

Bow Wave – August 2019

Your monthly dose of AYC news



Mark Your Calendars

- Aug 10, 2019 6:00pm - Hot Summer Nights



Ken Daisley

Commodore

Hi All.

Hope everyone is enjoying summer. It's finally here. I don't see too much member activity around the club though. I guess folks are busy or away on vacation. AYC is there waiting for you to enjoy when you can.

A few things this month firstly, I must complement the volunteers who have signed up for house duties and have provided some excellent service. I don't think the club has looked better consistently as it does today and I am sure our House Director is feeling very pleased with the results. We did however need to populate the list to ensure the gains are maintained. So, check the notice board for your assignment.

We had a full house of visitors this last weekend and everyone I spoke with commented on how nice our club is. I would expect that this coming weekend will be just as busy so if you are planning to be away, note your slip, departure date and return date on the white board in the Club Library. That way the OOD can assign slips properly and make sure your slip is vacated for your return.

Pretty soon the water levels should subside to the point that we will need to tighten up all the chains to stabilize the docks. (Notice the non-committal "pretty soon and should").

Your Rear Commodore will be scheduling a work party to accomplish this so stand by your emails and sign up to help out.

We had some discussions this last week with Leadership at the Island Yacht Club re securing a deal for winter storage for our members who don't have winter storage privileges at AYC. We will be scheduling a meeting with them for next week to get something firm to bring back to our impacted members. Also note to existing members with winter storage privileges that storage at IYC is "mast up"

The tragic impact of the high-water levels once again this year will have caused further damage to the lower sea wall. We will need to assess this as early as possible to develop a plan to correct any damage that has been done. It may result in an insurance claim that (if accepted by our insurance provider) will require us to pony up a fairly substantial deductible payment which would have impact on our 5-year 10-year financial planning.

Now my pet peeve. Weeds. We all know how troublesome they can be but if we pitch in and work together, we can control them. Right now, they are fairly easy to remove since the water is so high you don't have to lift them out of the water. Just rake them out and shovel em up. Real easy. So, if you are around town and at a loose end then give it a go. Record your hours on the Weed Warrior Sign Up Sheet on the Bulletin Board and help keep our club clean and pretty. As Rob Bittle always says and a belief I share "WE HAVE THE BEST CLUB ON THE LAKE" Let's keep it that way.

Best Regards and Boat On!!!

Ken Daisley
Commodore

Dan Peel

Vice Commodore

I trust everyone is enjoying this fantastic summer weather!

Just a few notes about the yard.

On Monday and Tuesday evenings please be mind full not to leave vehicles over night in front of the club house, East of the front doors and directly in front of the dumpsters. These are the two days the garbage trucks need to have access. When going away for extended periods of time please park your vehicles along the south fence. If there is no room please shoot me a note and I can direct you on where to leave your vehicle.

That is all, Happy Yachting

Dan





Greg Shears

Rear Commodore

Hard to believe we're halfway thru our boating season already so if you have anything on your wish list do it now. Special thanks to Gareth Clemo for his unrelenting patience and expertise in dealing with our water leak warning device also George Gurr has volunteered to cover for me while I spend time meditating on my boat in the 900 islands (a few were lost due to high water.) AYC well represented here buy the Gardner's, Hoods and the McKay's. Please check your chain tensions as the water recedes and report any Irregularities to the board . See you all at the Hot summer nights party.

Colin Smith
Secretary

Hi everyone,

Mark Your Calendars! The Fall Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 7:30 pm.

Lake Ontario water levels are down about 4 inches from June but are still about 2.5 feet above normal for late July, and 5 inches higher than they were in July 2017. The water level is expected to drop by at least 9 inches by the end of August. Stay tuned.





Keith Whalen

Treasurer

- Winter Storage invoices are out. Due soon. As mentioned before, the Paypal function has been disabled, but the button remains on the invoice... it don't work! If you wish to pay by credit card, contact me. There is a 3% convenience fee charged by Square. It does not go to AYC.

- I am behind in our filing system. I will be dedicating sometime this long week end to get things ready for our Audit Team.

- With the \$1000 plus dollars we received last year for the scrap value of yellow tractor and other metals, as mention before we will be acquiring a welding machine. The machine will be used to support the Mast Rack project and to enable repairs to the front gate, and other fabrications required to support AYC operations. The machine will only be available to those who have demonstrated competency and experience in using a portable MIG welding machine.

- As indicated at our Spring Meeting, I will also be recovering the fees we paid to Paypal from members who utilized the payment option. I am still exploring only payment mechanisms outside of etransfers, where any convenience fees for such is pass on to the member.

Invitation From NYC



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July 8, 2019

Dear Commodore, Officers & Members:

National Yacht Club is pleased to offer our neighbors, Alexandra Yacht Club, Dining Room reciprocal privileges to the members of your club for the 2019 sailing season with proof of your valid AYC membership card.

Our Dining Room is open seven days a week during the season:

	DINING	BAR
Monday-Friday	11 am-9pm	11 am-11pm
Saturday	9am-9pm	11 am-11pm
Sunday	9am-9pm	11 am-9pm

There are select dates throughout the season when the Dining Room is closed for a private function and dining service will take place in our Chartroom. There are very few dates where all dining is closed and unavailable.

Reservations are encouraged in advance of arrival & to find out about possible changes to service by calling 416-260-8686 ext. 23 or email reservations@thenyc.com. Please ensure you have your valid membership card with you, and request admittance through the front gate upon arrival.

National looks forward to welcoming visitors from your club during the 2019 season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Silvio Conte".

Silvio Conte
Commodore

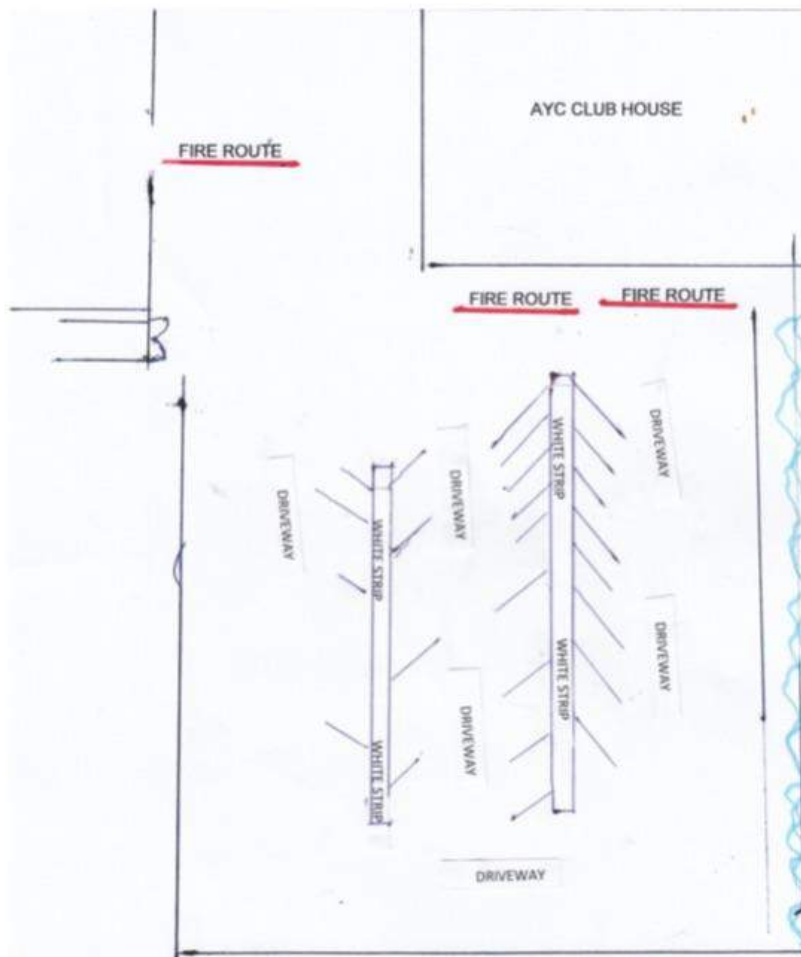
AYC PARKING – The Ongoing Saga

Most AYC members know they should angle-park – but which way?? OK - there IS a rhyme and reason. Our parking area is limited and we have to allow for Fire Routes (TFD Mandated) and easy movement for Member's Vehicles. The White Lines are there to keep cars out of the driveways, but we can't paint parking spaces lines on the gravel. And being 3 ft back from the white lines impinges on the driveways. So please park front or rear bumper within 1 foot of the White Line. The Angle/way you park is also important – 2 vehicles parked at opposing angles take up space for 3+ vehicles. And we have to leave room for Emergency Vehicles to get close to the club house and docks.

A picture is worth many words – even if it is my non-artistic quick sketch – but have a look, and hopefully you will see how and why. And please inform any guests who may have vehicles - and identify them.

Thank You

Robi Roncarelli



Phil Dunk

House Director

I can't believe how fast the summer is flying by. But then again that's what we all say at this time of the year.

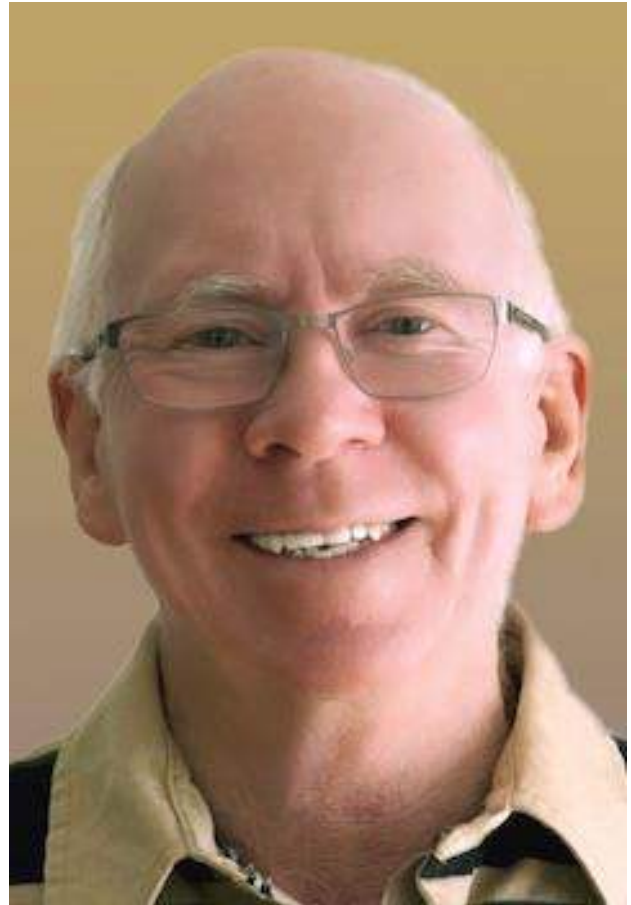
As much as we talk about the sailing season it is my duty to remind all members that keeping the club house in "Bristol" condition is important. The club house condition is a reflection on the membership and how they care about the club. There are many members that take the cleanliness of the club as personal and that is the correct attitude. Please keep that in mind as you use the club.

Concerning the renovations of the washrooms, I have put some of the major steps on hold during the summer season. We will still be doing some updating before the end of the year, the major steps will be done in January. We will keep you updated as we proceed.

Best regards and wishing all a great sailing season

Phil Dunk

House Director.





Alison Honey Woods

Social Director

August 10th is the tropical themed Hot Summer Nights party. Join us for a great evening of drinks, dinner, and entertainment provided by AYC's own DJ Donnie G - games with prizes - including a glider flight generously donated by The Art of Music DJ Service - dancing, karaoke, and good times!

Tickets are \$25, kids 12 and under free.

Social needs volunteers! If you are planning to attend the party, or be at the club on August 10th, please step up and offer a helping hand. We need help in the kitchen, help decorating, putting up tents and setting up, purchasing supplies, and bar tending. Get in touch with Alison social@ayc.ca or 647-961-7565 to lend a helping hand.

Ken Chumik

Membership Director

Ongoing improvements to our internet WiFi have led to the interruption of service for a few days this summer. Apologies for any inconveniences that may have occurred. We will be installing a new network switch on the docks which should improve dock reception. The best place to get good WiFi reception on your vessel is forward of the mast as metal will impede WiFi reception.

If there are any members experiencing difficulty using their FOB. I have found that it is best to run the FOB in a horizontal motion across the centre of the pad close to it but not touching it.

Membership: We have two docks available for boats around 27 feet. We are working our way through the waiting list with some planned interviews in late August or early September.

Enjoy your summer.

Ken





Lee Silver

Communications Director

Hello All,

I would like to test out an idea I had to keep communication simple and instantaneous between club members.

I have created a group chat for AYC where members can communicate with each other instantaneously using WhatsApp.

WhatsApp is an app available on all platforms including iPhone, Mac, Windows, Windows phone, and Android. It is extremely popular. Read more about it here -

> <https://www.whatsapp.com/>

This will not replace our email communication but enhance your ability to communicate with other club members by simply broadcasting a message to the group. It will work like the bulletin board we currently have except in digital form. It will broadcast your messages directly to the group member's phones at light speed.

Some examples:

- Someone's boat is in trouble and they are not at the club or you don't know who's boat it is. You would post to the group and the owner will most likely see it.

- You forgot something at the club and you're already on your way home. You'd post to other members to put it away for you.
- You just finished a party at the clubhouse and there is extra cake you'd like to share with anyone interested.
- Looking for crew or a boat to sail on for a race.
- "Does anyone know where.....is"?

The possibilities are endless. To join the group, click on the following link -
> <https://chat.whatsapp.com/L7Ety99P RPgCtN4uG7ujg8>

I hope you can join. The more members that join, the more effective it will be.

Staying on the subject of digital, starting next week, you will be able to log on to our AYC website using your email and your own password. If you forget your password, you will be able to reset it and create a new one. Thanks to Bruce Buttimore for this.

Signups for site maintenance/OOD have been working great. I think next year everyone will be more familiar with how it works and signup themselves instead of waiting for me to do it for them. If you didn't get a spot and want one, or if you want to trade with someone else, you can find the schedule here -
> <https://signup.com/go/zvxMyLR>

Thank you,

Lee



Gareth Clemo

Fleet Captain

AHMEN Racing

AYC has its own series of races every Thursday evening throughout the sailing season which is available to all members. Most of you are aware of another series of races known as the AHMEN races which are held on 6 weekends later in the season beginning August 11th. For newer members not familiar with these races they consist of inter-club racing among 10 clubs in the Toronto area with ours being one; FYI the "A" in AHMEN stands for the Alexandra Yacht Club. Everyone is welcome to participate in just one of those races or all if you enjoy testing your racing abilities with other sailors from clubs such as the National, Etobicoke, Queen City, etc. All particulars are to be found on the AHMEN website at www.ahmen.ca. For those of you who have raced in the past, I would strongly suggest you reread the rules as there have been some changes. If you would like to learn more about this series of races please contact me. We look forward to seeing you out on the race course.

COME ONE, COME ALL
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH

TROPICALS



HOT
SUMMER
NIGHTS

FEATURING:
AYC'S OWN DJ DONNIE G

PARTY STARTS 6PM | TICKETS \$25 | 12 & UNDER FREE
DINNER AND DRINKS | GAMES AND PRIZES | KARAOKE

RSVP social@ayc.ca by August 5th

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER: first 2 volunteers get a FREE ticket

Stay in the Loop

Join the AYC chat group on the popular app, WhatsApp. Click the invite link below.

[Click Here to Join](#)

AYC REGALIA

What better way to show how proud you are of your club – and how much you enjoy it, than to sport club regalia. At the club, or anywhere. We have a considerable selection of quality shirts, Women's and Men's, all with the classy Club Pennant, and Ball Caps with a selection of Club Logos. Contact me at: robipixel@bell.net or 416 822-3495 if you want to check if I am on club property - or look for my "FIRST AID – ON SITE" card on the OD desk if I am at AYC, which shows my phone number, and I will come running.

Robi Roncarelli – AYC Club Regalia

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