

# Genesee Yacht Club News




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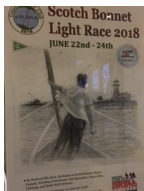


- 2 Power Squadron
- 3 Members Meeting
- 9 SBLR Meeting
- 10 Executive Board
- 15 Sailors Night
- 28 Memorial Day




JUNE

- 5 SBLR Team Meeting
- 6 Power Squadron
- 7 Members Meeting
- 21-24 SBLR



## Member Mtg Agenda

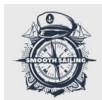
- ★ Program:
- ★ Guest Introductions
- ★ Treasurer's Report
- ★ Secretary's Report
- ★ Commodore's Report
- ★ Vice Comm's Report
- ★ Rear Comm's Report
- ★ Committee Reports
- ★ Unfinished Business
- ★ New Business

- ◆ Hans Boettrich is working on leveling the boardwalk and needs your help. Please contact Hans if you can volunteer to help with this project.
- ◆ Good News!!! The water level this year is 6" below last year's level at this same time. This range should not delay our sailing season activities.
- ◆ A vote was held to purchase a Club Boat to be used as a recruiting tool, as well as for members who no longer own a boat. \$3500 was approved for purchase of this boat. 

## UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

APRIL


- 28 Commodores Reception



MAY

- 26 Fleet Review and Picnic



- ◆ The Launch Schedule has been changed. New dates are: 1st launch-- May 12-13, 2nd launch—May 19-23 and the 3rd launch—May 26.
- ◆ **Save the Date** — May 26 — Fleet Review and Picnic 
- ◆ Volunteers are needed for the SBLR, Hospice Regatta, and the Memorial Day Fleet Review and Picnic.
- ◆ Newbie Program is being restructured in order to encourage participants to join the club. The night is being changed to Thursdays, so more skippers can be available to take newbie's out.
- ◆ New Provisional Member: William Schmitt

**DEADLINE**  
for the next  
**NEWSLETTER**  
is  
**May 9, 2018**

**E-MAIL items to**

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**Note from the Vice Commodore**



Confucius — “The man who moves a *mountain* begins by carrying away small stone

That is sort of like what it takes to keep Genesee Yacht Club operating to be the gem that we all are accustomed to. The Club’s Executive Board is the “man” and moving the mountain is keeping this Club going. It takes us all to pitch in each year to be able to provide the level of enjoyment, available resources for our members, families, and guests. It enables us to host our events, be able to launch and haul boats, to be able to transfer the clubs knowledge from the elder members to the young ones.

Teamwork is the ability to work together for a common cause, this leads to pride in our club and development of friendships, the camaraderie that makes GYC such a great club. Last year everyone saw the results of teamwork when we fought against the rising water of Lake Ontario and protected our property. One man could not do that but our army did. Every year we prepare the club for the summer, launch boats, host events, keep everything running, paper towels, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, then we haul the boats and prepare the club for the winter. Even during the winter we keep a close eye on our assets, keep the pipes from freezing, heat on and all of those tasks in between all those others.

From the small clubhouse and a few river docks to the erection of the present clubhouse, breakwall, new docks on the river and in the basin, new garage, to the extension of the porch which we have gotten so much enjoyment out of... it’s the spirit of teamwork, helping one another for a common cause.

Some of the tasks we do are annual tasks, we do them every year and people step forward to manage those tasks, solicit help from our members and get the job done. But there are some tasks that are not annual ones, something breaks, leaks or needs improvement. As Vice Commodore I am responsible for our assets and cannot see or know of everything that needs to be done and that is what my goal of the “Job List” is for.

Anyone can add something to that list, but remember if it’s something that is a “just do it”, then just do it, for example: need soap in the dispensers in the men’s head, find the soap under the kitchen sink (or the ladies head closet) and submit you time slip. If it is something more complex, then jot it down on the job list. There is just five months left to get your 16 work hours in, so if you have some time to help out, check out the job list, if there is nothing on the list then contact me and I may be able to suggest a few tasks. I will try to list more tasks on the board but I can’t see everything so I need your help, to paraphrase a saying we hear all the time now “if you see something that needs to be done, say something’ put it on the job board, call the Vice Commodore or just do it.

I’d also like to thank that core group of volunteers that make the Vice Commodore job much easier, they are always willing to lend a hand, remind me that this or that needs to be done, they put in hundreds of work hours/year even if they stop counting at 16. I don’t want to burn those people out and want to keep them healthy, they also need your help to reduce their workload so that they can enjoy the time they come down to the club instead of working on the club. 16 hours is not a lot of time considering the hours of pleasure our yacht club gives us.



CALL FOR INFORMATION

Steve Corona and Terry Allen are interested in documenting as accurately as possible the location of underground services within GYC property. This is important information as it will facilitate future construction and property improvements. While accurate property survey maps are available, there is no compiled and accurate information on most of the services under our property.

These services include electric, water, sewer, drains, shoreline structures and gas lines. While the location of the deadmen and tiebacks for the riverfront sheet steel wall is documented, we need to add the location of the launch slip deadmen too.

To help us accomplish this project, we need your help. There are two areas we want to explore;

The first, and most important, are the memories of our members who have worked on building and installing the various services. Anyone who has knowledge of where a service line is located ( even approximately) is urged to contact Steve or Terry.

The second are photos of work done in the past that will help locate more accurately the locations of the lines. Even the dates stamped on the back of old photos will be helpful. We would like to temporarily collect photos (hardcopy or digital) of any work done on the property. We will digitize the hardcopies and return to the owner as quickly as possible. The digital images will be archived for future access.

With this information, over time, we can develop detailed scale drawings of our property.

Thanks in advance.

**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:  
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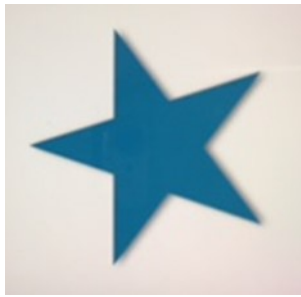


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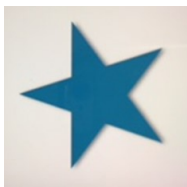
If you have signed up and want a GYC boat please be sure to let me know so I can assign one to you. If you have a preference of which boat let me know that as well and I will do my best. Boats are available on a first come basis. Later this spring we plan to have a work party for those assigned boats to help “spruce them up”.

If you have any questions please contact Cindy Gleichauf at [cindyglei@gmail.com](mailto:cindyglei@gmail.com) or call her at

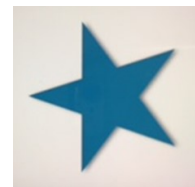


GYC

COMMODORE'S RECEPTION



SATURDAY APRIL 28



6:30 COCKTAILHOUR  
(B.Y.O.B.)

Bring appetizer to pass

7:30 CEREMONY



DESERT PROVIDED





Our senior emeritus member Ed Kowalski passed away on April 12, 2018. Ed's funeral Mass was held at St. Charles Borromeo Church and club members attending heard a wonderful eulogy by Ed's nephew. We heard about Ed's years sailing at GYC and how he touched his families' lives through sailing and his First Sunday family get-togethers at the club. We have lost our resident cleric and all the wisdom Ed gave us during his 38 years with our GYC family.

## First Sunday gathering for Ed Kowalski Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM



Ed Kowalski was a long time member, joining the GYC on 01/12/1979. He sailed Atta Baby and was an active member who acted as our chaplain for important events. He hosted his family every First Sunday at the club for many years and they were always offering any meandering sailor food. We are inviting his family and having a First Sunday to honor our old friend.



Please bring a dish to pass and we will have an informal event sharing with his family many, many stories about Ed.

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Commodore Leary called the meeting to order at 7:35PMPM.

**Guests:** Jim Kavanaugh, 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting; Terry Pitt, 1<sup>st</sup>; Kurt Mintz, 1<sup>st</sup>

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the March meeting were approved as published in the April newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda Barton reported on Income and Expenses for March. She asked that members use the post office box or the chit drawer at the Club. Please do not send mail to her home address. If you are charging at Herrema's, please say **GYC** rather than the yacht club. Dock fees are due tonight, and there are still 13 dock fees outstanding,

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

- \* Lake Level Update: It is easier to talk about when the water level goes down in March! Last month I shared a prediction for water levels based on a statistical analysis of monthly water level changes, and the actual water level change in March went outside of that range - to the low side. Not bad! From this point looking forward things look very good. We are 6 inches below where we were last year. Taking that position with a more typical range of April to June changes leads to a range of water level which does not include a delay in our sailing season activities.
- \* The current prediction is based on a new model which uses the statistical daily water level change from the current date to each of the next 90 days, using 41 of the last 58 years (excluding low water years). This prediction leads to a peak water level which has a 4 in 6 chance of being between 4 and 19 inches above the current water level. That range presents no risk of launch delay. Assuming the past remains a good representation of future variation, there is only a 1 in 40 chance of exceeding our safe-launch threshold.
- \* Race Committee Meeting 3/22 - There was a race committee meeting on March 22, attended by 14 people. It was a good discussion which is shaping this coming season. Our racing program has been very successful, and so with that in mind we have some minor tweaks. An addition that is included in the race schedule is a Spring Sprints Regatta which is intended to be a tune up opportunity by having many short races in a single Saturday. Please come to Sailors night, planned for May 8, where we will discuss this and other changes to the program for 2018. You will find additional information disseminated via the racers email distribution and on the Racing page on the GYC website, including Intention to Race forms (which are also on the race bulletin board at the club).
- \* Skipper / Crew Finder: If you are interested to race on someone else's boat, or if you need crew on your boat, here is a way to connect. We will try a new tool on the GYC website, coming soon, to allow you to list your information for others to see and make a connection.

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

- \* Dock payments are due today. I hope everyone got their checks to Linda in a timely manner.
- \* Thanks to Doug Story for replacing the gasket on the dish washer/sanitizer. There were two other problems as well, a crack near the leak spot and a broken arm that sprays the pressurized water. It was spraying directly at the door seal instead of straight up.
- \* Thanks to Steve Corona for replacing the hall light. There were several notes that it wasn't working, but checking it at night it was working. This light does not have a wall switch; it's on an electric eye switch. Also thanks to Steve Corona for getting a timer/remote ordered for the fireplace to eliminate the chance that it will be left on.

- \* Patrick and I spread some of the displaced parking lot stone that was moved due to the snow plowing.
- \* If you see something that is not right with any of the club facilities or equipment, you need to speak up and we'll take care of it. It's not going to fix itself and there is no blame placed if you break something. That also includes the mess in one of the stalls in the men's head that I found Thursday night. It was pretty disgusting to clean up. So... not only if you see something, it's if you "do" do something by accident, take the time to clean it up.
- \* Launch schedule is posted and has been sent out in an email. However, it is dependent on the dredging and lake level. While I am not anticipating another spring of 2017 we need to be prepared.
- \* Will need to paint the finger docks that we missed last year. Kevin Reilly has been asked to lead that effort. He'll need some help. I'd like to have a couple work parties, one during the week and one on April 21st. Kevin is getting his estimates and we'll order up the paint and supplies. We need to get this done before boats are launched.
- \* Thanks to Terry Allen, Steve Corona, Linda Barton and Gary Leary for helping me with the dredging plan, requests for proposals and bidding process. We've selected a dredging company, Seaway Marine Group and putting the wheels in motion to make it happen. In old business we'll be proposing an amendment to a budget item for dredging due to increased cost of dredging the basin as well as the river.
- \* Any bridles not removed by Monday will be removed and not guaranteeing that we'll be able to save them.

The natural gas, sewer, cable, and fiber optic project is one step closer to getting completed. We are working on permission to utilize the MCWA easement. This is a huge step, since Voyager is unable to give us right of way due to the settlement of Al Gilbert's estate as well as the proposed condo project. Gary has done a great job negotiating with the MCWA.

The fork truck has been repaired for \$2800. One of the tilt cylinders was repaired (we opted to skip the second one due to the cost.) The emergency brake was repaired and the fork truck now has brakes. Also, the fluids were changed. For those who operate the fork truck or any of our equipment, don't over pressurize those hydraulic cylinders, stop before the end of the piston's travel length.

"Harding of the club" meeting will take place on 5/7. Bob Blakley is chairing the committee which met last month and includes the following members - Kevin Reilly, Terry Allen, Rich Allen, Bill Staples, Hans Boettrich, Ralph Mudge, and Don Messina. The committee discussed alternatives to sandbags and during Bob's report he will describe a reusable method. They also discussed and prioritized some items that need to be done.

- \* Hans has been making plans for yard work. He'll talk about it in his report.
- \* We've been pretty flexible with work hours over the past few years and we believe that work hours need to be **real** work hours for the betterment of the club

**Commodore's Report:** Gary Leary

- \* We will discuss porch chairs at next month's meeting, so sit in the ones we have and decide what kind would be best.
- \* There are carpet squares on display tonight. The Board is considering what to put on the floor in the meeting room. We need your opinion about what material should be used (carpeting vs. vinyl) and what color should be chosen.



- \* He discussed the following numbers and said that we need to increase membership. Please talk with your friends.
  - 46 Number of members below maximum membership of 170
  - \$16000 Dollars lost because of low membership[
  - 736 Work hours lost because of low membership
- \* He spoke about the re-structuring the Newbie program. Paul Francesco is in charge of this program, and his group has suggested that the club provide 2 six-week sessions which would encompass a schedule of learning about sailing and give the participants the opportunity to participate in Pizza races. The goal of the program is to encourage participants to join the club rather than just sailing on members' boats during the weekly Newbie nights for years on end. The Newbie Night will be moved to Thursday night in order to enable more skippers who participate in RYC racing to participate.

### Committee Reports:

#### **Social:** Elaine Ringelstein

- \* Whitie LeBlanc reported that the **Commodore's Reception will be Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30PM with Cocktails and a brief ceremony at 7:30PM.** This party will recognize the Flag Officers and toast their leadership of the Club. This is a BYOB event with mixers provided, but champagne will be provided for the toast. Please bring an appetizer to pass. No dessert is necessary, since there will be cake and coffee served. Clean up help will be needed,
- \* Elaine said she needs volunteers for the Memorial Day weekend Fleet Review and she needs a chair person for the picnic. Help is also needed for the SBLR picnic.

**Yard:** Hans Boettrich said he would have a **work party** to level the docks and get the lawnmower ready on **April 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**Dredging:** Terry Allen reported that Seaway Marine is in Clayton and is expected to arrive on April 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be charged by the barge load. **There should be no boats in the slips.** We can clean after the dredging is completed. Please be aware that there is a \$4000 per day charge for extra days necessary due to boats in the water by the end of April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Membership:** Pat DeMetsenaere reported that Bill Schmitt will be nominated for Provisional membership during New Business this evening. Dave Wolk has resigned. Applicant Jim Kavanaugh will be nominated for Provisional membership at the May meeting. Please contact Craig Roth by the May meeting if you have changes for the directory.

**Committee Boats:** The Commodore read a report from Joel Doyle which was as follows: I will need some volunteers for re-commissioning of the RC boats. The Robert Read is scheduled to launch of 5/5 so the best date for me is **April 21 9 am till noon.** Remove tarps, install dodger and instruments as well as putting chairs and other race gear on board. Oil change on the Read should finish up the job. 4-6 people would be nice. Let me know via text, or voicemail 489-9950 or email at joledoyle@frontiernet.net.

**SBLR:** Rob Reisch thanked Mark Blaakman for creating a new poster design for this year's race. He said that the Registration link will be on the ScotchBonnetRace.com website shortly. The link on GYC's home page is the 2018 SBLR logo. The Notice of Race has been updated and will be

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and will be posted. LJ Fisher is checking with US and Canadian officials to verify any special procedures participants must follow for the race. Caroline Burtner is heading up the SBLR picnic, June 24<sup>th</sup>, and is looking for volunteer support. The **next team meeting is April 11<sup>th</sup> from 7-9PM**, with craft beers and red wine supplied.

**Hospice Regatta:** Amy Ziobrowski reported that pledge forms are available. The event email address is [hospiceregatta@gmail.com](mailto:hospiceregatta@gmail.com). She will respond to emails at that address if you ask for forms or have questions. Volunteers are needed for the Wine Tasting and Picnic. She is seeking a \$5000 event sponsorship.

**LYRA:** Gary said that volunteers are needed. 26 boats have registered. Go to <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4548> to register.

**GYC Hardening:** Bob Blakely reported that the committee has met to review last year's response to the flooding. Keystones will be inserted in the flood plan to indicate levels at which action will be taken. The group discussed the repair of the boardwalk. They also discussed the use of sandbags vs. other means to protect the club. Bill Staples is looking at the use of water-filled bags for a barrier. The bag are reusable if stored properly. NYState funding was reviewed, but since we had no real damage GYC is not eligible for funding.

John Meagher made a motion to increase the approved funding for dredging from \$60,000 to \$93,890 plus 10% for tax and incidental expenses. John Andersen seconded the motion which passed unanimously/

### **New Business:**

- ★ There was a discussion about the purchase of a Club Boat, which will be used as a recruiting tool as well as a boat that can be used by members who no longer own a boat. The keel boat would cost \$3500 and the club would fund this amount as seed money. The remainder of the program costs would be covered by the \$400 subscription fee paid by up to 10 participants. The participants would be required to do 2 work hours devoted to the Club Boat in addition to the required Club work hours. The boat would be docked at Voyager. No more money beyond the seed money will be required from the Club treasury since the program would be self-supporting. The proposed boat is a 1983 24' S-2. John Liberatore suggested that the program should be covered in the club by-laws. A motion was made by Gary Leary and seconded by Bob Elliot for approval of up to \$3500 for the purchase of the "Club in the Club" boat. The motion was passed unanimously.
- ★ There was a discussion about the replacement of the carpeting in the meeting room. Pat DeMetsenaere suggested that the carpet should be professionally cleaned. A straw vote indicated that there was no agreement about whether or not the carpeting should be replaced at all and if it is replaced, should laminate material be used, or should carpet squares be used, and if carpet squares, what color should be used. The cost will be about \$8000. Further discussion was postponed until the fall.
- ★ Bill Schmitt was nominated for Provisional membership by Craig Roth and Billy Smith. The nomination passed unanimously.

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- ★ Terry Allen and Steve Corona are seeking drawings and photo to complete site drawings of the GYC property. Photos will be scanned and returned. Terry Allen and Steve Corona are seeking drawings and photo to complete site drawings of the GYC property. Photos will be scanned and returned.
- ★ Paul Leipold and Tom Seibert have recently had surgery.

**50/50:** Billy Smith sold tickets; Cathy Andersen won.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00PM.

Darbbie Thomas  
Secretary