

# GYC Fall Newsletter



Georgian Yacht Club

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## Commodore's Report

Dear Club members,

We are now approaching two and a half years since the starting of Covid and it is impressive to observe how the Club is managing. The cancellation of social events and reduction of working groups until recently had been disheartening. We know that some members are understandably still feeling concern for their health and are avoiding crowded events and we want you to know that you are missed.

Thank you to the Social Committee for all the hard work behind the scenes, providing the events that we were able to enjoy this year for Meet and Greet, Sail Past, and Commodore at Home Dinner and Dance.

The Club is weathering the financial effects of Covid in a positive way. Our ability to do so, in part, is due to the solid foundation on which this corporation was built. We find ourselves on a steady footing now because of the vision and hard work of the founding members and they knew early on that by forming a corporation, acquiring, and developing the property, it would put the club in a strong position for times such as this.

The Board of Directors understands the need to continue to make improvements in infrastructure as well as governance and are taking the initial steps to meet new regulations and industry standards to protect our investment. We are investigating supportive associations in the boating industry to help guide us through the current legislative requirements. In the months and years ahead, we will also be working toward meeting the new requirements for the Ontario-Not-For Profit Corporations Act. As we maintain and improve the corporation and property, we are striving to protect its value and thereby retain the enjoyment of it for all.

Now, as in the past, the Board Members volunteer their time and talents and count on you, the Members, to lend a hand in the day-to-day work of the Club. When each Member joined the Club, they became aware of the requirement to volunteer. There is a growing list of names of members who contributed to the completion of projects this year. These members have devoted their time, energy, and expertise to a wide variety of jobs and events in and around the Club and each one of those efforts are appreciated. Continued commitment, such as that shown by these Members, affords us the ability to moor our boats in the cost-effective manner that we have all come to enjoy.

So, if you have not already found the opportunity to share in the work then please sign up when we reach out to you through these closing months of the year. Attendance at committee meetings is part of the work and is always appreciated. There are still projects that are underway that need our efforts before freeze up. Please consider reaching out to Travis Low for the South Washroom project.

The Board would appreciate assistance with the closing of the property for winter including, but not limited to, outdoor furniture and picnic shelter and to that end the Board is planning a new workday. This **FALL CLOSE-UP WORK morning starts with coffee before 9:00 am SATURDAY OCT 29<sup>th</sup>** with an optional rain day on Sunday Oct 30<sup>th</sup>.

I want to thank each member of the Board for their vision, efforts, and ability to keep moving and improving the Club through these past challenging months and years. To be able to continue to enjoy our Club through the good times as well as the tough times, it is invaluable when all the Members support one another and share the workload together.

Thank you and a safe Haul-out 2022 to all.

Kind Regards,

*Becky Middlebrook*

*Commodore*

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# GYC

**Celebrating 75 Years  
and more!**

## Vice Commodore and Secretary Report

The last few months has been used to get familiar to the positions of Vice Commodore and Secretary.

Every month each director submits a written report to make the Board Meeting minutes more useful for members to review. The report of each director as well as the agenda shall be an exhibit to the monthly board minutes. The minutes will concentrate on the motions made at the meeting.

Hopefully members will be able to easier review the decisions of the board and the running of the club. Copies of the minutes of the board meeting are on the website and also in the blue binder in the clubhouse.

*Mike Forcier*

*Vice Commodore / Secretary*



## Past Commodore's message:

Thanks goes out to Brad Brainard and Scott Wilson for getting the trenches filled in and topsoil spread around the club house and to Thomas Moore for the soil delivery.

Jeff Schnarr and Josh Baker got the hydro livened up in the new washrooms.

Epoxy floors are complete and look great. Interior finishes are getting close to complete, a couple more work bees should have it pretty well wrapped up this fall.

Peter Shakes plans to set some plumbing fixtures, sewage pump and hot water tank this coming week, so the first bay could be operational.

*Travis Low*

*Past Commodore*

## REMINDER: Have YOU updated your Emergency Contacts?

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.

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Please reach out if you need any assistance.

Mike Forcier

Vice Commodore / Secretary



## Mooring Report

Fellow GYC Members,

We currently have four vacant slips

- B-19 29 foot - narrow space
- G-27 25 foot
- R-10 25 foot - narrow space
- R-29 33 foot narrow beam 10 foot max.

These slips will be filled in the spring off the dock request list, A list then B list.

Respectfully

*Dan Jones*

*Rear Commodore/Mooring Director*



## Floating Docks Report

The brackets are all on the ends of the floating docks and secured.

Thank you very much to all that assisted, Larry McCartney, Chuck Orielly, Paul Middlebrook, Gerald Overmars and a few others who I apologize for missing in this list. The help was greatly appreciated and made quick work of getting the brackets on.

There are two docks that require wider brackets for the wall end. These brackets are in my truck and will be put on next week.

A couple of the docks have developed twists over the years and are a little stiff to move right now but are getting better even in the few weeks that they've been bracketed so will continue to be monitored but I believe they will only improve over time.

One dock requires some minor adjustments to the rollers but other than that, all of the docks are in and functioning. Please feel free to contact me if you have and questions.

Thanks!

*Kurtis Mink*



## Planning Report

The Planning and Development Committee shall advise and propose the policies and plans for the present and future operation of the Club. The following list of items have been identified as projects needed to be planned.

\*Planning is not execution but rather the process that needs to be followed so that the scope of work is well defined, materials are identified, resources identified, cost of the project is determined and a plan which includes a schedule of those identified tasks or activities are documented and ready for board approval. Once approved the plan is handed off to the execution team.

Last Meeting of the Committee: September Sept 22, 2022

List of identified Plans and Policies which require Planning: \* (list is not prioritized)

- Clubhouse Deck Replacement
- Code of Conduct
- De-Icer system(bubblers)
- Dock Replacement Program

### **CURRENT STATUS OF THE PLANS**

#### **Clubhouse Deck Replacement:**

Owner: Paul Krane

Discussed at the September Planning Meeting. Owner identified. Quotes being obtained for the demolition and removal of the upper portion of the clubhouse deck, and the construction of a new upper deck. The plan will also include a start date for this work.

#### **Code of Conduct:**

Owner: Brent MacKinnon

Owner identified. TCD November Board Meeting for approval

#### **De-Icer System:**

Owner: Jason Lehtovaara

Jason presented the proposal at the Oct 03 Board Meeting regarding the purchase of the De-Icer System. The Board has decided to modify this proposal.

#### **Dock Replacement Program:**

Owner: Paul Middlebrook

The Planning committee met and agreed to visit some of the local Marinas to gather any information that may be helpful in the planning of this work. This work will continue on into the fall.

Kind Regards

*Brent MacKinnon*

## GYC 2022 Fishing Derby



### 2022 Results (pounds)

Asher Walker	4.10
Kurt Low	10.11
Jeff Schnarr	6.8
Thomas Moore	10.10
Chris Haslam	10.00
Thomas Moore	13.10
Kevin McDonald	7.75
Tom Harper	10.40
Jeff Schnarr	10.30
Asher walker	4.10
Kevin McDonald	7.30
Asher Walker	12.00
Greg Walker	8.00

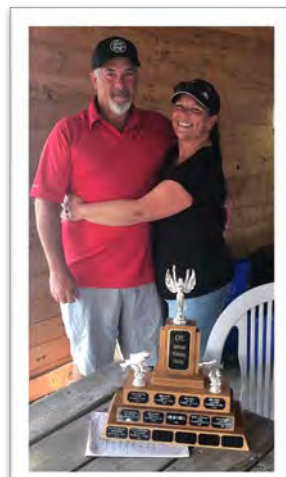


We would like to thank the 36 anglers that came out to fish the GYC derby this year. The weather this year was quite nice and we had 13 fish entered which was great to see.

Thomas Moore caught the biggest salmon at 13.20 lbs and 5 year old Asher Walker caught the most pounds per pole at 20.20lbs. Watch out for this young gentleman in years to come. I think we will see his name on the GYC fishing derby trophy quite often as he is a real diehard fisherman already!!!

As always the meal was delicious and many thanks go out to all who helped clean fish, cook, brought deserts/salads and helped clean up after this great meal.

Scott Wilson and Brad Beitz



## Fuel Dock & Safety Report

The pump out system has been working well without any breakdowns this summer

Painting in the Gas Dock Office is being done by Charles when its slow around the fuel dock. Charles has also been asked to paint the metal posts around the basin as well as touch ups of other areas, in order to keep busy now that the season has slowed down.

Fuel Sales have slowed down quite a bit now and those wishing to pump out and fill up with fuel for the storage season are reminded to do so sooner than later as the Fuel/Pump Out will be shut down as scheduled without exception.

We will follow winterization procedures when the day comes and ensure everything is put away and shut down.

Different tasks were looked after as they arose and everything seems to be running smoothly.

Thank you to Brad Finley for assisting around the gas dock this season he was an invaluable help.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Stephen Rouse*  
*Board Member*

## Property & Building Report

Hello everyone,  
Charlie started pressure washing the club house, I purchased siding wash and re-did what he did and it came up better. The side towards the pink condos still needs to be done. The hill makes it a bit difficult.

The washroom project has been receiving some attention, it is now insulated. Jeff Schnarr has been working on the electrical projects.

Work on solid dock repair is ongoing.

THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR EFFORT!

Thanks,

*Chris Haslam*  
*Property & Grounds Director*





## Utilities Report - Hydro and Water

The Fall is upon us, and it will not be long until we are closing out our season for another year.

I will be reaching out to Ross, who held this position last year, on the procedure for shutting down the water shortly. With the addition of the new washroom, we will have to make sure it is not missed this year or for coming seasons.

Our stray current test has been conducted and we're just waiting for the final report from Ross.

After talking with Jason on the cable project, and looking at this project it would be easier for all involved if we can get one contractor who could complete the job on their own accord. So I have reached out to a local contractor and received an estimate for the entire project as a whole and presented it to the board at the October meeting for their consideration. I will now be able to secure a completion date from the contractor since it was approved by the Board.

Thank you and have a good fall.

*Joe Fryer*

*Utilities Director*



## Security Report

Starting November 1<sup>st</sup>, the winter security system of motion detectors and cameras will be activated to provide enhanced security over the winter.

The system operates between 11:00 pm and 6:00 am in the morning. It can be turned off by club members who have an approved code. Contact me if you are interested in getting a code.

The code to enter the man gates will also be changed in November as well. This is done annually to enhance security. As always, the best security is members keeping a watchful eye and minimizing any valuables stored on boats.

Let's hope the security committee has a really boring winter.

A big thank you to Ted Noble and Paul Beattie for all their trenching and technical expertise in improving the security system.

*Steve Furness*

*Chair, Ad hoc Security Committee*

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### **GATE SECURITY!**

Please remember to shut and lock the club gates and make sure the clubhouse doors shut properly as you leave.

### **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.

## 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.

Two picnic tables were delivered to the White Cloud property this year to replace older damaged tables.

*John Griffith*



## 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*

## Sail Past 2022





## Social Committee Report

The gradually improving COVID situation has allowed the Social Committee to again organize club events! Launch Lunch and Sail Past were greeted enthusiastically. Unfortunately, the Corn Roast in September was cancelled by a minor outbreak of COVID at the club. A few weeks later the situation turned around when almost 100 members enjoyed the Commodore at Home event.

We are planning now for events this fall. Would you or your spouse like to be involved with the Social Committee? It's a great way to get to know your fellow members and have some fun in the process. Contact us! Your involvement would be welcomed. Contact me at [paul\\_weitendorf@rogers.com](mailto:paul_weitendorf@rogers.com).

Thanks to all our current committee members for their ongoing efforts.

*Paul Weitendorf*  
*Social Committee Chair*



## Membership Report

We currently have 145 Full Members and 46 Associate members. There are currently 6 Members on the The "A" list and 15 members on the "B" list. All members have access to the lists on the GYC website by clicking on the following path: Members—Directory—Fleet.

The Annual Meet and Greet for new members was held on June 9th. This year we welcomed all new members that joined between 2019 and 2022. A highlight of the event was Stan McLean sharing the history of the club burgee with us all! It was a great night and a wonderful opportunity to welcome new members into the club.



Over the winter months the membership committee in partnership with the communications committee will be working on a **New Member/GYC Handbook**. If you have any ideas and would like to join either committee we would love to have you! All members and spouses are welcome. It will be a great chance to mingle with club members over the winter months! Looking forward to seeing everyone at this winter's social events!!

Contact me anytime at 226-923-0981, by e-mail [membership@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:membership@georgianyachtclub.com).

*Katherine Barton*  
*Membership Director*



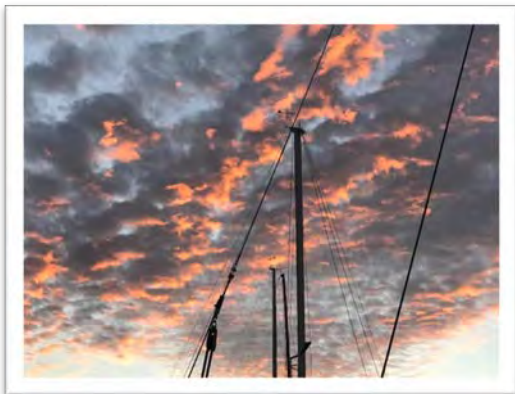
## Wednesday Night Racing

### Sailors try pursuit racing

Wednesday night sailboat racing took a different tack this year. Pursuit races use each boat's handicap rating which allows slower boats performance to be compared fairly to faster boats.



Each boat has a start time calculated using their handicap. If all boats sail equally well, in similar winds, they should all finish at the same time! This made for exciting racing right up to the finish line for boats of all speeds. This was a refreshing change and new challenges on the race course. Race attendance was good throughout the season and the weather generally cooperated.



## GYC Haulout 2022

Friday, October 21, 11 a.m. and Saturday October 22, 8 a.m.

Dear GYC Members,

Watch your email for the  
haulout schedule.

### **Please read carefully:**

**Cradle moving will take place on Saturday October 15 at 9:00 am.**

**Haulout:** There are crews organized for each crane in the morning as well as the afternoon. The schedule is being finalized and will be e-mailed to all members shortly. Because Covid restrictions have been dropped you will be able to arrive ahead of your haulout, unlike the past couple of years. We are continuing with the work crews for safety reasons and each member will be present to instruct crews on placement on cradle or blocks.

Arrive at least 1 hour before your haulout time, we allow approximately 20 minutes per boat. The mooring board in the club house will be up and you can see when you will be coming out. (Those at 8am should arrive 07:40am).

Remember that haulout can get ahead of schedule, or behind schedule, so please be patient and ready to go earlier if necessary. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Mark Vincent at [markgrease@yahoo.ca](mailto:markgrease@yahoo.ca). If there is a problem on Thursday night or Friday you can also reach Mark at 519-371-5535.

Fenders, lines, and sling pads must be in place the night before your scheduled haulout. You must have a bow and a stern line at least 30' long.

Our major contact 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 list of captains and boats. Please call Mark at 519-371-5535 by Thursday at the latest with correct cell phone 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 club property.

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

### **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.

# 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.





## GYC Mast Crane User Guide

1. Before using the mast crane, it is important to note that the design working load of the Crane is 1000 lbs. This load must not be exceeded!
2. If you are using the Crane for the first time, be sure to recruit the assistance of a fellow member that is familiar with the operation of the Crane and the appropriate methods of strap location and securement for a balanced and safe lift of your mast. Each mast and rigging assembly has its own unique characteristics and it is your responsibility as the owner of the vessel to be familiar with these in order to ensure a safe and successful event.
3. The winch is protected from the weather by a Sunbrella Cover and should be replaced in the same manner after every use of the Crane to prevent rain intrusion.
4. There are 2 control handles associated with the use of the Crane. The primary control handle is attached directly to the winch and is responsible for lifting and lowering the load attached to the hook and strap by winding the cable onto the winch drum. The second handle is attached to the Crane Post and rotates the entire Crane, Winch and Boom assembly as one unit.
5. The Primary control handle rotates in both directions: clockwise to lift and counter-clockwise to lower the load.
6. The handle is secured to the winch through a slot by an adjustable thumb screw. This can be used to shorten or lengthen the rotating lever arm of the winch handle and thus manage the torque load that is transferred to the user. Increasing the length of the lever arm allows for a heavier load to be lifted with less effort by the user. Always ensure that the thumb screw is secured firmly before rotating the handle to prevent unwanted sliding of the handle.
7. It is critical to note that this handle must never be released while it is being turned in either direction. For the internal brake mechanism to engage, the handle must be completely stopped and held secure for a few seconds before releasing the handle. This is also true for reversing directions of the winch as well. Always ensure that the brake is engaged before releasing the handle. This note is clearly stated on the sign attached to the Crane.
8. The Secondary handle is located on the side of the mast crane column just below the winch assembly. This handle rotates the entire crane column in either direction by simply reversing the rotation of the handle. The handle must be turned in a very slow and steady motion to avoid a jerky rotation of the mast crane. Try to avoid stopping and starting the rotation, as this will also create a jerky motion as the load on the winch cable can transfer its momentum to the crane column.
9. Upon completion of your use of the Crane, ensure that the boom is oriented in a westerly direction parallel to the adjacent transit channel so that there won't be any interference with vessel traffic. The sling must be returned to its storage location around the crane column behind the winch housing and very gently snug it up in that location. The cover must be retied around the winch and any equipment, parts, stands, dollies, etc., must be returned to their respective storage locations and removed from the Mast Crane area. Please leave the area clean and ready for the next person to use it.

Thanks to Terry Ferenczy for the maintenance work  
on the crane and for putting this guide together.

# Contacts for GYC Operations

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## Communications & Newsletter



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Open Hatches Day Event: Open Hatches Day, or What's Down Below Day, where members can show their boats and see those of their fellow members has been discussed, and we will be setting a date for sometime next Spring or early Summer. I've always wondered what some boats look like down below, their galleys, open areas, berths, electronics, and how their owners have modified them to meet their needs. This will be a chance for all of us to take a look, and show off our own work. Stay tuned.



Planning for a GYC Member's Handbook will resume over the winter, with the goal of producing a document explaining the Club and its procedures to new members, and as a resource for existing ones. This will be a joint project of the Membership and Communications committees, and if you'd like to help, or

have suggestions for things that should be in it, drop [communications@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:communications@georgianyachtclub.com) or [membership@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:membership@georgianyachtclub.com) a note. Here are some ideas for the Handbook. They cover lots of aspects of club membership and activities. See if you can add to the list:

- Mast Crane training
- Use of water pumps, gas and electric
- Pumpout system use
- Hours and responsibilities of fuel dock use
- How to help new members
- Clubhouse use – lights, locks, kitchen
- Security systems on property
- How does the GYC Board work
- Winterizing: Ladders and dock fences up
- Committee membership requirements and responsibilities
- Grinding and sanding environmental rules
- Quiet hours policies
- Dogs
- Parking
- Docking of dinghies
- Empty trailers on club property
- Trailer Camping policies
- Gate System
- Upper gate use when electricity off
- Danger of swimming in basins
- Need for 2 Emergency contacts
- Vehicle speed on club grounds
- Vessel insurance
- Dues & Fees Nov 30
- AGM 2nd Wednesday of April
- Information about White Cloud use
- How to use the GYC website, and what's on it
- How to contact other members or GYC officers
- How to register a complaint, concern or make a suggestion

The notion of a winter newsletter, focused more on members' boating experiences and sharing ideas and stories on sailing, racing and cruising that happened during the sailing season is being explored, with the intent of communicating to members, new and old, the experiences of club colleagues. It would come out in the middle of winter, when we could use a reminder of the summer months and sailing. Think of a short, or long, story about that rock you ran up on last summer, or the unexpectedly perfect anchorage you found. Drop us a line: [communications@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:communications@georgianyachtclub.com)

## GYC Calendar of Events

**Oct 15**      Cradle Moving

**Oct 21/22**   Haul Out

**Oct 22**      Fuel Dock Closes

**Oct 29**      Fall Close-Up Work (a.m.)

**Oct 31**      Financial Year End

**Oct 31**      Membership Year 2022 Ends

# Up Next...

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS : October 2022

**Oct 15**            **Cradle Moving**

**Oct 21/22**       **Haul Out** - Lunch available at 12:00pm

**Oct 22**            **FUEL DOCK CLOSED;** Fuel Pumps, Pump Out & Mast Crane decommissioned

Oct 22            Boats with holding tanks must be out of the water

Oct 29            Fall Close-Up Work in Morning: Coffee before 9:00 a.m.

Oct 30            Optional Rain Date for Fall Close-Up

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       **First day of Membership Year 2022**

**Nov 7 2022**      Board Meeting at 1900 hrs

Nov 16 2022      Ladders and dock skirts Lifted, boats unplugged, all boats out of the water

**Nov 30 2022**     **ANNUAL fees are DUE**

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

**Apr 12 2023**      **AGM** 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

**May 6 2023**       **Launch** Saturday 0800

**May 7 2023**       **Cradle moving** Sunday 0900