

Spring Newsletter

Georgian Yacht Club

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Celebrating 75 years



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Technology	Ad Hoc	Paul King
White Cloud	Ad Hoc	John Griffith





Message from the Commodore

I hope this newsletter finds all our members and families healthy and filled with hope.

A couple things I look forward to is launching the boats and enjoying another boating season. I hope that this Covid life will soon be behind us and we can enjoy some "75 years of the GYC" celebrations later this year.

We have a few exciting projects planned once we are able to get going on them: a new gazebo in the south basin has been ordered for everyone to enjoy, new washrooms and some dock refurbishments are all in the works. Please get involved and help out if you can.

Have a safe launch and an enjoyable boating season. See you on the water!

Covid Commodore,

Travis Low



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Vice Commodore's Report

Happy 75th Anniversary GYC!

As you open the pages of this Newsletter there is perhaps already a coat of wax shining on your boat and a mind full of boating plans.

Please consider the member beside you and the environment by protecting around and below your site when grinding and sanding. Refer to the Environmental Policy Appendix E and Rule 43 prior to undertaking all hull preparation. All blasting requires prior approval.

Please see the website to view the revised version of the By-Laws and Rules and consider printing a new copy. A paper copy is displayed upstairs on the temporary bulletin board. Reach out if you need help accessing the website.

Please keep your Contact information and two emergency contact Member names up to date on the website. Contact us if you need help. We are so very fortunate, to have such a brilliant hardworking webmaster, Trevor Stokes, who faithfully helps us on the Board to maintain the database on the website.

The Annual General Meeting on Wed April 14th was held virtually again this year. We look forward



The Gals – one of the many overnights arranged with club members over the years.



Pre-race breakfast – Putnam Sail Race 2009

to next spring when we hopefully will resume the in-house format that we are more accustomed to. In the meantime thank you to those of you who sent your proxies to secretary@georgianyachtclub.com to help us in "taking care of business" this year.

Be mindful that this is YOUR club and don't be shy to do the simple things this year, such as cleaning up around the grounds, including around your dock. Pull a weed, pick up that stray board. There is no limit to sprucing up the place. If you have a look around, you might notice that a few others have taken the lead and picked up a brush and black Tremclad to brighten up the steel around the revetting and their dock. I hope to give this a shot myself, before the boats launch.

This spring the Commodore has asked us to revive the routine of using the GYC windshield stickers-one further step in being mindful of security. This will help to confirm that the vehicles, on the property belong here. We will be handing stickers out to members and will also leave a supply at the fuel dock. Similar to limiting the man gate codes to members and family, the same idea should apply to key cards and stickers.

The Board meets monthly (routinely the 1st Monday) between Sept and June and we have a full slate to consider building projects and security. As we plot our way through our active season, the Board will continue to carefully consider each project and event and adhere to regulations. We are now all familiar with how to keep ourselves and one another healthy and safe.

Sharing the load has built and maintained this place over the 75 years. When you get involved it benefits the club and it benefits you! Stay tuned to announcements, for upcoming work parties and jump in to keep making this the Best Club on the Bay!

Do you have concerns or questions which you would like considered? Please send all of your inquiries to the Board at secretary@georgianyachtclub.com or PO box 382, N4K 5P5. Written inquiries receive serious consideration.

Cheers,

Becky Middlebrook

Vice Commodore/ Secretary

519-373-6101 secretary@georgianyachtclub.com

Putnam Race
2010



Treasurer's Report

After a bit of warm weather, it becomes easy to think of summer and the upcoming boating season.

My last newsletter report was from November 12, 2020. At that point in time the 2021 billing deadline was about 20 days away. A number of members had the invoicing email go to their junk folder. Please ensure for the coming year you have added all of the GYC email addresses to your address book. A list of emails is included on the website under the email accounts/contacting us tab. You can also always view your invoices on the website under my invoices tab after you have logged into your account.



The 2020 financial report has been posted to the website as well as the 2021 budget. Please take some time to review both these important documents.

The year-to-date financials have been consistent with other years. Total income from operations totals \$139,030 dollars compared to \$133,856 dollars from 2020. Expenses have totaled \$33,145 dollars compared to \$33,581 dollars in 2020. Our primary expenses year-to-date include our insurance at \$8,214 dollars, electricity at \$2,997 dollars, BDO accounting at \$4,505 dollars and as always taxes to the city at \$8,710 dollars.

With the spring launch here I would like to remind members that any change to your launch schedule from your 2021 invoice should be communicated to Brian MacIntosh at invoicing@georgianyachtclub.com. If you have paid for launch and will not be using this service, you will get a credit. If you now need to launch from the club, Brian will send you an invoice. The more members can help with this process the easier it is for us.

If you have any questions or concerns around invoicing or myself.

Peter Struthers
Treasurer

Email: treasurer@georgianyachtclub.com
Phone: 519-881-6638.

Summer Reminders

Fuel purchases - the same as last year, payment for fuel purchases can be made by cheque payable to the GYC or e-transfer to treasurer@georgianyachtclub.com.

Please do not combine multiple purchases into one cheque or e-transfer as each is accounted separately (e.g., purchasing a key card and fuel).

Launch & Haul Out

GYC Launch – Saturday June 5th 2021

Dear GYC Members,

Please read carefully:

There are crews organized for each crane in the morning and the afternoon. The schedule has been emailed to the members. Following the schedule helps keep the number of people on the property down, keeps everyone safer and keeps us within the rules at this unprecedented time. Thank-you for understanding. The Board is trying to do its best.

Please arrive at least 30-45 minutes ahead of your launch time. (Those at 8am should arrive 07:40am).



Remember that launch can get ahead of schedule, or behind schedule, so please be patient and ready to go when you're called in. If you are not able to attend the launch of your boat, you must notify the Launch & Haul out Director Mike Forcier mike@greybrucelaw.ca or his office at 519-372-0722 no later than Friday June 4th, 2021. If any questions or concerns, contact Mike. If there is a problem on Friday night or Saturday you can also reach Mike at 519-372-5960.

Fenders, lines, and sling pads must be in place by Friday evening. You must have a bow and a stern line at least 30' long. Please lead them down so they are accessible from the ground.

Our major contact from the gate crew to you will be your cell phone and preferably by text, otherwise a cell

call. Please make sure your cell phone is up to date on the attached list of captains and boats. If you have no cell phone, then tell us that too.

There will be one person working each gate.

Please park outside the property, as near your assigned gate as possible. When you arrive in the vicinity of the club property, notify the gate crew by text or cell phone call (or walk up to speak to them at the gate). You will be directed by the gate crew to drive into the club just prior to your launch time. Please remain in your car and wait it out folks. (No family/friends this year).

The gate crew will be in touch with the crane crew with walkie talkies to coordinate boat captains in time for their launch.

You will be offered hand sanitizer at the gate entrances. We require members to wear a mask to protect your selves and your fellow club members and the crane crew. There will be garbage available for safe disposal of gloves or face masks should you choose to wear them. Please bring your own mask if possible.

Once your boat is launched, each boat captain will check their boat to insure a dry bilge and lines are secured, and moves vessel as necessary. The Captain then leaves the property and can return late in the day or the next day to dismantle their cradle.

Checks will be performed at the end of the day to ensure boats are safe and secured. Emergency sump pump will be up in the upper doorway of the clubhouse in case of emergency.

Cradle moving will take place Sunday June 6th 9:00am Names must be painted on all cradles. No ladders can be left attached to cradles..

**Reminder to all members
preparing their boats:**

**APPENDIX "E"
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

Removal of bottom paints and structural component materials removed by sanding, grinding, or blasting methods are to be contained in a sealed cover of the given work area during the process as no dust is allowed in the air or on the ground. Collect all removed materials and place in sealed plastic bags for land fill disposal. Members who wish to remove material by blasting will be required to seek Board of Directors approval in writing including details of job plan, timing and assurance of containment.

When power washing bottom paints collect any loose paint flake materials which were removed during washing and place in sealed plastic bags for landfill disposal.

Reminder: Appendix D of Launch and Haul out. Don't paint the hull the day of lift to avoid getting paint on others boats or the crane slings.





Getting ready for launch: an age-old tradition

Membership Report

Hello GYC members and welcome to the 2021 boating season! I hope this newsletter finds you and your family healthy and safe.

Even though we all have been finding ourselves under a state of emergency and provincial lock downs again, everyone at the club is optimistic and looking forward to a wonderful summer ahead.

Membership remains strong and we continue to receive enquiries and interest from area boaters regarding joining our club. If you have any friends who you wish to sponsor, please have them contact me to start the process. With lift in looming and the season approaching, extra help is always appreciated. The GYC continues to be a fantastic club thanks to all the volunteers that keep it running, please consider reaching out to a board member to volunteer your time.

I look forward to seeing you around the club soon.

Joe Fryer
Membership Director



Mooring Report

Hello fellow members,

I'm happy to report that things are starting to look like summer out there. Once the winter cover came off the boat, I couldn't help but daydream about launch day.

This year we have filled all but one of our GYC slips. I'm in the process of making this slip more accessible in hopes of finding a suitable boat off the B-list.

We were able to offer 7 members new dock assignments after a formal request to be placed on the Dock Request list. We welcomed 2 past members slips off the A-list.

I'd like to thank the mooring committee for once again approving the 2021 dock assignments virtually.

I look forward to seeing everyone back at the club for the upcoming boating season and hope to celebrate the club's 75th anniversary with the members.

I encourage anyone who is interested in serving on the board to reach out to the Past Commodore's Committee. It takes a lot of volunteer hours to keep the club in a manner we can all enjoy today and for many years to come.

See you on the water,

Dan Jones,
Mooring Director

Over the past year, we have lost a few of our dear Members. So when we get to finally sit down on our boats again and enjoy the water, could you please give a toast and a fond smile for Cam Graham, Don Gibson and Rob MacDonnell.

Social Report & Club Racing



Social Committee Update

It would be great to be announcing a full slate of 2021 social events for the Club. Sadly, until the COVID-19 situation improves we won't be able to gather in large groups. The Social Committee is looking forward to seeing you at a GYC event, hopefully in the not-to-distant future! If you competent at burger flipping, party planning or just about anything else, the social committee needs you! Drop me an email if you are interested.

paul_weitendorf@rogers.com.

75th Anniversary!

To help mark the 75th Anniversary of the GYC, hats, mugs and a variety of other items displaying the 75th Anniversary logo will be available. Hats and mugs will be available

starting on launch day. They will be sold by the club on a cost recovery basis. More information will follow by email.

Paul Weitendorf
Social Committee Chair

Attention Sailors

Wednesday Night Fun Races need you!

It takes all kinds of boats and sailors to make a Wednesday Night Fun Race. Yes, there are keeners who want to win, but for most it's a chance to be on the water sailing with friends enjoying the beauty of a fleet of boats, with a well-earned beverage back at the dock! What more could you ask for?

Need more reasons?

- Improve your boating skills
- Enjoy the sunset
- Learn to get the best out of your boat
- Your favourite beverage will taste better after a race!

Still not sure?

Consider crewing on other boats. That could be your chance to get some experience on other boats and to get to know your fellow sailors. Don't have enough crew for your boat? Join up with another short-handed boat and maybe switch boats every other week.

Fun Races will start in late May. Start time is 6:00! Watch your email and the club website more info.

Paul Weitendorf

GYC 75th Anniversary Regalia



Hats in blue or grey - \$25 tax included



Coffee mug - \$13 tax included



Travel mug - \$40 tax included

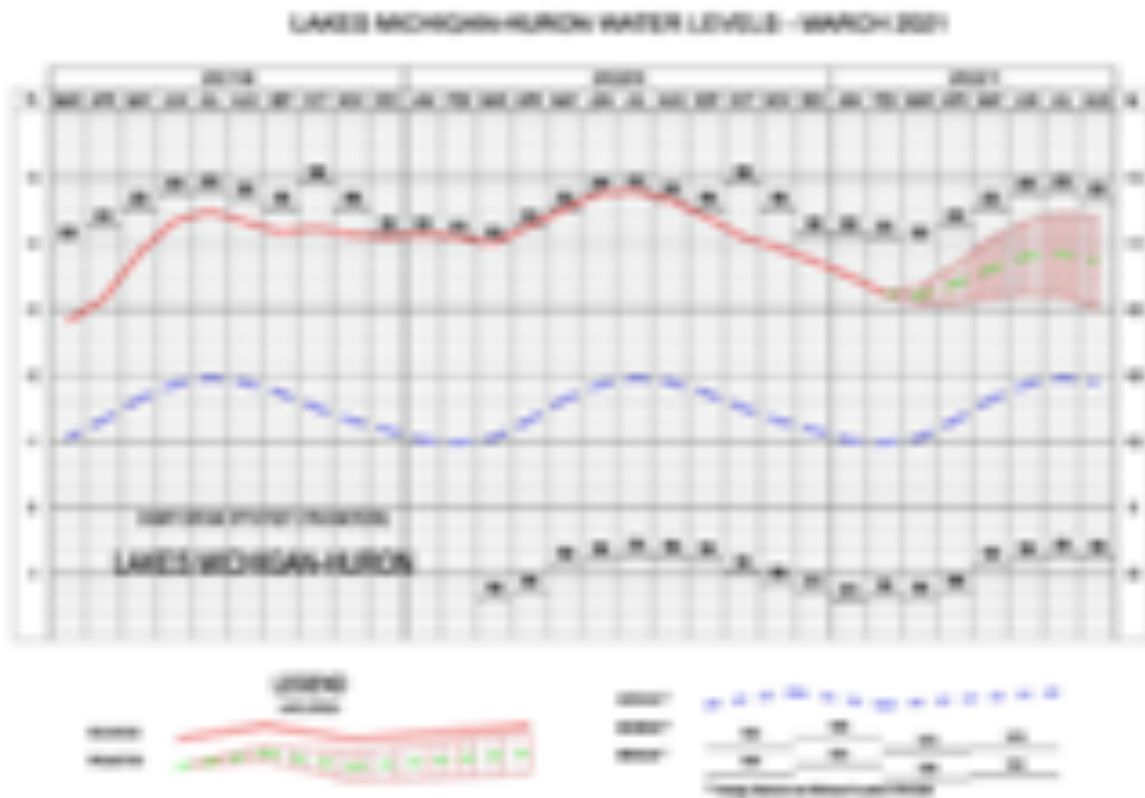
These items will be available at the north and south gates on launch day! You can pay by cash (exact change please!) or cheque made out to *Georgian Yacht Club*.

Planning Committee

Goodbye winter, hello spring, and hopefully good-riddance to Covid-19 soon!

Well, we made it through another winter and can finally look forward to some spring weather. Time to get out the scrub brushes and buffing wheels to get our boats ready for another summer season of boating.

I'd first like to update you on the forecasted water levels (provided by the US Army Corp of Engineers)



As you can see in the above graph (green dash line) we can expect the water to rise approximately 12 inches from end of the February 2021 low water levels. In a nutshell we should see water levels one foot lower than 2020 summer levels. This is great news for our club, as it means no submerged docks this summer!

Security and surveillance is being worked on and was addressed at the recent Board Meetings.

Work is on a number of projects is beginning. This includes refurbishment of four fixed docks in

need of overhaul, as well as retro-fitting two floating docks to assess the long-term viability of floating dock options.

Any other docks that may need attending to will be dealt with as we normally would. We will also commence work on the South Basin washrooms which have finally received permit from the city. We can thank Travis for his efforts on getting the permit.

WiFi Internet has been completed and is available to all Members this season.

Some additional fencing will also be completed to hopefully help in keeping uninvited guests from entering our property. As always, members are needed to assist in these construction projects. If you are willing and able, please make yourself known to the appropriate committee.

I would also like to invite members to submit ideas for future planning. Your thoughts and ideas are welcome and should be delivered in a written format with as much detail as possible, forwarded to the Planning Director either via e mail or hard copy in mail slot at clubhouse.

In closing I'd like to personally thank all the members who have come forward this past season to help on the projects completed last year. Your efforts are needed and appreciated.

Have a Safe and Fun summer.

See you on the Water,

Harry Hartrick
Planing Committee Director



This past winter we have seen an increase in club security incidents.

Please help to keep our club safe!

Keep your gate card close by, keep the club codes private, and keep your valuables well secured.

In the off-season do what you can to remove valuables such as electronics or alcohol, or hazards (including flares).

All ladders are required to be locked up to prevent them being used to illegally access boats on the property.

Gas Dock & Safety

I hope everyone is looking forward to the '21 boating season as much as I am.

At the gas dock we have Joshua Haslam returning as our Gas dock attendant. He will also be our grounds maintenance person.

For 2021, the gas dock will open the week of launch and will have the same operating hours as last year. Hours will be 4-8 Wednesdays and Fridays and Saturday is 8-Noon.

See you on the water,

Chris Haslam
Gas Dock

2021 Fuel Dock Hours of Operation

Our hours of operation for the 2021 season will remain the same.

Wednesday	4 pm - 8 pm
Friday	4 pm - 8 pm
Saturday	8 am - 12 pm

Property & Grounds Report

I hope everyone had a safe winter.

This year I installed all bubblers on docks and maintained them over the winter.

We did numerous repairs and un-thawing of air-lines. We also replaced the transformer on north man-gate. We removed the bubblers in late March and put them away in the garage. All the lines are marked for easier installation next fall.

Some docks are to be replaced this spring so there will be a work party required when the docks are to be refurbished.

Thanks,

Ken Hearty
Property & Grounds



Sid Turner - Past GYC Member

GYC comes from a tradition of boaters helping boaters. One of the members who most demonstrated this was Sid Turner.

Sid was active in promoting boating safety, including the use of life jackets, and proper use of VHF radio at a time when there were few regulations and a large number of new boaters. He was very active around the club and spent summers on his boat doing overnight security checks, often on his bike.

He kept track of boater who were away through a trip plan and return date system he set up. He had connections with the coast guard and was active in assisting boater in distress.

The Sid Turner award was set up to acknowledge members who had assisted boaters in distress, disabled boats, people in the water, or other emergencies.

Sid Turner lived values and took actions that contributed to the safety and security of all boaters. Something all GYC members benefit from today.

Utilities Report

Last year we were all looking forward to getting our boats in the water, and feeling lucky to be able to enjoy the water when so many do not. This year I'm looking forward to it even more.

We have been fortunate to have a beautifully warm spring so far this year and thus I was able to get the water turned on, giving you lots of time to get scrubbing and polishing before launch.

As for other projects involving utilities, 2020 was a quiet year after the 2019 year of digging trenches; for 2021 I am arranging for stray voltage testing in the basin. This will be tested prior to launch and then after the boats are in the basin. If you have had a problem and suspect that there is electricity in the water by your boat please contact me (519-374-5887) so I can arrange for your immediate area to be tested. This is a reminder to all that swimming in the basin is prohibited for this reason, along with general safety.

Have a safe and fun summer!

Ross Burrows
Utilities



Hidden Talents

Many of you will have noticed the pretty wooden Honeymoon Sloop 'Jaguar' around the club. Not only is Scott a dedicated fan of wooden boats, he also enjoys making sketches. Many thanks to Scot for sharing his artwork with the membership!

White Cloud



One of the many assets of the Georgian Yacht Club is our property on White Cloud Island. The property is located on the west side of the island.

White Cloud is one of three islands in Colpoys bay, along with Griffith Island to East, and Hay Island to the North.

Stan McLean recalls the club cutting a boundary line through the bush, around the lot.

“The island is home to large growths of poison ivy,” says Stan. “It grows on the trail, which

exists to the old school house, from the beach East of the GYC lot and runs South. Norm Jones, a Member, is or was an owner of that old school. The island had a population of year around residents there who were fishermen, farmers, lumberjacks etc.”

The island has been a popular spot with local boaters for many years, with the Ports Guides noting the government dock, the sandy holding ground, and the good protection in anything but west or southwest winds. The property is adjacent to a federal dock that has hosted countless Club gatherings over the years.

As the White Cloud Ad-Hoc Chairman, John Griffith is very familiar with all things White Cloud.

“The Club purchased the land from the MacIntyre family in 1962 for \$300” says John. He notes that this survey of the Club property “was surveyed by our own late Harry Whale (Danae). The front boundary of the lot is actually within the bush area, and the open area where Club members often have campfires is actually on the road allowance.



The neighbouring property surrounds us on three sides. Within the last couple of years the neighbour has cleared an access lane around the Club property that closely defines the boundary.

The dock is in rough shape. I've reached out to the DFO to see if they have plans to repair [it].”



Other “amenities” of the property include a pit latrine located in a cedar bush, and a stone firepit situated on the shore in a road allowance.

During the boating season members are welcome to enjoy the GYC White Cloud property, but are reminded to do so courteously. If you visit the site, please keep in mind the following guidelines.

Respectful and courteous behaviour is expected from all Members and their guests at all times. Use of the Outstation is at the Member's risk.

Please:

- Be respectful of the island cottagers and other boaters.
- Respect the property of the neighbouring cottagers (the neighbour has

cleared a lane around the outside of the Club's property that closely identifies the Club's property boundary).

Do not leave your garbage, or burn your garbage in the fire pit.

Do not harvest living trees for firewood.

Thanks to Stan McLean and John Griffith for sharing this information.



Scouts on White Cloud Island – 1968



Special Dates 2021

2020

Nov.1 First day of Membership year 2021
Nov.15 Ladders and dock skirts lifted,
boats unplugged, all boats out of the water
Nov. 30 Annual fees are due
Dec 5 Potluck (cancelled)
Dec. 7 Board Meeting at 1900 hrs.

2021

Jan 4. Board Meeting at 1900 hrs.
Jan 4 Late Dues Final Notice
Feb 1 Board Meeting at 1900 hrs.
Feb 1 Membership Cancellation if dues not paid
March 1 Board Meeting at 1900 hrs.
Financial reports available after March Board Meeting
April 5 Board Meeting at 1900 hrs.
April 5 spring newsletter director report are due
April 14 AGM at 19:00Hrs [2nd Wed of April]
May 3 Board Meeting at 1900 hrs.
June 5 Launch & lunch
June 6 Cradle moving
June 7 Board Meeting at 1900 hrs.
June 8 Summer Mode begins for Board

TBA - Sailpast
Saturday Sail Past Skippers' Meeting at 13:00 hrs.
Saturday Divine Service at 13:30 hrs.
Saturday Sail Past & Salute at 14:00 Hrs.
Saturday Sail Past Dinner at 17:30 Hrs

TBA *Sunday* Sail Past Race
TBA Georgian Yacht Club Rendezvous
TBA Corn Roast
Sept. 13 Board Meeting at 1900 hrs.
TBA GYC Fishing Derby
TBA Commodore at Home Dinner
Oct. 4 Board Meeting at 1900 hrs.
Oct. 4 Schedule C Approved
Oct. 4 Membership Invoice Process Starts
Oct 16 Cradle Moving
Oct. 22 & 23 Haul Out & lunch
Oct 23 Fuel Pumps, Pump Out & Mast Crane decommissioned
Oct. 23 Boats with holding tanks must be out of the water
Oct. 31 Financial Year End (All Expenses Submitted)
Oct. 31 Membership year 2021 ends



Up Next:

Launch - June 5th 8am

Cradle Day - June 6th 9am



Wishing all our
members a safe and
happy boating
season!

Celebrating 75 Years of the Georgian Yacht Club

