

Bow Wave – April 2020

Your monthly dose of AYC news



AYC Is currently closed.

There will be no access to the premises until further notice. Please be advised that some of the director reports were written before the decision to close the club.

Mark Your Calendars

- **TBA** - Spring AGM
- **TBA** - Dock Work Party



Ken Daisley

Commodore

Well everyone, you continue to see the ongoing communications we have been writing re our club's current predicaments. As well you are all aware, we are not alone in this and will keep monitoring the situation and adjusting access to the club as needed. So far it seems we are sticking to our plan to minimize physical contact in the yard so that's all good. Keep up the good work and we will keep you all posted through special bulletins to keep everyone up to date. Look forward to seeing you around the club once this passes. All the best everyone. Stay safe.

Dan Peel

Vice Commodore

Hello Fellow Members,

As we all wait to see what transpires in the next few weeks, I will be keeping an eye on the weather and will notify you when I have turned the yard water on for you.

Whatever we decide to do about access to the yard please practice safe distancing while working on your boats, touching common tools, hoses and outside work surfaces.

So far the crane company remains flexible to us so we don't need to worry about access to a crane when we do decide to launch. Anyone who feels they won't be launching, with a good reason, please let me know as soon as possible.

Please continue to keep your ladders locked up and please do not leave your boats plugged in unattended. If your ladder is one in the pile in front of the club house, your old club key will unlock that padlock. Please lock the pile back up when you are done.

The pad lock on the main gate is currently still the old club key as well.

Please be patient and kind to each other, yard changes and notifications will come out as the situation unfolds.

Cheers to all,

Dan Peel
Vice





Greg Shears

Rear Commodore

Hope everyone has had a great winter.

We are facing difficult times with the Covid virus and the ever-changing rules.

The lakes are currently exceeding water levels for the same period last year. High water levels are anticipated for this spring and summer. Last year we launched on May 3 and the water level was 1 foot below main dock level. As of today, we are 18 inches below the main dock.

Prior to launch I will require volunteers to work in small groups of 5 in our dock work party's. Since we are limited to 5 persons, we will have to stretch this project over several days to be determined later. Please advise which days you are available. We cannot rely on the usual persons to come in over this time period each and every day. Food and drinks will not be provided and you will be responsible to bring your own provisions. Physical distancing must be adhered to.

Looking forward to getting started and see you all soon

Thanks
Gregg Shears

Jay Wallace

Secretary

Nothing to report





Keith Whalen

Treasurer

Nothing to report

Phil Dunk

House Director

Every month the executive normally sends a communication to the club membership keeping them up to date on the activities of the director's responsibilities. With the issues that we face currently it makes it hard to write. As members know the club house is currently closed and there are new locks on the doors. New keys will be issued to members at a future time. This is in response to the government's mandate of only five people groups. We will keep member updated when we know what is happening.

The washroom project is now complete, with the exception of a few small issues. I would like to thank all those who helped by giving their time to make the renovation a great success. Fifteen members stepped forward to help giving an average of 20 hours, we thank you all. This is truly the essence of what a community club is about. Members volunteering their time for the good of all.

Thanks again, Keep warm and healthy.

Phil





Alison Honey Woods

Social Director

At this time Sail Past continues to be scheduled for Saturday, June 20th.

To volunteer for the Sail Past committee please contact me by email social@ayc.ca or cell 647-961-7565

I hope everyone has a safe and healthy April and I look forward to the day when we can all gather again!

Bjarne Pedersen

Membership Director

Nothing to report





Lee Silver

Communications Director

I hope everyone is doing well in these interesting times. I hope it ends soon so we can get back on the water.

Gareth Clemo

Fleet Captain

As we are living in interesting times, the plan for on water activities has not been finalised for this season. We did however have a photo finish in the C&C 27 winter parking lot regatta.



In Other News

Message from Don Williams

Hello Cruisers, I hope that you are well and that you are taking this C19 thing seriously. I absolutely and mostly am for sure. It is important for me to level with you – we know many things will get worse before they get better including cruising. But the Cruise Committee is making the right preparations, and the more we follow the rules, the better our planned summer cruises will go and the sooner we can return to normal cruising.

As you would expect our Cruising Schedule is ‘floating’ right now or as some juggler friends of mine might say “up in the air.” We hope, of course, that a cure/vaccine will be available soon but this is highly unlikely anytime soon so ‘if’ we do launch and ‘if’ we can cruise we will have to plan our cruises this season much differently than in the past. It’s a shame as we had some really great cruises planned – Bluffers, Oakville, NOTL, Wilson, and maybe even to the Boulevard Club although at \$2.60/foot, I’m not too sure about that one.

I would suggest that ‘if’ we ‘do’ cruise we ‘sail’ at least one quarter mile (.388 kilometers) apart and try to be ‘the’ windward boat if you can, and perhaps tow your ‘significant other’ in your dinghy at least 100’ (30.48 meters) behind your boat and if you have a pet then about the same again (maybe a bit less so they don’t feel too alienated and look at you with those big sad eyes that they ‘use’ under special circumstances, you know what I mean – not that you’d even see them that far away) for social distancing.

Since we will not be welcome anywhere, and no one will be welcome to come to the AYC to visit, we’d still go to our planned destinations but would have to come in one boat at a time, and at night with lights out, anchor off the beach or up river, and then go ashore in our dinghies in a stealthy fashion (and not singing “Michael Row the Boat Ashore, Hallelujah” and perhaps dressed in black. ‘Black Face’ would not be politically incorrect or socially unacceptable in this situation. It’d be a good idea. We could communicate by FRS radios as cell phones can and may be monitored by ‘big brother/sister.’ (Let’s not be sexist here.)

We would still have ample opportunity to discard any old computers, printers, etc. overboard when depth allows along our route and, don’t worry, I’ve checked by dropping a GPS watch overboard along our route to check depths. (Don’t worry, it

wasn't my watch.) Personally, I have three rather heavy furnace motors cluttering up my garage that I'd like to give the 'deep six' to.

So, stand by, all things must pass (George Harrison) and we will, once again be sailing to destinations near and far without ever seeing the others that you are actually cruising with, and will be sharing the warmth and comradery that the AYC is 'known' for but from a distance, probably out of sight.

And don't lose your sense of humour in these perilous times. It's what bonds us and keeps us 'sane.' But 'do' be Boat Safe.

Don Williams

AYC Cruise Captain