceeds to the Mast Crane and works northward.

*Will proceed to lift trailerable boats just North of the Club House.

Small Crane (#2):

Saturday October 21, 2017 at **0800 hrs.**

*Starts at the South side of The Club House and works counter-clockwise around the West Basin.

WHO DOES WHAT:

Crane Captain co-ordinates cradle placement, boat traffic before lift, & participates in decision making.

*Will be identified by a bright **orange safety vest.**

Boat Owner must be present and participate as work crew when their boat is being lifted.

Must designate an agent in writing to the committee if he/she cannot be present.

*Assigns well beforehand competent persons to handle the bow & stern lines.

*Identifies themselves to the Signal Man just prior to his/her boat being lifted.

*Gives instruction to work crew on sling & block placement, and gives instruction to the Signal Man when his/her boat is ready to lift.

*Present for cradle moving one week before Haul Out.

*Responsible for their Guests (ex. Safety, where to park and what they do).

Work Crew is composed of six boat owners after their own lift at Haul Out.

*Act in a safe manner and always be aware of crane activity.

Signal Man communicates with boat owner and is the **only person** to give direction to the Crane Operator. (Exception. **Anyone** can signal the crane to stop when safety is an issue.)

Crane Operator makes the final decision about the manner in which the boat will be lifted.

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HAUL OUT - FALL 2017

DO=S & DON=TS:

No one under the age of 18 years should be in the work area of the crane and the boat being lifted. **Do have your sling stickers** in place & prepare your boat for lift by attaching bumpers plus bow & stern-lines that are **at least 30 ft. long**. Position your boat at the dock in the same direction it will sit at dry dock to avoid turns while in the slings. **(NO TURNS** merely for convenience). Please help out when extra hands are needed such as moving heavy cradles. Stay clear of the crane & counter weight when the crane is working. Observers should stay well away from the crane & cradle moving activity. **Don=t** stand under a boat while it is suspended in the slings. Park your vehicle where it will be out of the way of the crane. **Don=t be late**, the cranes progress cannot always be predicted. Plan on being present as much of the day as possible. **There have been moves of winter storage to try and have boats stored close to their summer slip. Please be sure to check the board at the club house.**

All cradles must have owners name, and name of vessels
All cradles must have wooden runners on cradle moving day

Any questions or concerns, please contact me @ 519-372-0722 or my cell 519-372-5960 or email mike@greybrucelaw.ca



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Annual GYC Fishing Derby Results

There were 18 fisherman participating this year.
It was a very successful couple of days on the water.
A total of 6 fish were entered.

Winner – Rudy Hachey with 8.34
Most Pounds per Pole - Mike Gould with 5.63 lbs.

Results:

Rudy Hachey 8.34 lbs
Dave Boderman 8.31 lbs
Jean Gould 7.45 lbs
Mike Gould 6.15 lbs
Josh Haslam 5.80 lbs
JC 3.29 lbs

I would like to give a special thanks to Rudy Hachey for cleaning all the fish. Thank you to Chef, Rudy Hachey and Chris Haslam for cooking the Fish and Onion Rings. The fish fry was delicious.
Thanks to the anglers for donating their fish to the meal and for bringing desserts and salads to complete the meal. It was a great day for all who participated.



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DATES TO REMEMBER



- **OCT 14 CRADLE MOVING**
- **OCT. 20+21 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. 6 BOARD MEETING AT 1900 HRS.**
- **NOV.18 ALL BOATS OUT OF THE WATER AND LIFT DOCK
SKIRTS**
- **NOV 30 2017 FEES DUE**
- **DEC. 4 BOARD MEETING AT 1900 HRS.**

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- **JAN 2 BOARD MEETING AT 1900 HRS.**
- **FEB 5 BOARD MEETING AT 1900 HRS.**

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Lighted Boat Parade

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