



The Bow Wave

Alexandra Yacht Club

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Commodore Rob Bittle

The Alexandra Yacht Club has come a long way from our humble beginnings as “*the Alexandra Boat House*” (taken from the city directory of 1907) and yet many of the challenges we face today are mirrored in the events of the past. I believe we will continue as a successful yacht club long into the future.

Sailors and ‘stinkpotters’ all share a bond with the water and the desire to mess around with boats. The bond has brought us together and while we may not see eye to eye in every detail, our combined commitment to the Alexandra Yacht Club and to its traditions has drawn together. As Humphrey Bogart said,



“Unless you really understand the water, and understand the reason for being on it, and understand the love of sailing and the feeling of quietness and solitude, you don’t really belong on a boat anyway. I think Hemmingway said one time that the sea is the last free place on earth.”

However, I am concerned that our common bond and love of our Club is threatened by a lack of commitment to one of the most fundamental and unique aspects of AYC: we are a self-help Club.

I am shocked and saddened to see the lack of support to one of the most vital volunteer programs within the club: the site maintenance program. We had several weeks in July with almost no one signed up to undertake site maintenance. The response to my phone calls was met with some resistance and a remarkable lack of success. I like to think this is a result of the pressures of modern day life but still we must find a workable solution if the club is to continue to function.

Your Board of Directors will meet this week to consider this very problem and we will have several announcements to make once we have reached a decision.

In the meantime I wish you many hours of happy boating and I look forward to seeing you around the Club.

Winter Storage Invoice due: July 31st

If paid after July 31st, winter storage may be allocated on the basis of the date of payment, until the available space is full, at the discretion of the Board.

Mark your calendar!

2016 notable dates:

- Saturday, August 13th – Hot Summer Nights at 5:30 pm. Order your tickets now.
- September 10th – Hog Fest and Almost-Around-the-Island Race
- October 15th – Fall Yard Clean-up
- October 22nd/23rd – Haul Out
- October 29th – Fall Dock Party
- November 16th – Fall General Meeting

Pay for your Ice

Are you using ice? Please pay as you go. Current revenues are far short of our usage. If you are taking ice and not paying for it, you are taking advantage of your friends and other members. Be honourable and pay for ice at the time you use it.



Vice Commodore Dan Peel

Our sewer project is still underway. Please do not park at the Club on Monday, August 8th.

Two requests: Pay attention to what items go in the garbage dumpster vs. the recycle dumpster. And when you park, make an effort to align your vehicle properly so that we can accommodate the maximum number of cars in the lot.

Have a happy summer.



Rear Commodore Ken Daisley



We will be doing some maintenance on the dock chains in late August and I will be organizing a work party to assist with that in a few weeks.

Given the very hot summer our weed problem persists! Stay tuned for a new process in support of the weed warrior program aimed at improving our current methods. Until then, please continue to help us remove weeds from the basin.

Treasurer Keith Whalen

Well, here we are 9 months through our fiscal year. I am delighted to report that we are tracking well against the budget we established. I will have Bruce Buttimore upload an update to the Members side of the web once I close the month of July. On the revenue side, the only real underperforming line item is Associate Dues. Out of the 39 Associates, 12 did not renew. On the expenditure side, we are tracking well to our plans.

I need to acknowledge the tremendous efforts of House, Yard and Dock for their diligence in managing their budgets. As we enter the final stretch of the fiscal year, the most significant financial activity will be "Socials". I would encourage you to support these socials with the aim of breaking even! Erik has put together a terrific Caribbean Night... I guarantee that the food will be great! The music/band will be fantastic, and what could be better than an evening at the lake with great club-mates and friends!

You will have received by now your Winter 2016-17 Invoice. If you have not paid it by now, you will need to pay the higher amount on your invoice. There may be some significant changes in the yard due to members leaving and boat changes. Although you have received the invoice for winter, there is no guarantee that you will find storage in the yard. If you paid, and you are not one of the lucky ones, you will of course receive a refund.

I am looking for someone to work with me on the afternoon of the next social to support a REGALIA ordering day! I am looking to set up a table and have folks place their orders. This is in time for, should I say it? Fall and Winter weather! Let me know, it would be a great way for some fashionista to get a few work hours in. Let me know by August 8th.





Secretary Paul Oliver

All minutes and correspondence up to date. Over the last month the Board has worked to confirm that all members have the required insurance on their boat. Thanks to all members that helped with this process. I realize it may seem a little tedious, but to protect the AYC family and our Club insurance, it is critical that all members maintain the required insurance as per our By-Laws. The Insurance is not only important to protect boat-owners and damage to their boat, but to guard against serious potential financial costs such as environmental clean-ups....which can run hundreds of thousands of dollars.



I hope that you will understand that when we repeat this process periodically in the future the Board is doing so to ensure our Club is properly protected.

All the best for the rest of the season.

Social Director Erik Schomann



Hot August Night Caribbean Dance Party is just around the corner and we've got another great one planned for you. With a jammin' musical crew for your dancin' feet delight, super tasty roti dinner and beverages—all at \$35, there's no sweeter party deal in this city. Order tickets for you and your guests today! (and before the August 10th deadline).

Also, we need help for set up and clean up. So if you're in need of work hours and want to contribute, please be sure to contact me directly at Social@AYC.ca. The main event is **Saturday, August 13th and kicks off at 5:30**. See you there!

Membership Director Ken Chumik



Our club has been full for some time now and I do not know of any members who plan to leave at the time of writing. On our waiting list, we have one associate member who wishes to join as a senior member when a slip becomes available. There are, of course, the swings to fill and I have been doing the odd interview over the summer months with limited results.

I have been recording work hours for the board and will be posting them on the bulletin board this weekend. They will also be posted on the website as well. If you have any issues with your posted hours please take your concerns to the board member responsible for that area of work hours. I only post what I'm told to post by the Board and cannot make any changes to the work hours journal without Board member consent.

You will notice an improvement to the Wi-Fi at the club around the clubhouse and to some extent on the docks. Please let me know if you discover particularities about the Wi-Fi that I have not noticed as I cannot test for all circumstances. We have updated to a new router and switch as well as improved the service brought by the Internet Service Provider. I would like to thank David Bolivar and Thilo Kopfer for their assistance in the project. I also plan to improve access on the docks later this year or at the beginning of the 2017 season.



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Communications Director Colin Smith



Please continue to give me your feedback regarding communications at AYC. Are there too many AYC email Updates? Not enough? Do you read the newsletters? I am interested in all comments and suggestions. I hope you are enjoying a wonderful season.

Fleet Captain Gareth Clemo

We continue our exciting racing series on Thursday nights. Please come and join us—I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the race course. Everyone is welcome at the post-race BBQ whether you race or not. The Notice of Race has been posted on our webpage as have and race instruction. If you want to crew, this is a great opportunity to come out a meet your fellow racers. Just show up any Thursday and speak with me.

For more information check out the “Racing” tab at the top of the AYC home page. Or contact me directly at FleetCaptain@AYC.ca.

House Director Richard Armstrong



What a great summer we are having! We hope you are enjoying the 2nd floor of the Clubhouse as we conclude that refurbishing project. Only the repainting of the pendant lights and refinishing of the wood windows (inside and out) remains. We have had many guests complimenting our work on the Clubhouse.

We have just purchased 3 large umbrellas for the patios. Two have already broken! All will be back in order shortly. The umbrellas cannot be used in winds. Although they look much stronger than our standard ones - they are not. Please lower them when not in use or during windy periods. They provide excellent shade during those hot, still and sunny days.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the soffit cleaning project, the outdoor stair refurbishment and window wood staining. We need help organizing this or helping with the labour.

As always, we need more people to sign up for site maintenance. It is what keeps our club looking good throughout the season. And it is a great way to earn hours. If you need any help understanding what's involved talk to me or Rob Bittle. We are often at the Club. Happy boating!