

What's New – September 2017

Special Event Reminder: Nancy Traves Memorial

A memorial celebrating the life of senior member Nancy Traves will be held at AYC on Labour Day, Monday September 4th, starting at 4:00 pm. Nancy passed away suddenly in August. Here is her [obituary](#). Nancy's husband, senior member Bill Morris, has indicated that any AYC members who might wish to attend or just stop by for a bite and beverage are welcome. Bill and Nancy's family would like the event to be as informal and celebrative as possible. Since there are likely to be a number of external guests, Bill would also like to extend his thanks to those members who have volunteered to assist with parking, set up and clean up, and to apologize in advance for any inconvenience the event may cause AYC members.

Upcoming Events:

- Hog Fest & Almost-Around-the-Island Race – Next Saturday - September 9th
- Fall Yard Clean-up – October 14th
- Haul Out – Friday October 20th & Saturday October 21st (**Take note of changed dates!**)
- Dock Party – October 28th
- Fall Annual General Meeting – November 15th
- Wine & Cheese – December 3rd

Almost-Around-the-Island Race – Saturday, September 9th:

- 12:30 Skippers meeting
- 1:30 Five minute warning – Number one  raised.
- 1:31 Four minute warning - Preparatory  raised.
- 1:34 One minute warning - Preparatory  down.
- 1:35 Start of race – Number one  down.

Rear-Commodore Ken Daisley

Hello to all and welcome to an early fall. Thank goodness we finally have control of our weed problem, at least for now. Thanks to all those who got stuck in to help – we all appreciate your ongoing support. Water levels continue to drop and we are getting back down to a level that is manageable. We will need to make a few adjustments after the long weekend to our lower sea wall and I will be looking for some help to do this. As well be careful when walking along the water's edge on the lower sea wall. Some of the interlock has had its base washed out and some of the interlocking bricks are less than stable. In terms of our dock chains, they are currently quite loose as a result of the water levels receding. The question is do we go ahead and do a blanket re-tensioning to the system to get us through or do we rely on everyone to tension their own chains. I vote for the latter option given the fact that the sailing season is unfortunately coming to an abrupt end. So given that choice, if anyone needs assistance tightening up their dock finger give me a shout and I can get you some help. Let me know what you think at rear-commodore@ayc.ca. See you all around the Club!

Membership Director Ken Chumik

- I have had a lot of inquiries for membership and have developed a waiting list with the intent of meeting these prospective members during September and October
- We are looking at populating the swing moorings more permanently beginning next season, however most of the prospective boats are more than 30 feet long which may impact our plans
- We are also working on *key fob* access for the gate to replace the current key pad – as you may know, a key fob is a small security hardware device with built-in authentication used to control and secure access

Flare Return and Disposal Day

- Saturday September 16th 2017
- The Dock Shoppe, 350 Queen's Quay West, Toronto M5V 3A7
- 9 am – 4 pm

In accordance with Transport Canada requirements, flares are approved

for four years from the date of manufacture. Typically, this means that you need to replace your flares every third or fourth boating season and dispose of the old ones. If they have expired or will expire during the boating season, you must replace them... it's the law! For more info, call 416 571 0038 or email us at yorkwest@cps-ecp.org.

Social Director – Erik Schomann

With less than a week to go before Hogfest and the Almost Around the Island Race on September 9th, we're looking forward to winding down the season with a bang! Menu will consist of ribs and sausages along with salads and corn as well as vegetarian options for those who, for whatever reason, don't do pork. *Minimum Billing* the house band from AYC will be making their way over the fence to entertain us. We need to finalize the numbers by Wednesday, September 6th so please be sure to let us know before then if you're going to make it and how many you will be. Tickets are \$25 and a member of the social committee will be calling you for an RSVP shortly if they haven't already or, if you'd like to be proactive, you can contact our social director directly at social@ayc.ca and let Erik know how many tickets you would like. Also, to add a bit of fun and gain to the celebrations, we'd like to reach out to the membership to ask if they anything to donate for a raffle we'll be holding at the event. Again, if you are interested in contributing a donation or in volunteering to help out for the event, contact Erik.

That's it for now. Looking forward to see you on the 9th!

Attention Cruisers! – Don Williams, AYC Cruise Captain

Our mid-August cruise went extremely well with big winds (20+ knots from the west so a nice close haul/beam reach) and big waves (10'+) all the way to Dalhousie Yacht Club (DYC). We did it in under four hours. There was plenty of space for us at DYC as many of their members made other arrangements for their boats this year or didn't put them into the water at all. We enjoyed a nice dinner at Pier 61 with a great view of the river 20 feet away and then watched a great outdoor band 'The Illusions' over at *The Lion*. There was also lots going on the Dalhousie Park including the 5 Cent Carousel. And, we had another nice beam reach all the way back to the AYC.

I have just received confirmation for our final cruise (to Smuggler's Cove in NOTL) for the September 23rd weekend so please join us for this last one. We may plan to do one night in Youngstown or just motor/sail over there on Saturday (and then return to Smuggler's) depending on the weather and the wishes of the group (to visit the historic Fort Niagara which will still be open and operational with a free shuttle from YYC to Fort Niagara and back.) Bikes are good for this cruise (on either side – Canadian or American) so that you can bike down to the town or NOTL as the taxis are few and far between. Don't forget your passports and decal if going into the States - email me if you need to know the procedure and what is required.

We also had planned to go to Oakville but unfortunately they were not able to accommodate us. So, we will have one more cruise – to NOTL on the September 23rd weekend – so please email me cruisecaptain@ayc.ca if you are interested and all are welcome – power and sail.

Licence Plate Registry:

Thanks to all those that have sent in their licence plates and vehicle descriptions to Don Williams cruisecaptain@ayc.ca who is diligently adding this information to our Excel spreadsheet so that we can monitor and police unapproved parking in our parking lot. We have cars parked for weeks at a time and don't know who owns them and they are often in the way of cradles, clean up and yard work. This program will only work if everyone buys in so please send your licence plate(s) and vehicle description to Don so that he can complete this task. Thank you.

Label Your Stuff Program:

Please help yourself to a UV label from the bulletin board and use a Sharpie (or similar black marker) to label your dinghy, kayak, bike or whatever ASAP. Unlabelled items may be discarded at the end of the season. Please help us out by labelling your peripheral equipment. Thank you.

AYC Well Represented at the Lake Ontario 300 – Gareth Clemo, AYC Fleet Captain

The Lake Ontario 300 is a long distance endurance racing run over several days on one of two courses. Long Course: Main Duck Island Course is a 300 nautical mile course on Lake Ontario, starting at Port Credit, then on to the Humberview Mark, Ford Shoal Buoy, Main Duck and Yorkshire Islands, Niagara Mark, PCYC Mark and the Finish Mark.



Short Course: Scotch Bonnet Island Course is a 190 nautical mile course starting at Port Credit, then on to the driveHG.ca mark, Scotch Bonnet Island, Niagara Mark, PCYC Mark and the Finish Mark.



Finishing the race for many is considered a victory. On behalf of the Club I'd like to congratulate the three AYC boats who participated in the lake Ontario 300 and who all had podium finishes. Stuart Rice and crew sailing *One* finished second in the Main Duck-PHRF-

FS-DH-1 (ASP<184) division in a corrected time of 2 day, 20 hours, 53 minutes and 7 seconds. Stephen Brown and crew sailing *Anelare* finished just behind Stuart in the same division in third place with a corrected time of 2 day, 22 hours, 15 minutes and 31 seconds. Bill Morris and crew sailing *Xtra-Xtra* competed in the Scotch Bonnet-PHRF-NFS-DH-1 division finishing second with a corrected time of 2 day, 5 hours, 4 minutes and 2 seconds.

Congratulations to Amy Glennie, Daughter of Senior Member Alan Glennie

Amy Glennie is developing quite the set of Optimist dinghy skills while on the racing circuit going from regatta to regatta courtesy of her dedicated parents:

2016

- 1st of 88 in silver fleet in Canadian Nationals at ABYC Toronto
- 17th of 46 in Fall Cork Regatta, Kingston

2017

- Acceptance onto Canadian National Optimist Team by virtue of her 2016 season
- 7th of 37 in Lilac Regatta at RHYC, Hamilton
- 7th of 28 at RCYC Open Regatta, Toronto
- 5th of 40 at Fogh-Boorman Regatta at RHYC, Hamilton
- 3rd of 51 at Steerer's Regatta at PCYC, Port Credit
- 7th of 49 at Four Sisters Regatta at PCYC, Port Credit
- 21st of 64 at Kennedy Cup Regatta at RNSYS, Halifax
- 34th of 128 at Canadian Nationals at RNSYS, Halifax

Meanwhile the fall Cork Regatta in Kingston and the Cornish Hen Regatta at RHYC, Hamilton are pending. Congratulations Amy!

Colin Smith

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