



The Bow Wave

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Commodore Rob Bittle

It is terrific to begin a new year with friends and fellow members at AYC. The boats from the yard have now been launched after so many hours of polish and preparation for the water; we had a tremendous and productive AGM which stirred emotions and gave us pause to reflect on the real purpose we have as a collective group; and the issue with the City of Toronto is closed finally. That is quite a lot to accomplish in one month. Just a little more work to be done at yard cleanup and we can get down to some serious fun. I for one, intend to spend a good deal of time on the boat and would like to visit some of the other clubs on the Lake to spread the word that we are here. It always surprises me how little is known of us to other clubs. I hope a few of you will share your plans and experiences in future issues of the newsletter. We should all do our utmost to make this a banner year, Canada's 150th, and one for which memories are made.



The next big social event is Sail Past and I hope to see as many of you as possible then, all decked out in our finest of course for a truly grand day! A good deal of hard work goes into the preparations, so let's give our Social Director our support and assistance to make it happen. The signup lists are posted for Officer of the Day and for Site Maintenance – so get your name in early for these hours which are so vital to the presentation of our values to friends and visitors.

Rear-Commodore Ken Daisley



Thanks to all who came out to get the docks ready for launch on April 22nd. Your efforts are much appreciated. Unfortunately with the water being so high we will need to re-tension all the chains come early June. I look forward to your continued support with this. The sign-up sheet is posted for OOD and some people have signed up. A great way to get hours. Please volunteer. With the water continuing to rise please be prepared to be called upon at a moment's notice to assist with sand bagging the sea wall to protect the interlock. Predictions are that the water level will continue to rise until late May early June and are predicting an additional 11" of water to occur before the peak. This is serious and we will need your support.

Mark your calendar!

2017 notable dates:

- Spring Yard Clean-up – Saturday, May 6 at 9:00 a.m.
- BYOB Bash — Saturday May 13th, All Welcome!
- Sail Past – June 17
- Hot Summer Nights – August 12
- Hog Fest & Almost-Around-the-Island Race – September 9
- Fall Yard Clean-up – October 14
- Haul Out – Friday, October 20th & Saturday, October 21st
- Dock Party – October 28
- Fall Annual General Meeting – November 15
- Wine & Cheese – December 3



Vice Commodore Dan Peel

Our launch day last Saturday was a tremendous success and I want to thank the many people who worked so hard to help make it all happen. The weather cooperated beautifully and our food and refreshments were perfectly executed. My thanks to everyone from the clip board carriers to the crane signalers to the cradle crews.

Now on to our annual Spring Yard Clean-up Day this Saturday, May 6th at 9:00 a.m.. I look forward to seeing everyone there ready to work and dressed for the weather. Parking will be at the Navy yard as usual. See you then!

Secretary Bill Morris



In addition reacquainting with old friends, AYC members took care of some important business at the Spring General Meeting in April. As previously reported, the City was seeking over \$40,000 for back rent adjustments. After considerable negotiation, the City agreed to accept a significantly reduced sum. The members authorized the Treasurer to pay the City \$10,645 to settle the back rent claim. The payments will be made in two installments.

The other major bit of business was the revised by-laws and rules. Under the leadership of past-secretary Paul Oliver, the by-law review committee completed a substantial update designed to help the Club manage risks, and clarify the rights of members. All members are strongly advised if you have not already done so to thoroughly review the revised by-laws and rules. These are posted in the members section of the AYC website.



Social Director Erik Schomann

Many thanks to those of you who have already volunteered your boat and your time for the AYC Outreach programme with Big Brothers/Sisters Canada. Once a firm date and time has been set, those volunteer skippers will be notified. While it is still early in the season, anyone interested in bringing the joys of boating to Toronto youngsters who otherwise wouldn't have the opportunity by taking out a small crew of Big and Little Brothers and Sisters on a sunny afternoon on the Lake followed by a BBQ at the club, please let me know.

The boats are in the water and the sailing season has begun. Very much looking forward to the official season launch at our 111st Annual Sail Past and as preparations for the event are underway, please let me know if you are interested in contributing time and talent.

Please Remember: If you have arranged work hours with any member of the Social Committee, advise them to remind me and/or be sure to contact the Social Director directly so that you may get recognition for your contributions. Also remember to join us and the AYC House Band for our first unofficial BYOB bash of the season May 13th. All are welcome!

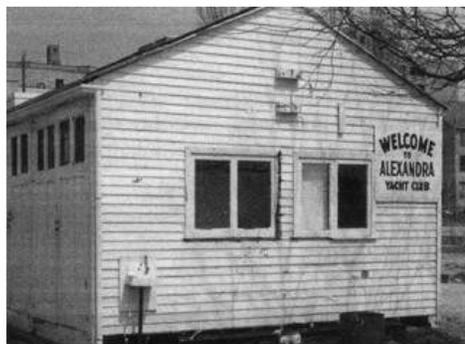


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Great Lakes Water Levels and Related Data

Interested in learning more about our Lake and historical water levels? Here are a few suggested sites for your information:

Environment, Climate Change Canada:
<https://www.ec.gc.ca/eau-water/default.asp?lang=En&n=79962112-1>

Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory:
<https://www.glerl.noaa.gov/data/wlevels/>

International Joint Commission (IJC):
<http://www.ijc.org/en/>
[Great Lakes Water Quantity](#)

Safety Officer Robi Roncarelli

Last month, Commodore Bittle asked all members to put a note on their car's dashboard when parking at the Club, identifying their name, boat and cell phone number. Many of you are doing this. THANK YOU! But some are still lax.

At two recent events - the Spring AGM and Dock Party, lack of space in the yard meant members jammed their cars as best they could into the available space, including in the entrance gate and the outside drive (who wants a \$70 parking ticket?). Cars were so jammed in that it was a tight squeeze to even walk between them. In the event of an emergency, Paramedics would find it impossible to bring a stretcher into the Club, let alone an ambulance. A firefighter in full kit would have to climb OVER cars to get in to the Club.

"Just yell" for the appropriate people you say – but at the Dock Party, in full daylight, it took more than 30 minutes to identify some cars and get them moved so 3 vehicles could leave (well after work was over and lunch was served).

Now that the boats are launched and the Yard has become a parking lot again – lots of room, no problem, so why bother with a note?

Well – the parking lot can be crowded at times, and we may have to make room for an Ambulance or Fire Truck to get close to the Clubhouse, or water's edge. Hopefully, never but we can't take the chance.

So please heed the Commodore's request about a note on the dashboard - for the benefit of your fellow members, and possibly yourself.

To make it easier for you to remember, you will find some pre-printed notes/forms in an envelope on the Regalia Counter by the office. Take one, fill out the information asked for, and keep it in your car so you can easily put the note on your car's dashboard whenever you park at AYC.

And ask your visitors to do the same. You'll be making it safer for all of us.