

## **The Bow Wave – May, 2018**

### **Mark Your Calendar**

- Spring Yard Clean-up – this Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. – attendance is mandatory (further details below)
- Toronto Marathon is on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – Plan ahead as there will be significant street closures
- “Spring Fling with the AYC House Band” on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm – BYOB and All Welcome!

### **New Members – please join us in welcoming:**

- Curtis Lake, Associate Member
- Mike Ball, Senior Member

### **Robert Bittle, Commodore**

Once again a new season begins with all the promise and enthusiasm we share individually and collectively for the Club and our boats. So many of you have spent many hours polishing and preparing for launch and we all owe a tremendous thank you to our Yardmaster, Dan Peel, and to our Dock master, Ken Daisley, for organizing one of the most efficient launch days I have ever seen. I will leave to them to thank the many members who made it all work so well. I would be remiss however if I did not express appreciation to the kitchen crew led by master chef Keith Whalen for the amazing treat awaiting us all at the end of the our Launch day.

Now that the boats are finally afloat thoughts for many will turn to getting masts up, sails aboard, and all of the other various requirements for our season of fun. Just a little more work on behalf of the Club remains as yard cleanup to make our grounds and clubhouse ready for the summer. Please remember that attendance is mandatory for all senior members and if you are unable to attend you must advise Dan Peel in advance so that he can adjust the work details accordingly.

Finally, down to some serious business, as of this writing less than half of our members have provided proof of insurance to our club Secretary. At the next Board meeting I will be calling for a list to be prepared and posted if necessary with the names of those who do not provide proof of the required \$2,000,000 in public liability insurance. There seems to be some confusion as to why our Bylaws require us to insure our boats. The simple answer is that we do not. The requirement specifically sets out that public liability insurance must be carried in order to protect other members as well as the Club. Every Director is obligated to see that members adhere to the requirements contained in the Bylaws and the Bylaws may only be changed by the membership. It is simply not reasonable or responsible to present this proof to the Yardmaster (or any other Director for that matter) on the day of launch. Therefore should proof not be provided prior to the dissemination of the invoices for winter storage, it will be assumed that you have chosen to store elsewhere and your space will be assigned to a member from the waiting list. I am aware of the various means of obtaining insurance without having to undergo the nuisance of surveys and evaluations and so long as the liability portion is included, this will be acceptable. The onus is now upon each individual member to provide the proper documentation to the Secretary for his files. This measure might seem extreme

to some but the potential financial liability could very easily crush the viability of the Club and the membership as a whole.

The next big social event is Sail past and I hope to see all of you 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.

#### **Dan Peel, Vice Commodore**

Please refrain from parking in front of the dumpsters. The trucks need to have access to them and we have already been charged for two missed dumps as cars were blocking the bins. Thanks to all of you for your efforts at launch this year and to those who helped in the rain putting the cradles away. We are now open for business. This Saturday, May 5th is Spring Yard clean-up. Attendance is mandatory so please let me know if you cannot attend for some reason. The day will begin at 9:00 am and go to 1:00 pm. Lunch and refreshments will be served following the work party. If you are stepping your masts this week please ensure they are not laid out in the parking lot for Saturday. Also be mindful of the new mast crane as it currently swings to the south - this issue will be addressed in the coming weeks. You may park at the club for Saturday, but, please try to car pool or take transit if you can to keep the number of cars down to a minimum. If anyone prefers to be on the painting detail for the container please let me know and dress accordingly. Thanks again to all, see you on Saturday.

#### **Ken Daisley, Rear-Commodore**

My thanks to all who came out to help at our dock party this spring – we had a successful event and managed to get everything done in preparation for launch. During the work party we found that the wooden electrical pedestals that we had left on the docks had eroded over the winter. Leaving the pedestals installed over winter was a risk we took last fall to save time and reduce labor at spring and fall work parties. We will need to replace the wooden bases with aluminum bases that are more robust and we will coordinate work parties to do so over the summer. We have in stock several aluminum bases but may need to buy a few more at minimal expense.

We are planning an enhancement for the floating crane (Smitty) – we will be adding a removable floor platform installed in the centre gap that will be used as an access platform to allow operators to get closer to work areas. This will enhance safety and provide much improved access. A mooring chain inspection is planned for sometime late in May that will identify replacement requirements that we will undertake over the season as needed. We will need to recruit some of our qualified divers to assist in this endeavor.

As previously announced the club has provisioned a STRAY ELECTRICAL CURRENT DETECTOR to be used by the Officer of the Day to search the water lot for dangerous electrical current. We will be setting up a record book on the moorings board in order to monitor this and as well correct issues found. Note that as well as being a serious hazard to swimmers, stray electrical current will cause any metal on your boat to corrode.

Now for a few complaints:

- So far I have not seen a lot of people signing up for OOD. We need your support and would appreciate as always your enthusiasm.
- There are boats that are leaking fuel into their bilges. This leaked fuel can and will find its way into the lake which is an absolute crime. The owners of these boats and any others that may be in the fleet that are leaking fuel must repair them immediately. Our legal and moral obligation to maintain a clean environment is at risk. The Club will allow two weeks for owners to make the necessary corrections and an inspection will take place the week of May 12th. If the situation still exists, immediate corrective action will be undertaken by the Board at owners' risk and expense.

Thanks again to everyone for your continued support of our Club.

**Alison Honey Woods, Social Director**

- EVENT NOTICE: Saturday, May 12th, at 7:00 pm the AYC House Band is hosting a Spring Fling in the club house. This event is free and open to all members, so come on down to the club, BYOB and join the fun!

The boats are in the water, it finally feels like Spring, and that means Sail Past is just around the corner! Mark your calendars - Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> is going to be the biggest AYC party of the year and I need YOUR HELP! As a member of AYC I'm giving you all one job: please RSVP. If you're reading this and you know members who do not read the Bow Wave, call them. Tell everyone. Spread the word:

**\*\*\* The deadline to RSVP for Sail Past 2018 is June 1st. \*\*\***

Each Senior Member has 1 ticket allocated to them, additional tickets are \$45 each. If you are planning on inviting guests, invite them now - if you aren't sure, buy extra tickets anyhow! This is the big one folks, and it is going to be fabulous. Exciting food, cocktails, charity raffles, and fun surprises are all going to be part of AYC's Big Event. Invite your family, bring your friends, and let's make this a Sail Past to remember!

Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm is the Sail Past social committee meeting. If you would like to join the social committee, or simply help with Sail Past, please come to the Club and join the meeting. Work hours will be awarded to all volunteers.

As announced at the AGM, AYC's events are going to move in a BYOB direction going forward. There will be a signature cocktail or some sort of beverage included at each event, but we don't want any more disappointment at the bar. We want our members to have the kind of drinks they like in the quantities they want to consume, so please bring your favourite drinks with you and leave the rest to us.

Looking forward to a beautiful summer with great events!

**Bill Morris, Secretary**

I am pleased to report all Club minutes and correspondence are up to date. It was nice to see many of you on April 18<sup>th</sup> at AYC's Spring Annual Members meeting. AYC's Bylaws require all senior members to "Carry at least \$2,000,000 in public liability insurance, in a form the Board of Directors accepts, if a boat is kept on Club premises". Having such coverage is, of course, designed to protect all members and the Club from damages in cases where something goes wrong. Thank you to everyone who submitted proof of boat insurance on time as requested. If you have not yet done so, please forward your proof of insurance coverage to me at [secretary@ayc.ca](mailto:secretary@ayc.ca) immediately. Please don't make me chase you.

**Chris Guth, House Director**

I appreciate the many positive comments I received from you in regards to our refreshed Lobby and Lounge and washrooms. Future renovations will have to wait until we (you) decide that they are necessary and our Treasurer can advise us if financially possible. For now we have clean, functional and well appointed washrooms for everyone. I was also encouraged but only "somewhat happy" with the members' participation in the House Maintenance Duty Roster. Many of you have signed up on launch day but we still need many more to fill the rest of the weeks. You can only expect clean and attractive facilities for yourself and your guests if you are willing to help. Please make your House Director "totally happy" by filling the remaining spots at your next visit to your Club House.

**Ken Chumik, Membership**

There has been little movement in membership over the winter months. Emails from inquiring skippers looking for homes to keep their vessels have been answered.

The mooring master requested that we do not use the swings until the ground tackle has been inspected by divers during the upcoming months. Once he gives me the clearance that he is satisfied that the ground tackle is safe, we will begin to look at the waiting list and do some interviews. There are 8 applications on our waiting list at this time.

One new senior member has been admitted this month. Mr. Mike Ball who has purchased Jay and Ginette's Hughes 25. Mike is in software sales and has a young family. Bill and Audrey Lake's son Curtis has been admitted as an Associate member. Both these new "citizens" of our Club are part of the demographic that we need to keep this Club on a healthy footing.

The new gate FOB system is up and running. Any issues or questions about the new system please email or contact me. FOB's FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE and can be picked up next time you are down at the Club. They are stored in the boardroom and any board member should be able to give yours to you. There are a few senior member FOBS there as well. Please remember that when you give out your PIN number found in your FOB package the responsibility for that guest use of the club and grounds rests with you.

**Keith Whalen, Treasurer**

Hi everyone. Here is the summary of our accounts:

- Bank balance good
- Accounts Payable are up to date
- Accounts Receivable are up to date
- Outstanding expenses: Crane rental for launch is expected to be approximately \$8,500
- Debentures: 4 Debentures to be transferred
- Regalia – I am looking for a volunteer! Don't be shy! Support your club and get your work hours....
- Special Project: "Digital Documents" – I Looking to have those with knowhow and access to AutoCAD to help convert our technical drawings to a PDF or electronic version; these drawings may include building, electrical, plumbing, yard, docks, water lot, etc..... this would be a lengthy project that folks could pick away at. We would develop a plan and monitor progress. Please contact me at [treasurer@ayc.ca](mailto:treasurer@ayc.ca)

**Passing of Dorothy Reid**

We are saddened to note the passing of Dorothy Reid, wife of former Life Member Jack Reid. For more details please contact the Commodore.

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