

Bow Wave - April Issue 2022.

High Tides and Green Grass!

Your April Showers Gift of AYC New



Update Your Current 2022 Calendars

- March 26 - The Next Big Event, Hug your Boat club social
- April 9 - The Next *Sailing Around the World* club house social details to follow
- 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 *aka On the Hard*
- 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!

The club respects all members and their individual protection levels of comfort and compliance.

Director's Report



Nick Pitt, Commodore

Hello to all in the AYC family of friends! The above photo is from 2011. I am not sure if it was Hug your Boat or Yard Clean Up (it looks like the latter as boats are launched), but what I do know is that it was a chilly spring day, and we were together doing necessary club business. It was taken on my iPhone 4 (which I still use btw) by the now current RC Geoff Gurr, who stood on a step ladder. At the time, Geoff was debating whether to join AYC as an adult and I will bet taking this pic contributed to his decision to

join. Many of the members in this picture have moved on or passed (and they are missed), but there are also many members in this pic – including myself – who are still kicking around and who new members know well. One of the consequences of the pandemic that I am sure we have all felt over the last two plus years of battling this thing has been the isolation, the lack of events like this. We haven't had a Hug Your Boat for three years and now, finally, unless there is yet another Covid spike, we can gather – masked if you wish, and as distanced as you wish – and see each other in person. Hug your boat (March 26th this season) has been a ritual spring sendoff of winter and this year – as bad as this winter was (and may still be) we are also (again, hopefully) sending off this pandemic. We simply gather, hug our boats, and greet each other for an afternoon. Inside or outside is weather dependent. I can remember HYBs in frigid snow-laden cold and HYB's in a light sweater, happy in the ice and snow-free sunshine. We've brought in many new members since Hug Your Boat 2019 and I hope all of you can come out – dress warm. And to our longer-term members, you know the drill – a party early in the spring to finish that damned winter season off. I hope everyone can make it. Also, and before I sign off, our Spring AGM is scheduled for April 20 and will be the first general meeting in person (again, unless the numbers spike) in 30 months. There is club business of import that we will discuss and decide upon. Please endeavor to attend. In short, and *phew*, perhaps we are through this thing and can gather socially without worry. We deserve a good group toast. Cheers, Nick Pitt Commodore



Gareth Clemo, Vice Commodore

Hello AYC, this winter has seen a lot of seasonal yard details requiring attention from lighting to security and gate issues, not to mention Jimmy Skunk moving in and along with other vermin! One thing is for certain, as the days brighten and warm, the yard will soon be full with sounds of sanding, waxing and good cheer. Looking forward to seeing you all at the AGM and Happy Spring to All, Gareth Clemo Vice Commodore



Geoff Gurr, Rear Commodore

Hello AYC, I'm sure that you've all seen the survey that was sent out and if you haven't seen it, please let me know, The survey is very important to get yourself heard. It isn't really voting, although in a loose sort of manner it really is a vote for lack or a better term. If you haven't completed the survey yet, it only takes a minute or two. We have about half of the membership responses at this point, a trend has emerged, and I will be presenting the findings of the survey at the Spring AGM.

 If anyone has any future questions or comments otherwise, I'm always available by email at rear-commodore@ayc.ca

Cheers, Geoff Gurr Rear Commodore



Richard Armstrong, Social Director

Hello AYC members, What a great launch party to our AYC Sail around the World theme for 2022, so many French beret's and so much Sancerre! Our next Port of Call will be revealed very soon, See you at Hug Your Boat.
Happy Spring Richard Armstrong Social Director



Borus Gogus, Treasurer

Hello AYC, A big shout out to Keith Whalen for all the work he looked after for so many years and for not telling me the whole story! It has been a busy winter at the treasurer's desk let me tell you! We are on top of seasonal invoicing, insurance reviews both individual and overall club liability status. Also prepping the financials for the AGM and the list goes on!

Happy Spring to All, Borys Gogus Treasurer



Phil Dunk, House Director

I can't believe it March already. Time is moving on and soon we will be thinking about getting our boats ready for our upcoming sailing season. In January we added an electric fireplace in the downstairs lobby. The fireplace has an electric heater in it so members who are using the downstairs lounge may enjoy it in comfort. It's set with a timer so there is now worry about leaving it on after they have left the club house. Just a reminder that when you do visit the club and when you leave, please remember to check that the front door is locked. In the last month it was reported that the front door was not secure. Also make sure that the front gate closes before you leave the area.

Some things that members should know: Three years ago, we had an issue where the main hose to the docks gave loose and we spilled \$5000 worth of water into Lake Ontario. Since then, we installed a security system to prevent that from happening again. The system is set to shut down if it detects a water leak or if the water runs for 99 minutes, It will also shut down if the water does not run for two days. (Vacation Mode) If you are at the club and the water shuts down you need to reset the system. To do so you need to go into the Electrical Room and locate the FloLogic system located on the South wall in that room. There is an instruction how to reset the unit. Very simple, hit "Disable" and then hit "Home" you will then hear the system recharge. If the unit said that there was a water leak, before

resetting, check the club house for any running water or if any toilets are leaking.

Finally, in an earlier newsletter I posted that the lock for the electrical room had been changed. In the Bow Wave I posted that the combo is still the same as we have been using with the addition of a CHECK MARK in the combo. Failing that, you may use your club key to access the room.

Until the next newsletter, Happy Spring, cheers and stay safe, Phil Dunk
House Director



Alison Honey Woods, Membership Director

AYC continues to receive a steady stream of membership queries, though almost entirely from boats too large for the club to accommodate. We currently have 2 prospects, their applications can be viewed on the AYC website and pinned to the board in the clubhouse.

I would like to invite all members, new and not-so-new to get in touch with me at membership@ayc.ca, if you have any questions about AYC, Some examples of questions you may have: Where is the lawnmower kept? How do I join races? What activities count towards work hours Don't be shy! Your membership director is here to assist.

Starting in June work hours will be posted in the clubhouse and available to view on the club website so members can keep track of their hours in 2022. I would like to remind the membership that Senior members are responsible for contributing a minimum of 16 work hours per year and Associate members are responsible for contributing 4 hours per season. If you are unable to fulfill your commitment for any reason please let the board of directors know, do not wait until the season is over. I hope to see many of you at Hug Your Boat on March 26th!

Alison Honey Woods Membership Director



Joel Zylberg, Secretary

Dear Fellow AYC Members, After a long winter, we are finally gearing up for another great summer on the water!

Our spring General Meeting (GM) will be on the evening of Weds., April 20th. We will have this meeting at the AYC clubhouse, and I am looking forward to seeing many of you again in-person!

Please also be reminded that all senior members should send their proof of insurance to secretary@ayc.ca. Please send a photo of your insurance card showing the policy number and expiration date, and indicating at least \$2,000,000 in liability coverage. (Thanks to those members who have already submitted this!)

Finally, members are encouraged to inspect their standing rigging before putting their masts up: one AYC member recently reported to me that they had found very worrying cracks in the fittings where their backstay connects to their mast. I have personally not inspected those fittings on my boat in years, but I will certainly do so this spring! Members who are unsure of how to inspect their rigging may wish to consult with a surveyor.

Cheers, Joel Zylberberg, Secretary



Jay Wallace, Communications Director

Again a **TOP LINE ALERT**: many members have had their **EMAIL HACKED**. Delete any message from any club member requesting that YOU purchase anything for them on your credit card. **DO NOT RESPOND!**

Once again the **AYC** WhatsApp group link is below, it appears to be a popular real time "chatty" platform for the usual suspects!

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

Also, if you change your email address and you don't let us know then that is your oversight!

See you at Hug Your Boat, Happy Spring to All, Jay Wallace
Communications Director



Stephen Brown, Fleet Captain

This winter has been quiet as one would expect, but a full race and sailing season looks to be coming finally. Our own race series will start May 19 and continue each Thursday till September. The Ahmen races on weekends in the late summer and fall are on, as are the Susan Hood (June 3 start) and LO 300 races (July 16 start).

Sail measurement is going to be necessary for some of us, me included.

April 16 or 17 is suggested as a good day to get together in the club house and do the measurements as a group. Lots of hands to fold the sails!

Please let us know if you need your sails measured and if those days could work. Also if members who are interested in racing could send an email it would help us get an idea of the numbers we will see on the water.

Cruising will also be planned for this year, with current thinking that two club cruises would make sense, still under discussion of course. Hopefully one of these will include a distance race.

Best Regards,

Stephen Brown, Fleet Captain



Don Williams, Club Cruise Captain

Hello AYC Cruiser's, Hello Cruisers, four fun and memorable cruises planned this season! In no particular order, as some are not yet carved in wood, they are – Queen City, Port Credit/Oakville Club, Bluffer's Park and finally, NOTL/Youngstown/Wilson. You can come for one or two nights and even three or four on our big one across the lake.

Queen City invited us for a 'Sail In' with no request for a reciprocal (as they could drive here faster) except I had no idea what a 'Sail In' actually was – so I Googled it and even Google didn't know. It sounded 'unsafe' to me as 'why' would we not just use our engines/motors to 'sail in' and dock?!' But it also sounded like an adventure and a challenge trying to dock a boat with only your sails, especially in their tight quarters and their rickety Med slips so replied "sure, thanks, we're in!" Many of us are already good at 'sail in' docking as many of us have engines that rarely work and when they do they often quit 'just' when you need 'em! Port Credit and the Oakville Club both have pools so bikinis and speedos are a must to pack on board of course before casting off – sit up time! You bet! Next, Bluffer's Park? Bring a book – a thick one! Then the highlight cruise will be NOTL with a bing – perhaps a show, wineries, the flowers, bike ride, some live Irish music, then across the river to Youngstown with a bang – Fort Niagara, and then to Wilson with a bong! Great live music/dancing and the town of Wilson.

Towns like this are hard to find! This one is especially hard to find. (Yes, we've looked.) Dates to follow on the next Bow Wave – stay tuna-ed.

Don Williams Cruise Captain

The Members Bulletin Board All the News Fit to Print



Member Citations; So many members have filed yard reports through this wild windy winter, while checking boat wraps and cranky club gate issues. Thank you to all of you for your due diligence, you know who you are, it's a long list. There's a bottle of SAILOR JERRY with your names on it... somewhere in someones locker! I am in Locker #10...

Suggestion/Comment Box; "I just want to salute the solid dedication and valued expertise of both Dan Peel and Greg Shear in their role as vice commodore and rear commodore respectively. Those guys showed the meaning of membership." [not signed unfortunately]

"Thanks to Peter and Richard for their efforts to get us "rolling again!"
[Chris G.]

Overheard on the dock; " All these skunks are coming over here from NYC on purpose." [for what purpose exactly?]

Random Travel Tales; Please share your bareboat charter or local knowledge stories! Share yours at communications@ayc.ca

The Members Photo Gallery

"SMITH" HOSTS "PIG-ROAST"

In what will probably go down in Club History as one of the 'GREAT' Parties of all times.....

DON'T MISS THIS GALA PRE-LAUNCH BASH.....



"DANCING"

"MUSIC"

"FUN & LAUGHTER"

and

WATCH DINNER COOKING ON THE SPIT

SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH - 5:00 p.m.

PRICE: \$6.50 Per Person



* Limited to 40 persons ("Small Clubhouse")

For reservations, call Doug Smith at 822-8728 quickly.



ICE MACHINE - This year the AVC will revert back to an old method that worked well in the past. Rather than pay cash for ice (I know I'm often broke or don't have the right bill) members are asked to buy ice tickets in advance, then, when taking the ice, simply drop a ticket in the box. This saves all the hassles of looking for change on a \$20.00 bill etc. As well, the Club does not have large amounts of cash laying in the ice machine.

Tickets are available from Doug Smith and other members as shown on the Club Bulletin Board. The ice machine lock will stay as it is and new members requiring a key may see Doug Smith. A \$2.00 deposit is required on each key.

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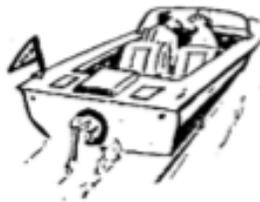
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- Carrying Handle
- Plastic Case
- Acid Filled
- 445 AMP Hrs.

MARINE



PRICE - **\$41.95**

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DID YOU KNOW?...

that sawing/sanding/grinding/spray-painting etc. are not permitted in the AVC yard on "SUNDAYS". (This rule is not meant to impede anyone from fitting out his/her boat, but rather to allow other boaters to paint and varnish without having to worry about the finish being spoiled)

LETS ALL SUPPORT THIS GOOD RULE!

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