



**Bow Wave - January 2022.
Wishing You Fair winds and
Soft Seas
All Year Long!**

Your New Year's Gift of AYC News



Mark Your 2022 Calendars

- January - Stay Positive
- February - Test Negative
- March 12 - *Sailing Around the World* club house social [this social will be repeated on the second Saturday of each month going forward!]
- March 26 - Hug your Boat Club Social
- April 9 - *Sailing Around the World* club house social
- April 16 - Dock Party Crews
- April 20 - Spring Annual General Meeting
- April 23 - Dock Party Crews
- April 29 - Launch *aka Splash*
- April 30 - Yard Work Crews
- May 1 - Yard Work Crews
- May 7 - Spring Club House + Patio Cleaning Crews
- May 14 - *Sailing Around the World* club house social
- May 19 - The AYC Race Season begins!
- June 11 - *Sailing Around the World* club house social
- June 25 - AYC Sail Past
- July 9 - *Sailing Around the World* club house social
- August 13 - *Sailing Around the World* club house social
- September 1 - The AYC Race Season ends!

- September 10 - Almost Round the Island Race & Hog Fest
- October 15 - Fall Club House + Patio Closing Crews
- October 17 W/O - Yard Cradle Crew
- October 21 & 22 - Haul Out
- October 29 - Dock Party Crews
- November 16 - Fall Annual General Meeting
- December 10 - Christmas Party Members Wine and Cheese

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO ANY PROVINCIAL COVID RESTRICTIONS!

Director's Report



Nick Pitt, Commodore

Hello to all AYCers! Gosh, just as we start to see lower numbers in the fall, we get hit with this crazy Omicron that throws everything back to lockdown. I know I am fatigued by it, completely, but I wish to see it through. I hope that you do too.

Your board has developed a schedule for the season published in this *Bow Wave* but I caution everyone that these dates are subject to change. If you'd told me a year ago that I would be telling you this now – caution, lockdowns, potential season delay – I'd have scoffed. But here we are, at record provincial caseloads, so we aren't through this yet. Please take every caution and follow the restrictions in place.

I keep having the thought that you never know what you value until you're deprived of it. I miss just hanging out and seeing other members, maybe eat a burger. Hopefully this season we will be back there.

Club business that the membership should be aware of: you renewed the Lease Renewal Committee's mandate at the AGM. At that time the committee had two members, past commodore Brian Iler and past secretary Paul Oliver. I have added Scott Durdle to the committee, as his day job involves negotiating similar municipal leases. We met digitally and they (I had nothing) developed an essential document library including the original lease and a big batch of communications and announcements with and from the city.

Our lease expires in fourteen years but if we wish to spend money on our facility – and we need to start thinking seriously about a dock expansion to comfortably moor the larger boats many of our members are gravitating towards – we'd like a concrete assurance that our lease is extending.

After hearing these wicked smart guys address the lease renewal issue I determined that the best thing moving forward would be to give them space and have Paul report to me. I'd just slow them up with dumb questions. I will report to the membership as the situation clarifies and nothing will be finalized without a membership vote.

On all other things we are humming along quietly. If you are like me you are

beginning to notice that the days are getting longer. If we are patient, we will get through this Omni wave as the days brighten and be sanding and waxing in the sunshine soon enough. Cheers to all & stay safe, Nick Pitt
Commodore



Gareth Clemo, Vice Commodore

Hello AYC, nothing much to report at this time, except smaller yard details are being given attention. Happy New Year to All, Gareth Clemo Vice Commodore



Geoff Gurr, Rear Commodore

Hello AYC, the only item I have to mention at this time is the growing burden on the dock system with reference to the trend of acquiring larger vessels. There are currently eight members shopping for larger boats and it is reasonable to assume a few more are shopping and haven't told me yet. The 2022 spring season will see dock assignment adjustments, please be ready and willing to accept a new berth. I'll take this chance to state a few points about bringing a bigger boat to AYC.

First, you must involve me, the Rear Commodore, and Gareth Clemo, the Vice Commodore, and Joel Zylberberg, our club secretary, in official notice by email of your intent to begin shopping for a larger vessel. Include details

on the size of boat you wish to bring in. Gareth and I will reply and begin keeping tabs on your procurement process and advise as needed.

Next point is if you do not let the board know about your intent to purchase a boat, it may be refused dockage, simply over the fact that there may not be space for it.

Finally, if you are determined to get a new larger boat quickly, and the acquisition timing results in having two boats at the club while your old boat sale progresses, your new boat might end up on a swing mooring until a dock assignment is available.

Dock assignments are determined by the following method as per AYC By-laws 5.3 & 14.7: #1 The dockmaster(Rear Commodore) has discretion around the placement of all vessels on the dock assignment. #2 Physical accessibility versus attendance frequency is considered. #3 The size, displacement and maneuverability of the vessel is considered. #4 Seniority is considered.

Please also keep an eye out for the coming survey regarding the dock system!

Happy New Year! Cheers, Geoff Gurr Rear Commodor



Richard Armstrong, Social Director

Hello AYC members, nothing to report, but social event planning is on-going.
Happy New Year to All Cheers, Richard Armstrong Social Director



Borys Gogus, Treasurer

Hello AYC, All invoices have been issued for the Summer season. So, if you haven't received an invoice, please let me know. I would like to remind the membership that payment is due January 31st, after which date, a late fee will be charged. 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. Happy New Year to All, Borys Gogus Treasurer



Phil Dunk, House Director

Good day to all members. This week a new lock was installed on the Electrical room door. The combo is the same one that we have been using for the last few years but to activate the combo you must first swipe the screen which will bring up the keyboard. When it is lite, key in the combo and complete it with tapping the check mark on the screen. It will then unlock the door. Be aware that the lock will only active for about 15 seconds. If you miss opening it you will have to key it in again. Once again, I remind members that we are under Covid rules and all members **MUST SIGN IN**. Additionally, only 5 people may meet inside the building at this time. Best regards & keep safe,
Phil Dunk House Director



Alison Honey Woods, Membership Director

Hello AYC, nothing to report at this time, be assured new membership requests are trickling in. Happy New Year to All, Alison Honey Woods.
Membership Director



Joel Zylberberg, Secretary

Hello AYC, 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 New Year, Joel Zylberberg Secretary



Jay Wallace, Communications Director

First a **TOP LINE ALERT**: many members have had their **EMAIL HACKED**. Please be mindful if you get a message from any club member requesting that YOU purchase anything \$\$\$ for them on your credit card. **DO NOT RESPOND!** Let me know if you have been compromised.

Once again, the AYC WhatsApp group link is below:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/L7Ety99PRPgCtN4uG7ujg8>

For the upcoming Spring BowWave please send me your photos and feel-good moments 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, nothing to report at this time. We are drafting our racing schedule. Happy New Year to All, Stephen Brown Fleet Captain



Don Williams, Club Cruise Captain

Hello AYC Cruiser's, A reminder to get ready for another great cruising season, for our US trips 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. Happy New Year to All, Don Williams Cruise Captain

The Members Bulletin Board All the News Fit to Print

Member Citations: Bill Lake was good enough to report, that while checking his boat wrap after the major wind storm on Jan 5, he walked the yard and confirmed that all other boats and wraps were in place. Lochlin Mackay sounded the alert to the email hacks and getting unsolicited emails from other members. Don Williams reported Jan 9 that the ice is forming in the basin at the club and also an alert that the club gate is not always closing properly. Please make sure it closes when you exit. Thanks for that, there's a bottle of SAILOR JERRY with your names on it... somewhere!

Overheard; "Covid sucks." Prime Minister Trudeau

Suggestion Box; How about Introducing new members in Bow Wave with a profile of their sailing history? A welcome to our club editorial greeting.

Random Travel Tales; If you are on a bareboat charter in the Grenadines do not miss the Tobago Cays marine park. The abundant turtle, marine life and reefs are fantastic for snorkeling. The setting and anchorages are amazing. The chain of islands along the route are all within an easy day sail reach. This was one of our favourite trips [Jay & Ginette]. Share yours at communications@ayc.ca



The Members Photo Gallery







