

Bow Wave – November 2020

Your monthly dose of AYC news



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- **November 18, 2020 7:30pm – Fall AGM**

Elections 2020

Hello all,

This year we will be voting differently than previous years. Please read the attached letter for details.

[2020 Election Process](#)



Ken Daisley

Commodore

Well everyone it's been one hell of a year or two with floods and Covid-19 lock downs and late launch and early haul and all that went into planning for these things I think we came out this end of the season fairly well unscathed. Not one case!!!! Time now to rest and relax with all our boats safely stowed for the winter. Good work everyone who helped out so much through the year. Much appreciated and thanks to everyone else for your patience.

Your management team worked hard this last year or two as I have already stated. Unfortunately, due to the current conditions we have experienced lots of difficulty completing some of the longer-term objectives we have taken on. Mostly because calls made and messages left to address many of our concerns with EMPAC, The Harbour Commission, The City of Toronto, etc., have for the most part been unanswered. Everybody is working from home, I guess. Well at least staying home. As such we have a list of open items that we will be passing on to the next Board to carry forward. Now most of the items are longer term issues and not time or season sensitive so all good there. I have offered the services of myself and the other retiring Board Members to participate in any team activity that our new Commodore wishes to assign to us. We are there for AYC.

This fall our Annual General Meeting is going to happen virtually, meaning there will be a Zoom Meeting Invitation go to

all Senior Members. The invite will be asking you to attend via your computer from home. As well I have asked our member Paul Oliver to work with our Communications Director to coordinate the election process virtually as well. I have been part of some of the testing for that process and it all looks effective and quite simple. Stand by for further instructions on this.

As most people know by now, I will not be running this coming year for any board position. I am going to be officially retired. Phew. I have looked at who from this board is staying on and see that those people in cooperation with the new board members taking the vacant positions should be well equipped to carry the club well into the future. I wish them every success.

Dan Peel

Vice Commodore

Nothing to report





Greg Shears

Rear Commodore

Another sailing season is over and in the books. We did have some major problems to deal with., i.e. Covid-19, late launch, early haul out. The weather was great for haul out which went smoothly which was followed by a successful dock work party a week later. Power and water systems have been shut down, anchor chains eased and main dock gangplank and boats removed.

The Smitty is currently hanging above the water by the sea wall and will be available if we have a delayed launch next season Taking into consideration that we had a shortened season we accomplished a lot. I would like to thank all the volunteers who stepped up and helped get the job done.

Please Note ***** Only 171 days
until launch *****

Thanks,

Greg Shears

Jay Wallace

Secretary

Nothing to report





Keith Whalen

Treasurer

I hope this report finds you all well. This has been a unique year. I hope that it will be the only one of its kind?

Although we may not have had the benefit of a long boating season nor a lot of social events, a lot has been accomplished.

I am currently working with your audit committee and working on the year-end report. Preliminary, I can say that we had a positive year, financially. We had revenues of \$187K and expenses of \$156K, resulting in a positive year end position of \$31K to the good. A portion of this can be attributed to the billing error for square foot charge this year.

In terms of expenses, Property Taxes, Rent, and Crane Services, depreciation make up the largest share, accounting for about \$98K. Crane costs are up a bit because of the fact we had a short season. So, the bill was paid this year for winter storage.

Cash-wise, we ended the fiscal year with \$185K in the bank. We had such a good year financially, because we have deferred some work as a result of the pandemic. The year-end position also reflects the fact that we had received a \$28K insurance payment for the damage in 2017 to the sea wall.

During the year we also had a number of changes on the debenture front. We have had a number of Senior/Life Members who have resigned or passed

away. Senior/Life Members include: Bob Keybakhi, Susan McConnell, Michael Lagimodiere, Gerry Kuter, Michelle Gilles, Bastien Pfannkuche and Michael Lafreinere, and I understand there may be one or two more. Additionally, we have added four new Senior Members, and we have deservedly promoted Rob Bittle to Life Member.

So, all in all a fair year. I do want to thank the Audit Committee (Nick Pitt, Paul Oliver, Bill Restivo), The Ice Crew: Janis Hobson and Gary Hails, the Regalia Crew - Robbi R. I know I am probably forgetting something or someone, so my apologies in advance. I want to thank the Board of Directors for their continued support and cooperation during the year.

One final item. This year I filed a request for review with MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corp.) to re assess the value of AYC. MPAC files are used to support tax burden valuations. I am pleased to report that through discussions, we will be receiving a revised valuation. This will directly reduce the tax bill we paid this year and tax bills going forward. I am not in a position to confirm the impact, but I suspect our tax bill will be reduced by a significant amount. I will continue to work on this file with the new board.

To that end, many of you are aware that I will not be seeking to remain a member of the Board. I want to thank the AYC boating community for their trust and support during my many years on the board. I hope that my actions and initiatives have benefited the club and our community. I want to thank in advance the new board members, many of who will be serving for the first

time.

Thank you ;-)

Phil Dunk

House Director

Good day to all members, needless to say that this has been a very different season at the club. I am sure that it will also be a time that we will not forget that soon.

As House Director there are two things that come to mind as I write this last newsletter of the year. First, is the renovation to the washrooms. I am pleased to say that vision of the washrooms was fulfilled and will serve the members for many years to come. It was not without challenges but then, no renovations of this magnitude are. I would like to thank the many members that gave their time during the winter to make this a great success.

Second, the season has quickly come to an end. That means that there are no members assigned to keeping the club clean during the winter. Only our cleaning service that will continue to clean the club on Thursdays. This ultimately means that all members that use the club off season are responsible to clean up after themselves. If you use the kitchen you are responsible for cleaning up after. Not just washing the pots, pans and dishes but drying them



and putting them away. Please make sure that the club is left in better condition than you found it. Remember that you are an owner of the club so treat it as you would your own home...That means that you should clean up after yourself. Your mom isn't a member so don't depend on her to help. That is unless you invite her to the club.

I said that there were two items concerning the club. There is a third. The club, while closed for the season is

still open for members use. This being a different time means that until the government changes policy we are subject to the rules of law. Until further notice we are not taking bookings for club parties. Members that choose to come to the club in the off season are subject to the rules of Social Distancing. This means no private parties that break the rules.

In conclusion I would like to say it has been a pleasure to serve the members of the club and be a part of the executive. As such I would like to continue as House Director into the next season.

Best Regards

Phil Dunk



Alison Honey Woods

Social Director

Well, 2020 certainly was not the year I had planned for at AYC, but at least we launched and got some time on the water.

I was happy we managed to squeeze in one event when the Covid-19 numbers were low and I want to recognize the members who helped with the party: Don Williams for his entertainment, from games and music to his great slide show of parties past - he really made the party! Thanks to Nataly and Andrey Kuzminykh for the tacos and fries, to Wes Spencer for the oysters, and Julia Phelan for running the shots bar - and of course to all the members who attended and brought masks, adhered to social distancing, sat in social bubbles, and didn't dance. We still managed to have a great time!

It has been such a pleasure to serve as Social Director and though I am not running for Social in 2021 I am running again for the board and look forward to continuing to serve and engage with the AYC community.

Bjarne Pedersen

Membership Director





Lee Silver

Communications Director

I have found a solution for our election process so that voting can be done remotely. This year, we will be using Election Buddy. I will be sending everyone a unique link which will allow them to vote confidentially. The link will be sent before the fall AGM so there will be no need for proxies. Deadline for votes will be at the AGM where they will be counted live through the Zoom meeting. More information to come.

Gareth Clemo

Fleet Captain

Because of the pandemic, the club's on the water activities were limited to the almost around the island race. I guess a lot of you were just aching to get out sailing as we had 20 boats signing up and 16 finishing. I believe this is a new record. People seem to like the pursuit race format. I'd like feedback from the membership as to whether they would like to have other similar races next year. Maybe the almost around the island the other way?

Hopefully, 2021 will be a better year allowing us to resume club racing and in person Sail Past.

