

AYC – The Bow Wave – November, 2018

Mark Your Calendar:

- All remaining boats must be removed from AYC docks by Saturday, November 3rd
- Annual General Meeting – Wednesday, November 14th at 7:30 pm (arrive early to register please)
- 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

Annual General Meeting – Wednesday, November 14th at 7:30 pm

- **Election of Directors**
 - o Nominations are being accepted for the AYC Board of Directors
 - o All Board members hold a one year term and are elected annually at the meeting
 - o Members may nominate themselves or another member using the nominations form available at www.AYC.ca or at the meeting in November
- **AGM Items of Interest**
 - o A Proposal to allocate up to \$50,000 to renovate both washrooms in the Club house
 - o Eliminate the \$30 Social Fee
 - o Increase Senior Dues from \$500 to \$600 - Senior Member would get 1 ticket to Sailpast
 - o Eliminate the "Associate Member former Senior Member" and make it one "Associate Member"
 - o Increase Associate Membership fee from \$200 to \$250
 - o Increase square foot charge for Summer Moorings by \$0.10 per square foot in each of the next five years - this will increase it from current level of \$1.30 to \$1.80 in five years
 - o Increase Winter Storage square foot charge by \$0.10 square foot in each of the next five years - this will increase it from current level of \$1.50 to \$2.00 in five years
- **Questions?**
 - o Contact Bill Morris, Secretary at secretary@ayc.ca

Bill Morris, Secretary

The AGM package was distributed earlier this week. Please arrive a little early to sign-in so that we can get underway at 7:30 sharp. In addition to the regular items of business – receiving reports, appointing auditors, and electing directors – members will consider two important motions from the Board:

- Motion A proposes to eliminate the social fee, increase the membership fees, and phase in a fee increase bumping up the charges for storage and dockage over the next five years
- Motion B requests funds to renovate the Club's tired old bathrooms; prior to

proceeding or spending any approved funds a special members meeting will be held to outline the project scope and plan

A couple of other points worth noting:

- All Senior, Life, and Associate members are welcome and encouraged to attend
- Senior and Life members are entitled to vote - in the case of Joint Senior members, only one of the members may vote
- Senior members who are unable to attend may authorize another senior member to vote on their behalf via written proxy - the proxy form was included in the AGM package
- The AGM package also included a nomination form for the Board; please forward completed nominations to me at secretary@ayc.ca
- Nominations can also be made during the AGM
- At the 2017 AGM, members voted to expand the Board by creating the new position of Fleet Captain

Please print and bring the AGM documents you'll need. Printed copies of documents distributed in the AGM package will not be provided. Looking forward to seeing everyone on November 14th!

Tidying up Your Boat, Dan Peel, Vice Commodore

A big thank you to everyone who worked so hard at haul out and to prepare our yard for the winter. Well done. And a special thanks to Keith Storey for the new yard layout – great jigsaw puzzle. Thanks as always to the chefs for the tasty lunches. Now a few reminders as you continue to prepare your boat for winter:

- Get your boat washed ASAP as the yard water may be turned off at any time as the temperatures drop
- Always label your car with your name, boat name and mobile phone number
- If you are leaving a car overnight for any reason please do NOT leave it in front of the dumpsters
- Lock your ladder to your cradles when not in use – this is an important security issue
- Check your ladder! Is it in good working order? Is it safe? If it has broken or missing steps or if the support legs are compromised in any way please throw it out
- Dispose of antifreeze and oil in the appropriate drums behind the green tool shed – we pay for this service so please use it
- Always lock front and back club house doors if you are the last to leave.

Please work safely at all times. Thanks, and hope to see you at the AGM.

Wine & Cheese and Kids' Party, Alison Honey Woods, Social Director

Save the date: AYC's annual Kids' Party and Wine & Cheese party is Sunday, December 2nd

- Kids' party at 1:00 pm with games and cookie decorating and a movie to follow
- Wine & Cheese 2:00 – 4:00 pm
- Bring cash (or cheque) donations for Covenant House
(<https://www.covenanthousetoronto.ca>)

Come and celebrate the start of the Holiday season with AYC friends old and new!

The Clubhouse, Chris Guth, House Director

As your House Director during the last season, I had an interesting, enjoyable but also eye-opening year at the AYC. We were able to accomplish a few things around the Club House which were generally well received. I can also report that my department came in well under budget. This, of course was only possible with the "free labour" I received from many members and for which we all should all be thankful. The eye-opening experience was the amount of time it takes to be a Director on the Board and I have a new found appreciation and gratitude towards present, previous and future Board Members. As your outgoing House Director, it was and is a privilege to belong to a Club where so much is done by dedicated volunteers. I sincerely hope some of you will come forward and participate as Board Members this year or in the future. Thank you and have a wonderful off-season.

Membership Director, Ken Chumik

I plan to stand for Membership Director for another year. If elected, I will meet all those on the waiting list over the winter months and report my findings back to the new Board. As you know, the Club is full at this time with little movement of senior members. If the new Rear-Commodore wishes to use some of the swing moorings we can move forward with some new members.

Work Hours – Final Report

The final Work Hours Report for 2018 will be posted on the Members' page of the website at www.AYC.ca in early November. A hard copy will also been posted on the board at the Club. Should there be any discrepancies please directly contact the Board member responsible for reporting those hours. Consistent with the AYC by-laws members who have not fulfilled the minimum work hour requirements will be billed without exception.

Did You Know?

Each year, approximately 3 million pounds of plastic enters Lake Ontario which ends up washing up on shore or breaks down into microplastics which are consumed by fish and enter the food chain.

Final Reflections, Commodore Rob Bittle

The season for 2018 is at a close at AYC. The boats are all carefully stored on the hard and prepared for the winter. It seems such a short while ago we were so busy waxing and polishing to put them in the water. To look out over the basin of empty docks now brings some sadness relieved only by the memories of the glorious summer past. My third term as Commodore was a pleasant blend of watching the successes of the Board one after another combined with the efforts of our members towards a common goal. It truly is a system which works and I can tell you from conversations with other Commodores as well as visitors from other clubs, we are the envy of many. I look back on previous seasons with a certain amount of pride to see challenges met and overcome as well as the many improvements we have made and I hope you will agree we have made a better place for all to enjoy. I know the responsibilities and care will turn to other capable hands and I am confident that with the help you all provide so willingly our traditions will remain for many years to come. For those headed south to escape the clutches of winter, safe travels and think of us often until you return to the AYC.
Robert Bittle

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