



The Bow Wave

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Commodore Rob Bittle

By the time you read this the boats from the yard will be in the water ready to begin a new season. At the Spring AGM there were several lively discussions and two bylaw/rule changes passed which may affect you. While the Secretary will report the exact wording the intent of both additions related to issues which arose over the winter. The envelope beneath your boat in winter storage is the intended location for storage of your dinghy. Storage in areas other than this without payment, in addition to being unsightly, is unfair to other members who store their additional watercraft properly and pay for this privilege. Boats remaining in the water long after haul out pose an environmental hazard and expose the club to potential liability for charges.



The news is out ... the Alexandra Yacht Club is no longer “*the cheapest club on the lake*” and nor should we aspire to be so. We are a well-run facility providing excellent opportunities for members to contribute and enjoy the benefits of club membership. Your Board is actively pursuing a plan to preserve this quality in the near and long term future. I hope to earn your support through the summer months to ensure the focus of this process.

Your first opportunity to contribute will be presented at this year’s yard cleanup on May 7th. I would also like all members to sign up for the Officer of the Day and the Site Maintenance program. Your Directors have worked hard to coordinate these activities and it’s now up to you.

It has been exciting and inspiring to see so many of you busily preparing your boats and at the same time, willing to help out a neighbour when assistance is called for. This is what being a good member is all about. This year marks our 110th anniversary – let’s make it a special event! I hope to see everyone at Sail Past and have done my best to see that *Xifias* will be ready to greet you. For the sailors – get those masts up! For the power boaters (and sailors at heart) get those motors runnin! But most importantly, be safe.

I have a couple of special things planned for Sail past. First I would like to request that any Past Commodore planning to attend – please let me know. Secondly, the camera will be focused on each burgee in order to determine the best and the worst presentation ... more details to follow.

See you on the water!

Yard Clean-up: Saturday, May 7th

- 8:00 am start
- Parking at the Navy Yard
- Dress for the weather
- Your attendance is required!

Mark your calendar!

2016 notable dates:

- May 7th – Spring Yard Clean-up
- June 18th – Sail Past
- August 13th – Hot Summer Nights
- September 17th – 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
- December 4th – Wine & Cheese

Take a Seat

For a \$100 donation, place a personalized nameplate on one of our new lounge chairs. Curious? Have a look at some of the inscriptions that have been completed to date. Contact the Treasurer for more information.



Vice Commodore Dan Peel

Congratulations to everyone on a successful Launch Day 2016. I enjoyed seeing those members who stored their boats at the Club over the winter work together so effectively. Now it's time to get those masts up and clean up the Yard. If you need help with your mast, please ask! I look forward to seeing all members at our Spring Clean-up Day next Saturday, May 7th at 8:00 am. Parking will be available at the Navy Yard once again and remember to dress for the weather.



Rear Commodore Ken Daisley



The docks are ready to accept our fleet. It was great to see both old and new members on April 23rd at the Dock Preparation Work party—thanks to all who participated and let's welcome AYC's 2016 Sailing Season.

We currently have 94 slips of which all are accounted for in terms of mooring debentures and all but two are occupied. We also have 7 swing moorings all of which were examined and reconditioned last year with new chain and have been re-positioned according to their capabilities: 4 are capable of carrying larger boats up to 35 feet and three of which can manage smaller craft, say 24 to 26 feet. None of the swing moorings are currently occupied.

I would like to update you on a few items related to safety and operational efficiency:

Life Rings—We have several life rings available on the docks; the throw lines will be replaced this year. Thanks John McFetrick for your help with this project.

Safety Ladders—New safety ladders have been installed throughout the basin along both sides of the dock system. They can easily be seen by the identification flags installed alongside each ladder.

Electrical Breaker Panel Replacement—The panel that services the docks has been replaced. The previous unit was worn, failure-prone and outdated. Weak breakers tripped frequently and we expect much improved service with the new panel.

Dock Electrics—A review of our electrical system is underway and several alternatives have been discussed with no firm decision. Stay tuned for a future update.

Mooring Chains—Over the last two seasons George Gurr and his team put a great deal of effort into replacing all the mooring chains that hold our docks and our boats. A small remaining section along the south end of M Dock will be upgraded this summer when the water is warmer.

Officer of the Day (OOD)—The sign up sheet for the OOD will be posted on the Moorings Information Board. Please participate. The OOD should be welcoming and helpful to visiting boaters, and improve the appearance of the Club. Each stint pays four work hours.

Weed Warrior Program—Please Support the Club with basin weed removal. The record sheet will be posted on the Moorings Info Board. This is a really good way to earn work hours.



Secretary Paul Oliver

I want to thank everyone that attended our Spring General Meeting—very lively discussion and great input.

The membership adopted two new Club Rules. One to help ensure the water basin is cleared in the fall and seawall weatherization is not delayed and the other to better manage the storage of dinghies during the winter:

5.7 All boats and dinghies shall be removed from the water lot within 12 days of the completion of haul-out, exception may only be made with the written approval of the Rear Commodore.

15.3 During winter storage, all dinghies and other personal watercraft will be stored on or under the member's respective boat within the winter storage footprint, exception may be made with the written ap-

proval of the Vice Commodore. If a dinghy or personal watercraft is stored in another location on AYC property, the member will be assessed a dinghy winter storage charge of \$300.

The Board also asked me to undertake a review of the By-Laws with the objective of streamlining and removing ambiguity resulting from numerous amendments over the years. Brian Iler, Alison Manzer and Bill Morris have volunteered to assist with this process. If any other members are interested in helping with this process, please let me know.



Social Director Erik Schomann

As we continue work on preparations for the big 110th anniversary party at Sail Past this year, I'd like to remind the membership that this is a great opportunity to earn hours in a way that contributes to the fun and social life of the club. Sail Past is on June 18th. Please contact me if you are willing to help.

Membership Director Ken Chumik

Over the last couple of seasons I have concentrated on filling membership vacancies with vessels under 30 feet. The waiting list for vessels under 30 feet is now inactive as all related inquires are offered a swing mooring at the time of my interview. Those who refuse the offer of a swing are deleted from the list.

As a result we now have docks that are full and swing moorings that are once again empty. It is my opinion that we need to increase our initiation dues to at least \$2,500. This mooring master has decided to allow vessels over 30 feet onto the swings for a trial and as a result I have been approaching applicants on the waiting list with vessels over 30 feet.

Most applicants on the waiting list have not responded to my emails or declined. However, I do have one applicant which I have posted and will come before the Board in May. My intention is only to take one or two of these types of vessels. If you have any questions or concerns about this process or if you know of anyone who would like to join our Club please contact me.

Membership applications are now posted on our website so that you can view applications remotely. You can also send feedback to me through the website. Finally, and not related to membership, I am attempting to upgrade the WiFi speed and reliability. Stay tuned for more information.





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Robi Roncarelli, Health & Safety Officer

AYC has an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) hanging on the wall in the library, next to the small notice board. Two levels of AED and CPR Familiarization Sessions will be offered at AYC this season:

AED/CPR Basic Familiarization—A short, hands-on review of the AED and basic CPR skills; work with a Training AED, and do some CPR on proper training Manikins; no cost; 1-2 hours depending on how many sign up.

Basic Level B CPR Training, with AED Familiarization—Earning you a CPR/AED Certification Card; 3-4 hours long, costs \$25.00, as it is a registered course.

Interested? Email me at robipixel@bell.net and indicate your interest and if you prefer weekday evenings or weekends.

Also – how is your boat's First Aid Kit? If you are planning some cruising (or not) and want to make sure it covers the basics, let me know and I will have a look at it for you.

Robi ("Barca Nostra") is a Canadian Ski Patroller, Advanced Emergency Responder and First Aid and Safety Trainer.

Fleet Captain Gareth Clemo

Our first race is only a couple of weeks away on Thursday, May 19th and 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 and race instruction will be posted soon. Race orientation will take place on Wednesday May 11th at 7:00 pm (not Thursday, May 12th). We will be having the standard BBQ after the meeting. If you want to crew, this is a great opportunity to come out a meet your fellow racers.

For more information check out the "[Racing](#)" tab at the top of the AYC home page.

Communications Director Colin Smith

For help in planning and undertaking maintenance projects on your boat check out OffCenterHarbor.com which offers over 400 videos and 300 articles on boat repairs, maintenance, handling and even boat building. Sometimes viewing a video can be more helpful than reading a good article.

Click here ([OffCenterHarbor](#)) to view a highlight video. For example, I am planning a small epoxy repair project this summer and their videos have been very helpful ([How to Use Epoxy](#)).

And thanks to Phil Dunk for coordinating the installation of the new carpet in the lounge. Looks great Phil!

