

Subject: Thanks from the Board and Update

On behalf of the Executive Board, I want to thank all of you for your efforts last week. With virtually no notice you answered our call to fill sandbags, and then you stepped up to place those sandbags as the river continued to rise. As John Meagher said at the May meeting, "Our army of volunteers and our spirit of camaraderie is truly what keeps this club going."

The Board is keeping an eye on conditions at the Club, and we will update you as necessary about the effect of the flood waters on the Club's operation.

- The Memorial Day Observance, Fleet Review, and Picnic, scheduled for May 28th have been cancelled.
- The Race Committee training scheduled for Tuesday, May 16th has been postponed.
- The Race Committee will meet to determine the racing schedule once the water level goes down and the boats have been launched.
- The Commodore's Reception will be held after the boats have been launched and will also be a celebration of the launch.
- The June membership meeting will be held in the Port of Rochester Building. The room is in the South end of the building on the third floor. There is an elevator available. Parking is available on the north side of the building. Follow the walk way south along the river and enter the building on the river side.

From the May 15th Board Meeting:

1. Al Gilbert has installed a containment wall south of GYC's garage, which will have an affect on the pooling of water on the Club's property.
2. John, Bill, and Steve Pikuett will place a trash pump inside the perimeter to send water back to the basin. This pump will be gas-powered. Following a discussion, the group decided that a pump with a 2" outflow could be purchased at Harbor Freight for ~\$189. John will check with Patrick to see if the fire department has used hose that we could use.
3. Gary has purchased a sump pump which can be used to drain the area inside the sandbag area should the rise of the water come up to the perimeter.
4. Hans will measure to determine the location of the lowest spots on the grass so that sump pumps can be placed at these points.
5. If members decide to come to the Club, they should not create a wake in the area of Al Gilbert's house. They should go very slow. It is looking like it will soon be hazardous to drive into the club via the normal route. Visits are discouraged, but if members do come to the Club, they should park on Shumway's property. **WARNING:** The restrooms are closed and locked; porta-potties are available. Water in the clubhouse has been turned off. At the moment, the stove is inoperable and under repair.
6. All indications are that we will not be able to launch for 4-5 weeks. The Board is evaluating the situation and meeting on a weekly basis or more frequently if necessary. GYC will not launch ANY boats until further notice.
7. **The clubhouse is not in immediate danger. The Executive Board is taking all steps necessary to mitigate possible damage to the clubhouse.**
8. **The Board decided that in the 2017 Scotch Bonnet Light Race will be cancelled.**

We will keep you updated as necessary, but don't hesitate to call any Board Member if you have questions. Please check the GYC website (first page) for updates.

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