



# The Bow Wave

## Alexandra Yacht Club

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### Rear-Commodore Ken Daisley

The docks are now closed, the ramp has been removed and the bubbler has been installed at the electrical outlet signalling the completion of another great sailing season. I think it is time to reflect on some of the accomplishments we have achieved in improving our docking system. As a small club it is important to minimize cost and maximize value by incrementally adding features that improve our docks. Here is a list of some of our accomplishments:



- Broken cubes were replaced
- Several chains were upgraded
- Escape ladders were purchased and installed in strategic locations
- The electrical breaker panel for the docks was replaced, stabilizing supply
- A portable gas-powered water pump was installed to assist boaters
- Many water hose stands were replaced along the main dock
- Several old water hoses were replaced with new ones
- Docks were extended to accommodate larger boats
- We have designed a safer, larger and easier to operate floating crane that will be built over the winter and assembled after launch in 2017.

There has been much discussion over the years about our electrical supply on the docks. Much research was undertaken this year to provide a system that would provide a more stable supply. Initially we developed costing to raise the existing supply lines into a trough running down the centre of the docks and this priced out around \$50,000. Unfortunately when we looked at the additional requirements for cable, pedestals, access conduits etc., our cost forecast quickly tripled. It is my suggestion that such an expenditure is not advantageous at this time and that we wait until our lease agreement is renewed and finalized in the coming years.

I have put my name forward again this year to support the club as Rear Commodore and look forward to your support. But, if someone else would like to take on the challenge, it would be a pleasure for me to assist in all endeavors. At this time I would like to deliver my heartfelt thanks to all the great people who came out to support our dock work parties. Without such great enthusiasm and support we wouldn't be the great club that we are. Thank you all.

### Country Harvest Moon Party - November 19th

Ya'll come on down to the AYC's Country Harvest Moon party on November 19th, dance to the swingin' beats of the AYC House Band. BYOB and snacks if you want to eat somethin'. Git all gussied up and show up with bells on. The band will start around 7:30 pm or so. Come on down you'll be happy as a pig in sh . . . hog in mud. Bring a girl, bring a boy, throw your hat over the windmill. Dance the night away.

Limited parking!

### Mark your calendar!

#### 2016 notable dates:

- November 16<sup>th</sup> – Fall General Meeting at 7:30 pm; Registration begins at 7:10 pm
- November 19<sup>th</sup> – BYOB Country Harvest Moon Party
- December 4<sup>th</sup> – Wine & Cheese

### 2017 Calendar

The 2017 calendar will be approved by the new Board at its first meeting in December. Launch and other dates will be communicated shortly thereafter.



## Vice Commodore Dan Peel



Thanks to all members who helped keep the yard clean and maintained this year. It looks great! A few notes as you complete winterization of your boat:

- Water in the yard will be shut down as soon as it looks like below zero weather is arriving—stay tuned.
  - Waste Barrels in the corner have all been emptied and are ready for use:
    - ⇒ One barrel is for OIL ONLY
    - ⇒ one is for Gasoline
    - ⇒ the other is for antifreeze and mixed fluids (bilge waste)
  - Lock your ladders to your cradle when not in use
  - Please inform me if your car is staying over night in the parking lot during the winter season.
- I think that's it for now. I hope to see you all at the AGM on November 16th.



## Membership Director Ken Chumik

Membership is full and I have started a waiting list for any interested persons looking for a 2017 summer mooring. I have not heard from any senior member who is considering leaving so it looks like there will be little movement next year. I have received a couple of comments from members that the swings were not being used this year. This is because most of the inquiries this year have been from folks looking to moor vessels in the 33 to 36 foot range. I think the days of the smaller boat are slowly coming to an end. I have asked the mooring master to consider putting these larger boats on swings and the matter is to be discussed by the Board over the winter months. If we do put larger boats out on the swings the Club will need to invest in proper mooring balls. Several associate members with larger than 30 foot vessels are waiting on the Board's decision.

I also plan to put forward a motion at the general meeting to increase the initiation fee to \$2,500 which is in line with the other clubs on the Lake. Please come out to the Fall Annual General Meeting on November 16th and vote on matters that will affect you and our Club. The Fall General Meeting is the most important meeting of the year because a new board will be elected and motions worked on by your Board over the last year are put forward for the membership to vote on at this meeting. It is a responsibility to vote on all matters otherwise your club is not yours but what others want it to be.

Finally, it has been brought to my attention that we have not formally introduced any of the new senior members or new associates this year. I'm guessing that I dropped the ball on this one. I will be contacting all you guys over the next month to get a photo and a small bio for the next newsletter coming sometime in December. Finally, internet will be blasting on the dock by the end of May 2017.

Have a great winter!



## Secretary Paul Oliver

Well another boating season has rushed by . . . and now we have our boats gently tucked away for the winter. After 3 years on the Board I have decided not to stand for re-election, so this will be my last Bow Wave Report. I want to thank my fellow Board members for all their help over the last year.

Our By-Law review committee is hard at work cleaning-up and simplify our By-Laws. Special thanks to Brian Iler, Bill Morris and Alison Manzer, who have dedicated their time and talents to this work.

Our Fall AGM is just around the corner. The Meeting will take place on Wednesday November 16th at 7:30 (registration 7:10 to 7:30) The Meeting will be followed by the Election of the new 2017 Board of Directors. The meeting notice and Agenda will be posted on-line and e-mailed later this week. Have a wonderful winter.



## Social Director Erik Schomann



Join us for the AYC Country Harvest Moon Party on Saturday, November 19th. It's a BYOB party with the AYC House Band. Music will start at about 7:30 pm.

With the boats all hauled out and winterisation in full effect, this doesn't mean the social side needs to stay high and dry as well. We've got a great Club house and great members and we mean to take advantage of this, socially speaking.

Over the winter, we plan on holding bi-weekly Social Nights with a variety of activities including movie nights similar to last year, as well as trivia nights and general gaming nights. All of this will be finalised after the AGM so keep your eyes on these emails, the AYC website events calendar as well as the AYC Facebook page.

Speaking of the AGM, we will be approaching the membership for the creation of a Social Committee to assist the Director in the enormous job of coordinating the club events. If you have any interest in contributing to this committee, please contact me at [social@ayc.ca](mailto:social@ayc.ca).

## Treasurer Keith Whalen

As we approach our Fall AGM on Wednesday, November 16th I am busy finalizing our financial statements for your review and approval. As always, I look forward to your questions and our discussion at the meeting.





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## Cruise Captain Don Williams

Calling all Cruisers for 2017! We had several great cruises this year – Oakville Club, Dalhousie Yacht Club, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Wilson to name a few and we are planning for the same next year.

Please send me any destination yacht clubs that you'd like to visit at your earliest convenience so that we can hopefully visit those destinations and clubs next season – many are already booked for next season so time is of the essence. We do not like to go further than a five hour cruise except for Wilson which is about six hours so please keep that in mind.

Thanks to all those that participated this season and let's hope for bigger numbers next season. Please email me at [cruisecaptain@ayc.ca](mailto:cruisecaptain@ayc.ca) and let me know your wishes and your thoughts. Let's go cruising – our ocean is calling us!

## Communications Director Colin Smith



Electricity costs in Ontario soared by 15.7% over the past year and AYC has not escaped this. Predictions are that rates will continue to go up steeply in the future in part because of the significant infrastructure necessary to produce and transport electricity reliably. As you may have read, high delivery charges, aging nuclear power plants and debt repayment are among the primary reasons for the high rates.

At the AGM on November 16th you will see that the rising cost of electricity is affecting our total expense line. Have a good look at the financials before the meeting.

What can we do about this? In addition to reducing unnecessary usage, solar panels for boats are becoming increasingly popular. Some AYC members have gone completely off-grid and are using solar panels to cool fridges and of course charge batteries. Let's get the conversation going.

Finally, I'd like to thank my fellow Board members and all members for your support over the past season. I have really enjoyed serving as your Communications Director this year and have put my name forward for re-election. I would also be delighted to support anyone else who fills the role. As always I welcome your feedback on how we communicate with you. Please email or call me.



## Welcome Ofelia

Congratulations to Senior Member Nadim Kiani (Altair) on the birth of his daughter, Ofelia, on October 9th, 2016. Note in the photo that Ofelia is ready for action, wearing her first pair of sailing gloves. Congratulations Nadim!