

5/22/17 Flood update:

Your club officers and Executive Board have been monitoring the flooding situation daily and working diligently to mitigate the damages that have or may yet to happen to the clubhouse and property. The Executive Board has been meeting weekly if not more often to discuss the future plans for the flood protection as well as the social and racing events we had planned. Many members have also helped and continue to help us get through this flooding event. A big THANK YOU to all who have helped the club in this time of crisis.

As of yesterday we have three pumps keeping the water from reaching the club house. These three pumps are inside our sandbag wall and a fourth will be added shortly as the water table continues to rise. We purchased a gas-powered trash pump to keep the parking lot "east pond" from getting higher, this helps keep the water away from the clubhouse. Sandbags have been put on the main dock to prevent further damage as they are floating and we're worried that they will detach.

The Memorial Day picnic and Scotch Bonnet Light Race have been cancelled. The LYRA committee has been discussing the probability of holding that event at their meetings, no decisions have been made for that event.

If you look at other clubs and marinas on the south shore they are all having similar issues, with some much worse. Many boats still have not been launched.

It is indeed a sad year for boaters so far and we should remain positive that we will have a sailing season, I am.

It's giving us time to do those projects on the boat that we've been putting off for years. There is some work that can be done on the club's facilities that are above water and when the water drops there will be many more items we have to do to get our docks and electrical systems back to a safe and usable state.

For the immediate future, the trash pump, located in the SE area of the parking lot needs to be filled with non-ethanol gas every two hours, gas tanks to fill that pump need to be filled, the hoses and other pumps need to be checked. Looking around for more damage and to try to reduce the likelihood of future damage.

Please consider putting in more than your required annual hours this year, we will need your help more than ever this year. At the Executive Board meeting tonight, we are developing a list of tasks and schedule that will need to be done routinely until the flooding has subsided.

Look for more news and updates as they develop.

Thanks to all for your help.

John Meagher - GYC Vice Commodore