

The Bow Wave – March, 2018

Hug Your Boat – RSVP Required!

- March 24th is AYC's first event of 2018 - Hug Your Boat is a great opportunity to stop by the club and enjoy lunch with fellow members
- Sausages and beer starting at 12:30 pm
- RSVP to our Social Director Alison Honey Woods by email at social@ayc.ca

Mark Your Calendar – (please take special note of our **weekday** Launch and Haul-out dates)

The AYC 2018 Events Calendar has been posted at www.AYC.ca on the Home Page. Here are the highlights:

- Hug Your Boat – Saturday, March 24th at 12:30 pm
- Spring General Meeting – Wednesday, April 18th at 7:30 pm
- Dock Party – Saturday, April 21st
- Launch – **FRIDAY**, April 27th
- Spring Yard Clean-up – Saturday, May 5th
- Sail Past – Saturday, June 16th
- Hot Summer Nights – Saturday, August 11th
- Hog Fest and Almost Around the Island Race – Saturday, September 8th
- Fall Yard Clean-up – Saturday, October 13th
- Haul Out – **FRIDAY** and Saturday, October 19th and 20th
- Dock Party – Saturday, October 27th
- Fall General Meeting – Wednesday, November 14th at 7:30 pm
- Kids' Party and Wine and Cheese – Sunday, December 2nd at 2:00 pm

Commodore Rob Bittle

It is so nice to be back to Canada where the seasons have some definition. And for those of us returning from sunny places, the crisp air directs our thoughts to spring (and that means boating!) Hug Your Boat is just around the corner and before you know it ... LAUNCH. Your Board of Directors has been quite active during the cold months – keeping up with correspondence as well as all the little details of managing the affairs of the club that go on, no matter what the season. You will also notice several changes/improvements that have been completed over the winter. Quite a few of our members stay in contact with one another through the internet and there will be some yarns to tell when we all get together. I have had several contacts with our neighbours next door relating to the refurbishment of the break-wall. The Council of Commodores resumes its meeting schedule shortly and I will report to you their findings and progress with respect to water levels in the Great Lakes. I will be meeting with representatives of the Toronto Region Conservation Authority this month to discuss boating programs and basin improvements. All of the forecasts predict a fabulous summer ahead so let's get out there and have some fun!

Water Levels

In the past month, water levels for Lakes Michigan-Huron, St. Clair, and Erie have risen by 1, 11 and 5 inches, respectively. Lake Superior declined by 3 inches since last month, and Lake Ontario remained at the same level. Currently, water levels for all the Great Lakes remain above long-term average levels and higher than this time last year. Lake Superior continues to see water levels close to the record high February water level and is currently 2 inches below the record high from 1986. In the next month, Lake Superior is expected to decline an inch, while Lakes Michigan-Huron and St. Clair are expected to rise an inch. Lake Erie and Lake Ontario are also expected to rise, by 5 and 2 inches, respectively.

House Director, Chris Guth

You will notice some changes when you next come to the Club thanks to some wonderful volunteers who are earning some early work hours. These changes include:

- Four new toilets were purchased and installed
- The main level lobby and closet have been de-cluttered and repainted
- The main level lounge was repainted and the ceiling repaired
- The library was de-cluttered, new bookshelves purchased and restocked
- Upstairs dimmers have been installed and other miscellaneous electrical issues were repaired
- Motion sensors in the washrooms have been installed
- Electric hand dryers have been installed in the washrooms.

Have an idea for other improvements? Please contact Chris Guth directly at House@ayc.ca.

Reciprocals

- As an AYC member you have reciprocal privileges at many clubs around Lake Ontario
- Find the list here at the Lake Ontario Club Cruising Association (LOCCA): [LOCCA](#)

BYOB

- As the Board works hard to manage the Club's expenses, expect more of our social events to encourage you to BYOB.

FOGH 2018 Spring Seminar Series

- Boat Buying and Selling – March 3rd
- Raymarine Electronics – March 10th
- For details click here: [Seminars](#)

AHMEN Racing Schedule

- The AHMEN Racing Schedule is now available here: <http://www.ahmen.ca/schedule.shtml>
- The first race is the Sunday, August 12th, 2018
- AYC is providing the race committee on September 15th

The Oakville Yacht Squadron

- The Town of Oakville has voted to terminate the Oakville Yacht Squadron's lease at the end of this boating season.
- To express your support for the "Save the Oakville Yacht Squadron" you can sign a petition here: [Petition](#)

Associate Members Take Note

- The AYC Bylaws have changed: all Associate Members must now complete 4 hours of work annually.

New Contact Information?

- Have a new email address or new contact information? Know someone who is not receiving AYC communications? Please notify us and help us stay up to date.

Hope to see everyone at Hug Your Boat on March 24th,

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