



# Spring Newsletter

Georgian Yacht Club

April 2019

## Commodore's Report

### *Spring is in the air!*

Another boating season is quickly approaching.

I would like to thank the board of directors and volunteers for all their work and commitment to keeping the club running smoothly.

The clubhouse has gone through more improvements over the winter with a fresh coat of paint. We are planning to expand the kitchen and replace the cupboards in the fall. The floating dock project was a success last year and we are planning to continue with 4 new docks this year. There will be 2 new 30' and 2 new 34' floating docks built by club volunteers. Thank you to Jamie Nicol for taking the lead on this project. We will be beginning construction of the new washrooms in the south basin. It looks like using scaffolding for the mast storage seemed to be a good solution. I would like to thank all the members for pitching in with the projects that arise. The quick response to address issues and assist is great to see. If you can offer some time for the projects, please let us know.

The porta-potties will be available in the South until the new washrooms are complete.

We have expanded the capacity for the remotes to access the Yacht Club. Members can purchase remotes privately and have them programmed for the gates. We will be planning a day to load the remotes. There will be more information when a date has been set.



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to meet and share  
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experiences.*



## ...Commodore's Report Continued

We are offering first aid training on April 20 and 27, 2019. We are also offering a VHF course this spring. It seems like there was a really positive response to the courses and I would like get any additional ideas or speakers that might be good to talk on other boating topics.

We will be moving the air-bubblers under the docks to preserve the docks and keep the dock maintenance down. A special thank you to Jamie Harrison for fixing the pumps.

We are asking all the club members to make sure that your information is correct on the database and that you provide two emergency contacts. You can update this information on the GYC website.

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 and respect your fellow boaters.

There will be another rendezvous in Gore Bay in July 2019. I look forward to seeing as many members as possible enjoying this getaway. Thank you to Clark James for planning 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*

*Commodore*



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## Vice Commodore's Report

As we eagerly prepare for the upcoming boating season I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new members that will fill the GYC docks this season. We will be at capacity again this year but the waiting list is getting depleted so please encourage your other boating friends to consider joining our great club.

We gained some and lost some, condolences go out to the family and friends of members who have left us this past year. For myself and many others, the recent and sudden passing of our boating buddy Andy VanDolder will for sure make time around the club and out on the water different. He loved the GYC and always encouraged us to get off the dock and have some fun. He will certainly be missed around our beautiful Georgian Bay.

Our official start to the boating season is the annual sail past to be held on the (hopefully) sunny/calm Saturday June 15th. I would like to remind all members that it is like the "right of passage" to be a member of the GYC that you have your boats shined up and ready to go and that you attend the festivities. If a member is unable to attend, the traditional protocol is to speak with the Commodore for permission to be absent. Bring your family and friends and enjoy the club's biggest boating day. It is a great excuse to get the boat off the dock and have a fun day.

See you on the water!

*Travis Low*

*Vice Commodore/Secretary*





# Treasurer's Report

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

Improvements around the property for the progression of the floating dock project as well tentative plans for building and a renovation are some of the big plans on deck this year in the budget.



The Financial Review of 2018 for the club will be presented at the **Annual General Meeting** this spring which is scheduled for **Wed April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. The electronic Financial Report for 2018 is now available.

The Treasurer Committee continues to meet and review issues and bring financial recommendations to the Board, particularly for ongoing GIC investments. If you have any interest or 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](mailto:boatinsurance@georgianyachtclub.com) or mailed to the club address PO Box 382, N4K 5P5.

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 1<sup>st</sup>. Please keep this in mind in order to make timely changes to the status of your membership or dock. This could avoid receiving an unplanned invoice that was not part of your financial plan. Invoices for the next membership year will be sent out in October 2019 with payment **due on Nov 30, 2019**.

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

Safe Launch,

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*Treasurer and Acting Rear Commodore*  
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## SUMMER REMINDERS:

### **PAYMENTS:**

**Cards (\$5) and Burgees (\$25) :** Purchase at the Fuel Dock with Cheque, E-transfer or Cash with correct change.

**FUEL:** Cheque or E-transfer, with your own mobile device. You must send a **separate Email** with your security ANSWER whenever making an Etransfer. Please note that Payments for fuel should not be combined with any other payments.

The committee is researching an additional electronic payment option. More news on that soon!

# The Tradition of Sailpast

The Sailpast tradition began at the first Yacht Club that was formed at Cowes in England nearly 200 years ago. The membership at Cowes was primarily aristocratic and many were familiar with naval practice and tradition. Cowes Yacht Club subsequently changed its name to the Royal Yacht Squadron and certain social graces were added to the traditional naval practices.

The actual “review of the fleet” is steeped in more than 600 years of Royal Navy tradition and history and was introduced in Yacht clubs as a continuation of the naval habit of having Admirals (and/or Royalty) review the fleet on special occasions.



Protocol demanded that a flagship be anchored with the Admiral and staff on the quarterdeck to receive and return the salute. Vessels sailed past, dipping their colours in salute, and with their captain also saluting with the ship's company standing at attention. The Vice Admiral would lead the fleet passing in review and the final vessel in the line would carry the Rear Admiral.

Our Yacht Club tradition is almost identical, except that the salute is received by the Commodore instead of the Admiral and the salute is delivered by the passing boat, if under sail, by luffing its jib, or, if under power, by dipping its ensign. All of the crew on the saluting boat stands at attention facing the Commodore, who is the only one to salute by hand. If there is insufficient wind, sailboats should have their engines on.

Protocol dictates that until the Sailpast is completed, only the flagship may be dressed (strung with bunting and flags). However, after the Sailpast, participating yachts are encouraged to dress on returning to their dock.

By precedent, Sailpast is a formal event that officially opens the boating season. The Navy and many yacht clubs also follow the Sailpast with a “Blessing of the Fleet”, a long standing European tradition, first practiced in Portugal, of seeking divine providence to those who labored or ventured on the sea to assure good harvest, safe passage and safe return. At IYC the Sailpast is accompanied by dressing the clubhouse and flagpole and a formal raising of the national flag, accompanied by a cannon salute. The ceremony is followed by a reception on the lawn.

Like most boating activities, Sailpast is somewhat weather dependent. We all hope for a bright sunny day, calm seas and just enough wind to propel the boats around the course in an orderly fashion. But Mother Nature does not always cooperate. In that case a sailor's ingenuity comes into play.

Tradition dictates that all club members participate in the Sailpast, on their own or on another member's yacht. Good manners require that a member unable to participate will send his/her regrets to the Commodore.



# Planning & Development Report

Hello Members

I hope everyone has had a nice winter. The planning and development committee will be having a meeting on Wednesday April 24 2019 at 7 pm in the clubhouse. Please attend if you are on the planning and development committee. I hope everybody has a safe and enjoyable boating season.

*Ken Hearty*  
*Director of Planning & Development*



## Mooring Report

Well we are full again! There may have to be a little movement of moorings once everyone is in after we see how the boats are fitting.

We had a mooring meeting March 23rd with a good turn out. There were several changes made with moorings coming from Full Member requests and also moving one member from a temporary mooring to a permanent. We will once again have 2 new members that will have to be bounced around until more slips become available.

I would once again like to remind members that the measurements of their boats are overall beam and length including pulpits and swim platforms. If you plan on having a dingy on your platform that must be included also. It makes a big difference when a 35 ft boat takes up a 40ft space when trying to assign a mooring.

It has been a very rewarding job (most times) being on the board for the past 8 years and I would like to thank all of the members on the Mooring Committee for your help.

*Mark Vincent*  
*Mooring*





## Fuel Dock & Safety

Well the 2019 season is fast approaching and soon we will be once again back on the water.

I'd like to start by thanking all the members for their support of the fuel dock in 2018 and hope for the same support for 2019.

We had a great season on the fuel dock pumping some 40,000 Litres of Fuel (Gas and Diesel) this as far as I know is the best season on record.

2018 season saw us using our new pump out

equipment for the first time and as a user myself I think we made a good choice. It worked flawlessly.

I'd also like to recognize Kurtis Lowe for his good work on the dock and am pleased to report he'll be back for the 2019 season. Thank you Kurtis.

On the Safety of our Members, their boats, and the Club I'd like to report that everything was fine, but such was not the case. We did experience three issues that necessitated removal of the boats from our basin. Fortunately these instances did not cause and major environmental issues but were taken as a wakeup call by our board. You may notice that the board is going to be more diligent on enforcing the club rules as they apply to safety issues and I'm sure that the Members will understand the need for this.

We updated our "Spill Containment Kit" in 2018 and you will see it located at the fuel dock during the season and is available to all members on a 24/7 emergency bases. It's a large yellow plastic drum and it has the required booms and equipment to surround a oil or fuel spill.

We also purchased a gas operated water pump (presently located in our garage) available to dewater boats in distress. This along with our smaller electric sump pump (located in storage room of clubhouse) is available to all members in case of emergency.

Safety is all of our jobs lets keep our Club, Members, Guests and our boats Safe.

Have a Wonderful and Safe boating season.

Respectfully

*Harry Hartrick*

*Fuel Dock and Safety Director*



### 2019 Fuel Dock Hours of Operation

Our hours of operation for the 2019 season will remain the same.

Wednesday 4 to 8 pm

Friday 4 to 8 pm

Saturday 12 to 4 pm

## Boating at GYC

*We love boating. You do too. Lets boat together.*

*Develop the sport of sailing and boating,*

*Promote safe boating in our community.*

*Encourage boaters of all experience levels and abilities.*



## Who we gonna call?

Have you updated your emergency contact information?

GYC Safety Bylaw R46. States "Each Member with a boat shall appoint two Members within the local radius of the club, to act on their behalf, when they may not be available, and a situation of urgency arises. A list of the boating Member and his/her appointees should be updated yearly and posted on the notice board in the clubhouse."

If you have not yet designated your alternate contacts please email  
[newsletter@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:newsletter@georgianyachtclub.com)

*Thank you to the members who have already provided this information!*

## Property & Grounds

Last spring we installed 2 floating docks on a trial basis, to evaluate how they would work in our club. After monitoring them this past boating season and now over the winter we have decided to add 4 more this summer. There are also a few docks that have shifted off their mounts and are crooked or need to be raised, after launch we will pick a day and tackle those docks.

During January we had a contractor in to paint the lower level of the club house to match the painting upstairs which was done last winter.

This summer we will have a porta-potti in the south basin again, until a permanent structure is in place. The porta-potti will arrive on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May and be serviced weekly. Please do not park in front of it to allow for cleaning.

Wishing everyone a safe and Happy summer.

*Chris Haslam*

*Property & Grounds Director*





## Social Report

I expect by now you've packed away your snowblower and are ready to enjoy a great season of boating.

The Social Committee is looking forward to helping to make Club events the best possible. Be sure to check the Special Dates listing on the Club website and get the events on your calendar.

Perhaps you would like to help the Social Committee. Being on the committee is a great way to contribute to the Club. If you are competent at burger flipping, party planning or just about anything else, we need you! Joining the Social Committee also is a great way to get to know a bunch of enthusiastic club members! Drop me an email if you are interested.

[pweitendorf@rogers.com](mailto:pweitendorf@rogers.com).

*Paul Weitendorf*  
*Social Committee Chair*



## Utilities Report

"Thank goodness this winter is coming to an end, I'm sure we are all looking forward to a good long boating season. It has been a quiet winter for utilities. The area lights have been adjusted so the folks in the Harbour Front condominium are pleased and flashing light has been replaced; the range light has been put on a separate breaker. The gas meter was replaced with a remote reading meter.

The water will be turned on the week of April 21st so get your scrub brushes out!

Safe summer to all!"

*Ross Burrows*  
*Utilities Director*



*The GYC Christmas Potluck Party, held in early December, was enjoyed by a capacity crowd. Many turned up in their favourite Christmas sweaters to "eat, drink and be oh so tacky!" Finalists in the Christmas Party "Ugly Sweater Contest," show off their finery.*

## **SPRING LAUNCH 2019**

**SATURDAY, May 04, 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 05, 2019 @ 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 20, 2019 GYC Club House @ 0900 hrs**

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



# Membership Report

## **“A” List**

Jennifer Prentice  
Stan McLean  
Kris VanDolder  
Karen Melsom  
John Kilpatrick

## **“B” List**

Joe Ostrander  
Josh Ferguson  
Marija Scriven  
Dann Demars  
Doug Dawson  
Brad Findlay

Chris Locking  
Ryan Carson  
Nick Sewell  
Jason Lehtovaara  
Scott Wilson  
Wayne Cowell

We currently have 138 Full Members and 45 Associate members. Once the six associates who have been offered and accepted slips become Full Members we will have 144 Full Members and 39 Associate members.

We regret to note the passing of long-time Member Andy VanDolder. Since the Fall we have also lost Jocelyn Graham (wife of Member Cam Graham), Donna Doherty (wife of the late Past Commodore Jack Doherty), Cindy Kilpatrick (wife of Member John Kilpatrick) and Sylvia Hodnett (wife of past long-time Member John Hodnett).

Nick Bird, after 45 years as a Full Member has reclassified to remain as an Associate. Carm Nunno has also reclassified to become an Associate member.

Karen and Steve Melsom have decided to take a break and Karen has been put on the “A” list. John Kilpatrick has also elected to go to the “A” list. By releasing their docks two new Members have been able to join the club. We look forward to seeing Karen and John back on the water soon.

We regret to announce the resignations of Full Members Roselyn Brown and Kathy Traplin. We also regret to note the resignations of Joan Whale, Matthew Whale, Dave Parsons, Karen Brophay, Jack Seaman, Rob Fraser, Steve Meades, Andy Poste, David Hammer and Christine Wolfe as Associate members.

In terms of new Full Members, we are pleased to welcome (spouse/partner in brackets) Rhonda Brown (Kevin), Joyce Buckley, and Drew Mathies (Nancy). Josh Ferguson (Jennifer), Scott Wilson (Alisa), Dann Demars (Fanny Vallejo), Wayne Cowell (Patti Shutak), Marija Scriven and Doug Dawson (Brenda) have accepted the offer of slips and are in the process of becoming Full Members.

We also welcome as Associate members Adam Walton (Hayley), Cory Coish (Laurie), Ted Noble (Karin) and Ryan Earnest.

The club is planning another meet and greet for new members on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Respectfully submitted

*Tom England, Director*





# Rendezvous 2019

The GYC will have it's annual Rendezvous in Gore Bay, Monday July 29th, 2019 following Harbour Days. Festivities start at the picnic area at 4:00 PM, and Pot-luck dinner at about 5:30 PM. These times are just a guess! Gore Bay has lots to offer; a grocery store, LCBO, restaurants and a full service marina and town dockage. There is a large safe anchorage with very easy access to the docks. Gore Bay Harbour Days Weekend is July 27th& 28th, and is a great time with various events scheduled. Just Google :Gore Bay Harbour Days. If you require dockage, it is your responsibility to contact the Gore Bay Town Docks. Harbour Master 705 282 2906.

Hope to see you there!



## Member's Abroad

*Peter Risi emailed us to share a few pictures of his recent sailing adventures on the steel Haute Bay 33 'BRIO'. He just completed a crossing from Tasmania to the Australian mainland east of Melbourn. This is their arrival coming through the Lakes Entrance on an ebb tide after making the 200 nautical mile passage across the Bass Strait. He described it as "Rockin' and rollin! ...no room for error!" Talk about making an entrance!*



*Do you have a story to share?  
Send your pictures, blogs, or email  
updates to  
[newsletter@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:newsletter@georgianyachtclub.com)*

## Special Dates 2019

### 2018

Nov.1 New boating Season Starts  
Nov.3 Water Off  
Nov. 5 Board Meeting at 1900 hrs.  
Nov. 17 Social – Potluck (cancelled)  
Nov.14 All boats out of the water  
Nov 30 Fees Due  
Dec 1 Social – Christmas potluck  
Dec. 3 Board Meeting at 1900 hrs.

### 2019

Jan 7 Board Meeting at 1900 hrs.  
Jan 7 Late Dues Final Notice  
Feb 5 Board Meeting at 1900 hrs.  
Feb 4 Membership Cancellation if dues not paid  
March 1 financial Report Available to Members  
March 4 Board Meeting at 1900 hrs.  
April 1 Board Meeting at 1900 hrs.  
April spring newsletter director report are due  
April 10 AGM at 19:00Hrs [2<sup>nd</sup>Wed of April]  
April 13 Social – Spring Icebreaker  
May 4 Launch & lunch  
May 5 Cradle moving  
May 6 Board Meeting at 1900 hrs.  
June 3 Board Meeting at 1900 hrs.  
June 4 New Member Meet & Greet during Pub Night  
June 15 \*Saturday\* Sail Past Skippers' Meeting at 13:00 hrs.  
June 15 \*Saturday\* Divine Service at 13:30 hrs.  
June 15 \*Saturday\* Sail Past & Salute at 14:00 Hrs.  
June 15 \*Saturday\* Sail Past Dinner at 17:30 Hrs  
June 16 \*Sunday\* Sail Past Race  
July 29 Georgian Yacht Club Rendezvous in Gore Bay  
Sept. 3 Board Meeting at 1900 hrs.  
Sept. 7 Corn Roast  
Sept. 20 & 21 GYC Fishing Derby  
Sept. 28 Commodore at Home Dinne  
Oct. 7 Board Meeting at 1900 hrs.  
Oct. 7 Schedule C Approved  
Oct. 7 Membership Invoice Process Starts  
Oct 19 Cradle Moving  
Oct. 25 & 26 Haul Out & lunch  
Oct 26 Fuel Pumps, Pump Out & Mast Crane decommissioned  
Oct. 26 Boats with holding tanks must be out of the water  
Oct 31 Financial Year End (All Expenses Submitted)



Up Next:

April 10, 2019 AGM

April 13: Spring Icebreaker  
Potluck



Wishing all our  
members a safe and  
happy boating  
season!