



The Bow Wave

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Commodore Rob Bittle

Your Board continues to meet through the winter and planning is well underway for our 2017 season. Launch is 87 days away!

Please take note of two dates: Our By-law Review Committee has been working very hard to update and improve our by-laws. This work is critical to the future of the Club. The Committee would like to discuss its mandate and work with all of you at a Q&A Session on Sunday, March 18th, just prior to the annual Hug Your Boat social event. Stay tuned for details.

After much debate, the Board has approved a plan to move Haul Out to Friday, October 20th and Saturday October 21st. This will ensure that we do not conflict with the Toronto Marathon on Sunday the 22nd, and will reduce our crane rental costs. If you normally haul out on the first day, please take special note of this change.



Rear-Commodore Ken Daisley

Our docks are clear of birds and boats and the bubbler is keeping the electrical supply free and clear of ice. I have submitted a wish list budget to the board for consideration which includes a new floating crane, new mooring balls, some replacement chain and fittings, some replacement cubes and fittings and an addition of a stray electrical current detector.

The idea to get the power supply up high and dry off the bottom of the basin has been shelved due to the extremely high cost it would incur. Dock layout doesn't change from last year so 'all is good' there. I will post the layout chart that will show all the docks, their respective sizes and the current occupant just before launch.

Since we are all organized and in good shape I am heading off south to thaw out and most happily attend with my family and many friends my daughter Emma's much anticipated wedding. Keep warm and see you all in the spring.



Mark your calendar!

2017 notable dates:

- By-law Review Q&A – March 18
- Hug Your Boat – March 18
- Last date for private bookings at the Club: March 31
- Spring General Meeting – April 19
- Dock Party – April 22
- Launch – April 29
- Spring Yard Clean-up – May 6
- Sail Past – June 17
- Hot Summer Nights – August 12
- Hog Fest & Almost-Around-the-Island Race – September 9
- Fall Yard Clean-up – October 14
- Haul Out – Friday, October 20th & Saturday, October 21st
- Dock Party – October 28
- Fall Annual General Meeting – November 15
- Wine & Cheese – December 3



Social Director Erik Schomann

Our first month of off-season social events has gone over well with a games night and Chinese New Year hot pot. These intimate gatherings have been great opportunities to get to know club members in a more intimate setting. Good times.

We have more stupendous events planned for the coming months and as the social committee works out the schedule and details, we'll be sure to keep you posted both here and on social media.

In the meantime, wishing everyone a joyous and prosperous Year of the Rooster.

Secretary Bill Morris



The By-law Review Committee has been working very hard and will be presenting a Q&A session just before "Hug Your Boat" on March 18th, 2017. I hope to see many of you there.

Membership Director Ken Chumik



Your membership director will be starting to interview prospective new members beginning this month with the intent of filling at least four of the swings.

We have had a couple of resignations from senior members over the winter months. Both these members utilized docks under 30 feet. Anyone applying with a vessel over the thirty feet will need to reside on a swing for an unspecified period before getting a dock as I see little movement in the larger vessels over the next few years.

If you are planning on leaving our wonderful club now or in the near future I would appreciate knowing as it would make it easier to plan moving forward.

Please look for postings of prospective new members on the club new business board as well as on the website beginning mid February. Your opinion of the applications are always appreciated and kept confidential.

My internet project will continue this spring with the installation of Wi-Fi on our docks at a speed where everyone will be able to watch your favorite YouTube AA meeting without any unpleasant interruptions.

Enjoy the balance of the winter and see you at "Hug your Boat".



Cruise Captain Don Williams

Attention All Cruisers! We are planning another great season on the high seas of our Great Lake. Last year was good but this year will be even better with planned activities once we get to our watery destinations. We have four cruises planned as we did last season, and will be accommodating reciprocal clubs two of these four voyages. The dates are still being worked out but I want to wet your boating appetites and get you thinking about joining the spray and the fray. Sail and Power are both welcome.

- We plan to sail to The Oakville Club again to enjoy the use of their many water toys - kayaks, canoes, stand up paddle boards, as well as the ambiance of their pool complete with adjacent bar.
- On Cruise Two we plan to cruise to the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club complete with pool and more ambiance than you can shake a winch handle at. It is a wondrous sight sailing (or more correctly powering) under the mighty Burlington Skyway Bridge.
- On Cruise Three we head to Dalhousie Yacht Club (DYC) and Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club (NOTLSC). The first night is to DYC — a great place to make use of your dinghy as the club is split in two by the majestic Dalhousie River (12 Mile Creek) and perhaps take a five cent carousel ride on one of the oldest carousels in the world or enjoy Rush's Lakeside Park. The DYC has taken over the west wall docks from the city so there is now ample dockage. We then cruise to NOTLSC for the second night sailing right past the Welland Canal. I don't think that I need to say what a treat it is staying in one of the prettiest towns (NOTL) in all of Canada.
- On Cruise Four we head to Youngstown, NY and visit an often over-looked gem - Old Fort Niagara. This fort has the oldest building still standing in North America. You can see it from the shore as it is about five stories high and very grey and always cooler inside than outside! You often hear the loud bang when they fire their mortar. The fort has organized tours and history galore and re-enacts musket and mortar firing as well as many other live re-enactment activities. We then cruise to Wilson, NY to enjoy live music at the Boathouse, which is party central for sure! If you can spare one more night in Wilson then watch the afternoon live blues show at the Sunset Grill and do a beautiful evening cruise back to T.O. or stay one more night and head back the following morning - up to you.

So, there you have it cruisers - four fun, interesting and adventurous cruises planned this season that offer a good variety of locals and all AYCers are most welcome. The order of these cruises may be changed as dates become confirmed with the other reciprocal clubs. I will be providing further details and dates in future newsletters. These dates will not conflict with the fun social activities planned at AYC — they will complement them.

In the meantime please email me if you have any questions or suggestions: cruisecaptain@ayc.ca



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**Alexandra
Yacht Club**

Providing flood protection for the Port Lands was identified as a top priority by all three levels of government when they first established Waterfront Toronto in 2001. They have developed and refined a solution to naturalize the mouth of the Don River and protect the Port Lands and adjacent areas from potential flooding. A new mouth for the Don River will be created in the middle of the Port Lands between the ship channel and the Keating Channel.

Waterfront Toronto

The Cherry Street Lakefilling Project

On September 14, 2016, the governments of Canada and Ontario and the City of Toronto announced infrastructure funding under the *Clean Water and Wastewater Fund* for Cherry Street Lakefilling (formally called Essroc Quay Lakefilling). The Cherry Street Lakefilling project is located on the south side of the Keating Channel, at the confluence of the Don River and Toronto's Inner Harbour.

The Cherry Street Lakefilling project, while part of the proposed scope of work for the broader Port Lands Flood Protection and Enabling Infrastructure Project, is a self-contained and stand-alone project that can be advanced independently of the larger scope of work. The project will create a new landmass around the current Essroc Quay through lakefilling and stabilize the area shoreline under flood conditions.

Infilling Essroc Quay is an important element of safely conveying increasing storm and flood waters, although it does not eliminate the flood plain designation in the Port Lands. It will also improve water quality, optimize water and storm infrastructure, and create new naturalized open spaces and aquatic habitat. Additional information can be found through the links provided below.

Construction is expected to begin August 2017 and will include:

- Diverting the existing storm sewer that currently discharges storm water into the Essroc slip
- Dredging around Essroc Quay
- Constructing confinement berms, dockwalls, rock armoured and lakefilling
- Creating aquatic habitat features

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