

# The Bow Wave – November 1, 2017

## Mark Your Calendar

- Annual General Meeting – Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm
- AYC Christmas Wine and Cheese – Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm

## David Newbigging Remembrance (Former AYC Member)

On Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m., Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club will hold a celebration of life to mark the passing of Dave Newbigging at Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club. Dave was a former AYC member. All are welcome. It will be a casual affair with an opportunity for people to say a few words about Dave followed by a reception. If you are able to attend, please email [paulhainsworth@gmail.com](mailto:paulhainsworth@gmail.com) or just show up. Photos and stories of Dave are very welcome. Free parking at the Club – press the buzzer at the entry gate.

## Yardmaster – Dan Peel, Vice Commodore

- The barrels for waste fluid have all been emptied - please note the specific purpose of each barrel: oil, antifreeze / water, fuel
- Kindly lock your ladder to your cradle to enhance security for all members
- Thanks to Paul Cassola and Stephen Brown for our new mast crane which is working well - modifications will be made to reduce its tendency to swing to the south
- The new container will have vents added in the near future followed by power, window, door and an insulated work shop
- Gerry Kuter will be adding outlets in the yard to improve access to power over the winter
- Yard water will be shut down in the next couple of weeks – watch for notification
- Please identify your car with a note on the dashboard when parking at the Club over the winter
- Haul out was very successful and quick this year thanks to all of your hard work and excellent weather on both days – thank you Keith Storey for the yard layout
- Thanks to Graham McCartney for acquiring the container / shed
- Thanks to the cradle team for laying out the yard
- Thanks to the Thursday crew for all your work!

## Dock Master, Ken Daisley, Rear-Commodore

Last Saturday we closed the docks for 2017. This year we left the electrical pedestals in place to reduce labour however power has been removed. We replaced several broken cubes and made additions as necessary. We loosened all the chains to full length and applied the bird-repellent string. All safety ladders are now stowed in the “out-of-water” position for the winter. The water system has been removed. The docks are no longer safe to access - please do not venture out onto the docks. The work party noted that several people did not remove their mooring lines. They will be there in the spring - please do not attempt to remove them. The ramp will be removed this week with the help of anyone I can coerce into helping on Friday. The new floating crane (Smitty) has been moved to its winter position beside the main dock and a bubbler installed to prevent it freezing in. This bubbler is controlled by a thermostat plugged

into the receptacle beside the Club house entrance. Please do not tamper with this unit. Thanks to all the members who came out to help. A great job done by all.

All remaining boats stored along the sea wall must be removed from the club water lot prior to November 3<sup>rd</sup>. It has been a great season with many added requirements set upon us due to weather and water levels. A huge THANK YOU to all the folks that came out to help with all the work that we accomplished - from a well-staffed OOD program, through weed warriors to deck building to floating crane designing and building and all the other great things that when joined together equals one hell of a great Yacht Club. Thank you all so much!

#### **Fall Annual General Meeting, Bill Morris, Secretary**

Please join us for our Fall AGM which will be held on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Registration begins at 7:10 pm. Watch for a package by email later this week. The AGM is a great opportunity to hear and take part in discussions about the future of our Club, to visit with friends and to enjoy some refreshments afterward. Nominations are being accepted for the AYC Board of Directors. All Board members hold a one year term and are elected annually at the meeting. Members may nominate themselves or another member using the attached nominations form or at the meeting in November. Forms can also be found posted on the board at the Club. Should you have any questions, please contact me, Bill Morris, at [secretary@ayc.ca](mailto:secretary@ayc.ca).

#### **Work Hours Update and New Security System, Ken Chumik, Membership Director**

The final posting for work hours for the season will be posted on the AYC website later this week. Questions and discrepancies should be discussed directly with the Board member responsible for awarding those hours (please don't email me about any changes to the work hours database).

The Board has been planning a new gate security system for the Club. Recent damage to our entry keypad and the unavailability of replacement parts requires that we accelerate this plan. The current key pad system will be replaced with key fobs which are uniquely programmed for each member. Some key fobs were given out during haul out and others will be distributed later this month. There is also a personal access code for guests and crew found in the envelope with your fobs which is exclusive to you. Your guests will be able to punch in the unique code to gain access. Members will be responsible for their guests on site as per the rules and regulations of our Club. Also please note that lost fobs must be reported immediately so that they can be deactivated. Replacement cost is \$25.00. The new gate access equipment will be installed over the next month with regular use beginning in January.

#### **AHMEN Race Series – Gareth Clemo, AYC Fleet Captain**

Congratulations to Club members who participated in this year's AHMEN race series. AYC was extremely well represented this year and had outstanding results. Special congratulations to Bill Morris and Joe Koole. Results of the 5-race series can be found here: [http://www.ahmen.ca/Results/2017/ahmen2017\\_Overall.html](http://www.ahmen.ca/Results/2017/ahmen2017_Overall.html). AHMEN Racing is a series of six Saturday or Sunday races which took place between August 13<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> this year. Ten clubs co-host this inter-club series of racing around selected fixed marks in Humber Bay. There are four starts, two of which are for boats with spinnakers.

#### **Cruising – Don Williams, Cruise Captain**

Hello Cruisers! Wow, what a great cruising season despite the weather and the high water. We planned for four but ended up with three - Dalhousie, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Wilson. We had

to cancel one (or more correctly, it was cancelled on us, due to high water levels.) We are currently planning for next season so please send me your thoughts on where you'd like to go and what you'd like to do. This is the time of year that most bookings get confirmed - January is usually too late as all other clubs have similar cruising programs and it seems that we all want to go to the same places. We can offer other reciprocal clubs not only a great location but more importantly a great club with great people. Thanks to those that made all our reciprocal cruisers welcome and accommodating - as you did. And don't forget that if you do cruise - with or without us (U2) - then sign out so that an incoming cruiser can make use of your slip while you are gone. I am busy now setting up next year's schedule so please contact me now with your ideas. Looking forward to cruising in 2018! [cruisecaptain@ayc.ca](mailto:cruisecaptain@ayc.ca)

### **2018 Renewals for U.S. Decals Now Available**

Decals for border-crossing to the U.S. can now be purchased through a secure on-line ordering system DTOPS (Decal and Transponder Online Procurement System) at <https://dtops.cbp.dhs.gov>. DTOPS User Fees are increasing for both decals and transponders, effective 1/1/2018. All orders placed on or after this date will pay new fee amount. For more information contact U.S. Customs and Border Protection, User Fee Decal and Transponder Program, Phone: 317-298-1245, [decals@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:decals@cbp.dhs.gov).

### **Licence/Vehicle Registry – Don Williams**

Most members have emailed me regarding their licence plates and vehicle descriptions – thank you! I am updating the Club's records with this information and it is nearly complete. This will enable us to better monitor vehicles that should not be on Club property and identify vehicles and owners should a vehicle need to be moved (safety, blocking another vehicle, garbage truck etc.). Also, as our Commodore has kindly asked – please continue to put your name and phone number on your dashboard whenever parked at the club. (Labels on bulletin board.) Parking for more than a few hours during the winter requires the permission of Dan Peel ([vice-commodore@AYC.ca](mailto:vice-commodore@AYC.ca)).

### **Remembering George Cuthbertson, Founder of C&C Yachts**

Click here to read [George Cuthbertson C&C Yachts Obituary](#).

### **Virtual Regatta Offshore: [virtualregatta.com](http://virtualregatta.com)**

Looking for some sailing excitement during the off-season? Get the app "Virtual Regatta Offshore". It's a digital realistic race following the path and replicating wind conditions of Volvo Ocean Race plus the Mini 24s and the Clipper Race. Free unless you upgrade certain trim and tool features.

Hope to see you at the AGM on the 15<sup>th</sup>,  
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