



# Fall Newsletter

*Georgian Yacht Club*

December 2020

## Commodore's Report

We will soon be done with 2020, and not only am I'm looking forward to 2021, but to celebrating our 75th anniversary of the Georgian Yacht Club! Here's hoping things get back to some kind of normal so that we can start planning the celebrations.

Thanks to everyone for their patience with the high water levels this year and sorry to the few who experienced wet feet getting on and off their dock. Water levels seem to be receding and I can assure you the Board and Planning Committee will be focused on coming up with a plan to hit the ground running in the spring to remedy our troubled docks.



Negotiations with the city are still ongoing for site plan approval to build the Southwest washroom, and hopefully we can get going on that project in the spring.

Rogers is finally supposed to install our Internet service, something many of the members have been looking forward to.

Landscape clean up and improvements around



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our North entrance are looking good and will be finished up in the spring with some new plantings. Thanks to all who have helped out on the various projects around the club.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Regards,

*Travis Low*

*Commodore*



# Vice Commodore's Report

The boat covers are all settled on after a good summer's boating. Back in May it was difficult to envision what it would all look like at GYC. I hope you were all able to enjoy yourselves this summer on the water.

During the spring and early summer, the Board met virtually, made possible by Paul King. This fall we were able to enjoy meeting in person again, well, at least "eye to eye". It is a new challenge to interview new applicants with all of us donning face masks.



If you are able, it is a nice touch to add your own picture to your GYC profile on the website. Let us know if you need a hand with anything regarding the website. It helps us out if you can keep your phone and addresses current in your profile.

My duty as Vice Commodore is essentially to assist the Commodore. As Secretary, most of my hands on work involves correspondence and records; including meeting minutes. The Approved Minutes of Meetings can be viewed on the website and in the binder currently located upstairs in the clubhouse.

This winter, I am working on updating the By-Laws and Rules 2009 to reflect the amendments over the last 9 years. This will also be posted on the website and in the clubhouse.

Over the years, the use of email has changed the way we communicate. We encourage you to make your requests, complaints or compliments to the Board in writing or by email. This will help the Board to discuss and address your concerns. Please send your correspondence to [secretary@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:secretary@georgianyachtclub.com)

Here is a list of the newer addresses for a few of the Board and support systems.

Commodore: [commodore@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:commodore@georgianyachtclub.com)

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Invoices & Billing: [invoicing@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:invoicing@georgianyachtclub.com)

Boat Insurance Certificates: [boatinsurance@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:boatinsurance@georgianyachtclub.com)

Membership: [membership@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:membership@georgianyachtclub.com)

Webmaster: [webmaster@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:webmaster@georgianyachtclub.com)

Please reach out if we can be of assistance.

As we see ourselves through this winter, I hope that you all stay healthy.

Cheers,

*Becky Middlebrook,  
Vice Commodore & Secretary*

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## Georgian Yacht Club Annual Fishing Derby Results

### September 18 and 19, 2020 Georgian Yacht Club Annual Fishing Derby Results

There were 20 fisherman. There were 7 fish caught.

Travis Low	9.4 lbs
Brad Brainard	15 lbs
Roy Waite	3.9 lbs
Jacob McLay	4.10, 6.7, 3.9, 8.14 lbs

Most pounds per pole – Jake McLay 11.42 lbs.

Winner is Brad Brainard 15 lb salmon

Total lbs caught 51.14 lbs, 11 fish

### **GYC is turning 75!**

Please help us celebrate this special occasion by emailing [newsletter@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:newsletter@georgianyachtclub.com) to share your photographs, stories and memories!

## Treasurer's Report

Fall has come too quickly and now the boats are out. It was a great boating season notwithstanding the delayed start and restrictions imposed on the club by the pandemic.

As you may recall the fiscal year ends for the GYC on Oct 31. I have been busy over the last while closing the 2020 books and starting the new year. I would like to give a big thank you to Brian MacIntosh who has been invoicing all the members. This project started about a year ago has moved the invoicing from the treasurer. Although you still need to send your money to me, Brian is keeping track of who owes what, changes to launch, haul and storage and changes to membership. This process has had some challenges. Many members had their invoice notice go to their junk mailbox and phone numbers went missing. In the long term, we will continue to share the workload during busy times.

A few reminders for the new year. Payments are due November 30 of each year and a 10% penalty will be charged on all overdue accounts. Please be aware that the post office no longer automatically dates stamped envelopes. Therefore all payments must be received by November 30 or they will be subject to the penalty. To date roughly half of the membership have paid. Anyone who has mailed a cheque will see a delay of receipt as the mail tends to lag about a week behind. E-transfers should receive receipt of this process in the message portion of their online account. If someone is making a payment on your behalf, please include the member name on the cheque or e-transfer. I have received money and have no member name that corresponded to the cheque or e-transfer. I then play detective to determine who the payment is for. Unpaid accounts by the Feb 2021 Board Meeting are subject to cancellation of membership.

One note, GYC has made a number of donations in 2020. These include Georgian College, The Royal Canadian Legion, Leith Summer Festival, Canadian Cancer Society and the Historic Lieth Church.

If you have any questions or concerns around invoicing or payment, please feel free to contact myself. My email is [treasurer@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:treasurer@georgianyachtclub.com) and phone number is 519-881-6638.

*Peter Struthers*

*Treasurer*



*This is a photo of my wife, Anne and a friend kayaking the GYC as part of a morning trip around Owen Sound in June. The water was too high to get under the Pottawatomi bridge and the 10<sup>th</sup> St bridge was closed with construction, but the water was smooth at the gas dock.*

# Launch & Haul Out

This year due to Covid-19 the Haul out was changed. Haul out was substantially different with 5 teams of 6 members working on the haul out of each boat.

One team worked the afternoon of Friday October 23, 2020 and two teams worked the morning shift on Saturday October 24 2020, one with the small crane and one with the large crane. A second crew worked the afternoon shift on Saturday from 11:30 to finish.

Each boat owner was in attendance for the haul out of their boat, and checked to make sure it was safe on the hard.



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 (similar Launch this year). He also noted that without as many people standing around, he did not have to be as concerned with managing their safety. It looks like this will be a change for the positive and will be put before the Launch and Haul out committee in the spring as a permanent change.

Special thanks to Becky Middlebrook for her help in preparing the Haul out schedule, and to Louise Johnsen for getting the information to members.

A new mast rack has been designed by Ron Downie and constructed by Ron Downie and Ed Griffith. Special thanks to them as they worked for days on this project and it really works well. THANK YOU RON and ED.

Have a great winter season,

*Mike Forcier*

*Rear Commodore, Launch & Haul Out Director*

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## *Three Cheers for our Volunteers!*



*GYC Shoreline*



*Shoring up the break wall in August*



*Ed welding, yet again!*



*Installing floating docks*

## Fuel Dock & Safety

Well another boating season has come to a close. I hope every one of our members made the best of this season. It was a little rocky at the beginning but we were able to get most of the Club up and running.

The fuel dock saw a new attendant this year, that being Josh Haslem and I'd like to thank him for his efforts this past summer.



*Goodbye Kurtis, Hello Josh*

We did make some modifications to the dock by removing the adjustable dock and refitting with a new skirt and fender. I hope it made a difference to our members.

The adjustable dock has been put in storage for future use.

The dock is now decommissioned for the winter season and water shut off. The washroom is closed for the season.

Other than a couple of minor oil slicks, which I would attribute to bilge water mixed with oil being pumped overboard, there were no serious safety issues that came to my attention during this season.

Please ensure that your engine room and bilge is free from oil and fuel leaks. All marinas carry oil absorbent logs and sheets; they are not expensive and do work.

In closing I'd like to thank all our members for their cooperation in paying attention to the Covid-19 rules which were necessary to put in place.

Have a safe winter and hope to see you all in the spring.

*Harry Hartrick*  
*Fuel Dock and Safety Director*

## Message from the Past Commodore

I would like to ask the membership if anyone is interested in joining the Board of Directors to please contact Ann Hachey by phone at 519-371-1554 or by email at RHachey1224@rogers.com.

*Ann Hachey*  
*Past Commodore*



# Property & Grounds

I hope everyone had a good summer. We had a great summer; a few trips, one up the Trent and another up the Bay to Killarney and the Tub, all despite Covid-19.

Around the club water levels continue to cause interesting and sometimes challenging situations that we are dealing with. Late this year some stone was brought in to reinforce the wall. We will do a bit more once the boats go back in as they are blocking some access of equipment.

Some people have made us aware of a few docks needing attention. If you are experiencing issues be sure to let Property know so we can hopefully find a solution.

The bubbler system will be going in once again for the winter. Please pick up and dispose of any garbage loose items around the club that you happen across, as snow will soon be here and we don't want to find it in the spring, or have it interfere with snow removal around the property.

Lastly I will be moving from Property Director to Gas Dock, so Ken will be taking over my role.

*Chris Haslam*

*Property & Grounds Director*

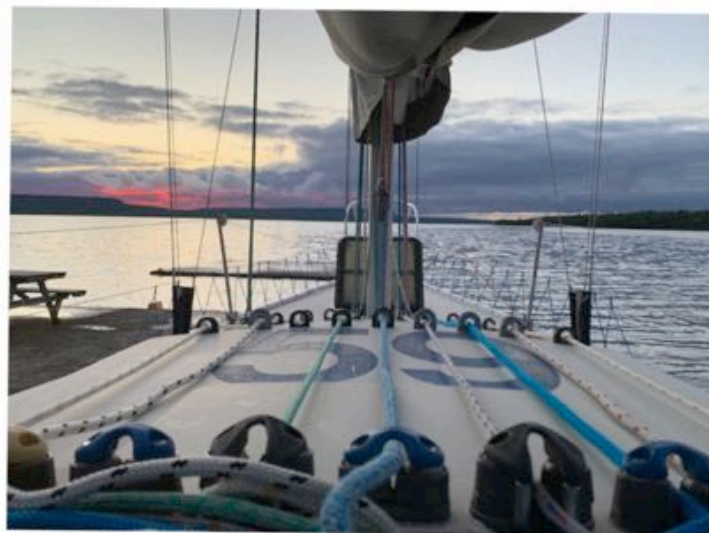




## Mooring Report

Hello fellow members. It has been another great season of boating on Georgian Bay. I hope all of you had a good season enjoying our club and local waters in the Sound. I am happy to report that the club remained full this past summer. There are some members who have purchased larger boats that don't fit in their current assigned slip. A friendly reminder that if a slip is available, we will try to accommodate a larger vessel, but the onus is still on the member to make a temporary arrangement until a larger slip can be assigned. There is a current waiting list for larger slips on the website. Thanks again to all the members that are on the Mooring Committee and provided feedback on the 2020 mooring assignments. We were unable to hold the usual in person meeting this past spring due to Covid-19 restrictions, but with emails and phone calls the slips were assigned. I hope that everyone has a great winter. Regards,

*Dan Jones  
Mooring Director*



## Utilities Report

This year was a very quiet year for utilities with no old or new projects to report on. What a beautiful summer we had for boating! We were able to get away for a few nice getaways. We feel very lucky to have enjoyed an uneventful summer despite these different times! Wishing everyone a healthy and safe winter!

*Ross  
Burrows*

*Utilities  
Director*



## Planning & Development Report

I hope everyone had an uneventful summer with the ongoing pandemic. The planning committee has been working on an emergency preparedness document. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hoping the New Year sees an end to this pandemic.

*Ken Hearty  
Planning & Development Director*



# Social Report

## Social Committee Update

The Social Committee is a great group of dedicated volunteers who work to make GYC events fun and enjoyable for all members. Unfortunately, we didn't get to put our volunteer efforts to use this year. But with a bit of luck we'll be able to offer a range of events next year as the GYC marks its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

If you want to get to know your fellow club members and have some fun, the Committee would be happy to have your help. If you are interested, contact me at paul\_weitendorf@rogers.com.

Have a safe winter. I look forward to seeing you in 2021.

## Wednesday Night Sailboat Racing

In the spring, many wondered if any sailboat racing would happen in 2020. Funny thing, all the Wednesday Night racing regulars couldn't imagine anywhere else to be on Wednesday night at 6:00. So, they just showed up at the start line.

Crews were smaller than in the past, to allow for social distancing, but it was just as much fun as always.

Let's hope we are all back on start line in 2021.

*Paul Weitendorf*  
*Social Committee Chair*



# Membership Report

I hope this update finds all our members safe and sound, while thinking of the winter ahead and visions of the 2021 boating season firmly planted with a smile.

The club currently sits with 139 full Members, 59 associate members, with 23 currently sitting on the B list, and 8 members sitting on the A list.



Even in these Covid-19 times, membership is on the rise. With this in mind, I'd like to remind our Members that when sponsoring a new person to become an associate, you must let the membership chair know first. This is required so the associate applications can be dated and posted on the club bulletin board for seven days prior to the next board meeting. Also, if you're sponsoring an applicant for associate membership, you must accompany that applicant at the board meeting that is held on the first Monday of each month (with the exception of July & August).

I know it seems like a constant struggle with keeping up with constantly changing Covid-19 rules as citizens and as boaters, however, it was nice to see every member doing their best to keep everyone safe while at the yacht club this season. Let's hope the 2021 boating season will return to normal. Regardless of what the 2021 season has in store, as a club and community we have proven we can operate safely and can endure to make the best of difficult situations.

What's new at the Georgian yacht club? We should have the Internet operational for the start of the 2021 boating season. We must remember though, this will have limited bandwidth so when streaming movies and such it could be sporadic or choppy. However, it will be great for members who normally work from home for business purposes and of course, for checking radar and weather information prior to heading out on the water. What's that old saying..." A bad day at the boat, beats a good day at the office".

We are also exploring incentives for our associate members. We want people to join the GYC and to remain members, either associate or Full, rather than have them leave after a few years. We cannot afford to ignore our up and coming members. Providing greater value for an associate membership can only benefit the club and keep our membership strong into the future.

With that, I would like to wish all our members and their families, a very Merry Christmas or Happy Holidays and best wishes for a happy, safe and prosperous new year.

*Joe Fryer*  
*Membership Director*

## Special Dates 2021

### 2020

- Nov. 1 New Membership Year for 2021 begins
- Nov. 15 Ladders & Dock Skirts lifted, boats to be unplugged, all boats out of the water
- Nov. 30 Annual Fees are due
- Dec. 5 Christmas potluck - cancelled

### 2021

- Jan. 4 Board Meeting at 1900 h
- Jan. 4 Late Dues Final Notice
- Feb. 1 Board Meeting at 1900 h, Membership Cancellation if dues not paid
- Mar. 1 Board Meeting at 1900 h, Financial Report Available to Members
- Apr. 2 Easter-Good Friday
- Apr. 5 Board Meeting at 1900 h
- Apr. 5 Director Reports-Spring newsletter are due
- Apr. 14 AGM at 19:00h [2nd Wed of April]
- Apr/ ? Social –
- May 1 Launch & lunch
- May 2 Cradle moving
- May 3 Board Meeting at 1900 h
- Jun. 7 Board Meeting at 1900 h
- Jun. 8 Summer Mode begins for the Board
- Jun. 15 New Member Meet & Greet
- Jun. 19 **\*Saturday\*** Sail Past Skippers' Meet 1300h, Divine Service 1330h, Salute 1400h, Dinner 1730h
- Jun. 20 **\*Sunday\*** Sail Past Race
- TBD Georgian Yacht Club Rendezvous
- Sept. 11 Corn Roast
- Sept. 13 Board Meeting at 1900 h
- Sept. 17 & 18 GYC Fishing Derby
- Sept. 25 Commodore at Home Dinner
- Oct. 4 Board Meeting at 1900 h Schedule C Approval, Membership Invoicing
- Oct. 16 Cradle Moving
- Oct. 22 & 23 Haul Out & lunch
- Oct. 23 Fuel Pumps, Pump Out & Mast Crane decommissioned, Boats with holding tanks must be out of the water
- Oct 31. Financial Year End (All Expenses Submitted)  
Membership Year 2021 ends. Changes to Membership & Dock Releases Due today



*Wishing all  
our  
members a  
safe and  
happy  
winter. See  
you in the  
spring!*