

# Genesee Yacht Club News




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**February**

- 14 Valentines Day
- 15 Hospice Regatta Meeting

**March**



- 1 Members Meeting
- 7 Power Squadron
- 8 Executive Board Meeting

**April**



- 4 Power Squadron
- 5 Members Meeting
- 12 Executive Board Meeting
- 14 First Mate Class



**DEADLINE**  
**for the next**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
 is  
**March 8, 2018**  
**E-MAIL items to**

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Member Mtg Agenda

- ★ Program:
- ★ Guest Introductions
- ★ Treasurer's Report
- ★ Secretary's Report
- ★ Commodore's Report
- ★ Vice Comm's Report
- ★ Rear Comm's Report
- ★ Committee Reports
- ★ Unfinished Business
- ★ New Business

- ◆ A second survey is being sent out by the Boat Committee requesting a firm commitment by the membership to this program.
- ◆ Race Committee will hold a second meeting in March. Info is being sent via email as well as posted in the Racing News Section on the GYC Webpage.
- ◆ The frozen pipes problem has been solved for the present time. No need to keep the water dripping. Just keep head doors open and the attic ladder down.

**UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS**

**February**

16 Movie Night



**March**

18 Brunch



- ◆ Launches are scheduled for the last weekend in April and the first two weekends In May.
- ◆ Long sleeved tee shirts arrived and are available for purchase at the Ship's Store.
- ◆ Our new refrigerator is in the Kitchen. No freezer with this Refrigerator.
- ◆ Scotch Bonnet Light Race info can be obtained at <http://www.scotchbonnetrace.com>. Google Scotch Bonnet Race to reach this page.



- ◆ New Active Member  
Amy Ziobrowski



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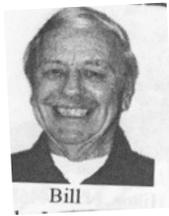
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Condolences to the Family

Of Bill Statt

On January 17, 2018, we lost our most senior active member, Bill Statt, a member since 1968. During Bill's fifty years as a GYC member, the club purchased additional land, excavated the north basin which added another 20 docks to GYC property. Also during Bill's time as vice commodore and commodore, the planning and construction of our new clubhouse took place. Bill was instrumental in every facet of GYC during those 50 years and we are the beneficiaries.



To the GYC Members:

From Bill Statt's Family:

Bill passed away January 17th, 2018.

We would like thank you for the love and support that you showed. Old stories, new stories, "would you believe" stories. You came and said them and helped remember Dad and celebrate his life. You are by far the biggest and best family he was a part of. He chose you. You honored him. Your presence and letters and notes made it possible for all of us feel a little better about his passing. The commodore presented a club burgee to us for dad; I want you all to know that it is with dad now...and for forever. Thank you, such a sweet, tearful moment...when I placed it next to him. Speaking for the family, I would like to say thank you. Thank you for coming to the funeral. Thank you for your notes. Thank you for all your friendship through the years. Dad loved GYC. Thank you.

r. j. statt and family

A Note from the Commodore

At first glance the Genesee Yacht Club is closed for the winter, with all of the boats in their cradles, shrink-wrapped, tarp covered, or just plain covered with snow. Ice is in the river and the chairs are stacked on the porch. However, not all things are as they appear. The club is a hub of activity in preparation for the 2018 season.

The 2018 season is going to be a busy one for sure. We have four major events this summer with active committees working on plans already. The Scotch Bonnet is in June, WSI in July, LYRA and Hospice in August. We are going to need some major volunteer help to make these events a success. Please reach out to the chair people offering your support.

The Club also has a committee looking into purchasing a club sailboat. They have sent out a survey that received a very positive response from the membership. In addition the committee is revamping the Newbie sailing program, adding additional structure. We will be using this program as a recruitment tool. More to follow...

Please remember that your membership dues are due on or before the March meeting, and dock payment is due April 4<sup>th</sup>. We all hate late fees.

Looking forward to average water levels, sunny days, favorable winds, good friends and good sailing in 2018.

10 events are on the calendar for 2018:  
Memorial Day Sail-By and Picnic  
SBLR  
Pultneyville Long Distance Race  
WSI  
LYRA co-hosted with RYC  
Hospice Regatta  
Oktoberfest  
Cups & Flags  
UP the River



## First Mate Safe Return

“First Mate Safe Return” is designed to teach the “First Mate” the fundamental knowledge and skills needed to call for help, know where you are, and operate your boat in the event your skipper becomes disabled. This is accomplished through a classroom session, followed by a captain and you handling your boat.

Class will be held on Saturday April 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at Genesee Yacht Club.

To Register for this class email Jack Morris at [jmorris599@aol.com](mailto:jmorris599@aol.com).



## JUNIOR SAILING

It is that time of the year to begin thinking about enrolling your Junior Sailors for this years program at RYC. GYC members are available to receive a \$50 discount per week for each child enrolled in one of their programs, when you use a GYC boat. This is available to members children and grandchildren. The list of programs and costs can be found at this website:

<https://www.rochesteryc.com/jr-sailing>

If you have any questions please contact Cindy Gleichauf at [cindylei@gmail.com](mailto:cindylei@gmail.com) or call her at 585-820-1577.





# BRUNCH

Sunday the 18th  
1030 AM



Hosted by the Cottons



Genesee Yacht Club  
General Membership Meeting

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Commodore Leary called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

**Guests:** Jim Cavanaugh, 1<sup>st</sup> meeting; Bill Schmidt, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Amy Ziobrowski, 4<sup>th</sup>

**Secretary’s Report:** The minutes of the January meeting were approved as published in the February newsletter.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Linda Barton reported on Income and Expenses for January.

**Rear Commodore’s Report:** Rich Allen

\*Water Levels

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Peak
avg	244.9			
2016	245.07	245.79	246.10	246.50
2017	245.22	245.77	246.28	248.93
2018	245.80			

- End of January vs. peak water levels have huge variations. As an example, take a look at the last 2 years. 2016 and 2017 were nearly identical January - March, but peak water level was 2 1/2 feet different. As of the end of January 2018, the water level is about 6 inches higher than last year, and about 1 foot above the long term average.
- What we can expect: The weather last year WAS unusual, and so it is extremely unlikely that we will see the same rise exactly repeat. The ACE forecasts levels in June which range from 30 inches to 15 inches lower than last year (i.e., a low range of = 2016 high water to mid-way between 2016 and 2017). This seems like a 90% likely range. The high end of that range would not be a problem for us, the water was higher than this when we launched in July last year.
- \* Race Committee Meeting - There was a Race Committee meeting held 1/16; good discussion, some items identified for follow up to be discussed at a second meeting in March. If you were unable to attend and want to know what was discussed, you will find notes on the GYC website. Go to Racing, Racing News and follow the link. Generally speaking, when there is information to share, an email will go out and the contents of that email will also go to this link.
- \* End of Season Celebration - Cups and Flags venue selected - Jetty at the Port. We would like to include all GYC sailors at this event. Thanks to your feedback we have redefined the nature of the event; it will not feature a meal, but instead we will have cocktails, share stories and celebrate the season, and finish with live music by Kid Curry.

**Vice Commodore’s Report:** John Meagher

- \* This month’s stand-up comedy routine: **Why does the Norwegian Navy have bar codes on the sides of their ships? So they can Scandinavian.**
- \* The freezing water pipe issue has made a step in the right direction. He was called by Mike Toombs on Saturday after his event at the club. Mike said that he noticed that there was no cold water in the kitchen and drinking fountain. To John, that is the sign that the water pipes were frozen. He got them thawed out and left the water dripping. However, he also noticed that the hallway wouldn’t heat up. Tom Seibert and John investigated that zone and learned

that none of the registers in that zone were heating up. They checked out the heating system and tested the thermostat and found that it was working. They also noticed that while it seemed everything was working ok, something was wrong, and that it was time to call the professionals. Gary met Hahn heating and they found that while the zone valve was operating it wasn't opening enough to hit the switch that turned on the pump. A little lubrication and we were heating the hall and heads. John raised the set-point on the hall and put it on hold at 64. In order to keep the pipes from freezing again Tom Seibert and Steve Corona bundled the pipes together in the pipe duct and removed the insulation from under the pipes. With the heat in the hall fixed, leaving the head doors open and the stairs to the attic down, it seems that we are keeping those pipes up to 55-60 degrees due to the zone pipe heating the pipe duct. We have a thermometer in the east attic, one on the outside of the attic monitoring the library area and one in the pipe duct. So by keeping the head doors open, the ladder to the attic down, the hall heat set at 64, we will no longer have to let the faucets drip. It's important that we monitor the thermometer upstairs. **Please** call John or an officer if there is no water in the kitchen, which would indicate that the pipes have frozen.

You will notice there is a new fridge in the kitchen (probably because the old one is in the hall) and there is a new freezer in the furnace room. Let's keep them clean. Thanks to Steve Corona Corona and Gary for picking them out. The new fridge is entirely a refrigerator with no freezer.

- \* Let's not make the furnace room a storage room.
- \* We're keeping an eye on the lake levels while reviewing our flood plans and lessons learned from last year in order to be prepared for whatever Mother Nature has in store for us.
- \* We are making preparations to dredge and assessing how many dock ladders need to be replaced (they weren't removed before the frost).
- \* The soda machine froze, and Gary called the vendor who fixed the machine and removed all the frozen pop. We're back in business.
- \* Other than that we are back on track for spring. Launches will be the last weekend in April and first ones in May.
- \* 58 days till April.

#### **Commodore's Report:** Gary Leary

- \* As John said, the pop machine froze and the vendor repaired it replaced the cans of pop.
- \* This will be a busy summer. 10 events are on the calendar: Memorial Day Sail-By and Picnic, SBLR; Pultneyville Long Distance Race; WSI, LYRA co-hosted with RYC, Hospice Regatta, Oktoberfest, Cups & Flags, and UP the River. WE WILL NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Social:** Steve Kingdom said that **the Chili Cook-Off will be Saturday, February 3, 2018** beginning at 6:30PM. The cost is \$8 per person and free for those who bring a pot of chili. There will be a **Brunch on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM**, hosted by Bob and Joyce Peters.

**Ship's Store:** Joe Pasquarelli said that he has received a shipment of long sleeved tee shirts.

**Dredging and Permits:** Terry Allen reported that dredging may not be necessary, but three contractors are available in the area. DME is at Shumway's right now. This is a good opportunity to dredge the river and the basin. The deflector wall will have to be removed in order to dredge the basin. He has sent out four Requests for Proposal with a return deadline of February 28<sup>th</sup>. 2200 Cubic yards will need to be removed.

**Kitchen:** The Commodore noted that the old refrigerator needs to be cleaned before it is moved to the Junior Sail Locker.

**Membership:** Pat DeMetsenaere reported that Amy Ziobrowski will be nominated for Provisional Membership during New Business tonight. Dana Harris, Associate; James Welch, Active; and Jan Bakker, Emeritus, have resigned their memberships. **Marty Tryon** passed away in Jacksonville, Florida on November 21, 2017. Marty became a member of GYC in 1982, and for many years, he chaired the Commodore's Cocktail Party. He resigned his Non-Resident membership in 2016. **Fran Elli** passed away on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. Fran was Past Commodore and a member since 1973. The river sea wall was planned when he was Commodore. **Bill Statt** passed away on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Bill was Past Commodore and a member since 1968. He was active in many projects at the club, not the least of which was the laying of tile in the new clubhouse. Pat asked for a moment of silence in memory of our late members.

**SBLR:** Rob Reisch

- \* **First SBLR meeting scheduled for Wednesday February 7th, 7:00 till 9:00 pm.** He will have a selection of craft beers and for others, Caroline SBLR Picnic manager, a dry red wine.
- \* GYC is known for its Volunteers. This event needs 1 volunteer to organize the finish boats for the race. The following volunteers have confirmed 2018 SBLR support for the following:

Kevin Reilly	Clothing and Apparel
Pat Pytlak	Trophies
Tony Gambacurta	Web site updates and general guidance
Bill Topping	Principal Race Officer
Bob Jurena	Base and Safety Officer
Caroline Burtner	SBLR Picnic Manager
Whitey LeBlanc	Island Boat
L J Fisher	US and Canadian customs interface
Bob and Julie Blakley	Participation and Finish Flags
Rich Allen	Rear Commodore and Board Member
- \* The new Scotch Bonnet Light Race web page at <http://www.scotchbonnetrace.com> is now reachable by Googleing "Scotch Bonnet Light Race". Updates for the 2018 SBLR content will be in progress shortly.
- \* Preliminary registration through US Sailing's Regatta Network has been enabled based on last year's forms. Further updates are forth coming.
- \* Calendar entries for US sailing, and Scuttlebutt are complete. Additional sailing calendar such as GYC (once events and meetings can be added), Rochester Yacht Club, PHRF-LO, RCR Yachts, and Summer Sailstice are planned.
- \* Logos updated that are used for posters, flags, trophies, invitations, Notice of Race and Racing Instructions have been completed and distributed.

- \* A version of the 2018 SBLR poster has been created. Mark Blaakman is working on an updated poster design for 2018.
- \* Pat Pytlak is or has ordered new brass plates for last year's trophies so that they can be used this year.

**Hospice Regatta:** Amy Ziobrowski reported that chairs are still needed for the Day of the Event and the Picnic, which will be catered. **The next Hospice Regatta meeting will be Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM**, and will be attended by people from Sun Set House and RYC members.

**Boat Committee:** Gerard Fisher reported that a second survey will be sent to the membership, requesting a firm commitment to the program. The boat in question is being acquired for the use of current members and as an incentive for new members.

**LYRA:** The Commodore reported that the event will be co-hosted by RYC and GYC and will take place from August 1<sup>st</sup> to August 5<sup>th</sup> with several feeder races preceding the regatta. The opening ceremony will take place at GYC on Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The LYRA Saturday event will take place at GYC as well. **The next GYC LYRA planning meeting will be Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. Because the LYRA opening ceremony will take place on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, the membership meeting normally held on that day will take place on July 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**Dock Sales Tax:** Craig Roth reported that the issue was not resolved during the last conference with the NYS Attorney and the Administrative Law Judge, so there will be a hearing on May 26<sup>th</sup> with a phone conference scheduled the week before. Craig and Pat Pardyjak have an evidence package prepared, and the conference call will narrow down areas of disagreement.

**Unfinished Business:** John Andersen reviewed the club's 2017 financials.

**New Business:**

- \* On behalf of the Executive Board, the Commodore asked the membership for authorization to spend up to \$20,000 from the Marina Drive Fund. The money would be used to fund a feasibility study regarding the club's easement for access to utilities (sewage, water, natural gas and fiber optics). Linda Barton made a motion to authorize the Executive Board to spend up to \$20,000 from the Marina Drive Fund to obtain a plan, an engineering survey and easement information regarding access to utilities (sewage, water, natural gas and fiber optics) for the Genesee Yacht Club. Mike Toombs seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- \* Amy Ziobrowski was nominated for Provisional membership by Jan Ziobrowski. Craig Roth also spoke on Amy's behalf. The nomination passed unanimously.

**50/50:** Bill Thompson sold tickets; Pat Pardyjak won.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10PM.

Darbbie Thomas  
Secretary