

## **Bow Wave – August 1, 2017**

### **Hot August Nights – Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**

- Good times are in the forecast for August 12th, the annual Hot August Nights Caribbean themed party
- \$25 tickets for a Caribbean dinner, complimentary beverages, DJ music, contests and prizes
- Expect a call from a member of the social committee in the next few days or RSVP the Social Director at [social@ayc.ca](mailto:social@ayc.ca)
- You must RSVP by August 8<sup>th</sup>
- Dinner served from 7:00 to 8:00
- Volunteers needed! Please contact Erik at [social@ayc.ca](mailto:social@ayc.ca)
- Bring your friends and be ready to move those dancing feets to the Island beats!

### **Numbers – Commodore Rob Bittle**

Once again this year we are faced with several weeks of Site Maintenance unfilled. To this end, the hours awarded for this duty have been increased from eight hours to sixteen. Seven hours to each (of two) who complete the week and a further two for the Grounds Work (grass cutting, barbeques, etc.) Many members have suggested that four hours per person was insufficient and so we have listened. Perhaps some of you felt the outside work was too onerous while others might prefer this part. We hope these changes will find favour and encourage more members to participate in this very necessary function. Along with this is the gentle reminder that every Senior Member is required to complete sixteen hours of work before the end of the season – DON'T DELAY! SIGN UP TODAY.

Other numbers come to mind – such as Launch Duties (and we all know how necessary this work is.) This year we launched more than 70 boats with 10 owners absent. While most had very good reason, it still means that 10 other members had to do double duty to secure a second boat as well as their own. Twenty-six boats (including 5 power boats) had to be towed to their respective slips and three boats had to be returned to the yard for mechanical reasons. The time and effort required added to our crane costs becomes very expensive and is beginning to stretch our resources to the limit. As of this writing two boats remain in the yard; and eight masts remain in the racks. Why many of these unused (and uncared for) boats sit in slips for the season only to be towed back in and hauled out makes one wonder why all this work and expense is necessary. Factor in the number of us who are no longer able to do the heavy lifting or agile enough to scramble from boat to boat and eventually we will run out of manpower to accomplish the work which needs to be done. We are a club of members who contribute to the best of our ability for the benefit of the whole. It is encouraging to see the enthusiastic response to each call for volunteers for each new work party for projects we could not anticipate as well as those that are planned. We should all feel proud of the way we adapted to the unusual lake levels this year. Do not lose this pride and allow our Clubhouse to become unkempt with trash overflowing, untidy kitchen, dirty floors, filthy washrooms and general disrepair. We can't do it without your help – DON'T DELAY! SIGN UP TODAY!

### **Vice Commodore Dan Peel**

- We now have a dock box located on the west side of the club house. This will contain a bouncy castle for the kids.
- Ask a board member or Officer of the Day to unlock it for you.
- Please roll it back up and return it to the box when your kids are done playing.
- We are now looking for a replacement playground set that will be light, safe and fun.

### **The Docks – Rear-Commodore Ken Daisley**

- The new and amazing floating crane is afloat – thanks to all who contributed to the design and construction – see the website for some great pictures: [http://www.ayc.ca/ayc\\_pics/2017-FloatingCrane/index.html](http://www.ayc.ca/ayc_pics/2017-FloatingCrane/index.html)
- Thanks to all of our Weed Warriors – your efforts are paying off
- When the Lake levels drop another 6 inches or so we will need a team to tighten up the dock chains – stay tuned and enjoy the rest of the very meager summer!

### **Work Hours – Ken Chumik**

- Updated work hours are now available on the Club website at [www.AYC.ca](http://www.AYC.ca)

### **AHMEN Race Series**

- The first race of the AHMEN series starts Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup>
- If you wish to participate in any of the races please register before the first race in which you wish to compete
- The entry form and waiver is at [www.ahmen.ca](http://www.ahmen.ca)

### **Let's Talk Trash and Wasted Money – Bill Morris and Erik Schomann**

As the old saying goes, 'no good deed goes unpunished'. In AYC's case, our collective attempts to do the right thing and recycle have backfired. The result: virtually all our trash is going to the landfill, and that is costing us as club members a whole bunch of money. We really can do a better job. Here is the drill:

1. We have two big dumpster bins in the parking lot near the utility shed and cranes - one for garbage, and one for recycling.
2. The recycling bin is the big one closest to the clubhouse. It has a big sticker on the front indicating what can go inside. Please note this may differ from what goes in your home recycling.
3. Everything else - including all organic material – goes in the garbage bin.
4. Items for the recycling bin must go in separately, or if they're together be in a clear plastic bag. If there are any non-clear plastic bags in the recycling bin - even if everything in that bag is recyclable – the entire bin is contaminated. In which case, it all goes into landfill and we all pay the extra cost.

The club has purchased clear bags for the collection of recycling in the clubhouse and by the barbecues. We will also be improving the signage.

### 2017 Cruise Schedule – Tentative

- **Cruise 1 - August 18/19 – Wilson, New York.** We sail to Wilson (Tusk or Wilson Yacht Club) in the United States so bring your passports (and decal if over 30' – Google 'DTOPS' to get one if you don't have one - \$27.50 US.) Bring your dinghy for sure as it's the best way to scoot around this fantastic destination with live bands both nights so bring 'yer dancin' shoes as well! Bikes are handy also. This is my personal favourite place to sail to on Lake Ontario!
- **Cruise 2 - August 25/26 – Oakville Club.** We cruise to The Oakville Club for a night or two. The Oakville Club has a nice heated pool with bar and canoes/kayaks (free to us) to explore the Credit River. There is a \$20 charge to stay there but well worth it and truly a unique experience.
- **Cruise 3 - September 22/23 – Youngstown / Niagara-on-the-Lake.** We sail to Youngstown for one night and visit historic Fort Niagara. Find out what it feels like to get shot in the bum with a real live musket ball! There is a free shuttle craft that will take you there (Fort Niagara) and back or walk – it's not that far (or ride the shuttle all the way into Niagara Falls, NY and back – again free – although I don't really know why you'd want to!) Bikes are a good way to see the sights here as well. The following night we cruise across the mighty Niagara River – not far to say the least - and back to Canada to clear customs and visit NOTL and stay one night. Don't forget your passports. We can reverse our stops depending on the vote.
- Due to the high water levels no yacht club(s) could accommodate us any sooner. Why not join the AYC Armada to one of these fine cruises?
- Please email your interest to Cruise Captain Don Williams at [cruisecaptain@ayc.ca](mailto:cruisecaptain@ayc.ca)

### Parking Lines and Toronto Search and Rescue

- The parking guides lines in the yard are once again white - easier to see day and night.
- Please put the nose of your car within about one foot or so of the line so the back end of your car does not block the driveway between the two rows of cars - thank you.
- The Toronto Search and Rescue Brochure is attached for your information (set up for 2-sided printing)

### Licence Plate Registry

- To monitor vehicles that are parked in the AYC parking lot, Don Williams is creating a licence plate registry for the Club
- Kindly send your vehicle licence plate number, make and model to Don Williams at [cruisecaptain@ayc.ca](mailto:cruisecaptain@ayc.ca)
- If parking in the lot for an extended period of time, notify Vice Commodore Dan Peel at [vice-commodore@ayc.ca](mailto:vice-commodore@ayc.ca)

### Coming and Goings

- Welcome to new member Christine Montag who brings a Larson 240 Cabri to the Club
- Farewell to Paul Madeley who has moved to Niagara

Got feedback? Ideas for a future AYC Newsletter? Please email me at [Communications@AYC.ca](mailto:Communications@AYC.ca).

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