



Fall Newsletter

Georgian Yacht Club

October 2021

Commodore's Report

Happy Fall fellow members,

It was bitter sweet to watch a couple long standing vessels leave the GYC basin this spring. Both boats were a labour of love for their owners. Congratulations to Jim and Dawn Knott on the sale of The Four Knotts. It's very fitting that she was heading back to her birth place in Maine.

And congratulations to Norm and Helen Mennary on transferring ownership of the Pankhurst to another tug boat lover. It sounds like she will continue to grace our Great Lakes and I hear she could be spotted in the North Chanel. I am sure you will all find something to keep busy with now that you can put the sand paper and paint away. We hope you will continue to visit the GYC.

Thanks to COVID, we had another late start to our boating season as well as some



delays in projects we had planned, and the cancellation of all social events. Hopefully as things continue to improve, we can experience a more normal boating season next year.

Thanks to the ad-hoc security committee, I'm hoping we don't have any intruders this storage season! The board has acted on some of the recommendations already.



GYC

Celebrating 75 Years

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There have been some improvements to fencing, as well as some significant upgrades in lighting which will be completed very soon.

We still recommend that members remove any valuables, and to make sure access to vessels during storage season is not made easy. Don't leave your ladders or stairs left unlocked. Help keep your boat and your neighbour's boat safe.

Remember to respect your fellow members, and get involved with club events and volunteer activities whenever possible. That's the way the GYC was built.

Have a safe haul-out and a good off season.

Regards,

Travis Low
Commodore



It was a lovely warm summer. No wonder it seems to have passed so quickly since we hit the water.

Now that we are all getting back on land, our minds turn to the practicalities of the club. It is helpful to the volunteers on the Board, if you keep your address, email as well as postal, up to date. Remember to update contact phone numbers and other information on the website. If you need assistance with this or with accessing the website, please drop me a line as I am happy to help.

The Minutes are available on the website or in the binder in the clubhouse after each of the Board's monthly meetings. Reading them is a good way to keep up with the current happenings. The Bylaws and Rules are up-to-date and can be found in the same locations. They are the most reliable source of information when navigating new uncertain experiences. They can be downloaded from the website as an electronic file or printed.

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. All written concerns sent to the Secretary are presented at the next board meeting. Please send all correspondence to secretary@georgianyachtclub.com

Here's a list of the newer addresses for some of the board and support systems.

Insurance – managed by Tom England: Boatinsurance@georgianyachtclub.com

Website – managed by Trevor Stokes: Webmaster@georgianyachtclub.com

Membership– Joe Fryer: Membership@georgianyachtclub.com

Invoices – managed by Brian MacIntosh: Invoicing@georgianyachtclub.com

Newsletter – Louise Johnsen: Newsletter@georgianyachtclub.com

Treasurer– Peter Struthers treasurer@georgianyachtclub.com

Secretary – Becky Middlebrook secretary@georgianyachtclub.com

Commodore – Travis Low commodore@georgianyachtclub.com

Please reach out if you need any assistance.

Safe Haul Out and healthy winter to all,

Kind Regards,

Becky Middlebrook,
Vice Commodore & Secretary

secretary@georgianyachtclub.com 519-373-6101



GYC Fishing Derby 2021

I would like to thank all the anglers who ventured out in the windy weather to bring in all the fish. I would like to say thank you to Becky Middlebrook for donating a prize for the unique catch caught this year. Chris Haslam caught a t-shirt this year and won the prize.

10 Fishing boats with 6 fish caught

Thomas Moore 3.11 lbs

Josh Haslam 3.8 lbs

Jeff Schnarr 5.14 lbs

Dan Davey 7.13 lbs

Jeff Schnarr 6.2 lbs

Ross Burrows 7.3 lbs

Most pounds per pole – Jeff Schnarr 9.24 lbs. - caught 3 fish with 2 poles

Winner is Ross Burrows 7.3lb salmon



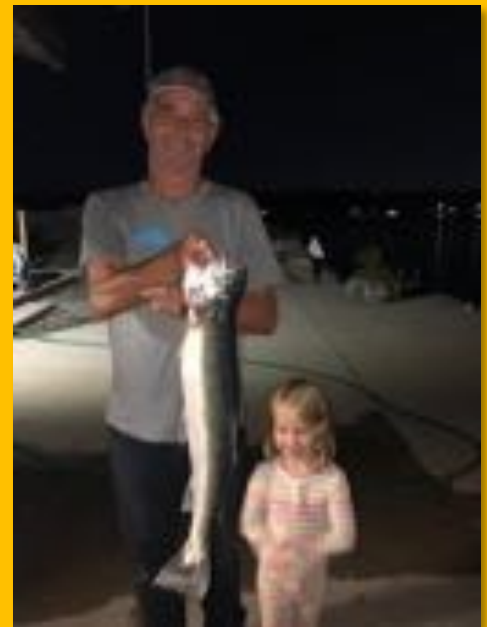
Most Pounds Per Pole – Jeff Schnarr

Total lbs caught 51.15 lbs

I would like to say thank you to the club for letting us run the fishing derby over the past 16 years. We started this event as a way to get another cross section of the club together to enjoy a day out on the water doing what we love to do; showing off our fishing skills and sharing in a yummy meal with our friends. I am so pleased to say that this will be the last year that Rudy and I will be in charge. We have had some excellent support this year with Scott Wilson and Brad Bietz. I would like to say thank you so much to Scott Wilson and Brad for cleaning all the fish this year and to Lori and Brad Bietz for their skills on the fryer cooking our delicious supper.

Scott and Brad had volunteered to run the derby next year and we are so pleased to see this event continue and know that it is such great hands.

Ann
Hachey



Derby Winer - Ross Burrows 7.3lb Salmon

Planning Report

Well another boating season has come to a close. I hope everyone 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 planning committee has been working with the Property and Grounds Committee on plans for improvement on both the fixed as well as floating docks. Our operating budget has funds approved for both of these projects. Design and material procurement suppliers have been completed as well as stripping the old fixed docks of decking and unnecessary weldments is well underway. My thanks to those members who have stepped up to help. If you wish to help in these projects please contact myself or Ken Heartly as there still is much to do.

Last winter we unfortunately had some boats broken into and the board has taken recommendations from members. Additionally, a committee was formed to address this issue. More on this will be forthcoming but rest assured the board is taking this very seriously. You can help by following the Club rules as they pertain to boat storage to ensure the safety of your property as well as fellow members. We advise all members to remove all valuables, including where possible electronics, and to also ensure that access to boats is as secure as possible.

The locking up of ladders is an absolute rule, there will be zero tolerance to this rule any ladders found that are not properly chained and locked, will be removed from property.

In closing, have a safe off season and hope to see you all in 2022

Harry Hartrick
Planning Director

Mooring Report

Fellow GYC Members,

It was another busy year around the club this summer. The Mooring committee once again stepped up and assisted with approving the 2021 mooring assignments remotely. This was due to the provincial Covid restrictions this past spring. Fingers are crossed that we can have a traditional meeting this spring to approve the 2022 assignments.

We were able to bring in 7 new members to fill vacant moorings this year. At the time of writing this report we have 3 vacant slips that will be easily filled from our current B list.

During the summer we had two long standing members sell their vessels and released their mooring. This allowed us to use the dock request list to fill these two moorings. Please continue to send emails to the mooring director for any change in your mooring needs. As you can appreciate, we are operating a big floating jig saw puzzle and any transparency of future plans certainly assist in ensuring we can continue to provide our members with the dock best suited to their needs.

Dan Jones
Mooring Director



Call for nominations – Sid Turner Award



Hear Ye! Hear Ye! hear Ye!

***Let it be Known that on this date November 16th, 1994
at the Georgian Yacht Club House in the city of
Owen Sound, the Georgian Yacht Club hereby
acknowledge the Hardworking Devotion, Dedication,
Helpfulness, Reverence, Safeness, Secureness,
Kindness and Willingness of the one Sidney E. Turner***

in the form of

The Sid Turner Award of Merit

***The Georgian Yacht Club will award this Merit to club
members as it deems necessary.***

Signed on behalf of the G.Y.C.



**Richard Scott
Commodore**

**Stan MacLean
Vice Commodore & Sect.**

Property & Grounds Report

Hello everyone,
I hope you all had an enjoyable summer of boating.

The property committee cleaned up 5 replacement docks and started painting them. The work is still ongoing.

We repaired numerous docks in the spring and summer, and cleaned up the wood pile behind the club house.

We removed odds and ends from around the club.

The next big task is to install bubblers after haul out and maintain them over the winter.

Work is still ongoing on the emergency preparedness document for the club.

I hope everyone has a safe haul out and winter.

Thanks,

Ken Hearty
Property & Grounds Director



Going up the Big Chute marine railway

GYC Security Survey and Results

Survey Results of Security at GYC, April 2021.

INTRODUCTION

ABOUT THE SURVEY

The survey was sent by email on 15 April 2021 to 142 Full Members and by paper to 2, through survey monkey in April of 2021. The survey had 13 questions with several open-ended questions where members could provide specific advice to the board. 85 responses were received which is more than 50% and can be considered statistically significant. No personal information was collected, and there are no identifiable individuals from the comments (not apparent). A 3-member working group assisted with undertaking the survey under the direction of the Security Ad-Hoc Committee chair, Vice Commodore, Becky Middlebrook.

CONFIDENTIALITY

The report is prepared for information for the GYC Board to assist them with decisions regarding security. While the results of the survey do not identify any individuals, the distribution of the full survey results should be restricted given the sensitive nature of the topic.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the survey results the small working group recommends the following:

1. retain a fencing specialist to review the fencing perimeter.
2. retain a lighting specialist to review security lighting but being sensitive to boats and neighbors.
3. review security policies including card distribution, and gate coding.
4. Investigate and cost out an effective video camera system (consult professional firms) for use in the evenings starting in the winter and go back to the membership with a recommendation.
5. Consult the City police of what they typically see has the most effective measures, particularly on video camera systems.

RESULTS

Member Priorities

- Security is a concern
- Some will deal with it themselves, but over all most want the club to take some actions.
- Sensitivity to spending more dollars unless it is more effective.
- Support for some form of video camera system as well as enhanced physical measures.

EXISTING PHYSICAL MEASURES

68% of respondents want to see improvements to lighting with many suggesting it be in the winters only and on sensors.

Need to be sensitive to boaters and neighbours.

65% want to see improvements to vehicle security gate with many comments about too many cards and the gaps in the bottom of the gate(s).

62% wanted to see improvements to the pedestrian gate with concerns about being left unlocked, code needing changed or keep them locked.

Respondents were split 50% on wanting improvements to the fencing. For those wanting improvements suggestions included extending into the water, making them higher or adding barbed wire.

Improvements to operating rules like locking up ladders had 58% support with many wanting rules enforced or not having ladders at all.

Only 11% of members indicated they had been broken into previously and many of these were years ago, so theft has not been an undetected or widespread unknown problem.

PROFESSIONAL SECURITY PATROLS

Question 7 and 8 asked about security patrols with detailed costing information to provide context. The results were split with 43% not wanting any patrols, and 43% wanting limited patrols in the winter only at a cost of \$60 per member.

Only 14% supported more enhanced winter patrols.

Many questioned the effectiveness of the current patrols and recognize that patrols are not a 100% and are costly.

Some wondered why they should be asked to pay if they store their boat elsewhere. It is clear members are reluctant to invest in expanded security patrols over and above what is currently offered.

INCIDENT BASED VIDEO

Question 9 and 10 dealt with the security cameras. The question was careful to explain the difference between surveillance (continual monitoring), and incident-based video (after the fact footage), and alarm-based systems including overall cost estimates.

The respondents are mostly in favour (79%) of adding some type of video camera system with the majority of those (29%) wanting winter / night only.

Only a few respondents indicated concerns for privacy or the costs. Some questioned the effectiveness of cameras while others thought camera were an effective way to deter and catch intruders.

Should boat owners install their own cameras? 62% are not in favour of this approach while 38% thought this was a viable and better solution. Some indicated they will be installing cameras soon and feel its compliments any additional cameras the club installs. Other suggest adding motion lights as a deterrent near boats.

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The last question was an invitation to tell the board any further thoughts on the issue of security. The comments were wide ranging and reflect an understanding of the situation and that there is no easy solution.

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REPORT OF THE AD-HOC SECURITY COMMITTEE

A new committee joined together in April and the result was a productive survey. Thank-you to all the Members who participated in the survey in the latter part of April. You can read the summary in more detail in this newsletter but here is a more condensed recap:

BRIEF REVIEW OF SURVEY REPORT of April 2021

Member Priorities **Security:**

- ☐ Is a concern
- ☐ Most want action taken
- ☐ Spend \$, but only if its more effective
- ☐ Use cameras & enhance the physical measures

Breakdown:

79% Cameras- mostly in winter, but mixed confidence in effectiveness

68% lighting- focus winter season, use motion lights

65% gates – too many cards, address gaps underneath

62%-man gates- unlocked too much, change codes more

62% member cameras – not in favor of

58% ladders – enforce the rules or remove ladders altogether

50% fencing- improve at water edge, raise height, use barbed

43% patrols- none, or limited hours during the winter

11% victims of theft/vandalism- small # of members over the years.

Final Summary:

- ☐ Opinions are mixed for >> Members vs. Club's responsibilities
- ☐ Deterrence plays the most important role

Organization of the Committee after finishing the Survey:

The committee consists of 13 members, which were divided into 4 teams, began to focus on the separate issues with some overlap when it occurred.

1. Fencing
2. Lighting,
3. Electronic (including, but not limited to Cameras)
4. Codes/Cards/Police

The teams thoroughly investigated and then presented their recommendations to the Board of Directors at the June meeting.

Work-to-date on Security:

1. As per Board motion, the Key Contact information and keys in the Chubb boxes were updated with the city's Fire Prevention Officer. These lock boxes on the gates, provide access to the Fire dept and thereby all emergency personnel, if such a response is required. In addition, The Records Department at the city Police now have up to date Key Contact information, codes, and card. These will be added to the responsibilities of the Secretary to be updated annually, as necessary.

2. The Committee recommends changing the gate code numbers, starting this fall after most resignations come into effect, and annually thereafter.
3. To decrease access, the fence which meets the waters edge at the north and south ends of the property, has been extended by a contractor.
4. After three quotes were obtained, not easy in the current industry situation, the Board is moving ahead with upgrades to the exterior lighting which include some motion detector sensors and new installations. We plan for the pole fixtures to be installed prior to Haul-out. Key criteria when choosing the lights were: sensitivity to our neighbour building to the north, restricting glare for incoming vessels and avoiding strong lights for boats in summer nights. The latter will be accomplished by installing lock boxed on the posts to turn some motion lights etc. on in the wintertime when increased illumination is more critical. The electrical contractor has been installing lights at the marina and is well familiar with the setting.
5. Securing contractors to lay new asphalt under the gates has been delayed another month but the plan is to proceed to decrease the gap under the gates. These areas have been suspected as possible access points.
6. The first presentation was made to the Board in October for a Motion Detection Alarm, for winter application, on the perimeter of the property. These applications are successful in gravel pits and are currently used in the local area. In addition, there is an option to piggyback a system to be able to install a clubhouse Fire Alarm and Motion Detection Alarm, with the latter for winter application only. The cost of the entire system is modest. A second quote will be available by the November Board meeting.
7. Topic raised at the Board, is a reminder that members are responsible to adhere to the, lock your ladder rule or remove it.
8. Lastly, members can help to protect themselves by removing portable valuables including tools, after lay-up of your vessel. The police strongly re-iterated this to the committee.

In closing, the committee is still working to recommend to the Board, ways to help protect the members and the property. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Happy to answer or find the answer for you.

On behalf of the hard-working Security Committee,

Becky Middlebrook, Chair

Gas Dock & Safety Report

We had a great summer despite the pandemic, and I hope you all did as well.

We saw lake level drop from last year and if it continues we will have to reinstall the adjustable portion of the gas dock.

We are already looking forward to next year's boating season!

Have a good winter.

Chris Haslam
Gas Dock & Safety Director



Social & Wednesday Night Racing Report

A strong fleet of regulars took to the water for Wednesday Night Races this season. Weather conditions ranged from calm weather to rain and squalls, making it memorable!



On the social side it's been another quiet social season with COVID 19 shutting down all indoor events at the club. However, better to be safe than sorry! We are looking forward to getting back to meeting with boating friends regularly. In the meantime, stay safe.

Paul Weitendorf

Director of Social Events and Clubhouse

GYC Haul Out

Friday October 22, 11 am. and Saturday October 23, 2021 8am

Please read carefully:

There are crews organized for each crane in the morning as well as the afternoon. The schedule is being finalized and will be e-mail to all members shortly. This keeps our numbers down on the property, 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.

You will receive an e-mail with haul out date and time. Arrive at least 30-45 minutes ahead of your haul out time. (Those at 8am should arrive at 07:40 am).

Remember that haul out can get ahead of schedule, or behind schedule, so please be patient and ready to go when you're called in. You will receive the schedule about 1 week before Haul out. If you are not able to attend haul out, you must notify the Launch & Haul out Director Mike Forcier at mike@greybrucelaw.ca or his office at 519-372-0722 no later than Thursday October 21, 2021. If there are any questions or concerns, contact Mike. If there is a problem on Thursday night or Friday 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 main way to contact you will be your cell phone and preferably by text, otherwise a cell call. Please **make sure your cell phone number is up to date on the list of captains and boats**. Please call Becky 519-373-6101 by Thursday at the latest with the correct cell phone number so the list can be updated. If you have another member hauling your boat out please notify me by e-mail. If you have no cell phone, then tell us that too.

Please park outside the property, as near your assigned gate as possible.

We require members to wear a mask to protect your selves and your fellow club members and the crane crew. Please bring your own mask if possible.

Once your boat is Hauled, keep you distance and you can work on your boat.

Cradle moving will take place Saturday October 16th at 9:00 am. Remember we need 4x4s to move the cradles and please keep social distancing.

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.

Past Commodore Report

I hope everyone had a great summer out on the water. It is hard to believe it is time to put the boats away for another year.

On behalf of the nominating committee, I would like to give the membership a chance to serve on the board of directors. We receive a lot of comments and feedback from the membership throughout the year and this is the place to bring new ideas to the table for the club.

The board meets on the first Monday of every month except in the summer. It is a great way to have input into the running of the club's business, and it is a great way to meet people.

If you are interested in getting involved, please give me a call at 519-371-1554.

Ann Hachey
Past Commodore

Utilities Report

It's hard to believe how fast the summer has flown by and I hope that everyone was able to enjoy some time on the water.

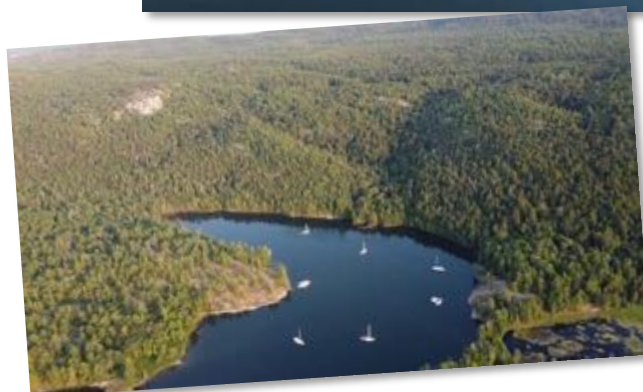
There were no new projects for utilities this season though we are looking forward to some increased lighting in the basin to lower the risk of break-ins.

I was fortunate to be able to get away this season and feel so thankful for the area we live in. There really is nothing like being on the water! The fishing in the north channel was pretty spectacular!

A big thank you to everyone who has pitched in to help around the club as it takes a full active membership to keep the club "floating"; if you are wondering "what can I do to help" please reach out to a board member.

I wish everyone a safe and healthy winter!

Ross
Utilities Director



Baie Fin



Congratulation to Jamie Nicol, the recipient of the 2021 Sid Turner Award. The award was presented virtually over Zoom at the Annual General Meeting.

Thank you, Jamie, for your hard work and dedication to the Georgian Yacht Club.

Membership Report

Wow. Hard to believe the season is almost over. With another late start to the season, and a fairly wet one at that, we are coming to a close of the 2021 season. With that in mind, the cradle moving is on the 16th, with the haul out scheduled for the 22nd and 23rd of October.

As far as membership goes, the club is in good shape with new associates applying and those awaiting full membership and a slip. A reminder to members, when you sponsor a new associate and have them fill out the proper form, please inform the

Membership Board Member to ensure proper dates are logged regarding the posting. Additionally, the sponsoring member must also appear before the board, with the

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new associate, at the designated monthly board meeting.

Like many of you, I was fortunate enough to travel to a few marinas and harbours over the summer. It was a fabulous opportunity to see what other facilities offer, how they operate and what their fees and dockage costs are. This was a great reminder of just how good we have it at our club. This fact can often be overlooked and taken for granted. The Georgian Yacht Club, *our* club, is a cooperative. The success is solely reliant on members volunteering their time and skills for the benefit of the club. The more work and expertise the membership brings, the less external work

has to be contracted out as an expense to the club. This has a direct effect on every member's fees.

On the membership application, every member is asked which areas of the club operations they'd like to volunteer with. However, at board meetings, I often hear that committees are struggling to obtain enough volunteers to fill positions. The cooperative nature of our club means it is dependent on everyone helping, everyone lending a hand, everyone

volunteering for the betterment of our club.

I'm asking ALL members to contact a committee, get involved, help out in any way you can as every little bit helps. With this in mind, I hope to see many new faces around the club and on committees to ensure our GYC continues to thrive.

Joe Fryer
Membership Director



Oct 16 Cradle Moving

Oct 22 & 23 Haul Out

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

Up Next...

GYC Calendar of Events

CALENDAR OF EVENTS : until Oct 31 2021:

Oct 16	Cradle Moving 9:00
Oct 16	Property Committee Meeting 11:30
Oct 22 & 23	Haul Out
Oct 23	Fuel Pumps, Pump Out & Mast Crane decommissioned
Oct 23	Boats with holding tanks must be out of the water
Oct 23	Remove valuables and LOCK your boat LADDERS
Oct 31	Financial Year End (All Expenses Submitted)
Oct 31	Membership Yr 2021 ENDS. Changes to Membership & Dock Releases Due today.

Georgian Yacht Club- Membership Year for 2022 starts Nov 1, 2021

CALENDAR OF EVENTS : Nov 1 2021 to Oct 31 2022:

Nov 1	2021	First day of Membership Year 2022
Nov 1	2021	Board Meeting at 1900 hrs
Nov 15	2021	Ladders and dock skirts Lifted, boats unplugged, all boats out of the water
Nov 30	2021	<u>ANNUAL fees are DUE</u>
Dec 4	2021	TBA Christmas Potluck
Dec 6	2021	Board Meeting at 1900 hrs
Dec 31	2021	Insurance Change with Environmental Coverage is due
Jan 3	2022	Board Meeting at 1900 hrs.
Jan 3	2022	Late Dues Final Notice
Feb 7		Board Meeting at 1900 h
Feb 7		Membership Cancellation if dues not paid
Mar 7		Board Meeting at 1900 h.
Mar 8		Financial Report Available after March Board mtg
Apr 15		(Easter-Good Friday)
Apr 4		Board Meeting at 1900 h
Apr 5		Director Reports-Spring newsletter are due
Apr 13		AGM at 19:00h [2nd Wed of April]
Apr		Social –
May 2		Board Meeting at 1900 h
May 7		Launch Saturday
May 8		Cradle moving Sunday 0900
Jun 6		Board Meeting at 1900 h
Jun 7		Summer Mode begins for the Board
Jun		TBA New Member Meet & Greet
Jun 18		*Saturday*Sail Past Skippers' Meet 1300h, Divine Service 1330h, Salute 1400h, Dinner 1730h
Jun 19		*Sunday* Sail Past Race
TBA		Georgian Yacht Club Rendezvous
Sep 10		Corn Roast
Sep TBA		Board Meeting at 1900 h
Sep16 & 17		GYC Fishing Derby
Sep 24		Commodore at Home Dinner
Oct		Haul out MEETING 0900
Oct 3		Board Meeting at 1900 h Schedule C Approval, Membership Invoicing to Follow
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YACHTING SEASON OVER — Members of the Georgetown Yacht Club hoisted out the last of their yachts

Wednesday is officially close the 1973 sailing season. There are still some boats left in the water which will come out by winter sail.

Jim Knoll's boat.

*Wishing all our members a
safe and happy winter.*