



*Georgian Yacht Club*

July 2020

## Commodore's Report

Happy Summer fellow boaters and club members.

During these strange times we find our selves in, I would like to say thanks to all the members for their patience in a delayed start to the boating season and the opening of the GYC.

We are also in a battle with mother nature with the rising water levels. All of our docks have been raised to their highest point so again your patience with this situation is appreciated and we can only hope the water level will recede a little for next season. In the meantime if you need to build a platform on the dock please feel free to do so.



Thanks once again to Jamie Nicol and crew for the latest round of floating docks built and installed this spring.

We are still working with the city on permits for the South Washroom project but hopefully



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we can get moving on that this fall. Anyone wishing to help out please let me know.

The old gas dock pier was a little soft this spring. We experienced some settling of boats and the crane was sinking during lift-in. It is with great hope that we will be able to store boats there this fall but it will depend on whether the crane will be stable enough on the soft ground. If you are storing your vessel at the club we ask that you have a solid base for your stands to prevent any sinking.

Enjoy the rest of the boating season and hope to see everyone at Sail-Past on September 12th.

Regards,

*Travis Low*  
*Commodore*

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# Vice Commodore's Report

This year AGM and Launch, although late, both preceded this report and my first writing of the Spring Report as Treasurer is now abandoned.

I left the Treasurer Chair not long ago and hopefully the load will be a little lighter for new Treasurer Peter Struthers. Welcome Peter! I am so pleased to say that the books will be in good hands with Peter.

Although the Treasurer will continue to be accountable for invoicing to the membership, the work will now be done by the Treasurer Committee and will be led by Brian MacIntosh. I will support Brian over the next while as he learns the ropes. Please contact Brian to report additions and changes of your services to this easy address of [invoicing@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:invoicing@georgianyachtclub.com)  
Any e-transfer payments should continue to be sent to [treasurer@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:treasurer@georgianyachtclub.com)

A HUGE thank-you to Trevor Stokes for his tireless and expert work in facilitating the development of this new program in our website.

I would like to extend a formal thank-you to Ann Hachey for her work and dedication as Commodore over the past 2 years. Thanks also to Rudy Hachey for his work behind the scenes.

I now look forward to spending my time as Vice Commodore and Secretary to support our new Commodore, Travis Low. Congratulations Travis!

One correspondence received this year was a thank-you from Georgian College for the donation of a scholarship to the Marine Program. Perhaps this year it might be even more appreciated by the individual receiving it.

We are doing our best, as a Board, checking with the local authorities to plan our steps as we move carefully through these challenging days.

My new contact is [secretary@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:secretary@georgianyachtclub.com)

Stay safe, enjoy your families and your boats.

Respectfully submitted,

**Becky Middlebrook**  
**Vice Commodore & Secretary**

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*Sole passage on Nyala, on route to North Shore June 29th, approaching the bluffs at Cabot Head.*

# Rear Commodore's Report

## Launch & Haul Out

This year due to Covid-19 the launch was delayed 3 weeks and cradle moving was a week after launch. These changes were done to allow social distancing and compliance with government regulations.

Launch was substantially changed with 4 teams of 5 members launch all the boats. Two teams worked the morning shift, one with the small crane and one with the large crane and a second crew work the afternoon shift from 11:30 to finish. The owner of the boat attended to launch their boat and check and make it safe. We finished the day in record time and The Crane Operator said the day went much smoother and he believes safer because the crew knew what to do and did not change every boat as it has in the past. He also noted that without many people standing around he did not have as many safety concerns as normal.

It looks like this will be a change for the positive and will be put before the Launch and Haul out committee if we are able to meet later this year or will be used again in the fall for the benefit of safety.

The mast rack appears to be working well and has been disassembled and stored for the summer. Thanks to Ron Downie we now have a very usable mast cart. Have a great boating season.

*Mike Forcier*

*Rear Commodore  
Launch & Haul Out*

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*Small crews working hard to launch the boats  
this spring.*

*Photo courtesy of Mike Gould*





# Treasurer's Report

Welcome from your new treasurer Peter Struthers

I would like to introduce myself. I am a pharmacist who until recently operated the Shoppers Drug Mart franchisee in Owen Sound. I was in that role for close to 30 years but have decided to close that busy chapter in my life and become more involved in sailing and the GYC. My experience also includes being chair of the Ontario Pharmacists Association, a board member of the Canadian Pharmacists Association as well as a member of local groups and currently co-chair the finance committee for a local church.



In the past weeks I have slowly taken over the treasurer role from Becky Middlebrook. I cannot thank Becky enough for all the work and effort she has dedicated to the GYC and the role of treasurer. She has made the transition very smooth despite the current state of emergency we are under as a province.

In reviewing the balance sheet of the GYC I am very impressed with the financial management of the assets of the organization. We continue to be in a strong position for the future. Our current year statement is also in excellent shape. Despite Covid-19 restrictions that has negatively impacted many groups and not for profit, GYC is financially similar to last year and on budget.

Please remember to let me know if you have any changes in you plans for boating in the coming year. Although the boats have just been Launched, we are planning for next year. The membership year starts November 1st and unless we hear from you, we run all our billing based on historical information. The invoicing this fall will be moving to a new system utilizing our current web platform. If you have been on the site recently you will have noticed a new tab under members called My Invoices. Currently no information is active, but this will be how you can see your account in the coming year. As fall approaches more information will be posted on how this all works so please keep

SUMMER REMINDERS  
PAYMENTS  
KEY CARDS ARE 5 DOLLARS  
BURGEES ARE 25 DOLLARS

Fuel can be purchased with a cheque or E-transfer with a mobile device. You must send a separate Email with your security answer when making an E-transfer. Please do not combine a fuel purchase with a key card or burgee as we track these items separately.

## ...Treasurer's Report Continued

informed. Payment can be a cheque but e-transfer is the preferred option. Most banks provide this service free and use the treasurer email to complete your transfer.

It is a pleasure to join the board and be more involved with the GYC members. I look forward to the challenges of the treasurer role and if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email at [treasurer@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:treasurer@georgianyachtclub.com) phone at 519-881-6638 or at the club on Red Legs. I am just inside the south entrance.

Enjoy your summer,

*Peter Struthers*  
*Treasurer*

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## Mooring Report

Fellow members,

I hope that everyone has been enjoying their summer. This year has been filled with uncertainty and I'm thankful that we've been able to use our boats this summer.

Currently our club is full. We have room for some small boats ( Under 25 Feet ).

I would like to remind any member that's in the market to buy a larger boat that we do not have room to accommodate additional larger vessels in the Club. Members looking to buy a larger vessel will have to make other arrangements as there is a waiting list for larger docks. We are also restricted to boats that require a wider slip as our club was built when narrow boats were more common. Please keep these hurdles in mind when considering a larger vessel than what will fit on your current mooring.

Kindly submitted,

*Daniel Jones*  
*Mooring*

## Planning & Development Report



## Property & Grounds Report

Hope everyone is doing well, and enjoying this interesting boating season.

The property committee has a couple projects to be completed this year. We need to replace the hydro service that feeds the clubhouse, this has the potential to be a large project if excavation is required.

There is gravel being spread in areas where it is needed, and the break wall needs repair before fall/winter winds make it worse.

Hope everyone gets a chance to get away and enjoy the warm weather. Get busy boating!

*Chris Haslam*  
*Property Director*



I hope everyone is well and coping with this pandemic.

With a slow start to the boating season hopefully it will turn out to be a great season.

The planning committee is monitoring the high water levels.

We are also working on an emergency preparedness document for the club.

Once the rules regarding meetings have been lifted, I will be having a planning meeting to discuss future ideas for the club.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable boating season.

Be well,

*Ken Hearty*  
*Planning & Development*



# Fuel Dock & Safety

## Fuel Dock

Well the 2020 season is here and we are once again back on the water.

I'd like to start by thanking all the members for their support of the fuel dock in 2019 and hope for the same support for 2020.

We will be providing an ethanol free fuel to our members so no need to worry about ethanol issues when fueling at the GYC fuel dock, you may want to pay attention to type of fuel when out on the water.

Kurtis Low will not be returning as our fuel dock attendant this year as he is now in college. I'd like to personally thank Kurtis for his efforts over the past several years and wish him the best in his future endeavours.

Josh Haslem will be our new fuel dock attendant for the 2020 season and has already completed the fuel safety and Whimis hazardous liquid courses. Let's all do our part in helping Josh fuel or boats in a safe manor by following the proper boat fueling safety rules.

We will be installing our new fuel dispenser in April. This new dispenser will allow purchases of up to \$999.00 before rolling over making payment easier.

## Safety Committee

Discussion has taken place over the last few months on purchasing a defibrillator for the club, the board will be making final decisions on this very shortly and we hope to have this in place prior to boating season.

Our "Spill Containment Kit" will be located at the fuel dock during the season and is available to all members on a 24/7 emergency basis.. Its a large yellow plastic drum and it has the required booms and equipment to surround an 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 the storage room of clubhouse) is available to all members in case of emergency.

Safety is all of our jobs, let's keep our Club, Members, Guests and our boats Safe.  
Have a Wonderful and Safe boating season.

Respectfully,

*Harry Hartrick*  
*Fuel Dock and Safety Director*



## 2020 Fuel Dock Hours of Operation

Our hours of operation for the 2020 season will remain the same.

Wednesday 4 to 8 pm

Friday 4 to 8 pm

Saturday 12 to 4 pm



## High Water Spring 2020



## Utilities Report

Hard to believe it is July already and I'm hoping many of you have had chance already to enjoy your time on the water.

My report for the 2020 year from utilities is short and sweet this year as I don't have any planned projects.

I would like to again thank all those who came out to help with the waterline repositioning last year.

Wishing you safe boating and creating lots of great memories!

*Ross Burrows*  
*Utilities Director*



## Social Report

It would be nice to be announcing a full slate of 2020 social events for the Club. Sadly, until the COVID-19 situation improves we won't be gathering in large groups. On the plus side, our boats are in the water! Enjoy your boating. The Social Committee is looking forward to seeing you at a GYC event, hopefully in the not-to-distant future!

Regardless of the current situation, we continue to look for new Social Committee members. Being on the committee is a great way to contribute to the Club. If you competent at burger flipping, party planning or just about anything else, we need you! Drop me an email if you are interested.

**Paul Weitendorf**  
**Social Committee Chair**  
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The GYC Trivia Night was held in November. Nine teams tested their trivia knowledge on a wide range of topics including GYC history and boating. Ann Hachey's team 'The Commodores' took home the top prize!



Christmas Potluck and Ugly Sweater Contest



The new kitchen was completed this spring. Thanks to all who helped make it possible!



## Membership Report

I hope this letter finds everyone in good health and spirits. It seems we have a lot to be thankful for this year. Not only for our health, but the fact we were able to have a boating season at all.

The board has been talking to various members around the club this summer asking for input and ideas to improve the club. It seems quite a few members wished we had wifi. With this in mind, we are currently pricing it out and looking at all the options. Hopefully this time next year you will be able to work from your boat as well as from the office or home. We are also looking at some new perks for our Associate members, so stayed tuned. Speaking of Associate Members, you can see by the upper club house wall we have several new names posted there wishing to join our club. It will be a busy first few board meetings to get caught up. I am happy to say we are currently at full membership for slips with several on the B list, waiting to bring their boats into the club.

My family and friends just got back from the east shore from a two week boating vacation and I am happy to report, that all the locations we visited were very appreciative of our visits to their locations. When you see some of the stories on the news with communities not wanting tourists, you are not sure what to expect. I can honestly say Henry's still has great fish and chips and Perry Sound is as friendly as ever to visiting boaters. Be aware, the bridge going into Parry Sound, on the south channel, only opens up every other hour due to Covid. Plan your timing accordingly to avoid waiting 75-80 mins (like I had too).

I do hope to chat with more of you as the summer goes along and to hear your 2020 season adventures. In the mean time, enjoy our nice weather for as long as it lasts. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to text me at 519-270-2624

Cheers!

*Joe Fryer*  
*Membership Director*



## Past Commodore's Report

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

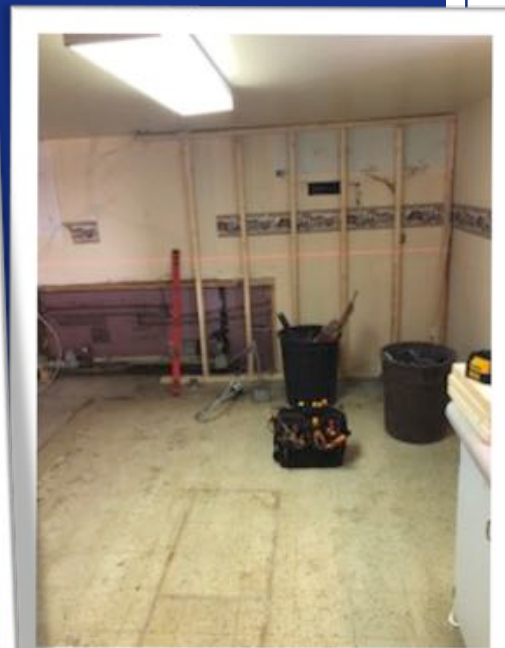
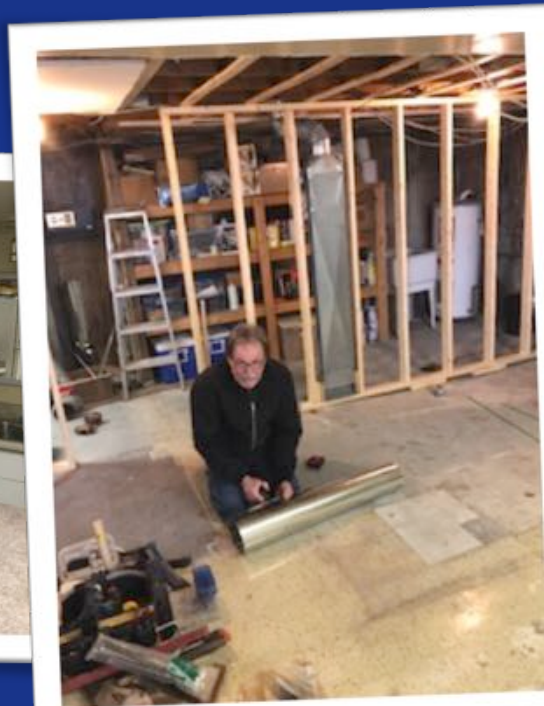
We have accomplished a lot of positive changes and have several improvement projects planned for this year. A lot of planning has gone into upcoming projects and proactive work on the high water level issues. We have made great strides in safety with the new emphasis on safety and the purchase of new safety equipment.

The clubhouse has gone through more improvements over the winter with a new kitchen, fridge and new LED lighting. The floating dock project is continuing with 5 additional docks this year. Thank you to Jamie Nicol for taking the lead on these projects. I would like to thank Paul Middlebrook and Paul Weitendorf. I would like to thank Jake McLay for installing the LED lights. We uncovered an existing electrical issue when we relocated the panel between the transformer and the clubhouse. This will be fixed in the spring. We will notify you of the details and it will be required to turn the power off for a brief period to complete the repair. We are planning on replacing the porch this year.

We moved the air-bubblers under the docks to preserve the docks and keep the dock maintenance down. A special thank you to Chris Haslam and Harry Hartrick.

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.

### *Kitchen renovations*





## ...Past Commodore's Report Continued

If you have any extra life jackets, the Owen Sound Power Squadron would like you to leave them at the clubhouse.

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.

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.

I would like to say that I really enjoyed my time as commodore. I am confident that the new executive and the hard working board of directors will continue with the projects and keeping Georgian Yacht club the best club on Georgian Bay!.

Happy Boating!

*Ann Hachey*  
*Past Commodore*

*Wishing all our members a safe and happy summer!*



