



# Spring Newsletter

Georgian Yacht Club

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## Commodore's Report

Happy Spring to all Members, Spouses and Associates.

Thank you to Past Commodore, Travis Low who guided us through the past two, very challenging years. The Board of 2020 and 2021 were forced to function under the most difficult circumstances but continued to push through, without any of the fun. Thank you to each one of you for your commitment to the GYC.

The new Board of 2022 are rounding a curve and will resume holding committee meetings. There will be more work crews for property improvement and routine operations will continue.

There is a deep well of talents within this membership, and the door is now opening again for us to be able to put them to good use. As in any operation, some activities are behind the scenes, but it was sad to hear from a new member at a work crew, that he doesn't see an equitable sharing of the workload.

Whether you are a seasoned or a newer Member, please continue to show your support and commit to attending ALL committee meetings. This way you can be an encouragement and share your knowledge and experience. Reach out to your Director or Committee Chair to see how you can pitch in. This is our responsibility and we all committed to it when we joined. We can't all contribute in the same way but please contribute in the ways that you can!

Over the many years this work force has been volunteered. Let's prove that system still works today.

I would like to be able to acknowledge each member who has contributed to the operations but would regret to miss a name. This list of work that's been done over the past two years displays how much effort it requires to run this place. If I've missed some of the jobs that you have done, I apologize. (This doesn't even touch all the work the Social Committee does, just you wait until they get rocking this year!)

You won't see your name here, but you will know that your efforts don't go unnoticed, .....so BIG THANK-YOU!



- Launch and Haul-out tractors
- Administrative tasks
- Dock-tops replacements
- Committee strategizing
- Supply ordering
- Lifting docks with your crane
- Pump-out repair
- Installing signs
- Website development
- Clubhouse maintenance
- Launch & Haul crews
- Install Sanitize stations
- Managing all the Finances



- Maintaining bubblers
- Installing bird screens
- Liaison with businesses
- Communications
- Installing south gazebo
- Breaking ground for washrooms
- Obtaining quotes
- Repairing keypads
- Fire prevention strategy
- Door repair
- Tremclad painting
- Welding
- Security installation
- Building maintenance Rebuilding fixed docks
- Stray current testing
- Train fuel attendants
- Picking up debris
- Dock repairs

- Safety procedures
- Writing the Budget
- Allocation of Moorings
- Snow Removal
- Water line maintenance
- Replacing light fixtures
- Electronics
- Electric Rough-in
- New deck on break wall
- Framing new washroom
- Security property assessment
- Wrapping up bubblers
- Tending flag poles
- Weed control
- IT security support
- Plan sail races
- Haul-out & launch planning
- Risk management
- Troubleshooting keypads
- Changing key codes
- Plan Fishing Derby
- North gate repair
- Check doors and gates
- Paint boards range lights
- Fall Dock-tops review
- Bolstering floating docks
- Rubbish pile cleanup
- Reinstall platform at fuel dock
- Spider Spraying clubhouse
- Reconfiguring steel docks
- Divers examine pilings
- Mast crane maintenance
- Boat insurance registry
- Plumbing
- Media support
- I.T. support
- Winterizing the systems
- Co-ordinate Board meetings

- Maintenance of AED
- Security survey
- Install bubblers
- Processing new applicants
- Plant, maintain flowers Invoicing
- Landscaping -plant beds

- Maintenance of Records
- Roadway maintenance
- Gate maintenance
- Creating Newsletters
- Security troubleshooting
- Maintain mast crane
- Organize garage
- Clearing hillside brush
- Supporting board members
- Dock committee strategize
- White cloud platform
- White cloud cleanup
- Renovating clubhouse kitchen

Looking forward to seeing all the members this year, not only working, but enjoying their time at the Club and especially, out on the water.

Respectfully,

*Becky Middlebrook*

*Commodore*

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# GYC

**Celebrating 75 Years  
and more!**

## Vice Commodore's Report

I have been a member of the GYC for over 16 years and have been Launch and Haul out director for the past 10 years and Rear Commodore for the last 2 years. This year I will take over responsibilities as Vice Commodore and Secretary of the club.

I am an avid sailor and am often out on my boat or another member's boat for Wednesday night sails and Sunday racing.

I've lived in Owen Sound for the past 31 years and run my own business in town. I am looking forward to exciting and fun times for our club and membership.

We should all be very thankful for the great club we have and the beauty of Georgian Bay that we can enjoy.

*Mike Forcier*

*Vice Commodore / Secretary*



### Past Commodore's message:

I am looking forward to working with the past Commodores in continuing to support the club where we can.

Reach out to me if you have a desire to join the board of directors in the future.

*Travis Low*

*Past Commodore*

## Emergency Contacts – Please!

It has come to the attention of the eagle eye of our webmaster that you still require one, or in some cases, both of your emergency contact names. These individuals would be contacted in case you are unavailable during an emergency of your vessel. These names must be of Full Members, not Associates.

Please send your names to [membership@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:membership@georgianyachtclub.com) so they can be entered into the database. Thank-you for your attention to this club rule.

## Secretary Report

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](mailto:secretary@georgianyachtclub.com)

Here's a list of the newer addresses for some of the board and support systems. More are listed at the back of the newsletter.

Insurance – managed by Tom England: [Boatinsurance@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:Boatinsurance@georgianyachtclub.com)

Website – managed by Trevor Stokes: [Webmaster@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:Webmaster@georgianyachtclub.com)

Membership– Katherine Barton: [Membership@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:Membership@georgianyachtclub.com)

Invoices – managed by Brian MacIntosh: [Invoicing@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:Invoicing@georgianyachtclub.com)

Communications/Newsletters – Joseph Hardin: [communications@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:communications@georgianyachtclub.com)

Treasurer– Peter Struthers: [treasurer@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:treasurer@georgianyachtclub.com)

Secretary – Mike Forcier: [secretary@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:secretary@georgianyachtclub.com)

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

Please reach out if you need any assistance.

Mike Forcier

Vice Commodore / Secretary



## Mooring Report

Fellow GYC Members,

It's that time of year again. It has been a busy winter for the club's board of directors. During the winter months when most of us move onto other hobbies or head south to forget about the Grey Bruce weather our board is in high gear planning the upcoming boating season.

I'm happy to report that we have been able to once again fill the club. We offered moorings to 8 new members this spring. If you see a new face, be sure to introduce yourself and assist with their transition to full membership.

I'd also like to remind all members that are currently on the Dock Request List to verify that the information is correct, and that you still require your name on the list. Any member looking to have their name added to the list will be required to write a formal letter explaining the reason for a change off mooring. Sign, date and leave in the Mooring slot in the bottom of the clubhouse.

I'd also like to remind the membership that if you plan to replace your current boat and it no longer fits on your assigned mooring the onus is on the member to work with other club members to come up with a solution and present it to the mooring chair for approval. This could be as simple as suggesting a trade with another member. The mooring director has no requirement to find you a new dock and is only responsible for assigning vacant slips. Remember this is a club and we are all responsible for making it work. Enjoy your summer and see you on the water.

Respectfully

*Dan Jones*

*Rear Commodore/Mooring Director*

## Message from Incoming Planning Director

Hi Everyone:

I'm excited to start my term as the Planning and Development chair. Over the last few years my wife Brenda and I have been members of the social club where we helped to plan and execute activities for the club. As I transition into this new role my first priority is to get to know the planning committee members. I have also started to look at some of the plans the club has identified and approved and I am looking forward to working with the board on new ideas that will need to be planned for the future. With COVID not quite behind us yet I will be reaching out to the committee members to get their input in terms of scheduling planning meetings. Happy Spring everyone.

Kind Regards

*Brent MacKinnon*

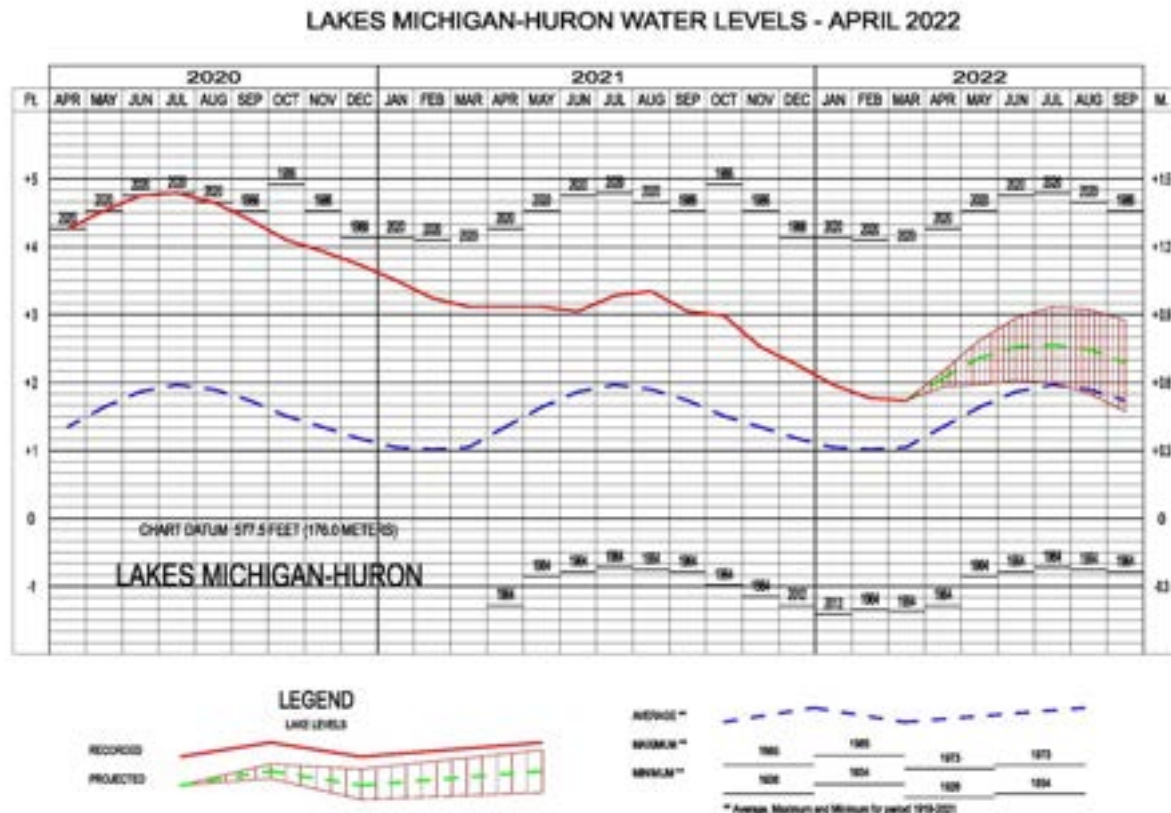
*Planning Committee Director*



## Planning Report

Well, we made it through another winter and can finally look forward to summer 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. As you can see in the graph below (green dash line) we can expect the water to rise approximately 10 inches from the end of February 2022 low water level. **Projected water levels for the 2022 season are expected to be 10" lower than last summer.** Some docks may have to be lowered to accommodate this lower water level. If you have concerns about your dock, please contact the board with details of what may need to be done.



Work will be completed on the refurbishment of five fixed docks, and we will be replacing those most in need. We will then repeat the cycle and replace five more docks next season. Any other docks that may need attending to will be dealt with as we normally would.

I would also like to advise Members that I will be resigning from the Board as of this year. I have enjoyed being on the board for the last four years and although not standing as a Director, I will continue to be an active member, helping where I can.

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. - Outgoing Planning Committee Director*

## Sid Turner Award

### Sid Turner Award Recipients

**Christopher Haslam** and **Josh Baker** were two of the three recipients of the Sid Turner award. They were involved in caring for Chris's son during an accident out on the water in 2021.

**Trevor Stokes** received the 2022 Sid Turner award for his hard work and expertise on the technology for the GYC.



***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.



## Fuel Dock & Safety Report

As my relationship to the GYC develops, I am honored to be able to serve the Members as a director responsible for fuel dock and safety.

For those of you I will be meeting for the first time: I built my first boat at the age of 13, since then I have enjoyed working on a boat as much as sailing one. As a result, I can often be found at the club working on my 1964 Grampian 32. With spring approaching I look forward to warm weather (so I can get some paint on) and ensuring continued smooth operations at the fuel dock.

We will have the familiar face of Josh Haslam at the pumps for another year. Thank you Josh.

There are no changes from previous years regarding time of operation etc. and all the particulars will be posted on the website and on the message board at the gas dock.



A thank you to all the members who maintain a regular inspection of their boats and a reminder that the spill kit is at the fuel dock in the yellow tub (booms and absorbent materials) in the event of accidental discharge

Regards

*Roger Martindill*  
*Fuel Dock & Safety Director*

## Property & Building Report

A message from the outgoing Director:

Hello everyone,  
Hope everyone had a great winter and are ready for another boating season.

The Committee cleaned up the woodpile by the cradle storage area and installed netting in the picnic shelter.

The installed bubblers for winter season had a few problems over the winter, but the teams for each of the basins handled the issues. The docks for replacement are painted and new wood installed and ready for installation once spring arrives.

Bubblers will have to be labeled and put away for the season. Thanks to all the people who looked after the bubblers over the winter, it is a labor and time-consuming task to look after.

THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR EFFORT!  
Thanks,

*Ken Hearty*  
*Outgoing Property & Building Director*



Chris Haslam will assume the duties of Property and Building Director

## Property & Building Report

Hello everyone,  
Greetings, I hope everyone survived another winter and is looking forward to another summer on the water, although with current fuel prices I know I won't be circumnavigating Georgian bay again this year - probably stay closer to home.

For my 3rd term on the board/2022 boating season I will be returning as the property committee Director, after taking a break and being on gas dock the last couple covid summers.

Property and grounds have quite a few projects around the club that need to be completed and we will be looking for a lot of volunteers to help out; some volunteers to lead the projects and some for their expertise and muscle.

One of the projects we're going to kick off the season with is a result of the water levels dropping. We have a bunch of docks that need to be adjusted, which will be completed on the last weekend of May.

If you can offer assistance for any project around the club, please let me know. You can email me at [treeguy\\_01@hotmail.com](mailto:treeguy_01@hotmail.com).

See you on the water.

*Chris Haslam*  
*Property & Building Director*



### **GATE SECURITY!**

Please remember to shut and lock the club gates. In the past few weeks, the gates have been left open or unlocked several times.

### **Reminder about power outages:**

The North and South card gates will not open during a power outage. However, the latches on the big upper gate (by the garage) and all the man-gates are electromagnetic. Should the power fail, you can push open the upper-level gate to drive out or push open any of the man-gates to walk out.

### **Have YOU volunteered yet?**

**Volunteering is an important part of your membership responsibilities.**

Volunteers are needed in all areas of the club. Please share your skills and your time. Contact any of the directors to find out how you can help.



### **We Need Help on Launch Day!**

We especially need volunteers to help on the social committee on launch day, in addition to many events throughout the year.

If you can help on launch day, before or after your boat goes in the water, please contact:

Paul Weitendorf  
[paul\\_weitendorf@rogers.com](mailto:paul_weitendorf@rogers.com)

## Security Report

The Ad-Hoc Security Committee has met numerous times over the last few months to implement the alarm monitoring system. So far in March the security monitoring system and support video installed by GBFS have been working with few false alarms or real incidents.

The committee continues to fine tune the whole system to best meet the needs of the club and meet GYC policies. The committee has a good and improving understanding of the technical characteristics of the system capabilities and different options. We have handed out a handful of individual security codes to members who requested access between 11:00pm and 6:00am this winter with no complaints (although we have not asked for feedback yet). The sub-committee will continue to meet to further test and understand the alarm system and to review the overall security of the club.

The Fire Alarm system continues 24/7 however the Camera and Alarm system will be shut down for the summer season starting at the end of April. Overall, the committee feels the correct balance has been achieved with the system which provides a higher degree of security while respecting members privacy and access to the club.

All comments, suggestions or questions are welcome.

*Steve Furness*

*Chair, Ad hoc Security Committee*

[Steve.furness@grey.ca](mailto:Steve.furness@grey.ca)

Cell 519-379-3200

## Bylaws Report

Greetings Club members.

The tradition, here at the Georgian Yacht Club, has been to review our club bylaws approximately every 10 years for purposes of ensuring that they reflect our current practices and the realities of the times faced by the club. The last formal review occurred in 2009.

In 2010, the Ontario government passed the new Ontario Non-profit Corporations Act (ONCA). Unfortunately, the Act was not proclaimed until October 2021 and The Club had delayed the bylaw review until the proclamation of the new Act. We now have three years from the time of proclamation to ensure that our corporate documents and bylaws are in compliance with the new Act. The Ad Hoc Bylaw Committee will be reactivated over the next year in order to accomplish this.

Any Members interested in participating in this process should contact me, at [paulfm33@gmail.com](mailto:paulfm33@gmail.com), or Vice Commodore/secretary Mike Forcier, at [secretary@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:secretary@georgianyachtclub.com).

The members of the committee look forward to serving the Club in this important function.

*Paul Middlebrook*

*Chair, GYC Ad hoc Bylaws Committee*

## Treasurer Report

It is spring and thoughts are turning to the upcoming boating season. Although the weather has been anything but spring like (I have snow on my back deck from last night as I write this) we must prepare for the coming season.

The 2021 financial report has been posted to the website and the budget will be posted after AGM approval. Printed copies are also available at the club. Please take some time to review both these documents as this reflects the working of the club both in the past and moving forward.

The board continues to put resources toward improving and maintaining the club and service to members. We will continue the work on the new south washrooms and docks started in 2021. We have also allocated funds in our continuous work to improve the security and safety of the club. There has been great work done around the club, and we are always looking for improvements to respond to members' needs.

With the spring launch just around the corner I would like to remind members that any change to your launch schedule from your 2022 invoice should be communicated to Brian MacIntosh at [invoicing@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto: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 that members can help with this process the easier it is for everyone.



I would also encourage members to become familiar with your online account on the GYC website. After you have signed in, under the members section, there is a "My GYC" link that directs you to your profile and invoices. There can view any outstanding and recent paid invoices.

Another reminder about 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](mailto:treasurer@georgianyachtclub.com). If you are also purchasing a \$5-dollar key card or \$25-dollar burgee, 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). You can also pay cash for the key cards and burgees.

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.

Best Regards  
*Peter Struthers*  
*Treasurer*

# Wednesday Night Racing

## 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.

PHRF Sailboat Racing

This year the club hopes to restart PHRF handicap racing in June and September on weekends. PHRF is a handicapping system that allows sailboats of all kinds to race against each and take the known speed variations of boats into account to determine a race winner. Interested? The Racing Committee will be meeting in May to iron out the details. Watch for more info in your email and on the Club website.

*Paul Weitendorf*

*Director of Social Events and Clubhouse*





## Social Committee Report

After two years of COVID-19 it appears the situation is improving! Hopefully we be able to gather for several events this season including Sail Past on June 18, the Corn Roast on September 10 and Commodore at Home, on September 24. The Social Committee is looking forward to seeing you at a GYC event!

Perhaps you would like to help? If you're 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](mailto:paul_weitendorf@rogers.com).

*Paul Weitendorf*

*Social Committee Chair*



## Launch and Haulout Report

I look forward to serving on the board in the position of Haul Out and Launch Director. I'd like to first thank Mike Forcier for all of his work in the past and for his offer to help me with this new position.

I was previously on the board for 8 years with the positions of Membership, Planning and Mooring director and also as Rear Commodore for one year. My wife Kathy and I are sailors, and enjoy spending the summers in the North Channel.

I look forward to meeting everyone who has volunteered for this committee when they applied to the club and expect to see them when we have our meetings. Just a reminder it is a working club and you are expected to help with the committee you signed up for. Decisions are made by a committee vote before going to the board, it is your chance to have your input or concerns heard.

Remember that all cradles must fold and no ladders are to be attached. Please secure the folded arms for safe moving with the truck on cradle day.

Please clean up any garbage from around your winter storage area and be sure anything you store on club property for the summer such as your cradle and blocking has your name on it. There has been problems in the past of items thrown out as they were left behind and no names attached.

For the sailors who use the mast rack I'm sure Ron Downie could always use an extra set of hands as it has become popular and another one needs to be built.

Feel free to email me with any questions or concerns, [markgrease@yahoo.ca](mailto:markgrease@yahoo.ca). Hope you all have an awesome safe summer!

Respectfully,

*Mark Vincent*

*Launch and HaulOut Director*

## GYC Launch 2022

Watch your email for the launch schedule.

### **Dear GYC Members,**

Please read carefully: There are crews organized for each crane in the morning and the afternoon.

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. If you are not able to attend the launch of your boat, you must notify the Launch & Haul out Director Mark Vincent 519-378-5647 Cell or 519-371-5535 Home, no later than Friday May 6th. If any questions or concerns, contact Mark.

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. Once your boat is launched, each boat captain will check their boat to ensure a dry bilge and lines are secured and moves vessel as necessary.

Emergency electric sump pump will be up in the Storage room of the clubhouse in case of emergency. Gas powered pump is in garage.

Cradle moving will take place Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00am. Names must be painted on all cradles and arms must be tied securely. 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 other boats or the crane slings.

# GEORGIAN YACHT CLUB GUIDELINES

## LAUNCH AND HAULOUT

### *Launch and HaulOut Committee*

- Plans the placement of boats for winter storage
- Arranges for crane services and plans crane schedule
- Crane Captain
- Co-ordinates cradle placement and spaces cradles to allow maximum of 4ft. between hulls
- Co-ordinates boat traffic before haulout and after launch.
- Participates in decision making when necessary.

### *Boat Owner*

- Must be present when their boat is lifted and participate as work crew. Must designate an agent in writing to the committee if he/she cannot be present.
- Assigns beforehand competent persons to handle the bow and stern lines
- Identifies himself/herself to the signal man just prior to his/her boat being lifted.
- Gives instruction to work crew on sling and block placement and gives instruction to signal man when his/her boat is ready for lift.
- Present for cradle moving one week before haulout and the day after launch
- Responsible, as always for their guests (e.g. their safety, where they park, what they do)
- Boat owner shall ensure that no persons under 18 years of age are present in the work area during launch or haulout.

### *Work Crew*

- Act in a safe manner and always be aware of crane activity.

### *Signal Man*

- Communicates with boat owner and is the only person who gives direction to the crane operator.

### *Crane Operator*

- Makes the final decision about the manner in which a boat will be lifted.

### *Do's*

- Do have your sling stickers clearly in place
- Do have your boat prepared for lift by having attached bumpers, plus bow and stern lines, that are adequate length to safely handle the boat throughout the entire lift.
- Do position your boat at dock before haulout in the same direction it will sit at dry dock to avoid turns while in the slings. (NO turns merely for convenience)

- Do be prepared at launch to move your boat once it is in the water to provide room for the next boat, even if you are at your own dock. If your boat is not able to move on its own power, then it is your responsibility to move it as required.
- Do help out when extra hands are needed such as moving heavy cradles.
- Cradles must be marked with the name of the vessel or the owner.
- Cradles must have skids.
- Cradles must not exceed 36 inches in height for storage purposes.

### ***Don'ts***

- Don't paint the hull the day of lift to avoid getting paint on the slings and other boats
- Don't stand under a boat while it is suspended in the slings
- Don't be near the crane when it is not necessary. Stay clear of the crane and the crane's counter-weight when it is working. Observers should stay well back from the crane and cradle moving activity.
- Don't park your vehicle where it might be in the way of the crane.
- Don't be late. The crane's progress cannot always be predicted. Plan on being present as much of the day as possible.



## Utilities Report

### White Cloud Update:

Our Club has the unique privilege of having land on White Cloud Island that our Members are welcome to use for campfires, pitching tents, and to visit the pit toilet. I ask for the Members' help in keeping garbage out of the pit toilet.

Please, be respectful of the island cottagers and other boaters. Please do not leave your garbage, or burn your garbage in the fire pit. Please do not harvest living trees for firewood.



I hope everyone had a safe and healthy winter. There are no issues to report from utilities over the winter season and I will have the water turned on Easter weekend. Thanks to Travis, Jim McLaughlin and Gerald Overmars for replacing the outside lights at the clubhouse.

I am stepping down from the board this year and want to extend my appreciation and thanks to fellow board members and commodores who have kept and keep our club running so well. Without the dedication of the GYC members we would not have a smooth-running ship 😊

I am looking forward to another great boating season perhaps a little closer to home this year. Whatever the adventure you have planned for the summer maybe it be all you expect and healthy and safe.

All the best to the new and upcoming board.

*Ross Burrows*

*Utilities Director*



Joe Fryer will be assuming the duties of Utilities Director. He can be reached at [joefryer@gmail.com](mailto:joefryer@gmail.com)



## Membership Report

My name is Katherine Barton and I'm excited to have the opportunity to serve the club as the new Membership Director. As Membership Director, I hope to provide a welcoming atmosphere so New Members can quickly experience everything the club has to offer. The more involved we all are the better a club we can continue to create.

I mix a busy family life with my career as a realtor with Sutton-Sound Realty. Prior to that, I worked in Branch Management and Training for Scotiabank in Toronto, Collingwood and Meaford.



I started sailing as a crew member on a Westerly GK24 at the Weymouth Sailing Club in the south of England. During that time, I also worked for Hunter Yachts in their sales department. After moving back to Canada, I sailed out of the Collingwood Yacht Club on a US 25 where I also spent some time as a Board Member and Treasurer. After a hiatus from "big-boat" sailing, I enjoyed day-sailing with our young family on our Hobie Cat. I joined GYC in 2019 with our J24, Mustang Sally. I plan to bring our "new" Viking 34 to the club this season; hopefully, our last boat for a while! Please don't hesitate to contact me anytime at 226-923-0981, by e-mail

[membership@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:membership@georgianyachtclub.com), or in person at the club on dock G13. I look forward to meeting you!

Here's to a great season on the water.

*Katherine Barton*

*Membership Director*

**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.**



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## Up Next...

<b>May 7</b>	Launch
<b>May 8</b>	Cradle Moving
<b>June 6</b>	Board Meeting
<b>June TBA</b>	Meet and Greet
<b>June 18</b>	*Saturday* Sail Past Skippers Meet
<b>June 19</b>	*Sunday* Sail Past Race

### Non-GYC sponsored event of interest:

Georgian Bay Regatta is on our side of the bay this year. The 32nd annual Georgian Bay Regatta will be held Aug. 2-6. Boats will depart from the Midland Bay Sailing Club and finish in Thornbury with stops in Meaford, Lion's Head, and Wiarton.

More information:  
<https://ontariosailing.ca/racing/georgian-bay-regatta/>

## Communications & Newsletter



*Joseph Hardin*  
*Communications Director*

*Share your stories!*  
*Send us stuff!!*



## Call for Stories and photos for our Newsletter

I'm the new Communications person for the club, and Susan and I will be doing the newsletter. We have the boat Mujo V and sail the North Channel as much as we can over the summer. We've sailed in lots of places and find this region one of the best in the world. As we sail around, we run across people that have lots more experience than we do and hear some good stories. We'd like to see more of these stories in the newsletter.

So, this is a call for stories for the newsletter, short and longer, about your sailing, racing, and cruising adventures. That time you came out of Gore Bay and the wind was unexpectedly rising to 25 knots and you ended up blown over to Fox Island when you really started out heading for Eagle. Or the day-sail that took you up to the green buoy for a day of swimming with the family. Or the over-nighter to White Cloud. Or the race where you surprised yourself, or someone else surprised you. Or a description of your favorite anchorage(s) and their secrets. Or the boat project that turned into a life's work.

There is a lot of experience in sailing the local waters, and those nearby, among our club members and we'd like to see those experiences shared. So, send us a story, along with the pictures that look like they came from a travelogue, or the family scrapbook, and we'll see if we can develop a bit of local nautical literary history to pass along.

Also send us pictures of drawings, paintings or other art related to your experiences on the water.



## GYC Calendar of Events

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

May 2	Board Meeting at 1900 h
<b>May 7</b>	<b>Launch</b> Saturday 0800
<b>May 8</b>	<b>Cradle moving</b> Sunday 0900
Jun 6	Board Meeting at 1900 h
Jun 7	Summer Mode begins for the Board
Jun TBA	Meet & Greet
<b>Jun 18 *</b>	<b>Saturday*Sail Past</b> Skippers' Meet 1300h Divine Service 1330h, Salute 1400h, Dinner 1730h
Jun 19 *	Sunday* Sail Past Race
TBA	Georgian Yacht Club Rendezvous
Sep 6	Tuesday Board Meeting at 1900 h
Sep 10	Corn Roast
Sep 16 & 17	GYC Fishing Derby
Sep 24	Commodore at Home Dinner
Oct TBD	Haul out MEETING 0900 am
Oct 3	Board Meeting at 1900 h Schedule C Approval, Membership Invoicing to Follow
Oct 15	Cradle Moving
<b>Oct 21 &amp; 22</b>	<b>Haul Out</b>
Oct 22	Fuel Pumps, Pump Out & Mast Crane decommissioned
Oct 22	Boats with holding tanks must be out of the water
Oct 31	Financial Year End (All Expenses Submitted)
Oct 31	Membership Yr 2022 ENDS. Changes to Membership & Dock Releases Due

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS : starting Nov 1 2022 to Oct 31 2023:**

Nov 1 2022	<b>First day of Membership Year 2022</b>
<b>Nov 7 2022</b>	Board Meeting at 1900 hrs
Nov 16 2022	Ladders and dock skirts Lifted, boats unplugged, all boats out of the water
<b>Nov 30 2022</b>	<b><u>ANNUAL fees are DUE</u></b>
Dec 3 2022	TBA Christmas Potluck
Dec 5 2022	Board Meeting at 1900 hrs
Dec 31 2022	Insurance Change with Environmental Coverage is due
Jan 2 2023	Board Meeting at 1900 hrs.
Jan 2 2023	Late Dues Final Notice
Feb 6 2023	Board Meeting at 1900 h
Feb 6 2023	Membership Cancellation if dues not paid
Mar 6 2023	Board Meeting at 1900 h.
Mar 7 2023	Financial Report Available after March Board mtg
Apr 3 2023	Board Meeting at 1900 h
Apr 4 2023	Director Reports-Spring newsletter are due
<b>Apr 12 2023</b>	<b>AGM</b> at 19:00h [2nd Wed of April]
Apr 7 2023 (	Easter-Good Friday)
Apr 2023	Launch meeting 9:00am
Apr 2023	TBA Social –
May 1 2023	Board Meeting at 1900 h
<b>May 6 2023</b>	<b>Launch</b> Saturday 0800
<b>May 7 2023</b>	<b>Cradle moving</b> Sunday 0900