

Georgian Yacht Club Newsletter

Spring 2018



Commodore's Report:

April 5, 2018

Greetings from the North Island, New Zealand. As I write this from a sleepy little beach town (Haumoana) on Hawke's Bay I'm able to reflect on just how lucky we are to have so many beautiful places in the world to enjoy. Whether it be Collin's Inlet on Georgian Bay or Milford Sound in New Zealand we are blessed with an inspiring number of awesome places to visit.

At the GYC, 2018 started on a sad note with the passing of Past Commodore Larry Langlois. On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to express our condolences to the family. Larry was Commodore from 1990 through 1991, serving in various capacities along the way. His involvement and commitment to this club are much appreciated.

It is with gratitude that I would like to thank both fort while my wife Susan and I have been away im-batical in New Zealand. Again, your commitment appreciated.

I know the Georgian Yacht Club will continue to be dore and Travis becomes Vice-Commodore. I look AGM on Wednesday April 11 , as well as to my new existing) members who would like to get involved or free to reach out to me.



Ann Hachey and Travis Low for holding down the mensely enjoying our long planned 3 month sab-to this great club, which we all enjoy, is greatly

in great hands in April as Ann becomes Commo-forward to officially passing the gavel to Ann at our role as Past Commodore. For any of the new (or learn more about how our club operates, please feel

I would like to express my thanks to the 2017-2018 board of directors for stepping up to do much of the heavy lifting on behalf of the club. The many projects and club improvements accomplished requires many helping hands, and I very grateful for the board's hard work. Thank you as well to all committee members for helping to make our GYC the greatest club on the Great Lakes!

Enjoy the water, your boat, and the upcoming boating season!

Paul King, Commodore



Here we see the Commodore interviewing new applicants for the recently renovated GYC.



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Vice Commodore's Report:

Winter is over and it's time to start polishing your boats for another boating season.

The clubhouse has gone through more improvements over the winter: New kitchen flooring and new paint. We have a number of planned projects this year. We are launching the pilot project of the floating docks. There will be 2 new floating 30' docks built by club volunteers. Thank you to Jamie Nicol for taking the lead on this project. Travis Low will install the new pump-out this Spring. We will be rebuilding the

Clubhouse porch. We are looking into a mast storage solution. We will be doing some paving at the entrance and landscaping in the south basin.

The porta-potties will be available in the South basin for an additional month this year.

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. There will be another rendezvous in Little Current this summer. I look forward to see-

ing as many members as possible enjoying this getaway. Thank you to the organizers of this upcoming event.

It looks like we have filled our docks to capacity this year. 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. I hope to see everyone there.

Happy Boating!
Ann Hachey
Secretary and Vice Commodore



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Treasurer's Report:

Warm spring days for boat work are on our doorstep. ~~~~~

Improvements around our club property and buildings and an innovative dock pilot project are some of the plans on board this year in the budget.

The Financial Review of 2017 for the club will be presented at the **Annual General Meeting** this spring which is scheduled for **Wed April 11th at 7pm**. The Financial Report for 2017 is available in March by request.

The Treasurer Committee has been continuing to meet and review issues and bring financial recommendations to the Board, particularly for ongoing GIC investments. If you have interest and experience in finance then please consider working with this committee. We would appreciate your input and support.

Please remember that vessel insurance certificates should be submitted prior to the expiry date to boatinsurance@georgianyachtclub.com or mailed to the club address PO Box 382, N4K 5P5.

More reminders for this summer:

PAYMENT options:

CARDS or **BURGEES**: Cheque, E-transfer or Cash with correct change.

FUEL: Cheque or E-transfer with your own mobile device. Email your security ANSWER. (Payments for fuel should not be combined with any other payments.)

If you find that your **plans change** for Launch in May or Haul-out in October, please let me know, and I will be happy to credit or debit your account for changes to your services. The next membership year starts November 1st. Please keep this in mind when making changes to the status of your membership or dock. This could avoid receiving an invoice that was not part of your financial plan. Invoices for the next membership year will be sent out in October 2018 with payment due on Nov 30, **2018**.

Thank-you for entrusting me with administering the GYC finances. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Whether you sand and paint or wax.....happy commissioning and Safe Launch,

Becky Middlebrook

treasurer@georgianyachtclub.com

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Property and Grounds Report:

Over the winter, water levels seem to have stabilized, so we should be in good shape as far as dock levels are concerned. I see there are three docks that will need some attention. Unfortunately, we can't do much about them until the boats are back in the water and we can get equipment in to do the repairs. This winter the clubhouse was freshened up with a new coat of paint upstairs and a new floor was installed in the kitchen. Thanks to Hubert for doing the flooring job.

Due to popular demand will again be set up the club from May I am looking for a few on the job of repainting approximately 12 posts on the upcoming season. crete porch and the above they are looking quite shabby. Some sanding will be required and all materials will be supplied. The intention is that this will be completed in time for Sailpast in June. If you have a small group interested in taking this on, please let me know.



mand a Porta - Potti on the south side of 15th until Sept.30th. volunteers to take ing the approxi- the front porch for With the new con- aluminium railing ing quite shabby. required and all ma- plied. The intention completed in time

Hopefully, the temperatures will warm up soon and the ice will disappear from the bay and Boating season will be upon us.

Chuck O'Reilly
Property & Grounds



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Mooring Report:



A big change from last year at this time, we are full! Thanks to everyone and their hard work promoting our great club; it has paid off with all slips full and we still have a waiting list. We will even have a couple of new members that we will have to bump around while waiting for a permanent slip.

With all slips full, there is limited flexibility to accommodate movement if you are considering a larger vessel. Remember the length must include bowsprit, swim platform, davits and anything else included in overall length.

Lastly I would like to thank all of the members of the mooring committee who came out to hash through our large list of changes for this season and help with some of the difficult decisions.

Hope you all have a great boating season!

Mark Vincent
Mooring Director

Gas Dock Report:

With all that ice out there it's hard to fathom that another boating season is soon upon us.

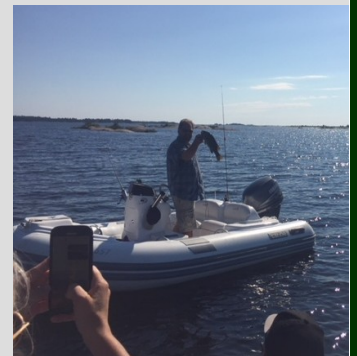
Excited to see the floating dock trial project floating in our basin this spring. Once the bugs are sorted out, this will save the club a lot of headaches and expense. Thanks to Jamie Nicol and others for all your hard work with getting this moving forward finally.



Kurtis plans to be back serving us fuel and looking after the club grounds again this summer.

Safe launch to all, and hope to see you on the water.

Respectfully ,
Travis Low
Gas dock and Safety



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Utilities Report:

Time to imagine Spring although I prefer to think of Spring further south. We'll get there!! Last year was very interesting in the electrical utilities department. In 2016 the club used 65,600 kWh of hydro and in 2017 we only used 27,600 kWh of electricity. As you can imagine, that is a significant saving for the club. Our conversion to LED lighting is good part of this saving as is our members efforts to minimize hydro waste. I thought that a cooler summer might have been a factor, but July/August usage was about the same for both years. Whatever the reasons, let's hope that we enjoy the same good benefits in 2018.

Our new LED tower lights have been and still are problematic. Even after total warranty replacements, one started to flash again a week ago. Faulty seals allowing water entry into the fixtures was diagnosed, so we must continue to monitor. Next smaller LED conversions will be the small fixtures under the deck and lighting at the gas dock to improve safety concerns.

The water will be turned on again when we are convinced that the last significant frost is passed so that spring cleaning can commence when your baby comes out of hibernation.

After 4 1/2 years on the Board I am stepping down so that other members can step up and appreciate the efforts of the Board's function to manage our Club so successfully.

Thank You
Chris Collard
Utilities Director



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Social Report:

At this time of the year there is not much to report on. The last two Social Events were: A Pot Luck and an evening with Joe Watson and Yvonne McTeer showing us their travels in the Bahamas on Saturday November 11th. Then on Saturday December 11th another potluck and an Evening with Cam and Jocelyn Graham, discussing their famous Boat "Dragonfly" and her role at DUNKIRK during World War 2.

Both events drew a big crowd and the food was great in taste and quantity. We plan a further evening with the Graham's to go over the reconstruction of their Boat The Grahams have donated a flag to the Club (an Ensign of the Dunkirk Little Ships Association) this will be placed in a display cabinet that I am constructing, and unveiled in the club at Sailpast. Due the number of members away we cancelled our meeting to plan International night, so that is on hold until we next meet.

During the winter, the clubhouse kitchen floor was replaced with new laminate tile; it certainly is a big improvement.



This is my last report of my two and a half year tenure as director chairing the committee, I thank all of the members for their support and hard work.

Respectfully submitted
Carl Inglis



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SPRING LAUNCH 2018

SATURDAY, May 05, 2018 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 06, 2018 @ 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 21, 2018 at 0900 hrs
GYC Club House
Mike Forcier - Launch & Haul Out

519-372-0722 or mike@greybrucelaw.ca





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Membership Report:

We currently have 140 Full members and 46 Associate members.

“A” List

Nick Bird
Joe Watson
Jennifer Prentice
Stan McLean
Kris VanDolder
Dave Parsons

“B” List

Joe Ostrander	Doug Dawson
Ron Downie	Drew Mathies
Brian MacIntosh	Steve Meades
Josh Ferguson	Brad Finlay
Marija Scriven	Louise Johnsen
Dann Demars	

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

This past Winter, Past Commodore, Larry Langlois passed away.

We also regret to announce the departures of Lindsey Taylor and Sally Slumskie as Full Members. Lindsey and Gordon have relocated to Mexico. Sally and Ted have started the transition to retirement at their cottage in Point au Baril.

Past Commodore Richard Scott and Jack Seaman have stepped down as Full Members but we are happy to announce they remain as Associate members.

We regret to announce the resignations of Richard West, Alex Marsh and Ted Primmer as Associate members.

Dave Parsons sold his boat and has elected to go onto the “A” list.

In terms of new Full Members, we are pleased to welcome (spouse/partner in brackets) Paul Livingston, Brad Beitz (Lori), Jake Priester (Amanda), Guy Doherty (Wendy) and Gord Eyre (Sandra). There are additional Associates on the “B” list who have been offered slips and are in the process of becoming Full Members.

We also welcome as Associate members: Doug Dawson (Brenda), Drew Mathies (Nancy), Steve Meades (Brenda), Brad Findlay (Vicki) and Louise Johnsen (Khris) to the “B” list.

We also welcome Christine Wolfe (Stephen), Scott Caple (Suza) and Chris Locking (Melanie) as Associate members. Both Scott

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Membership Report:

and Chris have applied for Full Membership (to the “B” List).

Ralph Suke, an Associate member for some time, has also applied for Full Membership. Their applications are posted on the clubhouse bulletin board and will be considered by the Board on May 7th.

The club is planning another meet and greet for new members on Wednesday, June 6th.

Insurance:

Please remember to have your insurance agent forward updated certificates of insurance verifying \$2,000,000 liability insurance to boatinsurance@georgianyachtclub.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom England, Membership Director



Sometimes, Tom likes to lend out the ‘Big Canoe’.




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Activities for 2018

Don't Forget The GYC Cruiser's Rendezvous at Little Current Marina on July, 31st. Meet up at the Pavilion near 'A' Dock at 4PM for a Happy Hour and Social Gathering. There will be a limited number of slips available on 'A' Dock so plan to arrive early!



LITTLE CURRENT CRUISERS NETWORK





VHF Channel 71
9:00 am

Reporting each morning
during July and August

Marine Weather • World and Local News
Sports • Community Events
Answering questions and relaying messages
between boats in the North Channel

Hosted by:
Anchor Inn Bar & Grill

in association with:
Little Current Yacht Club

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DATES TO REMEMBER



- April 11 AGM at 19:00Hrs [2nd Wed of April]
- April xx Social – International Night (Date TBA)
- May 5 Launch & Lunch
- May 6 Cradle moving
- May 7 Board Meeting at 1900 hrs.
- June 4 Board Meeting at 1900 hrs.
- June 6 New Member Meet and Greet at 1800 Hrs.
- June 16 *Saturday* Sail Past
 - Skippers' Meeting at 13:00 Hrs.
 - Divine Service at 13:30 Hrs.
 - Sail Past & Salute at 14:00 Hrs.
 - Sail Past Dinner at 17:30 Hrs.
- June 17 *Sunday* Sail Past Race
- July 31 Georgian Yacht Club Rendezvous
- Sept. 4 Board Meeting at 1900 hrs.
- Sept. 8 Corn Roast
- Sept. 14&15 GYC Fishing Derby
- Sept. 29 Commodore at Home Dinner
- Oct. 1 Board Meeting at 1900 hrs.
- Oct. 1 2018 Schedule C Approved
- Oct. 1 2018 Membership Invoice Process Starts
- Oct 13 Cradle Moving
- Oct. 19+20 Haul Out & Lunch
- Oct 20 Fuel, Pump Out & Mast Crane Decommissioned
- Oct. 20 Boats with holding tanks must be out of the water
- Oct 31 Financial Year End (All Expenses Submitted)

Georgian Yacht Club Members' Page 2018



This page is dedicated to you...the members!

This is your opportunity to submit your photos, information or ideas that you feel would be memorable, informative or beneficial for the club membership as a whole.

If you have any submissions or suggestions that are within the timeframe of any future Newsletters and you would like to see them posted in this section; please email them to:

newsletter@georgianyachtclub.com

at least 2 weeks before the semi-annual release of the Newsletter in April and October.



Dunkirk Talk and Dinner Night.



Our club flag (burgee) was proudly displayed during the 26th Annual Mariners' Service & Blessing of the Fleet, held on February 11th at St. George's Anglican Church in Owen Sound. The event, a local marine tradition dating back to the mid-1800's, is run by the International Shipmasters' Association (ISMA).

Georgian Yacht Club Nostalgia

