



GYC Fall 2025 Newsletter



Georgian Yacht Club – Owen Sound

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Mark Your Calendars Important Dates for 2025*

Oct 18	Cradle Moving
Oct 24/25	Haulout
Oct 24	Fuel Dock Closes
Oct 31	Membership Year Ends

*See Calendar on Page 20 for more dates

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Commodore's Message

June 14, 2025, was a beautiful day for the Georgian Yacht Club's Sail Past. The weather was perfect, and it was a wonderful sight to watch all the powerboats and sailboats coming down the bay to offer their salute. It was truly a memorable occasion, capped off with a lovely dinner and excellent entertainment.

I hope everyone enjoyed a fantastic summer! While I didn't get out on our beautiful bay as often as I would have liked, it was still a season full of great memories. We've also been busy at the club with major improvements: docks are being replaced, with five more new docks still to be installed. The old floating docks have been retired, and we are working with ShorePlan, a marine engineering company, to create a 10- to 15-year development and maintenance plan for our club. Our goal is to ensure the Georgian Yacht Club thrives for our children and grandchildren to enjoy for generations to come.

On August 9, we hosted Commodore Away at White Cloud Island. While the turnout was modest, the weather, company, and—of course—the delicious potluck dinner made it a wonderful day. On September 27, we enjoyed another Commodore at Home social night, where both the food and entertainment were excellent.

As we look ahead, planning is already underway for next year. We are also focusing on strengthening member accountability and participation to help keep the club running smoothly. For now, we turn to haul-out season, wishing everyone a safe wrap-up as we put our boats away after another great year on the bay.

-Mike Forcier, Commodore
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Vice-Commodore/Secretary Report



Well, another season has come and gone. Hope everyone had a chance to get out on the water and enjoy the beautiful weather. We made it to the East shore for a couple weeks of rest and relaxation, ending at White Cloud and having a chance to catch Commodore Away Potluck and corn roast.

The club's fishing derby was really well attended, and we enjoyed a great fish dinner. Thanks to everyone that contributed to this great event. Thanks to the social committee for another great Commodore at Home Dinner, looking forward to their next event.

I want to thank the dock replacement crew for all their work which provides future enjoyment of our club, we will continue with this replacement project with some consideration from the Shore plan report which we received back this summer.

Hope everyone has a safe "off" season

Respectfully submitted,

-Chris Haslam, Vice Commodore
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Social Committee

First of all, a "Shout Out" and really big "Thank You" to Christine Haslam, Brigitta Jarl-Brainard, and their friends, for the awesome job they did power-washing, sanding-down and weatherproofing all the picnic tables in the Picnic Shelter at the back of the Clubhouse!!!

Commodore at Home - Sep. 27/25

For those of you who were there, I don't need to tell you how great the food and the evening was, including our musical entertainers, Doug and Brian.

We started earlier this year, with Happy Hour extended from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. This seemed to be well received (and what boater doesn't appreciate an extra half-hour of enjoying libations and mingling with their friends)..

We similarly started the entertainment earlier, with Doug and Brian starting about 6:30.

The Raffle Ticket sales were great, as always. I don't have the exact numbers yet, but I believe we sold well over \$400 worth, with a net revenue after prize costs of over \$300.

We also had an unexpected (and welcome) treat this year, with our friend Paul Beattie presenting a very well done walk down memory lane, highlighting many of the Club's goings-on down through the years, and many amusing anecdotes about many of the members over the years.

The meal by Chef Andy and his crew was awesome. All in - a very good night!

Cradle Moving - Oct. 18, 2025

Our committee has already firmed up our usual plans and support for Cradle Moving day.

Lift Out - Oct. 24 & 25, 2025

Our Crew similarly have our plans already arranged to provide our usual support for the two Lift-Out days on Friday, Oct. 24th and Saturday, Oct. 25th.

Christmas Party - Date TBA

Although our plans are not yet complete for our Christmas Party (including not setting a date yet), we are looking to host one again this year, sometime in late November or early December, as in the past. Hopefully the weather will cooperate this year (unlike last year).

Social Committee Cont'd.

Mid-Winter Social - Date TBA

Similarly, although our plans are far from complete for hosting some form of mid-winter social, that prospect is on our radar and our to-do list. Stay Tuned!!!

And that pretty much covers all we plan to do up until the Spring Lift-In, when next year's season starts the fun all over again.

Also - If anyone has any ideas for the mid-winter social, we are more than open to suggestions.

Would you or your spouse like to be involved with the Social Committee? It's a great way to get to know more of your fellow members and have some fun in the process. Contact us! Your involvement would be welcomed and appreciated. Contact me anytime at: social@georgianyachtclub.com or j.gilbert@unb.ca.

*-John Gilbert
Social Committee*



Nominating Committee Update

The Board of Directors will be finishing some of the 2-year terms at the General Meeting in April.

Being a director is a great way to give back to the club. Please reach out to me this fall if you are interested in joining the team.

- Becky Middlebrook, Past Commodore

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GYC Security Committee

GYC Security System Reminder:

On Nov. 1, 2025, after haulout, the GYC security alarm system will be turned on. This means that from 11:00pm to 6:00am in the morning, the security motion detectors will be activated. Anyone entering the GYC grounds and facility will trigger the motion detectors, and the security committee and police will be notified. As a member you are allowed to enter the premise but just remember you must disarm the alarm system once you enter. If you wish to have this ability, I can provide you with a security code to disarm the system. You enter the code on the keypad by each gate (this is not the same keypad as the man gates). During 6:00am to 11:00pm the system is turned off, and you can enter the GYC grounds without triggering the alarm.

We recommend that you remove any valuables from your boat and / or mark your valuables and take photos. You are allowed under GYC policies to have your own camera system installed on your boat. The best protection is for everyone to be aware and ask questions of anyone you are unfamiliar with – of course – in a polite and typical GYC fashion.

Again, if you do notice something missing, please call the commodore and call the police. We may have footage that can help the police with the investigation. We will only let the police or commodore view the footage.

Have a great winter.

-Steve Furness, GYC Security Committee



Haulout 2025 - October 24/25

Launch and Haulout Guidelines and Mast Crane instructions can be found on starting on page 16 of this newsletter.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer out on the water. 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.

Cradle moving will take place first Saturday after Thanksgiving Oct. 18 at 9:00. Thank you to all members with trucks, tractors and steel toes for all the help in the past, looking forward to seeing you and others again this year!

As usual, haul out is two weekends after thanksgiving with the larger power boats coming out along the old gas dock Friday Oct 24th starting around 11:00.

The rest of the boats will come out Saturday Oct 25th starting at 8:00. The large crane will start at the gas dock and work Northward. The small crane will start in the NE corner of the West basin and work around to South Gate counterclockwise, 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 than planned. 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.

No letters have been received yet for members being away during haul and requiring another person to be responsible for the lift so as of now, if the owner is not there the boat will not be lifted. Sling stickers are available just inside the clubhouse.

Make sure you have **minimum 30ft lines** attached bow and stern. Please make sure your stands are on a platform and chained together. Once your boat is finished you are free to work on it. Please be mindful of overspray while washing and if you are planning any bottom work, please be sure to put down a tarp for containment of waste.

On the dock map board hung just inside the clubhouse, the boats off to the right of the board are assumed to be going offsite for the winter. If your boat is off to the right and you intend for your boat to be staying onsite or vice versa please contact me immediately.

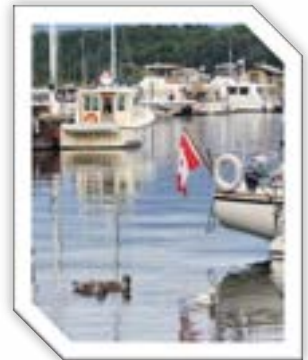
New members and any boats different from last year, contact me. Please watch for and be ready to sign up on the haul work party list coming soon!

-Kurtis Mink, Haulout and Launch Director

Mooring

We currently have no vacant slips. The Mooring Committee will be meeting over the winter to look at the Dock Request List to see if we can make any adjustments to the dock assignments to make better use of the limited space we have.

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. The Dock Request List is the biggest I've ever seen it at, with 28 current requests! Some have been waiting since 2020!



There is no guarantee your new boat will fit on your current dock in which case you must find accommodations outside the Club until your turn has come.

Respectfully Submitted,

*-John Griffith, Mooring
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Property and Grounds

From our perspective, the 2025 boating season was filled with sunshine and beautiful boating days right until the end. The Harmsen clan maximized the privilege of being GYC members to the fullest.

The property and buildings (P&B) committee has been very active, especially in the springtime. The dock repair subcommittee has accomplished a lot, and this ensured that despite the damage we sustained to our docks last winter, the GYC could accommodate all its members. Rightfully so, the dock subcommittee members were recognized for their efforts during the commodore at home event.



near future, but in the meantime, I will no longer be your go-to person for P&B related questions and concerns. I am not sure who will be taking over the P&B committee, but I will do my best to ensure a smooth transition.

Yours truly, Menno Harmsen.

- Menno Harmsen, Property and Grounds
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During this fall and coming spring, the work of rejuvenating our docks will continue. The P&B committee truly appreciates the full cooperation we get from all the members during placement of the repaired docks! The P&B committee was active in other ways this summer as well.

In particular, I want to attract your attention to the signage on the man gates with regards to keeping them closed. While traversing through the gates, please keep in mind that the magnets used to keep the gates closed, are de-energized for 10 seconds before becoming active again. So, if the gate doesn't latch when you try to close it, just wait a couple of seconds and try again. Unfortunately, burglars have gained access to the club through open man gates in the past and we are trying to avoid that in the future.

Looking forward, I (Menno) am taking a step back from running the P&B committee to attend to a serious health condition. I am expecting to make a full recovery in the



Membership Update

There is nothing more exciting than becoming an Associate or Member of the Georgian Yacht Club, we have had quite the consistent flow of applicants so far in 2025. We welcome all of our new guests with open arms. Recently we have seen a strong uptick in second and even third generation applicants, proving that boating with the GYC is a family affair! We are happy to see new (and old) faces and welcome the fresh legs!

Currently we have 151 Members and 34 Associates, and 18 Members without a slip. The A List & B List look as follows.

GYC A List

Name	Date
Kris VanDolder	2017-10-06
Marija Scriven	2020-12-10
Bronwyn Fryer	2022-05-30
Ryan Carson	2025-07-02
Tyler Grasley	2025-09-10

GYC B List

Name	Date
Ted Noble	2019-09-16
Mitchell Flewelling	2021-11-02
Mike Noble	2022-06-07
Karla Lang	2023-01-10
Matt Arthur	2023-05-02
William Langdon	2024-12-03
John Denbok	2024-12-03
Terry Macrae	2024-12-03
Kelly Wilkins	2025-03-05
Adam McDonald	2025-03-05
Tim Campbell	2025-05-08
Ron Kirk	2025-05-08
Brodie McGruer	2025-09-10

I would like to remind all Members if you are posting a new applicant throughout the off season, to kindly take a screen shot and email me to expedite processing.

If you have any questions about your account, or volunteer committees reach out at any time for assistance. Remember we would like to extend volunteer

opportunities to your spouses and partners, ask me how they can get involved in this great community!

Have a wonderful fall everyone.

-Sarah Fenton, Membership Committee

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Gas Dock and Safety

Since June, the prices at our pump have slowly decreased. It took a little time to use some of last year's stock (CarbonTaxed) but the blended rate continued to fall. At times, we were \$0.50 or more cheaper per litre than next door and par with stations around town for Supreme gas.

In July, we had our Bi-annual calibration of the fuel pumps from a subcontractor for Canada Weights and Measures. Brad Findlay attended and reported the pump has been recalibrated and certified for the next two years.

In August, I picked up our repaired "spare" pump for the pumpout system. The reason for the two failures last fall before haulout is the same as previous pump failures, people are putting solids in their black water tanks, namely feminine hygiene products. Our pumps are "gear" pumps designed for fluids only and will NOT move solid items. The use of marine grade toilet paper is also highly recommended.

Our Gas Dock attendant, Graydon, is having a good season with GYC. He has enjoyed his summer and appreciated the extra hours offered to him for the Salmon Spectacular. His attendance has been perfect. For the Salmon Spectacular, Graydon reports that he filled 18 boats. Eight boats were filled during the added 9 hours to his schedule. Graydon worked throughout Labour Day weekend and is now back to the regular Wed/ Fri/ Sat schedule.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Last day for fuel is Friday, October 24th.
- Pump out will winterized by Saturday, November 1st.

-Murray Arnold, Gas Dock Director

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Planning Committee

As the 2025 boating season comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a noteworthy and successful period for our club.

We installed the swim dock in June, and many GYC Members and their families were seen making use of it this summer. There was an unexpected issue with a bracket under the deck which has since been repaired. The dock is designed with a ladder that can be pulled easily out of the water to reduce the wave action and formation of algae causing it to be slippery. Please make every effort to pull out the ladder when the dock is not in use.

Our ShorePlan partners have completed their assessment of our basin depths and infrastructure walls. Throughout the summer, several Board Members and I joined two conference calls with the ShorePlan team. It was great to have open conversations and share feedback, which they've now included in the revised report. We are expecting to have the final version ready by September 15, 2025.

A snapshot from the bathymetric survey is below identifying the areas of most concern.



Specifically, the area at the middle half of the channel at our entrance was 5.7 ft at its shallowest point in May 2025.

This fall and winter, the Planning Committee will develop the GYC 15-year plan to document and forecast annual maintenance costs, improvement projects, and necessary expenditures for the club's longevity. Examples include but are not limited to, infrastructure repairs, entrance channel dredging, dock repairs and replacements, and White Cloud Island upgrades. Members with relevant long-term planning experience are encouraged to join the committee.

I want to extend my sincere appreciation to all club members who continue to participate in GYC activities and support our various committees. Your contributions help maintain our club as an inviting venue for social engagements and promotes safe boating opportunities on Georgian Bay and beyond.....

- Jason Lehtovaara, Planning Committee Chair
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Treasurer Report

As we approach the close of the summer season, I am pleased to share a snapshot of the Club's financial position. Overall, we remain in a healthy state, with revenues and expenses tracking close to budget. Membership dues have been collected in line with expectations, and our small decrease in new membership revenue has not impacted our financials significantly. Maintenance and mooring fees continue to be the Club's most reliable income stream, and both have remained steady this season.

On the expense side, maintenance and improvement costs for docks were higher than last year but within projections due to unplanned dock repairs. However, these investments ensure our facilities remain safe, attractive, and well-maintained. Utilities and insurance premiums have held steady, while social programming came in slightly under budget, thanks to strong volunteer support.

The Club maintains a restricted reserve fund, which has not been drawn upon this year and an improvement reserve fund from initiation fees. This reserve remains earmarked for future capital projects, such as upgrades to the clubhouse and improvements to our mooring. Looking ahead to the winter, we will continue to monitor costs closely and plan for next year's capital requirements.

I would like to thank all members for their prompt payment of dues and for their continued generosity of time and spirit—volunteer efforts remain the cornerstone of our financial stability.

As always, I am happy to answer any questions and welcome input on financial priorities for the seasons ahead. 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
treasurer@georgianyachtclub.com

Share Your Trip Reports for Our 2026 Winter Newsletter



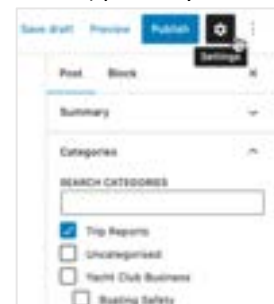
Share your story - How to post a Trip report

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
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GYC FISHING DERBY 2025 RESULTS.

Biggest Fish - Lori Beitz - 16.12 lbs/oz salmon

Most pounds per pole - Steve Wagner
(Hawghunters) - 26.8 lbs/oz

We had 70 people entered in the derby and 13 fish weighed in. The weather was amazing and the people that entered made it a great couple days at the club. I would like to extend thanks to everyone who took part in the derby/fish fry and helped out making this club event so much fun to be part of !!!

With that said we are looking to make a few small changes as this is starting to become one of the larger club events of the year!!! Going forward it will be \$10 per entry and or meal ticket - kids will always be free.

Please forward any other ideas to myself or Brad Beitz.

- Scott Wilson and Brad Beitz



More GYC Fishing Derby Photos:

"Later that evening, it was so good to see so many kids playing on this play structure that evening. Something I hope we see a lot more of !!!

-John Gilbert



Georgian Bay Regatta

By Peter Struthers

The 39th Annual Georgian Bay Regatta, organized by the Georgian Bay Sailing Association, set sail from Meaford to Wiarton July 30–August 3, 2025, charting a picturesque course via White Cloud Island, Lion's Head, Hope Bay and Wiarton. Anchored in tradition, the event opened with a welcoming feeder race and BBQ in Meaford, fostering camaraderie among returning and new sailors alike.

This multi-day regatta brings together a diverse fleet—from highly competitive racers to relaxed cruisers. Participants range in age from children as young as seven to competitors in their eighties, exemplifying the Regatta's inclusive spirit. Over 40 boats competed across divisions including Cruising, White Sails, and Flying Sails, each vying for trophies, flags, and recognition for families and clubs.

Local communities along the route embraced the event with warmth. At Lion's Head, boats arrived on August 1st and sailors enjoyed a lively evening featuring a harbour party, beer garden, pizza, and music. In Hope Bay the fleet anchored for the night and enjoyed a beach party on the lovely sandy shore and in Wiarton the awards banquet was hosted by the local Legion.

The GYC was well represented at this event with 5 members sailing in the Regatta. Dan Jones with Renegade entered in the low flying division; Ewan MacKay with Chaos and Janet Gamble with Frisky entered in the high-flying division; Peter Bonfa with Amethyst entered in the high cruising division and Randy Wright with Danae entered in the low cruising division.

Throughout the course, every leg of the journey—from the thrill of the starts to celebrations at each harbor—offered both competitive excitement and a celebration of tradition, community, and summer sailing on Georgian Bay.

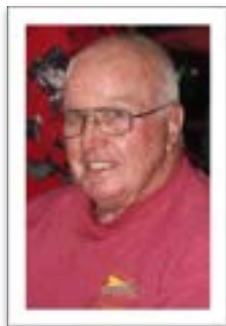
The crew from Frisky was the winner of the Iron Vessel Award because of their tenacity. Frisky lost a part of their rudder during the first race but that was not enough to deter them from racing. They headed into Wiarton, had the rudder fixed and then raced the following day. Well done Frisky!



A Brief History - by Jack Doherty

About the Author:

Jack Doherty was a long-time Member and past Commodore (1992-1993) of the Georgian Yacht Club. He passed away in September of 2018, his wife Donna passed in December of 2018. Jack had a wealth of knowledge about the GYC, an almost shocking amount of history he could recall at the drop of a hat.



First, a note from Sara Fenton:

When I first joined the GYC 10 years ago, Jack was my dock mate, a long-time friend of my grandfather Bob Fenton. One of my fondest memories of Jack was the year he instructed the dock team to raise our dock so that we (25 year olds!) would have an easier time boarding. The Moonspinner sat several feet lower than the Trojan we had at the time, and I was in utter disbelief that he had done that, he simply pointed at my dog! Randy Doherty's Jo Lee was tucked neatly beside his dads, boating done right with family close by.

I found his account tucked away in the Membership files from 2013 and thought I would share it along with some photos below documenting this brief time in our history, in memory of Jack.

-Sarah Fenton

A Brief History:

The club (GYC) was started by sixteen men who met together in 1946, with the intent of forming a boating club. The group attempted to establish a site for their boating club several times, but each time the deals collapsed. It was decided that they needed working capital and a fee of \$2.00 was established. At first, a fee of \$5.00 was asked, but was deemed too high! They were not trying to start a millionaires club! A rental agreement was reached with the Morrison and Myatt Marina located on the outskirts of Owen Sound on 3rd Avenue West.

The GYC Directors were looking to purchase property inside the city limits and finally settled on this present site. They attempted to buy other properties, but those deals fell through. The GYC site was purchased from Dominion Woolens and Worsted for \$2,500. As the story goes Don Adamson, club secretary made a hasty drive to the land registry office in Walkerton to close the land deal. Another would be buyer was behind him at the registry office.

E.C. King Contracting Company agreed to dredge the yacht club property in exchange for the material dredged. The GYC executive approached the city council to close a section of Sound St. so that dredging could commence. The city agreed to do so. E.C. King dredged the first basin 60' x 100' and constructed a break wall 150' long by 30' wide with a 15' wide top. The club house site was prepared at this time.

The GYC directors attempted to buy the water lot between 24th Street and 25th Street but were rejected by the Federal Government. A lease agreement was reached instead.

In order to raise money for club development the directors sold the remaining building lots on 3rd Ave W. to E.C. Sargent in 1955.

In 1955 mooring charges were just \$15.00 per boat and land storage at \$10.00. In 1955, any new member was required to pay an initiation fee of \$15.00. The club house was built in 1955 for a total cost of \$4,600. There were 90 paid up members in 1955. Members could rent the downstairs of the clubhouse for \$10.00 per month for the purpose of building boats. The boat could not exceed 20 ft. in length and must be out by June 1st.

In 1955 Harris Lemon designed the club membership card and Alex Vasey the club burgee. The red maple leaf for Canada, the yellow background for visibility and four bars for Lake Huron, Michigan, Superior and Georgian Bay.

In the winter of 1955, three members donated a ton of coal and two stoves to the GYC clubhouse. Thirty members were present at the November 1955 AGM. The treasurer reported a bank balance of \$1.88.

This is a brief summary of the first 10 years of the GYC

White Cloud

Greetings Fellow Club Members: The 2025 season at White Cloud Island saw the outstation host many of our boaters for quick stopovers and for extended occupations. It was great to see members anchored in Kidd Bay, tied to the dock sometimes rafted three-deep, and using the camping facilities.

The Commodore Away party was once again located at the outstation - big thanks to Sarah Fenton for reinvigorating that tradition.

We also conducted a top secret repair mission in July, thanks to all of the members of the elite squad that made that project a success.

The White Cloud Committee has also announced an ambitious project to replace the outhouse at White Cloud - we're looking for all of your empty beer and liquor bottles to help fund this special project.

- John Griffith
Chair of White Cloud Ad-hoc Committee



White Cloud Outhouse Upgrade

When I scurry up the stoney banks of Kidd Bay, ducking under cedar boughs and spider webs and I enter our outhouse and stare into the abyss, I am reminded of the wise words of Cousin Eddie from National Lampoon's 1989 film *Christmas Vacation*. "Shitter Was Full." Quite right Cousin Eddie. Quite right.



The time has come for the GYC to invest in a new outhouse for the outstation. We're going to do something different this time. We're going to build a really nice, safe, clean place to relieve ourselves. We're modeling the privy after what you'd expect to find in one of our national parks. This is going to be a commode fit for a Commodore!

We're going to spend some money on this project, so I am hoping to raise funds with a bottle drive starting now. So please consider donating all your empties to this effort. Hell, I'll even take your bottles from home. A bottle deposit has been set up at the clubhouse. For larger quantities please contact me (John Griffith) directly and we can sort out a collection.



- John Griffith
Chair of White Cloud Ad-hoc Committee

GYC Members in Action

Photo collection from John Griffith





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 space 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.



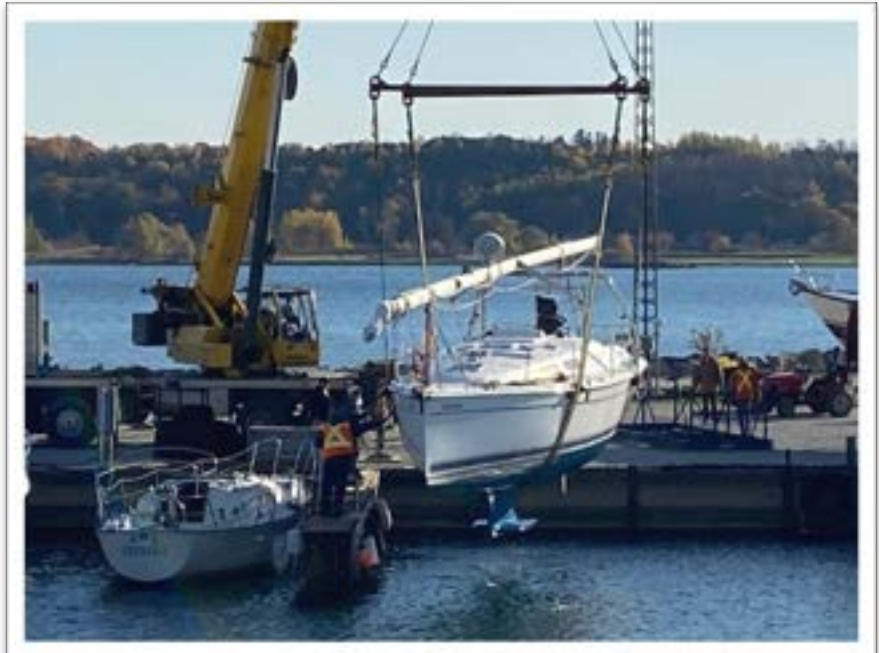
Do's

- 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.

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Email Address	Notes
boatinsurance@georgianyachtclub.com	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.
invoicing@georgianyachtclub.com	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.
webmaster@georgianyachtclub.com	Use this email address for issues with logging on, problems with the web site , etc.

GYC Calendar October 2025 to June 2026

2025

18	OCT, SAT	8am	CRADLE MOVING DAY
24	OCT, FRI	8am	GYC HAULOUT (Day 1/2)
25	OCT, SAT		GYC HAULOUT (Day 2/2)
		8am – 4pm	HAULOUT 0800 start Small & Large cranes
		8 – 9am	Reminder Remove Valuables, Lock Ladders
31	OCT, FRI	12 – 1pm	MEMBERSHIP YEAR ENDS.
31	OCT, FRI	12 – 1pm	Changes to membership & Dock Releases are DUE.
1	NOV, SAT	8 – 9am	First Day of New Membership Year
3	NOV, MON	5:30 – 6:15pm.	Dinner - Before Board Meeting
		6:15 – 7pm.	Board of Directors Meeting Begins
		7 – 9pm	Board of Directors Meeting With New Members
1	DEC, MON	5:30 – 6:15pm	Dinner - Before Board Meeting
		6:15 – 7pm	Board of Directors Meeting Begins
		7 – 9pm	Board of Directors Meeting With New Members
30	NOV, SUN		ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE: After Nov 30th a 10% penalty shall apply

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3	JAN, SAT	8 – 9am	Late Dues- Final Notice
5	JAN, MON	5:30 – 6:15pm	Dinner - Before Board Meeting
		6:15 – 7pm	Board of Directors Meeting Begins
		7 – 9pm	Board of Directors Meeting With New Members
2	FEB, MON	5:30 – 6:15pm	Dinner - Before Board Meeting
		6:15 – 7pm	Board of Directors Meeting Begins
		7 – 9pm	Board of Directors Meeting With New Members
2	MAR, MON	5:30 – 6:15pm	Dinner - Before Board Meeting
		6:15 – 7pm	Board of Directors Meeting Begins
		7 – 9pm	Board of Directors Meeting With New Members
8	MAR, SUN	9:30 – 10:30am	Financial Reports to be posted on website after Mar 4
5	APR, SUN	8 – 9am	Directors Reports due for Spring newsletter
6	APR, MON	5:30 – 6:15pm	Dinner - Before Board Meeting
		6:15 – 7pm	Board of Directors Meeting Begins
		7 – 9pm	Board of Directors Meeting With New Members
2	MAY, SAT	8am	LAUNCH DAY
3	MAY, SUN	9am	CRADLE MOVING DAY
4	MAY, MON	5:30 – 6:15pm	Dinner - Before Board Meeting
		6:15 – 7pm	Board of Directors Meeting Begins
		7 – 9pm	Board of Directors Meeting With New Members
1	JUN, MON	5:30 – 6:15pm	Dinner - Before Board Meeting
		6:15 – 7pm	Board of Directors Meeting Begins
		7 – 9pm	Board of Directors Meeting With New Members
7	JUN, SUN	8 – 9am	Summer Management Team Begins
18	JUN, THU	1 – 1:30pm	Skippers Meeting SAILPAST
		1:30 – 2pm	Divine Service Sailpast
		2 – 3:30pm	Salute Sailpast
		5:30 – 6:30pm	Dinner Sailpast time TBA

2026 HAULOUT Schedule

Cradle Moving:
Saturday, October 17 at 9am

Haulout
Friday, October 23 at 11am
Saturday, October 24 at 8:00