

Bow Wave - January 2023

Wishing You Fair winds and Soft Seas All Year Long!

Your New Year's Gift of AYC News Issue #466



Mark Your 2023 Calendars and note our Reciprocal Cruises !



The Alexander Yacht Club Invites you
to ride our Valentine's Love Boat.

Saturday, February 11, 2023.

6:00 pm

\$25.00 each BYOB

RSVP to social@ayc.ca

RSVP Deadline Monday, Feb. 6th.

Celebrating our Seasons and Holidays

- **January 21 - Winter Party 7pm rsvp tickets**
 - **February 11 - Valentines Party not to be missed!**
 - **March 25 - Hug your Boat club social**
 - **April 15 - Dock Party Crew**
 - **April 19 - Spring Annual General Meeting**
 - **April 29- Launch *aka Splash***
 - **May 6- Spring Clean Up [mandatory]**
 - **May 18 - The AYC Race Season begins!**
 - **June 24 - AYC Sail Past/Commodore's Reception**
 - **August 12- Hot Summer Night Party**
 - **August 31- The AYC Race Season ends!**
 - **September 9- Almost Round the Island Race & Dinner**
 - **October 13/14 - Haul Out *aka On the Hard***
 - **October 21- Fall cleanup [mandatory]**
 - **November 15 - Fall Annual General Meeting**
 - **December 10 - Christmas Party Members Wine and Cheese**
- *Reciprocal Cruise Dates [Flotillas]**
- *July 28/29 Etobicoke Yacht Club**
- *August 25/26 Tuscarora Yacht Club, Wilson, NY**
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Commodores Report

Happy New Year AYC!

As many members have noticed, our neighbours at NYC are hard at work installing their new dock system. Detailed plans can be viewed on the AYC website under the member section and, I have been told, in real life come the end of February!

AYC has formed 3 new committees and all members interested in contributing their time and expertise are welcome to join. Please contact me for details.

1. Bylaw Revision Committee.

Our mandate is to rewrite AYC's bylaws to confirm to the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporation Act and clean up language/correct inaccuracies. We have a template from Ontario Sailing and received the following feedback on our existing bylaws:

"The main pieces of feedback are that the language is unclear in some areas, there are many operational pieces included and some items are not allowed under the Act or under

your Letters Patent. You are also missing some key pieces.”

2. Dock Expansion Committee.

Our mandate is to design and create detailed plans for AYC’s dock expansion with the aim of creating more slips that can accommodate boats over 36’. The larger slips are to meet the growing demand for larger boats amongst our members, not to create an abundance of additional slips. AYC will not harbour a fleet larger than 100 boats. Currently we have capacity for 94.

3. AYC Archival Committee.

Mandate is to catalogue and organize AYC’s archival material and record AYC’s history. Contact Nick Pitt if you are interested in joining.

This weekend AYC is hosting a winter party open to all members and in support of the Broad Reach Foundation. Guests are welcome, so gather some friends and come down to the club, I hope to see you there!

Very Best to all, Alison Honey Woods, Commodore



Gareth Clemo, Vice Commodore

Hello AYC, Happy New Year to All, Gareth Clemo Vice Commodore



Matt Fideli, Rear Commodore

Hello AYC, Here is my update

A bubbler has been installed to protect the power lines on our docks; in case the lake ever gets cold enough to freeze. Looking ahead, there is a water supply upgrade in the works for the docks. Before launch (2023) I'll be looking for 2 volunteers to help assemble some plumbing parts, and install them on the docks. Let me know if you are capable and interested, and I'll share more details with you. Looking way way ahead, I'm putting together a dock expansion committee with some other board and club members. We will investigate any future upgrades to the docks or expansion. Nothing happening right away, but maybe in a year or two.

Anyone getting a different boat? Please let me know. Actually, you have to let me know. Keep in mind that previous requests may have been lost. "Pretend" I know nothing, and let me know of your plans, even if you have already told the board. Happy New Year! , Matt Fideli Rear Commodore



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



Paul Chandler House Director

Working with Phil Dunk to ensure the proper execution of the heat pump installation.

Happy New Year, Best regards & keep safe, Paul Chandler, House Director



Sean Smith, Membership Director

Hello AYC, be assured new membership requests are trickling in. Happy New Year to All, Sean Smith, Membership Director



Regan Magor, 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,
Regan Magor Secretary



Jay Wallace, Communications Director

Remember that AYC sends out over a dozen emails to members every month, please keep your email current with me, or you will miss out on important information.

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 Cruisers, what a great cruising season last year! Although some went on their own voyages, some chose to cruise 'with' our club on planned and sanctioned cruises which guaranteed that there'd be a slip (or anchorage, at least) waiting for them with their (boat) name on it. They'd also know that there'd be planned activities awaiting them at each destination – mostly eating, drinking, and tripping (over things after they've been eating and drinking.) And we go no matter what the weather so tighten those forestays, backstays and shrouds of turban! You know what they say: "If you wait for good weather or your boat to safe and ready, you never go," so don't let any of the aforementioned get in the way. Head on 'out there!'

By chance, and as luck would have it, the Commodore of the Tuscarora Yacht Club came to our club for a short stay last summer and I was able to speak directly with her and her husband (or whoever he was also on her boat) and was able to secure a sanctioned visit to their great club this season for the last weekend of the summer with live bands – August 25-27, something that I've been working on for years – woohoo! It's a fun and 'in demand' place for sure so 'do' look forward to this trip but 'do' book early as it will fill up with our four-boat allotment and don't overload your boat or you'll 'ground out' much like you

would at Queen City last summer and get stuck and everyone will start yelling at you and perhaps throwing fruit – I/we know! It 'is' late in the season when water levels are low when we cruise to TYC, Wilson, NY. We will also be re-visiting Etobicoke Yacht Club (live band on the Friday night) July 28-30 and Port Credit, Bluffers Park, and perhaps maybe even the Boulevard Club, which is within towing distance which I'm sure some will find truly forward-thinking and helpful.

If you would like to visit any club not mentioned (or visited in a while) please reach out and I'll reach out so next year we can all 'broad reach' out, but in the meantime, put those dates into your sailing calendars and get ready to 'set sail' for a fun adventure 'out there!' 'Power' welcome as well of course! Email me if interested please/thanks. cruisecaptain@ayc.ca. P.S. Don't miss the Boat Show next week either!

Cheers, Happy New Year to All, Don Williams Cruise Captain



The Members Bulletin Board All the News Fit to Print

Member Citations; Too early for accolades, but there's a bottle of SAILOR JERRY with your name on it when you step up... somewhere!

Overheard; "Damn we had some big December winds... what's up with the break wall?"

Suggestion Box; How about having a new members appreciation party?

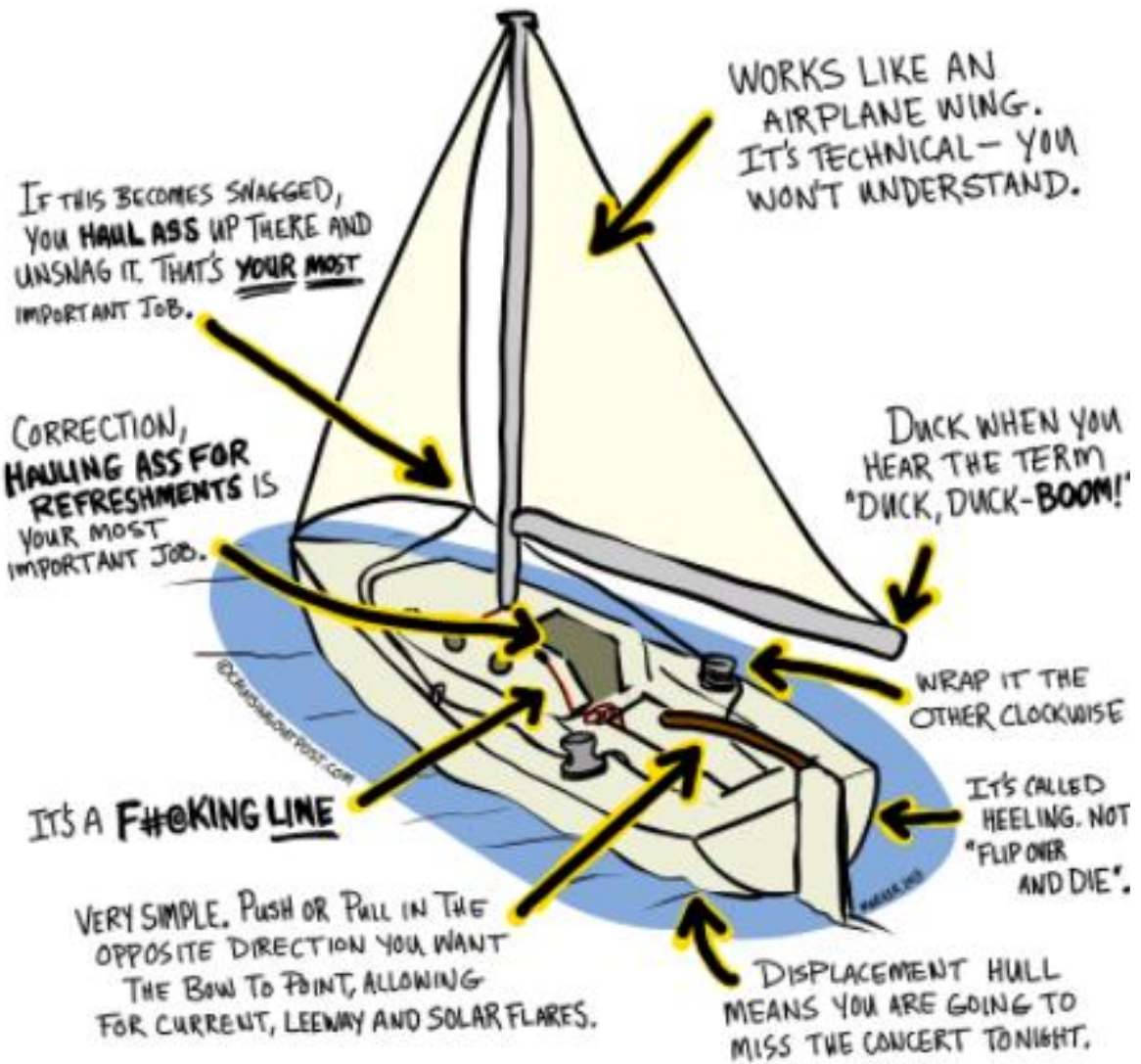
Random Travel Tales; I am sure we all followed Matts trip on line and now Hugh and Sean are sharing their adventures in warm seas... more to come. Be safe fella's !



The Members Photo Gallery



HOW I EXPLAIN SAILING TO MY GUESTS







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