



# GYC Spring 2025 Newsletter



Georgian Yacht Club – Owen Sound

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## Mark Your Calendars Important Dates for 2025

May 3	Launch Day
May 10	Spring Work Day
May 31	New Member Day
June 14	Sailpast
June 15	Sailpast Race
Aug 9	Commodore Away
Sept 12-13	GYC Fishing Derby
Sept 27	Commodore @ Home
Oct 25	Haulout

## Commodore Spring 2025 Report

The winter of 2024/2025 will be remembered as one of those winters of years passed, we received approximately 14 feet of snow this last winter and we have had serious issues with docks this year. The property committee has set up a special work group to get the docks ready for launch and please pay attention to all e-mails for the club this spring as we may be asking for additional participation from our members to assist in getting the docks repaired.

The Board has recognized that our facilities are and we truly have a gem of a club on beautiful Georgian Bay. The founding members set up this club over 75 years ago and we are the grateful benefactors of their work and decisions made many years ago. However, we need to develop plans to maintain and develop this club for our members. The Board has decided to develop a longer-term plan than just this year or next year and come out with a 5-to-10-year plan for the club.

To develop this plan the Board has contracted with ShorePlan, a coastal and marine engineering company. This contract will include inspection of our club's basin walls and docks and document the condition for remaining life and required repairs. They will also conduct bathymetric and topographic surveys and inform of dredging needs and basin plans. They will be providing maintenance and repair options for various terms to include short term options, 3 to 5 year and for a 10-year time frame. This will help maintain the viability of the club and benefit to all members.

**-New Member and Activity Day will be on Saturday May 31, 2025.** All members (new and existing) are invited this year and there will be a free lunch for all that attend. We will have education on how to use the AED machine which could save one of our lives. We will also have education on how to use the mast crane, pump out and gas dock. We will have education on how to use the oil boom and what should be done in case of a gas or diesel spill. This is vital information that all our member should know. I hope as many members as possible can attend this day.

**-Sailpast is on Saturday June 14, 2025,** and is a fun day when we celebrate our club and safe boating and sailing for the season. It is a day all members should attend and socialize with all members. The festivities start at 1:00 p.m. and end with the evening meal together, more details will follow.

**-Commodore Away Saturday August 9, 2025,** at White Cloud Island. Last year the Commodore Away was re-instituted after many years of not happening was a success.

**-The GYC Fishing Derby shall be on Friday Sept 12 and Saturday September 13, 2025,** and I encourage all members to attend.

**-Commodore at home will be held on September 27, 2025,** and this is always a well-attended event, looking forward to having a great turn out, details to follow.

*Let's hope for a sunny happy safe boating and sailing season for all members.*

*-Mike Forcier, Commodore*

## Vice Commodore Report

As another boating season approaches and everyone's getting boats ready, I would like to welcome new members and look forward to seeing everyone else, as we once again have a full house. We have gained some new members, and lost a few throughout the winter of 24-25', including 2 past Commodores.

I would like to encourage all members to come out for Sail Past on June 14, 2025. I, like many new members, was unaware of the significance of Sail Past. This is a "rite of passage" as a member of the GYC, so get your boat shined up, and ready for an afternoon cruise, bring family members, friends/guests for an afternoon on the water, with dinner to follow. If a member is unable to attend, traditional protocol is to speak with the Commodore for permission to be absent. As well, all masts should be stepped or removed from the vessel.

Have a great boating season

Regards,

*-Christopher Haslam, Vice Commodore/Secretary*

## New GYC Insurance Policy

**New Policy – Named Insurance Certificates.** The GYC is requiring that it be listed as a 3rd party certificate holder on all insurance policies for vessels store or operated on GYC property. This change serves two purposes; firstly, that the GYC be notified of any changes or cancellations to your policy so that we may request updated information for our records in the event of a change or cancellation, and secondly it would automate the renewal process so that your insurance company or broker would send the renewals directly to the GYC each year. This would eliminate the need for members to self-submit insurance and reduce any delays in obtaining insurance documents. If you have any questions contact Boatinsurance@georgianyachtclub.com

### How do you obtain a named certificate?

Simple! Send a request to your insurance company or broker requesting a named certificate holder for the GYC. Provide the GYC address and email contact below for the certificate and have your insurance provider email a copy directly to the GYC.

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## Launch and Haulout

It is almost time again to lift the boats into the water. Lift in this year, as always, is the first Saturday in May. This year is Saturday May 3rd starting at 8 am. **If you are not able to attend the launch of your boat, you must notify the Acting Launch & Haul out Director Mark Vincent (519-378-5647 Cell or 519-371-5535 Home), no later than Friday May 2nd. If any questions or concerns, contact Mark.**

The large crane will be starting in front of the clubhouse and moving towards the mast crane. The large crane will then head out to the Northeast corner of the club starting with Brian MacIntosh and continuing towards the gas dock. The plan which of course is always subject to change is to finish at the gas dock about noon. Afternoon with the large crane will be at the old gas dock starting with Menno and heading East.

Small crane will be starting at Chambers Two then Ross Burrows boat then the 3 boats in front of the South washrooms. Small crane will then be moving clockwise around the West Basin to finish at the clubhouse. Lunch break for the small crane is usually about the bottom of the gravel hill (NW corner of West Basin). The SW corner of the West basin is always a very congested area. If your boat is getting lifted into this area, please be ready to move it out to another location to allow other boats to get lifted in.

Cradle moving will be the day after the lift in, Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9am. Nick Sewell will be helping again with his boom truck. Plan to haul cradles with trucks from around the club up the gravel hill, unhook, then the truck will continue around the boom truck and out the manual gate to fetch another cradle while that cradle is lifted into the rack.

If you have any thoughts about selling your boat please let us know so that we can make sure your cradles is stored more accessibly.

*-Kurtis Mink, Launch and Haulout Director*

**PLEASE REVIEW THE  
LAUNCH AND HAULOUT  
GUIDELINES ON PAGE 8**



## Planning Committee

It sure has been a long winter and we are all looking forward to a great season of boating.

The Planning Committee has been quite engaged over the winter developing a long-term business plan for our club. We have taken the first steps to structure how to forecast future demands for scheduled maintenance and any improvements to be worked on over the next 5 to 15 years. This approach for a 5-year plan has been considered previously and we are utilizing past experience at GYC and other Yacht Clubs which have been consulted to learn from their approach.

A new swim dock will be installed in June this year. We will be repurposing the dock that was damaged last year and a proper walkway and steps into the water will be part of the new design to make it easy to safely get in and out of the water. Thanks to Dylan Downy from Docks Unlimited who were the successful company for design, build and installation.



*AGUAV surveyors- taking a break during the bathymetric survey*

You may have noticed some inspections taking place at GYC this spring. One of our budgeted expenditures in 2025 is to investigate the dock layout, the depths of our basins, and wall infrastructure to understand future vulnerabilities.

- ✓ Inspect dock walls and docks, documenting condition for remaining life and required repairs. They will also review dock and anchoring systems' status.
- ✓ Conduct a bathymetric (water) and topographic (land) surveys and inform us of dredging needs and basin plans.
- ✓ Assess shore structures and docks, providing maintenance and repair options for various terms (short-term, 3-5 years, and 10 years).
- ✓ Review our dock layout and suggest improvements considering current and future club members.

I hope everyone enjoys the 2025 season.

*-Jason Lehtovaara, Planning Committee Director*

## Treasurer's Report

Another boating season is quickly coming, and we are getting ready for the start of a new year at the GYC. This year was the first year that mooring was billed using square feet. All full members with a mooring pay a standard common membership and maintenance/utility fee. Mooring is the third common fee to all members based on the size of their boat.

The use of square feet for boat size provides a more balanced approach to mooring fees than the old calculation. Some members also pay optional fees for lift, haul and storage. Brian MacIntosh works diligently on preparing the invoices to GYC members and associates. If you are planning any changes to your lift, haul, or storage please communicate this to Brian MacIntosh at [invoicing@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:invoicing@georgianyachtclub.com).

You can also always view your invoices on the website under the "my GYC" tab after you have logged into your account.

The GYC is also exploring the bookkeeping needs for the club. In the past this service has been fulfilled by the treasurer. We are looking at either contracting this to a third-party provider or having a member provide this service, working with the treasurer. The hours required to fulfill this position runs between 5 and 8 hours per week. If members have any service contractors they would recommend or are interested themselves in supporting the club, please reach out to me.

*-Peter Struthers, Treasurer*

## Property and Building Report

Hello fellow GYC members,  
I hope everyone survived the winter ok. We had our fair share of snow and cold and I for one, made it through this challenging winter in large part because of the prospect of the coming boating season which brings among other things, camaraderie with fellow GYC members!

It has been an interesting first year on the GYC board for me. The property and building committee proves to be challenging at times.

My first action as the Property and Buildings committee chairperson was to create an online "job jar". We had good participation on that front, and I anticipate that with the new season, the jar will fill up rapidly again as we move into summer. You can find the job jar on the building and property page of our website. If you complete a job, please let me know so I can remove it from the jar.

One major equipment failure we had in 2024 was the south gate. With the help of members and their local connections, we were able to complete a major repair and return the gate to service after an extended period of unavailability. I am grateful to the membership for their patience during this time.

The 2024/2025 winter threw some significant challenges our way as well. Snow removal was more frequent than usual and finding room to store the snow was a problem. We deployed our snow removal contractor to truck some snow away to make room for subsequent snow days. The basins had significant ice formations and to top it all off, we had unusual low water levels, exposing some legacy wooden pilings.

This created a perfect storm and some of our floating docks sustained damage as the result of getting hung up on the wooden pilings and ice.

The property and building committee has formed a dock sub-committee to deal with the winter related challenges and to maintain momentum with our dock repair program. This spring there will be increased activity to ensure every member has a safe dock to moor their boat on.

This will be achieved by replacing some docks that have been damaged beyond cost effective repair, repairing

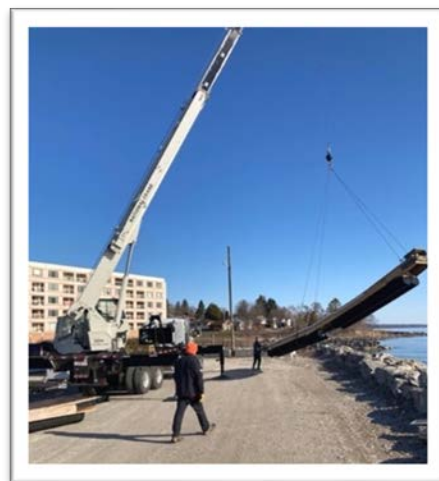
docks with minor damage and repairing 5 docks in the west basin as part of our dock repair program. At times, members may be asked to move their boat to a designated alternate dock while repair/replace activities are taking place. Please try to accommodate the crew as best you can and if you are unable to, we can arrange for assistance.

Looking forward, the property and building committee will continue to serve the membership by performing our annual activities such as maintaining the gravel roadway surface, installing those pesky speed bumps, organizing a spring clean-up day, arranging grounds keeping contracts and getting ready for sail past.

As always, any and all help is appreciated when it comes to maintaining our property and keeping it clean and orderly, and if you have any concerns, feel free to contact me or drop by the Vrouwe Morgan if you see me on board.

Happy boating everyone!

*- Menno Harmsen, Property and Building Director*





## Mooring Report

Hello fellow Members of the Georgian Yacht Club!

The Mooring Committee met over the winter to complete nine dock moves and four new dock assignments to ensure our basins are full of boats this season. The Mooring Committee strives to ensure not only that there are no vacant docks but also ensures that docks are assigned in the fairest way possible for all Members to enjoy safely. I would like to thank the Mooring Committee for coming together and evaluating the dock moves and dock assignments to make sure all Club Members are getting fair access to our Club.



Over the winter did you come down with a case of two-foot-itis? 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 any additional larger boats 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 for many years. There is no guarantee your new boat will fit on your current dock, and you may need to find accommodations outside the Club while you wait. I would like to thank all the Members that have contacted me about changing docks.

If you are going to be away for weeks on end this summer, please consider letting me know when you leave and when you expect to return, this may allow me to put a transient visitor on your dock while you're away. Not only does this let the Club collect a small transient dock fee, but more importantly it shows off our

incredible facility to visiting boaters and solidifies our position as the envy of all of Georgian Bay!

Hey Sponsors! Please inform your new applicants about the realities of our waiting lists, and that once they become new Members they must wait two full boating seasons before requesting a larger dock.

*-John Griffith, Mooring Director*

## Gas Dock & Safety

**GYC is currently looking for a Gas Dock Attendant.** A Help Wanted ad will be posted on our website and is also on page 12 of this newsletter. If you know of a person looking for a summer job, please have them apply.

I am pleased to inform you that our Gas Dock is planning to open Saturday, May 10th. We hope to be adding Monday nights this year, only for July and August.

As a Volunteer organization, everyone should go online and take the "FREE" Oil Spill Prevention and Response For Marina Staff course (<http://boats.org>), you never know when you may be called upon to assist in stopping or reducing an Environmental incident.

In the past, the area around the Gas Dock was used for winter storage of materials such as picnic tables. Having attended a TSSA audit and comments from our insurance auditor, materials can no longer be stored in the area due to fire loading and emergency access requirements. Please find a new location for your items.

**Captains will be required to verbally specify "gas" or "diesel" on arrival.** Our Gas Dock Attendant will repeat this back as a verification, so please don't be surprised. Captains, please have an idea of how much fuel you will require, this will also assist our Attendant in their work. Payment for fuel will be by cheque or e-transfer. Access Cards and burgees are for sale as well. These can be cash or e-transfer as well but will be a separate transaction.

Last fall, we had two issues with the Pump-out. Our pump cannot handle solids. Johnson Pumps and Motors rebuilt one pump and is going to repair the spare. They found non-degradable products jammed in the impeller. The Pumpout failing twice in the week before Haulout caused inconvenience to our Members trying to prepare

for winter. **Please remember to flush the line after use and to shut off the pump.**

Finally, for the fuel pump: **Please do not use the Emergency Stop button unless it is a true emergency!** Power to the pump battery is affected. You may hear a low hum with the gas dock closed, however this is normal.

If you have any concerns, please contact a member of the Gas Dock & Safety Committee.

*-Murray Arnold, Gas Dock & Safety Director*

## Social Committee

### ***This Past Year***

I would first like to thank the true-blue, self-starter members of this Committee, who always respond to the call and work so hard to make every Social Committee occasion or assisted event a wonderful success and have good fun and camaraderie in doing so. Hats off you, the team!

I was privileged and honoured, upon Paul Weitendorf's retirement as Chair of our Committee, to accept the position upon being elected as one of the new Members of the Board of Directors at last year's AGM. To my relief, Paul has both stayed on the Committee and has frequently helped this newbie on numerous occasions, as I navigate the unknown waters of the Committee's business.

During our fiscal year 2024 (October 2023 to November 2024) our committee enjoyed planning for, assisting in and/or hosting and supporting the usual social gatherings and occasions, including:

- Cradle-Moving and Haul-Out: Oct. 14 & 21, 2023
- Christmas Party, Dec. 2, 2023
- Spring Icebreaker, Pot-Luck and Trivia Night, Apr. 13, 2024
- Lift-In, May 4, 2024
- Spring Clean-Up, May 11, 2024
- Sailpast and Dinner, Jun. 15, 2024
- Commodore at Home, Sep. 21, 2024
- Christmas Pot-Luck Party – "Cancelled due to weather", Nov. 30, 2024

As you can see, this past year saw the Social Committee organize and host most of the usual social events, with a couple of exceptions.

The first exception was cancellation of the September Corn Boil at the Club, which was replaced by a corn boil hosted by the Commodore at Whitecloud, during the revised tradition of the Commodore Away.

Our harsher and less cooperative than usual winter led to the other exception, the reluctantly cancelled annual Christmas Party, scheduled for November 30th. An alternative between-seasons get together has, however, was held on March 29th, with our "Canada Eh? – Get Your Canada On" potluck and games night.

### ***Coming New Year***

We are looking forward to the upcoming year, planning on hosting most, if not all, the usual events. We are also looking at possibly hosting a between-seasons (winter) guest speaker night get-together, likely also including a pot-luck or some other form of dinner together, if we can source an appropriate candidate. We welcome any suggestions for a possible speaker from our members. Just contact me, or any of our committee members with your suggestions.

### ***Something Borrowed – Something New?***

In addition to keeping true-to-our-traditions, in planning and hosting our usual annual get-togethers, our committee is also always on the hunt for new ideas, both to shake-up and spice-up the traditional events, and regarding possibly adding new events to our Club Calendar. There is no such thing as a bad idea (to be considered, at least), so let us know if "you" have any ideas to spice up or add to the "Social" life of the GYC. Again, contact me or any Committee member.

### ***In Memoriam***

This past calendar year was also marked by a very sad event, both for our Club as a whole and especially for our committee, with the passing of our former long-term Committee Chair, Carl Inglis on November 9, 2024. Carl will be missed by one and all. I will personally miss his support and friendship, our occasionally sharing of a Rickard's Red on my boat, and especially the good-natured competition between the two of us – in his always out-selling me with the Raffle Ticket sales at our special events – including his physically chasing me out of "his" sales area of the Club, when I would try to sneak a few extra sales at his expense. Rest in Peace my friend! You are missed by us all.

### ***Committee Membership***

We currently have a small, but very dedicated team of regulars, that make the magic happen for you, the Members of the GYC, at every special event – but we

would be more than happy to have new faces, with new ideas, join our ranks. If you would like to become a part of our small, but mighty, group of volunteers, get hold of me (or any Committee Member) and let us know. We would love to have the pleasure of your company and your participation in making (and “keeping”) our wonderful Club a great place to “Socialize.”

*-John Gilbert, Social Committee*

## Membership Update

Spring is here and we are all waiting patiently (some of us more than others) for the boating season to begin here at the GYC! We are still a very attractive option for local boaters looking to take full advantage of southern Georgian Bay and everything she has to offer. We have seen a dramatic uptick in the number of fishing boat enquiries, which will serve as a fantastic addition to our already diverse boating population here at the GYC. This will likely result in an exciting fall fishing tournament which has gained in popularity thanks to the efforts of Scott Wilson and Brad Beitz.

With our support of local programs like The Breakwinders sailing club in Wiarton, (a program teaching young people the art of sailing), continued Sail Racing, and the reinvigoration of the Commodores Cruise we have a jam-packed season ahead for all types of boaters!



*Commodores Cruise 2024*

### **Looking Ahead:**

We will be combining the Equipment Training Day with the New Member/Associate BBQ this year in an effort to educate as well as socialize with our newest GYC'ers. Date May 31st, more to be announced stay tuned for a free lunch!



*Commodores Cruise circa mid 1990's*

### **Membership Report**

Currently we have 148 full Members, and 31 Associates. There are 16 Members without slips, 3 on the A List, and 13 on the B List.



*Bob Fenton past Commodore wearing a GYC Hat*

### **GYC Swag**

There will be an effort to bring back GYC swag, (hats, shirts, mugs). Anyone that would like to play a part in the design should reach out to me so that we can get started for a mid 2025 season debut.

### **Historian**

As always, your contribution to club history is greatly appreciated, please feel free to share photos, videos, or stories on the club Facebook page. If you would like your photos or stories to be posted to the club website, please send to [membership@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:membership@georgianyachtclub.com) !

*-Sarah Fenton, Membership Director*

## Launch and Haulout Guidelines

**IMPORTANT – Everyone should Read!This!**

Fenders, lines, and sling pads must be in place by Friday evening. You must have **a bow** and **TWO stern lines** 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 that lines are secured, and then move 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.

### Launch and Haul Out Committee

- Plans the placement of boats for winter storage
- Arranges for crane services and plans crane schedule

### Crane Captain

- Wears different safety vest to allow for easy identification.
- Contacts work crew members to ensure attendance and reviews proper procedures before crew begins tasks.
- Co-ordinates cradle placement and spaces cradles to allow maximum of 4ft. between hulls
- Co-ordinates boat traffic before haul out and after launch.
- Participates in decision making when necessary.

### Boat Owner

- Is present at launch or designates an agent and provides information to committee in writing at least a week prior failing which attendance or appointment of an agent by a member, the member is deemed to have given permission to the Haul Out crew to use their best judgement in carrying out the launching of the vessel, and is further deemed to waive any and all claims for any and all damages as may be sustained during the launching.
- 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.
- Is present for cradle moving one week before haul out and the day after launch – or when otherwise specified.
- Responsible, as always, for their guests (e.g. their safety, where they park, and what they do)
- Boat owner shall ensure that no persons under 18 years of age are present in the work area during launch or haul out

### Work Crew

- Act in a safe manner and always be aware of crane activity.
- Stay clear of crane, do not stand under a vessel in slings.
- Must wear safety vests while working on launch crew for easy identification by boat owner and crane operators.
- Fulfill same task during shift. ie lines, slings etc

### 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.

### REMEMBER – Do's and Don'ts:

**Do** have your sling stickers clearly in place

**Do** have your boat prepared for lift by having: attached bumpers/fenders **one bow and Two stern lines**, that are adequate length to safely handle the boat throughout the entire lift.

**Do** position your boat at dock before haul out 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

**Reminder: Appendix D of Launch and Haul out. All painting on the hull must be completed 48 hours ahead of launch, to avoid getting paint on the slings and other boats.**



## Join us on June 14, 2025 - GYC Sailpast

### The Tradition of Sailpast

The Sailpast tradition began at the first Yacht Club that was formed at Cowes in England nearly 200 years ago. The membership at Cowes was primarily aristocratic and many were familiar with naval practice and tradition. Cowes Yacht Club subsequently changed its name to the Royal Yacht Squadron and certain social graces were added to the traditional naval practices.

The actual “review of the fleet” is steeped in more than 600 years of Royal Navy tradition and history and was introduced in Yacht clubs as a continuation of the naval habit of having Admirals (and/or Royalty) review the fleet on special occasions.



Protocol demanded that a flagship be anchored with the Admiral and staff on the quarterdeck to receive and return the salute. Vessels sailed past, dipping their colours in salute, and with their captain also saluting with the ship's company standing at attention. The Vice Admiral would lead the fleet passing in review and the final vessel in the line would carry the Rear Admiral.

Our Yacht Club tradition is almost identical, except that the salute is received by the Commodore instead of the Admiral and the salute is delivered by the passing boat, if under sail, by luffing its jib, or, if under power, by dipping its ensign. All of the crew on the saluting boat stands at attention facing the Commodore, who is the only one to salute by hand. If there is insufficient wind, sailboats should have their engines on.

Protocol dictates that until the Sailpast is completed, only the flagship may be dressed (strung with bunting and flags). However, after the Sailpast, participating yachts are encouraged to dress on returning to their dock.

By precedent, Sailpast is a formal event that officially opens the boating season. The Navy and many yacht clubs also follow the Sailpast with a “Blessing of the Fleet”, a long-standing European tradition, first practiced in Portugal, of seeking divine providence to those who labored or ventured on the sea to assure good harvest, safe passage and safe return. At IYC the Sailpast is accompanied by dressing the clubhouse and flagpole and a formal raising of the national flag, accompanied by a cannon salute. The ceremony is followed by a reception on the lawn.

Like most boating activities, Sailpast is somewhat weather dependent. We all hope for a bright sunny day, calm seas and just enough wind to propel the boats around the course in an orderly fashion. But Mother Nature does not always cooperate. In that case a sailor's ingenuity comes into play. Tradition dictates that all club members participate in the Sailpast, on their own or on another member's yacht. Good manners require that a member unable to participate will send his/her regrets to the Commodore.



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The club also has the following, dedicated email addresses.

Email Address	Notes
<a href="mailto:boatinsurance@georgianyachtclub.com">boatinsurance@georgianyachtclub.com</a>	Send your boat's insurance certificate to this address. Or give the address to your broker. Most brokers will send the certificate each year when renewed.
<a href="mailto:invoicing@georgianyachtclub.com">invoicing@georgianyachtclub.com</a>	Invoices will be sent to you from this address. You will also use this when paying Membership Dues and Fees with an E-transfer payment.
<a href="mailto:webmaster@georgianyachtclub.com">webmaster@georgianyachtclub.com</a>	Use this email address for issues with logging on, problems with the web site , etc.

## GYC Calendar

### Georgian Yacht Club. Calendar of Events

May 3 – Oct 31, 2025

<b>May 3</b>	<b>Launch</b> Saturday 0800. (1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of May)
<b>May 4</b>	<b>Cradle moving</b> Sunday 0900
May 5	Board Meeting at 1900 h
<b>May 10</b>	<b>Spring Work Day and lunch 9:00 am.</b>
<b>May 10</b>	<b>Fuel Dock opens.</b>
<b>May 31</b>	<b>New Members Meet and Greet</b>
Jun 2	Board Meeting at 1900h
Jun 4	Board Meetings on Pause until Sep
<b>Jun 14</b>	<b>*Saturday* Sail Past</b>
<b>Jun 15</b>	<b>*Sunday* Sail Past Race</b>
Jul 7	Board Meeting at 1900h
Aug 4	Board Meeting at 1900h
<b>Aug 9</b>	<b>Commodore Away</b>
Sept 1	Board Meeting at 1900h
<b>Sept 12-13</b>	<b>Fishing Derby</b>
<b>Sept 27</b>	<b>Commodore at Home</b>
Oct 6	Board Meeting at 1900h
<b>Oct 25</b>	<b>Haulout</b>
Oct 31	Membership Year Ends. Changes to membership and Dock Releases due

## Help Wanted – Gas Dock

The Georgian Yacht Club (GYC) is currently taking applications for a Gas Dock Attendant.

The Gas Dock Attendant is responsible for assisting boaters with fueling their vessels. This would involve dispensing fuel, ensuring proper safety procedures, and potentially providing other services like docking assistance and maintaining a clean and organized fuel dock area.

- This is a seasonal Part-time position offering 12.75 – 17 hours/week.
- Shifts will be 4:00-8:15 P.M. Wednesdays & Fridays and 8:00 am -12:15 Saturdays.
- Extra shifts will be available Monday nights for July & August.
- Here's a more detailed look at the role:
- Responsibilities:
  - Greet and assist club members in a friendly and professional manner
  - Operate fuel pumps and accurately dispense fuel to boats, following safety guidelines
  - Monitor fuel levels and promptly reorder supplies when necessary
  - Verify payments through e-transfer or cheque
  - Maintain a clean and organized fuel dock, including regular equipment checks and cleanup
  - Collaborate with Gas Dock Director to ensure safe and efficient operation
  - Report any issues to Gas Dock Director
  - Grounds maintenance around the Club house as directed

### **Qualifications:**

- Previous experience in customer services role, preferably in a marina or fueling environment would be an asset
- Age 15 years and older
- Willingness to complete Oil Spill Prevention and Response For Marina Staff (<http://boats.org>) and WHMIS courses (fees covered by GYC)
- Basic knowledge of boating and fueling procedures is an asset
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to handle small cash transactions
- Comfortable working in an outdoor environment
- Attention to detail and a commitment to providing excellent customer service
- Willingness to adhere to safety regulations and guidelines

### **How to apply:**

**Resumes will be accepted until May 03, 2025 at with a start date of May 11, 2025.**

**Please forward your Cover letter and resume to: [treasurer@georgianyachtclub.com](mailto:treasurer@georgianyachtclub.com)**