

Bow Wave – May 2021

Your dose of AYC news



Mark Your Calendars

- **June 4** – Planned Launch Date



Nick Pitt

Commodore

Hello to all AYCer's!

What a time we've had. In the last five seasons we've had two floods that breached the seawall and the outer break wall until well into July, and two seasons of this crazy COVID-19. We are a tough bunch – new members included.

We will launch on June 4th unless we are restricted by the government. That is good news. If the lockdown order is extended we have a legal opinion which we will follow which says no launch, and our insurance company agrees with this.

The important point here is that we are not through this yet. So please take care.

I wish to take a moment to thank Senior Member Gregg Shears for serving as acting Vice Commodore during Bjarne Pedersen's leave of absence. Bjarne has now returned to the board and the transfer of responsibilities is currently taking place. Thank you, Gregg for stepping up – the Alexandra Yacht Club truly appreciates your service in this regard.

We have several great new members that Membership Director Alison Honey Woods has brought in and the interviews, despite being via MS Teams, have been good. You get a different feel for someone when they are talking to you from their home. It is fun.

In these interviews my question is generally something like 'tell me about

your boating history.' I have no preference whether someone has a rich history on the water or is brand new to it. Both are good for AYC. I simply like to hear a potential new member explain why boating is in their life.

And now I realize I do this, yet I never identify my own boating history. So let me do that quickly.

Here is a picture of my father and I on Hodja, our lapstrake Danish Nordish Folkboat



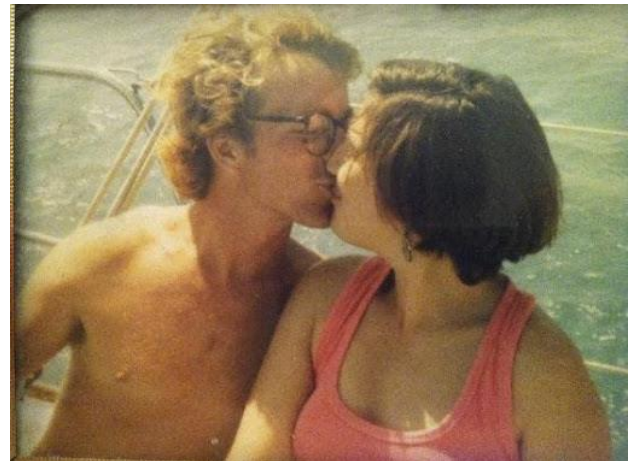
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In 1995 my father spied an Alberg 29 – a boat he always coveted but which were fairly rare on the market. Her name is Citation and I own her to this day. He died of pancreatic cancer in 2001 and Marina and I bought Citation from his estate.

Each of these boats had been sailed out of the Oakville Club but after my father's passing having the boat in Oakville was no longer convenient. We only stayed one season. Marina and I visited all of the clubs between Oakville and Toronto Island to look for a new home. At AYC Gerry Kouter met us at the gate and showed us around the club. He gave us a brochure that detailed membership and I contacted membership director Don Hood. A week later I was being interviewed by the board (Keith Storey was commodore at the time) and was accepted. That was April of 2002. The rest is a fun story of wind and water and fun camaraderie. See you down there!

Nick Pitt, Commodore

Bjarne Pedersen

Vice Commodore

Nothing to report.





Geoff Gurr

Rear Commodore

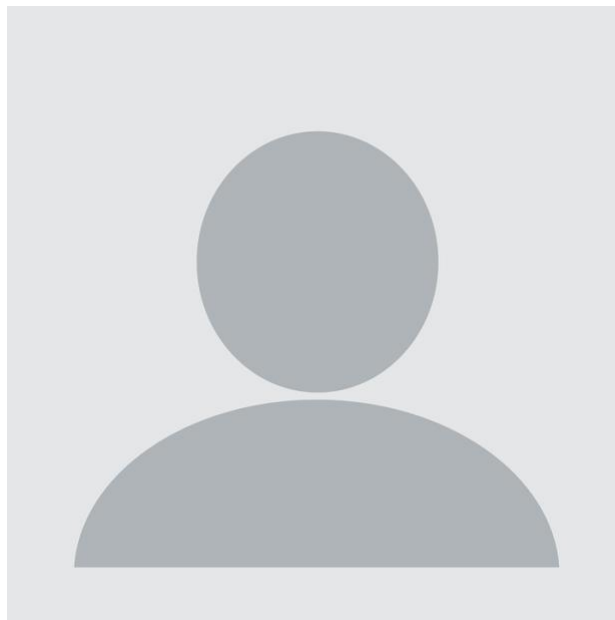
In short, the docks are ready to go. I would like to do more thorough maintenance on them, but I have to wait for less restrictions to run bigger work parties. I have a few photos of a small chains setting work party we did recently; it went really well, and I thank all the volunteers who were Ken Daisley, Bill Morris, Matt Filleti, George Gurr, Nick Pitt, Charlie Haggart, Loche Mackay, Alan Rossi, Joe Vorstermans, Roger Axon, and a previous work party of Hillary Cunningham and Jerry Kowalchuk. The next work party will be equipping the water system on the docks after some maintenance to the fittings. The new dock layout can be seen here:

<https://www.ayc.ca/documents/Dock-Layout-2021.pdf>

Wesley Spencer

Social Director

Nothing to report.





Scott Durdle

Treasurer

Your club's finances remain in good standing with nothing new to report since the Spring General Meeting. We will be collecting physical boat measurements of a few new and unmeasured boats so if you fall under that category you may see an adjustment invoice sometime during the summer. There's also a need to update our locker list to ensure both those with lockers are being billed, and those awaiting are being assigned vacancies as soon as possible - if you have a good sense of locker tenants and would like to assist, please reach out! On a personal note, my wife Megan and I are thrilled to announce the newest junior sailor to the club, baby Carson Durdle, born Mother's Day to two very ecstatic parents! Looking forward to some on the water fun and AYC patio shenanigans (so go get vaccinated!). Cheers! Scott

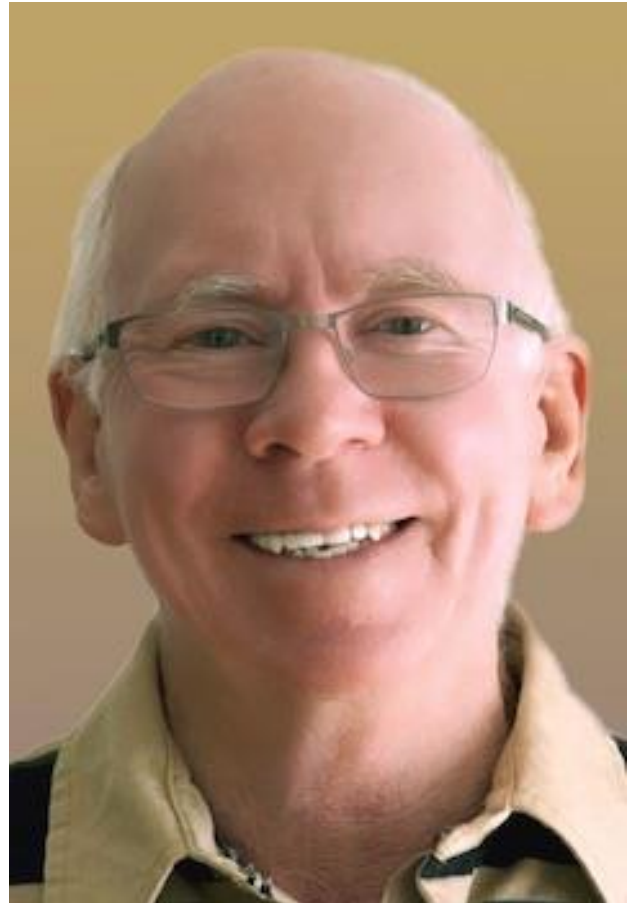


Phil Dunk

House Director

My original communication in the Bow Wave said that once we had a date for launch, we would post the sign-up sheets for Site Maintenance. It seems that while we feel that we are standing still waiting to get our lives moving, Mother Nature keeps going forward. It has become apparent that the club needs a little TLC. Starting today we are asking the Safety Officers to do some site maintenance. The work sheet will be posted on the bulletin board as normal. Until after launch, because the upstairs lounge is not being used, the tasks mostly relate to the lower lobby and the grounds near and around the club house. Cutting grass, mopping the lobby and washrooms, cleaning the BBQ area and the outdoor sink. Additionally, cleaning windows and glass railings around the North side of the building. The schedule pretty well covers the jobs that need to be done.

The original plan was to release the request for members to sign up for Site Maintenance starting after launch. We will now open the sign-up sheet to continue through the sailing season. The requirement for Safety Officer (SO) will end at launch time. If you sign up for Site Maintenance after launch you will only be required to do the chores as listed on the work sheets. You can then leave the club or stay and play on your boat if you choose. Again, to fill the open dates we request that members choose two dates for Site Maintenance. Whether you choose to do them



consecutively or spaced apart that is your choice. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

In closing we ask all those using the club please respect the Covid protocol that the club has put in place.

Best regards and keep safe,

Phil Dunk



Alison Honey Woods

Membership Director

Despite the slow, uncertain start to the season there has been a lot of interest in AYC membership. We have so far in 2021 added 4 new senior members, 6 new joint senior members, and 1 new associate member to our ranks. For those who did not attend the Spring AGM:

Senior member Adrian Horodeckyj, he brings a 22 foot Edel 665.

Joint senior members Paul and Lorna Chandler, they bring a Nonsuch Ultra 30 with them to AYC.

Senior member Aaron Roche, he brings a C&C 30 with him to AYC.

Joint senior members Eugene Gadassik and Stuart Loney, they bring a Catalina 27 with them.

Joint senior members James Ireland and Catherine Ann Gordon and senior member Jonathan Krehm, the new co-owners of former member Robi Roncarelli's boat Barca Nostra.

Senior member Adam Dalziel, he brings an O'Day 302 with him.

Associate Member Laszlo Sandor, a long-time guest of AYC who has taken the step of joining us as a member.

I look forward to a seeing all of them at the club this summer!

Bill Morris

Secretary

Warmer temperatures, longer days, and green gardens all scream the arrival of spring. In any normal year our boats would be launched by now. And, we racers would already be dissecting the season's first Thursday evening skirmish.

Of course, this isn't a normal year. COVID restrictions have again delayed launch. Earlier this week, the provincial government extended the Stay at Home Order until June 2nd. The announcement confirmed the prohibition on outdoor recreational activities, which include boating.

The good news is all indicators are moving in the right direction - infections are down, vaccinations are up. All of which bodes well for the 2021 boating season. So, we make plans hopeful that changing fortunes will allow the restrictions to ease soon. But understanding, our dates may need to be adjusted as events unfold.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the club in the days ahead, and sharing a very enjoyable 2021 boating season together.



Insurance

Many of you have already submitted proof of insurance coverage. Those who have not yet done so are asked to please email proof, in the form of a photo of your insurance certificate or a PDF of your policy, as soon as possible.

Recent Additions on the AYC Site

The bylaw changes members adopted in April have been incorporated into the updated version now posted on the AYC members page.

The site also includes, recently approved Board meeting minutes, recent Pre-Lunch Updates, the updated AYC Safety Plan, the updated Safety Officer Job Description.

The Members List has been updated - thank you Scott Durdle and Alison Honey Woods. Please check your information, and send any updates/corrections to secretary@ayc.ca.



Lee Silver

Communications Director

The new season is right around the corner. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

Gareth Clemo

Fleet Captain

Nothing to report.



In Other News

Message From Don Williams

Hello Cruisers,

Although we are still in 'lock-up,' and perhaps will be for some time, we can still 'dream' of a possible cruise or two or three this season and tentatively plan accordingly. Since we will not be allowing visitors this season (more than likely) at the AYC then we will not be welcome at reciprocal clubs and therefore must plan to 'not' visit them on our cruises and I'm not being sarcastic or sardonic as 1) I'm just 'not' and 2) I'm not sure what 'sardonic' actually means. This could change though if 1) our BOD allows us to have visitors and therefore gives 'us' the 'ability' to stop off at other clubs 2) if someone explains, to me, what 'sardonic' actually means.

We can plan to be like pirates (and for some that's not a lot in the 'imagination department') and just 'anchor' out and 'dinghy in' (yes, 'they' used 'long boats') when we need to venture out for water, supplies, more booze/mix, entertainment, souvenirs, maybe some magazines and that, etc. We can plan to head out the last week of July when the water temp (temperature) is typically the warmest so that we're able to take a swim in the lake for fun and/or for our morning 'scrub.' (If you 'do' plan on a dip for whatever reason though, keep a big stick handy when in the water in case a sea lamprey sticks onto you. I find a good whack or two with a stick usually gets them off. And use 'Irish Spring' for soap as they apparently don't like that soap very much. Who does?!)

The two and maybe three planned cruises are 1) to the Thousand Islands and 2) across the lake and up the Niagara River and 3) to a more 'near' safe anchorage. Again, all will be 'anchor outs' so don't forget your anchor (and the anchor rode/rope.) And ensure that your anchor light works and is on at night, so that those many inebriated solo fishermen that go out late at night or early in the morning (for who knows what reason – they never catch anything) don't run into you. I'd actually suggest adding some deck lighting as well and maybe some thumbtacks on your deck like good 'ole 'Yoakam Slocum.'

Should we change our policy at the AYC and allow visitors then our cruising plans could also change so 'stay tuned' for this ongoing CCS (Covid Cruising Saga.) There 'is' a light at the end of the tunnel (and hopefully at the top of your mast as well for our upcoming cruises!) Shine on!

Keep Smiling,
Don Williams
AYC Cruise Captain