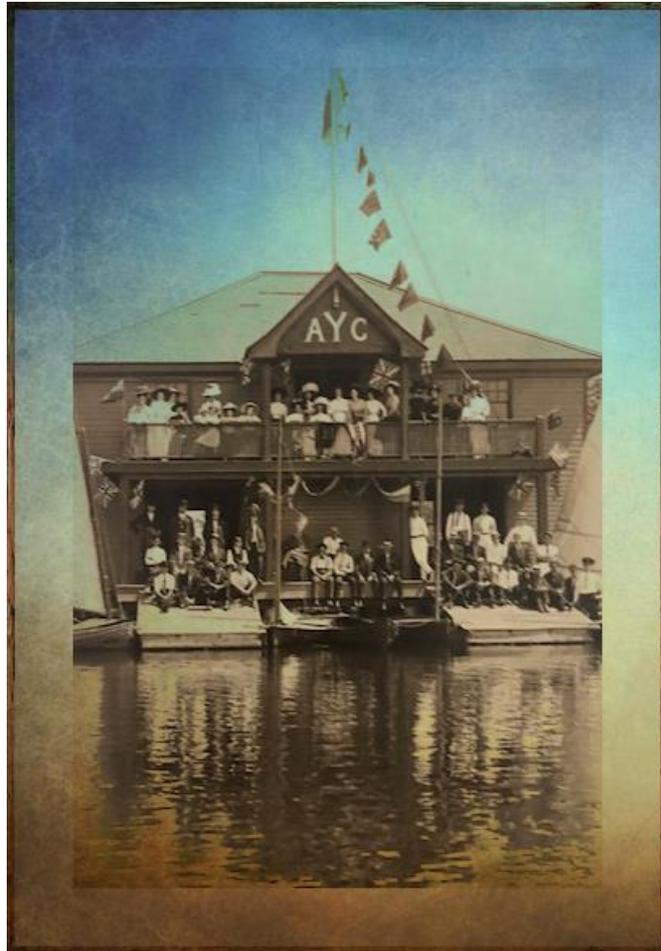


Season's Greeting's & Merry Christmas to All

Bow Wave – December 2021

Your Christmas Gift of AYC News



Mark Your 2022 Calendars Soon!

Please standby the 2022 House and Yard Events will appear on our January AYC webpage and Bow Wave in the NEW YEAR! Bonne Annee!



Director's Report

Nick Pitt, Commodore

Hello AYC'ers! Out of the gate I wish to say thank everyone for returning me as Commodore for the 2022 season. I appreciate the trust that you have put in me, and I will do my level best to manage our shared facility through the remainder of this pandemic and, hopefully, through a great 2022 sailing season.

2021 has been a difficult year navigating a once in a century pandemic (plus the regular club challenges), but we as members have seen our way thus far largely unscathed. It is an illustration of our cohesion that there has been understanding and support in this process. Nobody likes to launch in June or be banned from entering the facility in sunny May while legal and insurance issues are sorted out, but very few members complained, and many told me in private that they supported the board's handling of the situation. I believe we can, as a membership, give ourselves a pat on the back – we are not fully

through the Covid-19 process, but it appears that we are approaching a return to normalcy. This was a full club effort and credit goes to all of us.

Despite shutdowns and restrictions, we as a club achieved a lot in 2021. From the start, the board decided to take advantage of the lack regular access to the facility to replenish the treasury. In addition, and in spite of not being able to meet in person, we were able to bring in several terrific new members. During the worst of the pandemic, we were able to communicate with the full membership at finger-snapping speed. Our house, our yard and our docks are all in good shape – with big assists from the membership. We even had a fun hybrid Sail Past. My point: whether serving on the board or tightening chains out the end of D-dock, please be proud of your service – cheers.

Looking forward, I believe we are through the worst, but let's still remain cautious for a bit. I know many of you would like an indoor party for the full membership, but with the province back up to a thousand new cases a day, and with questions about the latest Covid-19 variant ("Omicron"), it is best to remain cautious for a few more weeks.

Your board of directors is meeting on January 5th at which time we will finalize the 2022 season schedule. It will be posted on the website after the meeting. At this point I am confident that we can plan for a normal season, with a late April launch and a mid-June Sail Past among other regular events. In addition, in-coming Social Director Richard Armstrong is busy costing out a plan for several intriguing new events that he'd like to add to the schedule. Should this optimism prove inaccurate, the membership will be the first to know.

Please continue to be safe and soon we will be together and celebrate. Cheers to all, Nick Pitt Commodore



Gareth Clemo, Vice Commodore

Hello AYC, some items of concern to members!

Ladders: The stack of ladders next to the east side of the clubhouse is now secured with a lock keyed to the common club key. If you need to access the pile, please secure it when you're done.

Staying overnight on your boat in the yard: Below is a reminder of our bylaw regarding staying on your boat in the yard.

5.9 Members may not stay overnight aboard their boats or on club property during the period commencing 10 days after haul-out and ending 10 days prior to launch. Exceptions may only be granted with the prior written approval of a Flag Officer.

Yard Lighting: It was brought to my attention that most of the security lighting in the yard is not functioning. A project has been started to evaluate fixing what's there or replacing what we have with a more energy-efficient option. If any members have expertise in this area, I would be grateful for any input.
Merry Christmas to All, Gareth Clemo Vice Commodore



Geoff Gurr, Rear Commodore

Hello AYC, I hope this newsletter find you all in good spirits. Our docks are in great shape to get through the winter season. Obviously during the winter, there isn't much to report on regarding the docks.

There is one important item to note though: the purchase and also shopping for a larger vessel needs to be reported to the board. This is very important since the new boat, usually larger, needs to be able to fit on the dock system. As far as winter storage for your dream boat, that would need communication with the Vice Commodore.

This large boat purchasing also brings up a further point, a few members are currently seeking larger vessels. This means the dock assignment plan will be stressed in the spring. Moves to I various boats will need to happen. Please know that these moves are performed with the aim of satisfying the good of the collective of the club. I try hard to accommodate personal requests for dock assignment, yet in the end I must always yield to the aforementioned intension.

If anyone has any questions or comments for me, please send me an e-mail to: rear-commodore@ayc.ca Kind regards, Geoff Gurr Rear Commodore



Richard Armstrong, Social Director

Hello AYC members, I am honored to be the AYC Social Director for the upcoming year. My approach is to be very inclusive and communicative. We have assembled a great social committee as outlined in my attached manifest proposal.

We plan to “Sail Around the World” and have monthly events that celebrate different ethnicities of our membership. We welcome your ideas and participation in the planning, organizing and implementation of these events.

In addition we will provide a great Sail Past experience and any other club events which are initiated. Our goal is to make the AYC an amazing social experience for all members and their guests.

Our first group event won't likely occur until the spring. With COVID we probably

can't do much indoors over the winter. So hopefully our first event can be maybe April or May? The idea is to do our events the first Saturday of every month so it is easy to put in your calendar and remember. But for sure we plan an event every month our boats are in the water. Hopefully we will be able to do more.

So what to do in between. Well, we are thinking about some virtual events. More on this later but if you have any ideas we welcome them.

I wish you and yours all the best for the holiday season and much more. Cheers,
Richard Armstrong Social Director



Borys Gogus, Treasurer

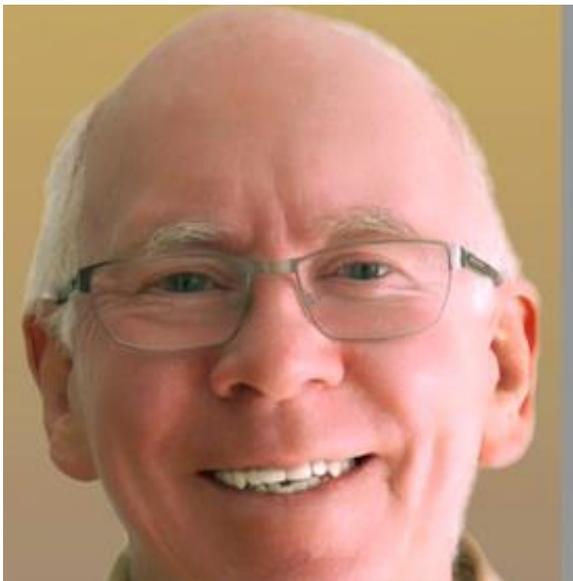
Hello AYC, Firstly, I'd like to thank the membership for entrusting me with the responsibility of looking after the club's finances. I'd like to report that our club is in great shape financially. And, since, in the near term there aren't any large expenses or projects planned, our position will only get better. Our 2022 Summer season invoices are being prepared and will shortly be sent to members. Keep an eye out

for them in your inboxes. Payment options haven't changed. We accept e-transfer, cheque, or CC payments via our SQUARE account. A 3% surcharge will be added for CC payments.

I'm looking for a volunteer to coordinate club regalia, please email me if you're interested. It's a great way to accumulate work hours.

Finally, I'd like to thank Scott Durdle for his help during the transition and for his ongoing assistance in preparing invoices and answering the myriad of questions that I've posed. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays, Borys Gogus Treasurer

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Phil Dunk, House Director

Good day to all AYC members, In this last year we welcomed several new members to the club. I am pleased to say that all of them stepped forward and contributed to either work parties or to the Site Maintenance program. As a result the club was kept in good condition. To do so takes over 200 volunteer days. Thank you to all that participated.

When we have a projected launch date and haul out date we will be able to put next years Site Maintenance program together.

Last season the only project that we did to the inside of the club house was to renew the bulletin board and some new lights over the board. In the coming winter season we will be doing a little painting in the lower lobby. Additionally, I will be upgrading the electrical plugs throughout the club.

Lastly, I was approached with the idea of restricting renting the club out on Sundays for private events. So, for this season, we will keep the Sundays open for members and their families to enjoy the use of the upstairs lounge and kitchen. Of course the club, unless rented for private events, is always open to members for their enjoyment.

Also, a reminder that when visiting the club all members are to sign in with the registration book in the lower lobby. This is for contact tracing and is still a requirement by the province. If you are renting the club you are required to validate guests' vaccination status.

In closing, I wish all members a safe and happy winter season. Best Regards, Phil
Dunk House Director



Alison Honey Woods, Membership Director

Hello AYC, 2021 was a big year for membership! We said good-bye to some members, Senior Members became Associates, we welcomed 11 new Senior Members, 10 Joint Senior Members, 4 new Associate Members, and we appointed 2 new Life Members: Bill McLean and Keith Storey.

Alexandra Yacht Club has a healthy waitlist of boats hoping for a slip in the new year – maybe the best kept secret in Toronto isn't so secret anymore!

I am looking forward to a successful, 'normal' season in 2022 with race nights, more social events, and lots of opportunities for our AYC community to gather and enjoy time on the water.

From my family to yours, have a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year! Alison Honey Woods Membership Director



Joel Zylberberg, Secretary

Hello AYC, It's a pleasure to be serving as your new secretary. Thanks to Bill Morris for helping to ensure a smooth transition. Now that the boats are all snugged up for winter, we can start looking forward to next season: I am already counting down the days until launch!

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions, or any items you'd like to see on the agenda for the spring AGM. Happy Holidays, Joel Zylberberg
Secretary



Jay Wallace, Communications Director

Joyeux Noel AYC, Thanks to Lee Silver for a flawless turnover and I will endeavour to do the same down the line. We have a 5 tiered level of digital/ social media platforms to reach out to our members, the AYC website, FACEBOOK, WHATSAPP, MAILCHIMP AND BOW WAVE. Some of our social media venues are more frequently visited and maintained and some less so.

Want to join the very active, salacious and shockingly candid **AYC** WhatsApp group?

Here's the link <https://chat.whatsapp.com/L7Ety99PRPgCtN4uG7ujg8>

Be warned it is not for the faint of heart and you must be of legal drinking age!

Please email me your thoughts and I will look at all options moving forward. I have already received some member suggestions of what works and what could be considered. Be assured the BOD is in favour of a Bow Wave design refresher and that is in the works! It is in fact a work in progress!

For the next BowWave please send me your photos and feel-good moments or even just unabashed reflections that have helped to keep your spirits high in these times. Bonne Annee to all, Jay Wallace Communications Director



Stephen Brown, Fleet Captain

Hello AYC, It is a pleasure to take on the fleet captain role. Gareth has left a program in as good a situation as can be imagined in these strange times where we could barely put a crew on the boats. I am hoping that this next summer we can return to something like normal in the racing program and the related cruise activity. Our racing program will continue to be on Thursday nights, with at cost beer and hot dogs. The possible change, and one I want to talk about with participants, is running our own races or continuing with the National but at some cost. If we elect to go on our own, we would build a couple of marks to supplement the government buoys so we can have decent courses and also not turn on the same marks as National. The cost of continuing with the national is to be determined and will hopefully be available soon so we can set our plans over the winter.

Our race program is definitely casual and we have always encouraged more people to come out. At the same time we do have a races, with the pleasurable focus that comes from wanting to make the boat perform as well as it can. If we do decide to go on our own, we may miss passing half the national fleet who start ahead of us. I think we have a nice balance with respect on the water, and the “attitude adjustment” back at the dock is always friendly. We have about 10 boats that are regulars. I

would love to see that grow.

We have a good program of cruises that Don has been organizing, and that we hope to have continue. I want to add a racing element. A nice cruise for those who want that to Port Dalhousie with a race for the people who don't like the sound of an engine. Details to be worked out, but with the power boats always getting there first it should not be hard to arrange.

Around the Island will continue of course. The best race of our season.

And we will be continuing to participate in the Ahmen series that is such a feature of our late summer sailing. Many more details to be worked out.

Stephen Brown Fleet Captain



Don Williams, Club Cruise Captain

Hello Cruiser's, The greyish C19 clouds that have been blanketing us for nearly two years are slowly dissipating and the sun is starting to shine on through although with this new 'Home Alone' variant we may soon, once again, have to start 'heading for the hills' – let's hope not! But despite this ominous cloud hovering over us we were able to get in three cruises this past season and we hope to increase this to four for

next year. Plans are being made now for two shorter cruises (Bluffer's Park, Oakville Club) and two longer cruises (NOTL, Wilson.) And each has a side trip should you wish to take it for added fun, adventure, comradery and docking practice, and gosh, from what I've seen, many really need it.

Bluffer's Park, named after an infamous Texas Holdem player (named 'Park') is a destination like no other – as there's not much to do there. They 'do' have a nude beach though and 'do' have some great cliff climbing but I'd not try to combine the two if I were you. What if you were the last person up?! Ugh! Then there's The Oakville Club which is one of the most 'swankified' clubs around – no it's not a 'yacht club' but rather 'just' a 'club' with yachts. You'll enjoy just sitting by the pool listening to the relaxing music and sipping a 'martoonie' or two (with your headphones on to block out the sound of the screaming brats that seem to be able to get away with 'being' screaming brats.)

Next there's NOTL (Niagara-on-the-Lake) which is one of the prettiest towns of all of Canada if not North America and is steeped in history and filled with people that walk really, really slow. We'll have one day's excursion to Youngstown just across the river – swim across if you like but don't forget your passports if you do – to take in Fort Niagara with live muskrats being fired off about once an hour. (Don't forget to duck!) And finally, there's Wilson, NY, which is about as good as it gets – live bands at two venues, three yacht clubs and one marina, and good anchorage as well, so a wonderful place to rip around on your dinghy with a few smiley pops with your Bluetooth speaker duct taped to the seat blaring away with perhaps Barry Manilow or Lou Rawls or maybe even Eartha Kitt! Friendly folks there for sure!

So, get ready for another great cruising season, get your American 'visiting papers' if your boats over 30' (9.144 meters approx.) – Google 'DTOPS' and it takes about six weeks so order early (or simply 'lie' about your length when you're on the video phone with the customs officer when you arrive and avoid the \$27.50 US 'DTOPS' fee.)

Dates to follow, and remember this, "if you wait for your boat to be safe enough to sail, you never go!" (Don't let 'that' hold you back, we never do!) Don Williams
Cruise Captain

The Members Bulletin Board All the News Fit to Print





Some feedback from our members

Overheard; I think that most members appreciate getting the Bow Wave on a regular basis even if there's precious little to report - I know that I do. It generates a feeling of inclusion and club' not to mention keeping everyone up-to-date with the 'turning gears' of the club if any 'are... The Bow Wave is a dose of sunshine on a cloudy and overcast day.

Suggestion Box; Bow Wave... Perhaps it could be a tool to communicate some things like, Introducing new members, presenting new board member(s) Something big the board may be working on or planning, Up-coming events. Any adventures members-have had or are planning. ... With all the fertile minds on the board I think that list could be expanded. Maybe something like this will be a benefit, especially for our many newer members of which we have had many over the last few years.