

The Bow Wave – February, 2018

Hug Your Boat – Saturday, March 24th at 12:30 pm

Come out to AYC's first social event of the year! Meet new members, make new friends, and say hello to old ones. Beer, sausages and salad provided. Check in on your boat and get ready for the 2018 season! Parking is very limited. Interested in volunteering for the social committee? Contact Alison Honey Woods at social@ayc.ca. Have a maintenance idea for the club? Contact a board member and earn work hours.

Mark Your Calendar

The AYC 2018 Events Calendar has been posted at www.ayc.ca on the Home Page. Here are the highlights:

- Hug Your Boat – Saturday, March 24th at 12:30 pm
- Spring General Meeting – Wednesday, April 18th at 7:30 pm
- Dock Party – Saturday, April 21st
- Launch – **FRIDAY**, April 27th
- Spring Yard Clean-up – Saturday, May 5th
- Sail Past – Saturday, June 16th
- Hot Summer Nights – Saturday, August 11th
- Hog Fest and Almost Around the Island Race – Saturday, September 8th
- Fall Yard Clean-up – Saturday, October 13th
- Haul Out – **FRIDAY** and Saturday, October 19th and 20th
- Dock Party – Saturday, October 27th
- Fall General Meeting – Wednesday, November 14th at 7:30 pm
- Kids' Party and Wine and Cheese – Sunday, December 2nd at 2:00 pm

Launch and Haul Out are on FRIDAYS

- Please take special note of our **weekday** Launch and Haul-out dates above.

Water Levels

- Water levels for all of the Great Lakes remain above their long term average for January by at least a foot, and all lakes are at or above their levels at this time last year.
- For more information check out the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Weekly Great Lakes Water Level Update by clicking here:

<http://www.lre.usace.army.mil/Missions/Great-Lakes-Information/Great-Lakes-Water-Levels/Water-Level-Forecast/Weekly-Great-Lakes-Water-Levels/>

House Director, Chris Guth

As your House Director for 2018 I will endeavour to keep our Club House well-maintained and will make improvements as needed. I plan to refurbish (hopefully not replace) our deteriorating exterior staircase before the next sailing season starts. I also plan to refresh our downstairs lobby and lounge and to make some improvements to the washrooms. If you have other suggestions and would like to volunteer, please contact me. I have already enough projects that you can earn early work hours.

Unfortunately it was necessary to replace the broken glass stovetop at a cost of more than \$700. How did the damage occur? Please be careful with our new and expensive appliances. I wish you and your families a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2018.

Summer Invoices

- Your summer payment was due on January 31st. Please contact the Treasurer Keith Whalen if you have any concerns: treasurer@ayc.ca

Reciprocals

- Did you know that as an AYC member you have reciprocal privileges at many clubs around Lake Ontario?
- The Lake Ontario Club Cruising Association (LOCCA) has centralized the reciprocals process.
- Check out their website for the long list of clubs at:
<http://locca.org/reciprocal-repository/>

BYOB

- As the Board works hard to manage the Club's expenses, expect more of our social events to encourage you to BYOB.

Shock Alert!

- Our Dock Master and Rear-Commodore Ken Daisley has purchased a portable device to detect dangerous electricity in the water.
- The Officer of the Day (OOD) will assume this responsibility.
- For more information click here: <http://www.shockalert.com/>

Security and Access System and Membership – Ken Chumik, Membership Director

- Three months to launch folks! The new gate system is working well. We hope to have the new application for your Smartphone to activate the security gate available at Hug Your Boat in March. Associate members will receive a FOB at Yard Clean-up or thereafter. In the meantime use the PIN that you have been emailed for access. Any senior members without a FOB can pick it up at Hug Your Boat or Yard Clean-up as well, or by emailing me at membership@ayc.ca.
- The board has decided not to admit any new senior members until the swing moorings can be checked by divers. I am keeping a waiting list only at this time. Those applications posted will be interviewed at the March board meeting but may not be admitted into the club, if approved, until later in the season.

Associate Members Take Note

- Please note that the AYC Bylaws have changed.
- All AYC Associate Members must now complete 4 hours of work annually.

One Day Marine Diesel Engine Theory and Maintenance Course – see attached for information

New Email Address?

- Have a new email address or new contact information? Know someone who is not receiving AYC communications? Please notify us and help us stay up to date.

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