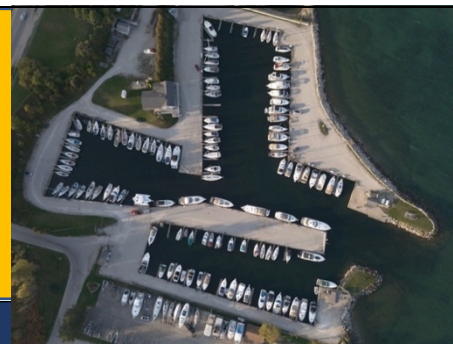




GYC Fall 2023 Newsletter



Georgian Yacht Club – Owen Sound

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Mark Your Calendars Important Dates for 2023*

Oct 20/21	Haulout
Oct 21	Fuel Dock Closes
Oct 28	Project WorkDay

*See Calendar on Page 17 for more dates

Commodore Fall 2023 Report

Dear Club Members,
I hope you have all enjoyed some great days on the water as we watch the boating season sadly come to a close.

You will be receiving reports from the Directors of the work of the committees that has been accomplished since the spring, so I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you some of the work of the Board of Directors on the governance of the Corporation.

Over the past few years a few issues had come to light and seemed to continue to resurface. Some of the issues involved provincial legislation and some were standards in the boating industry. Issues such as privacy standards, code of conduct and membership agreements became recurring themes in our conversations around the Board table. As we began to discuss these things, we started to realize that it would require sound information and a considerable amount of our time. Subsequently the frequent words around the table were “let’s not re-invent the wheel” and so we began a search for templates that would help us to begin to develop documents which the GYC Corporation could benefit from.

We saw that other clubs had policies that were available on the public side of their websites, and we were unfamiliar with these policies. The name, Ontario Sailing Association (OSA), came into our sights, and we requested a presentation for the Board in September of 2022.

We learned that the OSA is a recognized not-for-profit organization in Ontario committed to the promotion and development of all aspects of clubs. OSA is governed by a volunteer board which is elected by the members (the clubs). It consists of over 200 member organizations with boating clubs, sailing schools, camps, and affiliates servicing over 100,000 boaters. (A list of the clubs can be found at the end of this newsletter)

Fifty percent of the boating clubs have both power and sail boats. More information is available on its website. OSA was instrumental in the establishment of Coast Guard approval of inflatable PFD’s and electronic flares. They were also responsible for heading off the recent disaster that would have been the provincial change in Anchoring Rights in Ontario.

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2023 Haulout: October 20 & 21

Commodore Report, Cont'd.

We were intrigued by OSA, not because of the sailing aspect but because of the support we needed that could be provided in governance and administration in a club. After a couple more months of discussion we decided that the professional support which OSA could provide was what we were seeking.

After the GYC Corporation became a member of OSA, we were able to access professionally developed and legally vetted templates of policies, most of which were created for adherence to provincial legislation. We were surprised by how many laws we were unaware of. Years ago, some of these laws did not appear to apply to private clubs such as GYC but upon reading we discovered that the provincial legislation had now throw a much wider net and we now were included, where once we had not.

We got to work only to discover that we were 5 – 20 years behind in adhering to provincial laws. The policy templates which we were reviewing from OSA seemed long and the information was unfamiliar however it was clear that they were professionally developed and quite comprehensive. Upon inquiring we came to find that these documents were all legally vetted and the reason this is made possible is that OSA receives provincial funding as well as working closely and collaborating with other associations such as Sail Canada, the Boating Ontario Association & Ontario Marine Operators Association.

Since our introduction to OSA, the GYC Corporation, using templates, has adopted our own policies to adhere to four provincial legislations specifically for Accessibility (AODA), Privacy, Concussion, and Workplace Violence & Harassment. (These policies can be found on the GYC website in GYC Docs/Bylaws & Regulations)

It is important to realize that OSA does not require its members to adopt these policies, however it does make the templates of the policies available to its members. The government requires that we adhere to the applicable provincial legislation. Change has been hard work all around.

In addition to some of the provincial requirements, we were able to address our concerns of a lack of a Code of Conduct through adoption of a Safe Sport Policy. A

few years ago, after we received a complaint from a member, it was stated by a Director at the Board table that we did not have the tools at hand to respond to a complaint. A tool is now in place within the Safe Sport Policy which serves to provide a response which can be applied consistently, fairly, and reasonably to protect the rights of all parties involved.

Turning to other added benefits of joining the OSA, the GYC has access to legally vetted recommendations for the current work which is required to adhere to the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA). The Bylaws committee is still actively working with information from several legal firms' websites such as CLEO, Carter and Gowling, as well as the OSA. The GYC Corporation has likely saved thousands of dollars at this point, by accessing all these resources.

As we continue to be a member of OSA, the Board will have access to updates and resources for changing legal requirements and best practices. This is a resource that we have previously not had available. The Board of Directors continues to be responsible to manage the affairs of the GYC Corporation to protect the club now and in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

-Becky Middlebrook, Commodore

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Participate in Your Committee!

Each of our club's 17 committees will be going over all our present and familiar routines to write up a Policy and Procedure Manual. This will then be the go-to manual for all of the current day-to-day operations of our club, in one place. Your participation in the work of your committee is important.

Meetings are listed on the GYC website calendar.
<https://www.georgianyachtclub.com/calendar-members/>.

Vice-Commodore/Secretary Report

I do not have a lot to report as Secretary except for the revision of the articles, the by-laws and the new policies and procedures. Our goal is to get everything in place for next October of 2024 when we will need the new article, by-laws and policies and procedures. Much work still has to be done on the policies and procedures and this will be on going with all directors this year.

-Mike Forcier, Vice Commodore

By-Laws Update

Georgian Yacht Club

Incorporated October 30, 1952

Incorporated under the Corporations Act which had been in place for many years prior to our incorporation. Incorporation gives the organization significant privileges and benefits but also places certain obligations on it. Corporations Act was replaced by the Ontario Not-for-profit Corporations Act. Passed in 2010 but not enacted until 2021. All Non-profit corporations, incorporated in Ontario, must bring their corporate governance documents into compliance with the new Act by October 2024. The GYC Bylaws Committee started work on this shortly after 2010 in anticipation of enactment but this kept getting put off by the Ontario Government. Active work by the current committee members began last winter.

You can view an informative slide presentation, with explanatory notes, that Paul Middlebrook presented at the recent By-Laws informational session. Use the link below:

<https://www.georgianyachtclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Bylaws-presentation-Sept-2024.pdf>

Property and Grounds

I hope everyone had an enjoyable, 2023 boating season.

The property committee completed some dock change-outs at the end of May. That included all new T post as well as refurbished fixed docks. We also did some landscaping remediation in regards to the sewage line. The gazebo and the picnic shelter were also stained this season. A big thanks to those who helped out.

And as we approach the end of the season, I am going to ask yet again, anyone with skirts please raise them, or remove them from their dock. Remove any garbage or clutter from around the club and your boat, as snow will be here before we know it, and this will interfere with snow removal.

Respectfully submitted,

- Chris Haslam, Property and Grounds



photos courtesy of Chris Haslam

Mooring

Hello fellow Club Members,

We currently have four vacant slips. The Mooring Committee will be meeting in October to assign boats to these vacancies, we'll prioritize requests from the Dock Request List, then the A List, then the B List.

I would like to remind any Members that are in the market to buy a larger boat that, right now, we do not have room to accommodate additional larger vessels in the Club. If you're thinking about getting a bigger boat, please take a look at the Dock Request List posted on the Mooring Committee page on the website where you will find a healthy backlog of Members looking for bigger slips. Some have been waiting since 2018!

There is no guarantee your new boat will fit on your current dock and you may need to find accommodations outside the Club.

Respectfully Submitted,

-John Griffith, Mooring

Social Committee

The Social Committee has a busy spring and summer organizing the Launch Lunch, Sail Past Dinner, Corn Roast and Commodore at Home. Attendance at events seems to be gradually increasing and will hopefully return to levels seen before COVID. Thanks to all our committee members for their ongoing efforts.



Doug Ryan snagged some great raffle prizes at the Commodore at Home dinner.

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.

-Paul Weitendorf, Social Committee

Wednesday Night Racing



In Memoriam

Obituary:

Member Norman P. Meneray born February 4, 1946 passed away on September 23, 2023 in his 78th year.

We pass along our deepest sympathies to Norm's wife Helen and his daughters Carol Sue of Owen Sound and Jennifer Ann of London and to all of Norm's extended family.

Norm loved boating and was proud to fly our Club's burgee on the many cruising trips he and Helen enjoyed. Norm also loved rebuilding boats and our Club saw two of his finely finished and well maintained vessels. First the N.Helen and then the Tug Pankhurst M with the distinctive horn we'd all hear at Sail Past. Norm contributed to the Club in his years serving on the Board as Property Chair. You can still see the finished projects around the Club where Norm was team leader. Talking with folks around the Club Norm was held in high regard for his quiet honest way. If we could try and describe Norm, he was very loyal to his family and his friends. He was the first to lend a hand and the last to ask for help and of course Norm's sense of humour would always make one smile.

Norm was a true friend and will be missed by many.

- Submitted by Ed Griffith

Membership Update

There are currently 144 Full Members and 39 Associate members. There are 11 Full Members without slips. There are 5 on the A-List (3 of which are Full Members) and 7 on the B-List.

Thank you to all the Sponsors of new member applicants this year! If you are sponsoring an applicant or applying for Full Membership please contact me prior to posting the application on the bulletin board so I can ensure they are included on the agenda for the appropriate Board Meeting.

-Katherine Barton, Membership

Gas Dock and Safety

As the 2023 Season comes to a close, we are busy planning for next season already with capital items required as well as a few maintenance projects to undertake in the spring of 2024.

This season ran smoothly with just a couple of items that were quickly dealt with to ensure the Club was safe and continued to function without any interruption to the membership.

The last day for the gas dock and pump out will be October 21, 2023 ending at 12:00 noon sharp.

We wish to acknowledge our attendant Charlie for operating our Gas Dock area this season and the work he did to help keep the facility running smoothly and for working around the property when required to make our club look well.

Another member we wish to acknowledge is Brad Findlay for his supervision of the Gas Dock and Pumpout and keeping us up to date on safety issues.

We had a select group of volunteers that helped out at times to assist with repairs or step in when required to learn about the procedures of the Gas Dock and help out on occasion. Your assistance is priceless. Thanks to the members and enjoy your off-season.

Respectfully Submitted,

- Stephen Rouse Gas Dock and Safety



"I told Paul to slow down when docking!" (Mark Vincent)

GYC FISHING DERBY

2023 GYC Fishing Derby

We had 42 entrants and had 30 people come out to the fish fry. There were 11 salmon caught for a total of 92.5 lbs.

Chris Haslam won biggest fish with 13.11 lbs., and Rudy Hachey won most pounds per pole with 19.37 lbs.

We would like to thank all of the entrants for donating the fish and a big thank you to all members who helped out with volunteering to help out with derby duties.

- Scott Wilson and Brad Beitz



SAILPAST 2023 – July 17





REMEMBER WHEN?

COMMODORE AWAY

This is a Commodore's away event from the mid 90's at White Cloud Island. A tradition that was carried on for many years, either at Colpoys or White Cloud Island, an event that would see a majority of the membership participate.

The commodore typically supplied corn for a corn roast, and everyone came together with a BYO menu to enjoy together. Well before my time, I would hear stories about a 4- or 5-piece band playing out on Alcatraz. The whole club would dance the night away on the dock.

In the 90's with advent of the "boom box" this tradition was continued, although the music changed slightly. This event allowed people from all over the club to rub shoulders and let their hair down. The dock was often so packed that navigating it was trickier than the North Channel in the fog.

It was a fantastic socializing event, and crowning jewel on the events calendar every year. I hope we see this tradition restored, so that members who are newer to the club get to enjoy the revelry of "Commodore's Away!"

Most sailboats still anchored out and would dinghy in for the festivities, some however did cozy up to the dock for the weekend 3-4 boats out made for a treacherous climb!

-Sara Fenton, GYC Historian



Don Mink, Al & Fran Ramanuskis at Commodore's away White Cloud



Full Dock, boat Lady Bobby (former Commodore Bob Fenton), on the dock Paul Beattie same hat?



Greg with his jet ski neatly tucked in the back of his runabout, no need for fancy lifts or towing rigs! I can also see Pete Adamson's flag in the background and Paul Fenton smiling.

Treasurer Report

Fall 2023 Treasurer Report

Another boating season is quickly coming to a close and we are getting ready for the start of a new year at the GYC

The year end for the GYC is October 31. November 1 will be the start of the new fiscal year 2024. This also will trigger the annual membership billing. Brian MacIntosh has been diligently working on preparing the new invoices and an email message will be sent to you at the end of October. I would like to remind members changes to your launch, haul, or storage plans from what was billed in 2023 should be communicated to Brian MacIntosh at invoicing@georgianyachtclub.com.

You can also always view your invoices on the website under "my GYC" tab after you have logged into your account. Under this page you can update your profile and view your invoice. Payments are due November 30th of each year and a 10% penalty will be charged on all overdue accounts. If someone is making a payment on your behalf, please include the member name on the cheque or e-transfer. Unpaid accounts by the Feb 2021 Board Meeting are subject to cancellation of membership.

As another reminder, proof of insurance should be submitted prior to the expire date to boatinsurance@georgianyachtclub.com or mailed to the clubs address at PO Box 382 Owen Sound, On N4K 5P5. I would like to thank Ralph Suke for managing the boat insurance records for the GYC.

As the fiscal 2023 year is coming to an end income and expenses are in line with the boards plan for the year.

As of August 31, 2023:

The clubs income is \$4,589 above last year and \$1,173 below our budget. Expenses are \$35,404 less than last year and \$15,069 less than budget with two month of expenses remaining. To date this year we have spent \$58,989 on improvements vs a budget of \$77,000.

From the Balance Sheet:

Future infrastructure reserves \$263,023

Property improvement fund \$170,491

Operation fund \$43,413

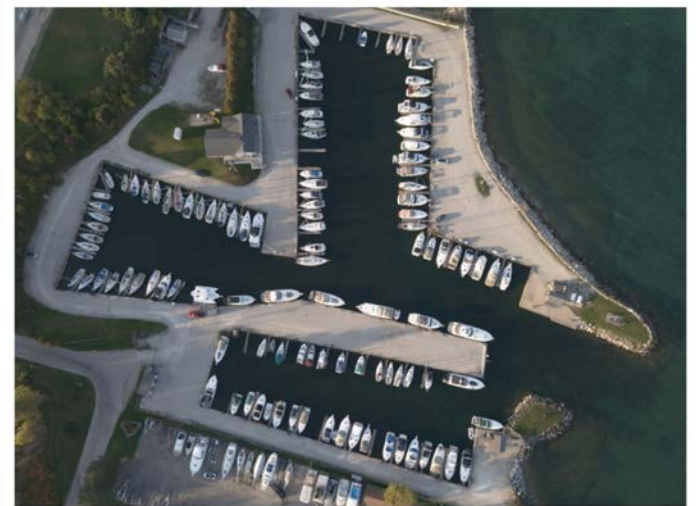
Total Current Assets \$503,504

Total Liabilities Current and Long Term \$18,274

If you have any questions or concerns around invoicing or payment, please feel free to contact me. My email is treasurer@georgianyachtclub.com and phone number is 519-881-6638.

Best Regards

-Peter Struthers, Treasurer.



Drone shot from Charlie- end of September

Have YOU volunteered yet?

Volunteering is an important part of your membership responsibilities. Volunteers are needed in all areas of the club, including the production of this newsletter. Please share your skills and your time. Contact any of the directors to find out how you can help.

On the Rocks

Thanks to John Lehmann for sharing this story.

One of the advantages of belonging to a club like GYC is learning to sail by being mentored by more experienced sailors. Dave Manners, Doug Ryan, Bill Gamble, Don Sweatman, John Kilpatrick and many others have over the years generously shared their expertise and advice with me on seamanship and racing.

I've been a member of this club for 16 years and I'd like to think I've retained a lesson or two from everyone along the way. The thing about sailing is that the learning process is never ending. Case in point. This past week I had a friend and his daughter, very new to sailing but eager to learn, on board during the Wednesday evening fun race. We all learned a lesson that evening the hard way.

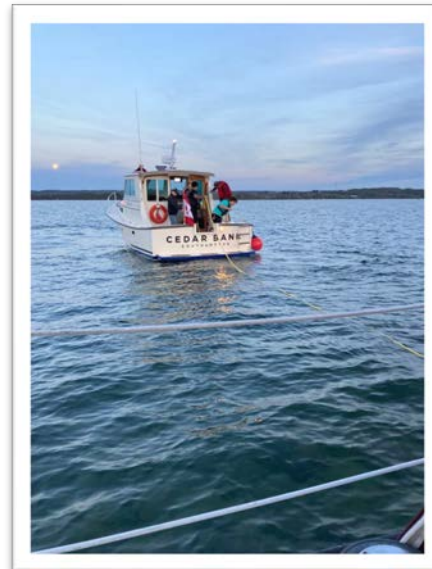
Due to some health issues this was actually my first race of any sort this year. A beautiful warm easterly breeze carried Diversion on one tack to the green can then downwind to the mark at Balmy. All was well as we rounded the mark and headed for home. Then began an unfortunate series of events.

The wind shifted. Ahead, Danae and Frisky both tacked away from the west shore and I foolishly chose to pinch on a close reach in the hope that the knock would shift to a lift. Unfortunately we did not have a "Manner's minute" grace period and I felt the keel bump. Although we turned the wheel hard to port, it was to no avail as I had squandered the opportunity to heel the boat and we were now firmly "on the rocks" in a vertical position. I let the sails go, walked the anchor astern, and flung it as far as I could into the oncoming mercifully small onshore waves.

Looking astern I could see Ella Mae tacking back and forth in the deeper water. Only when my iPhone rang out did I discover that my VHS was not working and Becky was trying to contact me: John Griffith on Cedar Bank was steaming out from the club to give me a tow. I dug out my spare handheld VHS and received contact from John. Becky, low on gas and with night falling, sailed away.

John deftly manoeuvred his trawler in the shallow waters. Ed Griffith, with a full crew of volunteers onboard, threw a nylon tow line with instructions to affix it to a masthead halyard. As Cedar Bank slowly pulled the

line taut I weighed anchor and moved captain and crew to the low side. Mast tipped, boat heeled, keel lifted and with a bit of bumping and grinding we were soon in deeper water. Lessons learned, rudder and prop sound, no water intrusion.



As we powered back to GYC with Cedar Bank escorting us, I tidied up the chaos on deck and reflected on the privilege of being in a club where so many members are willing to lend assistance at a moment's notice. Thanks a million to everyone who helped out that night.

- John Lehmann

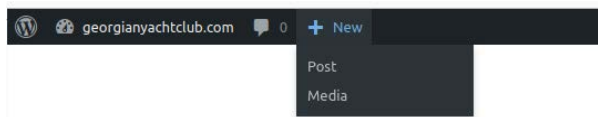
Share Your Trip Reports for Our 2024 Winter Newsletter



Share your story - How to post a Trip report

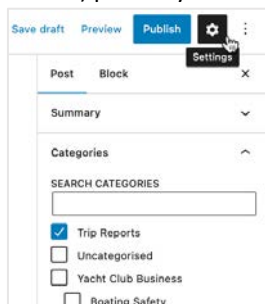
There is a new menu entry on the GYC website: "Trip Reports". You can put up your short or long note about a trip you've been on, or one you're planning.

1. Sign in to the GYC Website
2. Look for the + sign on the top menu bar
3. Click on that + and choose Post.



You'll then find yourself in the editor. Paste (or type) your report in and paste (or choose) photos you'd like to add.

After adding text and/or photos go over to the Categories choice in the menu on the right and click the Trip Report box.



That's it. Preview your entry if you like (click on the Preview button at the top) or just Publish it by clicking on the Publish button at the top.

If there is any material you'd like only club members to see, use the Read More tag. Trevor has a short note on how to do that below.

OR, just send us your notes or story and we'll put them up, no problem. Then others can benefit from your experiences

- Joseph Hardin, Communications/Newsletter
communications@georgianyachtclub.com

Member Website Updates

INSURANCE REMINDERS:

We automated insurance renewal reminders. You should now receive an email 30 days before your insurance is due to expire. The email will appear to come from the webmaster, but there are links to boat insurance and mooring. You can forward a copy of the certificate to boatinsurance@georgianyachtclub.com as soon as it's available. Or, if your broker sends it for you, you might want to make sure they remember! If the information we have on file is incorrect, e.g. your boat is not docked at the club, please let mooring know.

MULTIPLE BOATS ON FLEET LIST:

I also made it possible for a member to have more than one boat. This can happen short term during the fishing season, for the whole summer if a member wants both power and sail or if a member is trying to sell a boat. Until now there was no easy way to track a second boat's insurance or add billing information. One boat must be designated as "Primary." In the fleet list both boats would appear. If you have a picture of your boat in your profile, I assume it's for the primary.

IMPROVED SEARCH OPTIONS:

Also on the subject of the fleet list: I often saw in the logs that members were desperately searching for a boat by its dock. This was something I had not foreseen. You could only search by a boat's name (or partial name). Now, if you know the dock, you can search by that. If you only know the basin, you could enter just "B", "G", "R" or "Y". Remember that on the database docks numbered 0 through 9 have a leading zero. That's so they sort correctly.

e.g. Y2 will find all the docks Y20-Y29.
 Y02 will find only that one dock.

I made a similar change to the member lists. You can search for a (partial) member name or boat name.

-Trevor Stokes, Webmaster

Haulout 2023 - October

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer out on the water. Like all good things they seem to come to an end. Being a director for Haul out and Launch, it has been a fairly busy month trying to look after requests and changes to where everyone goes for the winter.

I would ask everyone to look at the board inside the front door at the clubhouse the week before haulout to confirm where you will be located for the winter. There are a few changes but nothing major. I've tried to make it a little easier with less movement of boats. Cradle moving will take place 9:00 on October 14th, we will be needing members with trucks to help move cradles. Remember if you have steel toed boots - wear them.

As usual, the larger power boats will come out Friday Oct 20th starting around 11:00. The rest of the boats will come out Saturday Oct 21st starting at 8:00. The large crane will start at the gas docks and work around to the mast crane. Around 1:00 pm the sailboats in front of the club house get lifted and after that any leftover trailered boats. The small crane will start in the NE a corner of the West basin and work around to South Gate counter-clockwise, finishing up around Diversion for lunch and then continuing around to the South Gate. Make sure you are there early as sometimes it goes much faster.

Remember to raise your dock skirts and the ladder at the end of your dock if equipped. Any ladder that you keep at your boat while on the hard must be locked so they cannot be removed!

We will have work crews to look after the boat during lift-out, but remember you are to be there to assure your boat is lifted properly and set on stands or in the cradle properly. Sling stickers will be available. Make sure you have minimum 30ft lines attached bow and stern. Once your boat is finished you are free to work on it.

If your boat is being stored at the club, we need to know asap to plan where it will be stored for the winter. New members and any boats different from last year, contact me.

Mark Vincent, Haulout and Launch Director
Markgrease@yahoo.ca



Our boat.



*Sue Bueller, Meagan Boivert and Kathy Vincent
@ Moon River Falls*



Kayaking in the Bad River



Gambles stop by in Marion Cove

GYC Haulout 2023

Friday, October 20, 10:30 a.m. and Saturday October 21, 8 am

Dear GYC Members,

Please read carefully:

Watch your email for the
haulout schedule.

Cradle moving will take place on Saturday October 14 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. 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 by Friday evening. You must have a bow and a stern line at least 30' long. Please lead them down so they are accessible from the ground.

Our major contact 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, you can then 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.

GYC CALENDAR OF EVENTS: 2023 Membership Year

Nov 1, 2022, to Oct 31 2023:

Oct 14	2023	Cradle Moving 9:00am
Oct 20 & 21		Haul Out 20 st – 10:30am. 21 st – 08:00am
Oct 21		Fuel Pumps, Pump Out & Mast Crane decommissioned.
Oct 28		Fall Workday and lunch. 9:00am
Oct 31		Financial Year End (All Expenses Submitted)
Oct 31		Membership Year 2023 Ends.
		Changes to Membership & Dock Release Due .
Oct 31		All Invoices for 2024 Dues and Fees will be sent out by or before today.

GYC CALENDAR OF EVENTS: 2024 Membership Year

Nov 1, 2023, to Oct 31 2024:

Nov 1	2023	First day of Membership Year 2024
Nov 6		Board Meeting at 1900 hrs
Nov 15		Ladders and dock skirts Lifted by Members, unplug boats, all boats out of water.
Nov 30		<u>ANNUAL fees are DUE.</u>
TBA		TBA Christmas Potluck
Dec 4		Board Meeting at 1900 hrs
Jan 8	2024	Board Meeting at 1900 hrs.
Jan 8		Late Dues Final Notice
Feb 5		Board Meeting at 1900 h
Feb 5		Membership Cancellation if dues not paid.
Mar 4		Board Meeting at 1900 h.
Mar		Financial Report Available after March Board mtg
Mar 29		(Easter-Good Friday)
Apr 2 Tuesday		Board Meeting at 1900 h
Apr 4		Director Reports-Spring newsletter are due.
Apr 10		AGM at 19:00h [2 nd Wed of April]
Apr 11		NEW Board Begins
Apr TBA		Launch meeting 9:00am
Apr TBA		Social – Ice breaker
May 4		Launch Saturday 0800 (1 st Saturday of May)
May 5		Cradle moving Sunday 0900
May 6		Board Meeting at 1900 h
May 11		Property WORKDAY and lunch 9:00 am.
May TBA		Fuel Dock opens.
Jun TBA		Meet & Greet 8:30 and Equipment Day 9:45
Jun 3		Board Meeting at 1900h
Jun 4		Board Meetings on Pause until Sep
Jun 15		*Saturday*Sail Past Skippers' Meet 1300h (Father's Day weekend)
		Divine Service 1330h, Salute 1400h, Dinner 1730h
Jun 17		*Sunday* Sail Past Race

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