

The Bow Wave - September 2018

Mark Your Calendar:

- 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
- Annual General Meeting – Wednesday, November 14th at 7:30 pm
- Xmas Kids' Party – Sunday, December 2nd at 12:30 pm: lunch, activities, and a Christmas movie
- Wine & Cheese – Sunday, December 2nd at 2:00 pm

Commodore Rob Bittle

It pains me to have to point out that once again there has been a lapse in our House maintenance: a member signed up but did not perform the required duties this week. Obviously this negatively impacts all members, guests and visitors. I once again must remind you that if you sign up for House maintenance you **must** fulfill your commitment. This is the essence of our self-help Club and fundamental to the respect we show for our fellow members. If for some urgent reason you cannot fulfill your commitment you must:

- find a replacement
- notify the House Director

Otherwise you will be charged the cost of bringing in a 3rd party to clean the House, as will be the case this week. Please take note and honour your commitment to maintaining our Club. And thank you to the vast majority of our members who continue to contribute meaningfully and regularly. Have a wonderful long weekend.

Hog Fest Volunteers Needed!

Hogfest is just around the corner on Saturday, September 8th at 6:00 pm and volunteers are urgently needed to:

- Set up tents, tables and the kids' area
- Sign in members
- 50/50 raffle ticket sellers
- Food serving help
- Dessert-making
- Clean-up crew
- Contact Alison directly at social@ayc.ca

Hog Fest RSVP is September 5th

- The BBQ feast will be set out on 2 buffet stations:
 - Central Texas Smoked Brisket
 - Carolina Pulled Pork
 - Smoked and Tare Glazed Chicken
 - Coleslaw
 - Potato salad
 - Louisiana red beans
 - Pickles
 - Pickled onions
 - White bread
 - Dessert to follow.
- Correction: entertainment provided by *Minimum Billing*, the NYC house band

- No parking in front of the lockers or in front of the west side of the club
- Tickets are \$30 - RSVP by Wednesday, September 5th to Alison at social@ayc.ca

Bring friends and bring an appetite! Hope to see you there! Alison

Alexandra Yacht Club 2018 Annual General Meeting – Bill Morris, Secretary

Mark Your Calendars for Wednesday, November 14th! That evening AYC will hold its annual general meeting starting at 7:30 pm sharp. Registration starts at 7:00 pm. To help ensure the smooth operation of AYC, club members deal with a number of important items of business at the AGM. These include:

- Receiving the reports of the directors
- Receiving the financial statements and auditors' report for the preceding fiscal year,
- Appointing the auditors for the coming year, and
- Electing the board of directors for the coming year.

If you have any additional business you wish the members to deal with at the AGM the Club's bylaws require you to notify the Secretary in writing by October 15th. Senior and Life members are entitled to vote at the AGM. In the case of Joint Members, only one of the Joint Members may vote. Associate members are welcome to attend but may not vote. Nomination to stand for election as a club director is open to any senior or life member in good standing (not be in arrears of payment to the club). If you are interested in standing for election or would simply like to learn more about what the Board does and the role of the Directors, please contact me. Nomination forms will be available closer to the date of the AGM. Bill Morris secretary@ayc.ca

Membership Director – Ken Chumik

- I am pleased to welcome two new senior members:
 - Joe Vorstermans who brings a Niagara 35 to our fleet, sponsored by Keith Storey
 - Vlad Rudenko who brings a Bayfield 32 to our fleet, sponsored by Charles Haggart
- As you likely know, there have recently been ongoing difficulties with our gate. Senior Member Dave Bolivar has reviewed the problems with our current gate contractor. Vice Commodore Dan Peel is obtaining estimates for a new gate opener. In the meantime the gate and key pad are functioning.
- I have a number of applicants on our waiting list for the 2019 Season. Selection of new senior members will take place over the winter months and is based on the needs of the Club and mooring space available at the time of selection, rather than the order of application.

Cruise Schedule 2018 – Don Williams, AYC Cruise Captain

- We still have a cruise planned and all are welcome: Niagara-on-the-Lake / Youngstown: September 14th – 16th
- Everyone is welcome – power and sail
- Please email me to indicate your interest: cruisecaptain@ayc.ca
- Departure is usually at about 10:30 am (when the wind picks up) and the return time is usually about 6:00 pm or so depending on your departure time and the winds
- All cruises are weather dependent of course
- If cruising to the USA then you require a permit if your boat is 30' or more (DTOPS https://dtops.cbp.dhs.gov/main/login_internet.jsp#%20) and follow their instructions to order one – it takes about three weeks so plan ahead. They are \$27.50 US dollars and can be paid for with VISA/MC. Valid passports are also needed to enter the US along with boat documents including boat registration.

AHMEN Racing – 4 of 6 Races in September

AYC has its own series of races every Thursday evening throughout the sailing season which are available to all members. Most of you are aware of another series of races known as the AHMEN races which are held on 6 weekends beginning August 12th. For newer members not familiar with these races they consist of inter-club racing among 10 clubs in the Toronto area. All members are welcome to participate in just one those races or all if you enjoy testing your racing abilities with other sailors from clubs such as the National, Etobicoke, Queen City, etc. All particulars can be found on the AHMEN website at www.ahmen.ca. If you would like to learn more about this series of races please contact me, Doug McDonell (ddmcdonell@sympatico.ca) or, alternatively, Gareth Clemo (gareth.clemo@sympatico.ca). We can also put you in touch with some of your fellow AYC members who race to get their input - have a look at the website to see the results of AYC racers so far this season. There are four races left. Come out and join in the fun. Some members are racing and are looking for crew as well:

- September 9th
- September 15th (AYC, led by Doug McDonell is running this race)
- September 23rd
- September 30th

International Joint Commission (IJC) Report on the 2017 Floods of Lake Ontario

- A new [report](#) by the IJC has confirmed that the 2017 flood events on Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River were caused by extreme weather and record setting water supply conditions.
- The IJC has also released a short video that highlights the major events that caused the flooding and discusses how they managed outflows during the flooding events.
- Here is a link to the video: <https://vimeo.com/275669551>

Blue-Green Algae in Lake Ontario

In July, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) lab tests confirmed that there was blue-green algae present in Humber Bay Park East, near the mouth of the Mimico Creek. Blue-green algae are microscopic, plant-like organisms that occur naturally in ponds, lakes, rivers and streams. The algae can range in colour from blue to green to red. Some varieties of this algae can produce toxins that are harmful to humans, animals and fish. A large rain event has since washed away the algae, and is no longer a concern in this area. If you see suspected blue-green algae in the future take a cautious approach and follow these tips:

- assume the algae is of the toxic variety
- avoid drinking, swimming or bathing in the water
- do not allow pets to drink or enter the water

Great Lakes Weather Buoys Provide Real-Time Data

The Great Lakes Observation System offers real-time data about the Great Lakes which is available to the public. The buoys provide users with near real-time weather, wave and water quality conditions at the location of that buoy. There are 68 buoys throughout the Great Lakes that are providing data, 18 of which are located in Canadian waters.

There are two ways to access the data:

- Access the website at: <http://glbuoys.glos.us/>
- Text the number of a specific buoy and receive an immediate response with current conditions - to fully utilize this service, you will need to access the webpage in advance to get the phone number and code for the buoys that coincide with your journey, but that little bit of time planning will save you a good deal of effort once you are on the water
- Here is an example for buoy 45159 located near Toronto at 43 46.2000 – 78 58.800:
 - <https://glbuoys.glos.us/45159>
 - Or text 45159 to (734) 418-7299 for latest observations

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