

# Genesee Yacht Club News




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**MAY**

- 14 WSI Meeting
- 16 SBLR Committee Meeting
- 22 Cruising Meeting
- 27 Memorial Day



**JUNE**

- 6 Members Meeting
- 13 Executive Board Meeting
- 18 SBLR Committee

**JULY**

- NO MEMBERS MEETING**
- 11 Executive Board Meeting

**DEADLINE**  
for the next  
**NEWSLETTER**  
is  
**June 13, 2019**

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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

**UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS**

**MAY**

- 26 Fleet Review  
And Picnic



**JUNE**

- 21/23 SBLR



◆ There is a lot of work to be done to get the club ready for the summer season. Consult the job list on the website or Bulletin Board to get your work hours in early this year.



◆ The water level has risen over the docks already this Year. Dock Risers have been installed, but docks are still very slippery. Be careful on all docks.



◆ There is a sign up sheet for lawn mowing. Please sign up.

◆ A Finance Committee to define appropriate use for named funds and manage club finances is being established. Contact Linda Barton or John Meagher if interested in participating on this committee.

◆ New Spousal Member  
Paula Doyle

◆ Member eligible for Provisional at the June Meeting:  
Gary Stump

◆ Meet the New Provisional Member  
Jeffery Scott



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Note from the Commodore



5/14 - Water Level 248.3' - Status

**The following took place on Tuesday:**

1. Water to the club house is turned off and heads are locked
2. Porto-Potties (2) have been delivered
3. 2000 gallons were pumped from the septic tank
4. The water heater has been turned off
5. Several boats were launched including the Robert Read

The Executive Board met at 6:30 and reviewed a plan for a sandbag wall to be built around the clubhouse and along the river frontage connecting to barriers at Voyager (a drawing is hanging on the trophy case). This will require more sandbags than available now. The tentative plan is to deploy these Friday or Saturday. First choice is to have the National Guard build the walls, second is for GYC labor to build the walls with supplied / filled bags and the third is to supplement the current supply of filled bags with bags filled by GYC.

**Next Steps:**

1. Turn off Electricity to the docks (5/15)
2. Reroute power to sump pumps in drain #2 (currently connected to the docks, need to re-route to the light pole)
3. Continue to launch boats ASAP so launch slip may be sandbagged.
4. Deploy sandbag walls (by 5/18 in anticipation of continued water rise)
5. Install submerged sump pumps within the clubhouse sandbag perimeter

5/13 - Water Level 248.2' - Call to Action

The GYC Executive Board met Monday evening (5/13) to assess the status of the club's property and facilities. We believe that communication is the key to keeping the membership informed about the serious situation that is developing as the result of rising water. Two Porta-Potties were delivered to the club this morning. The water to the club will be turned off and the heads will be locked.

Please check the Club Website home page (<http://geneseeyc.org/>) to find out what you can do to help. Go to IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS and choose GYC Volunteer Work Needs. There you will find a list of FLOOD-RELATED volunteer opportunities.

Please sign up to do what needs to be done; you can fill in the blanks yourself. This list will be updated as needed. Please check this list frequently (daily) as well as the GYC Group on Facebook. Items that need to be attended to, either in a work party or individually are as follows:

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- Risers need to be built for remaining docks
  - Dockers are responsible for steps on their docks
  - The Board members are working with the state and county to acquire sandbags and/or aquadam materials. More information will follow once an assessment by the state has been completed.
- The RC boats will be launched Tuesday. Arrangements for launching other boats will be made using a work party (based on volunteers). If your boat has not been launched by the time the sandbags are placed around the launch slip, you will have to make arrangements to launch at Voyager or wait till the water level subsides. Just because it doesn't look as bad as it did in 2017, we do have a problem and we are in damage prevention mode. The EB will meet again tonight (Tuesday), and nightly as needed to assess the situation.

Thanks in advance for your help.  
The GYC Executive Board

### GYC water stop at the Flower City Marathon.

Your crew of 17 Volunteers at work. Every Year GYC sends a group to man a water stop at the Flower City Marathon. They earn \$350 from Fleet Feet for the WSI. This year the group passed out water to the participants in the rain!!!!



Reminder- if you are joining or renewing Boat US membership, GYC members receives a Boat US member discount (Our Cooperating Group ID number is GA80272Y).

# BRING YOUR "A" GAME - OFFSHORE SAILING Scotch Bonnet Light Race

## Friday June 21st

An 82 nm Lake Ontario Race, from Rochester around Scotch Bonnet Island Canada and back.



- Spinnaker, Genoa Only, Cruising and Multi-Hull divisions.
- Picnic and Awards Ceremony Sunday June 23.
- Awards for 1st 2nd and 3rd in each division and 6 perpetual trophies, plus
- Club competition for the Ernie Coleman Memorial Trophy.
- Single Handed racers welcome.



Profits will benefit the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.



### 48th 2019 Scotch Bonnet Light Race

[www.ScotchBonnetRace.com](http://www.ScotchBonnetRace.com)



LYRA Tier 2 Event

Canna Lily Bulbs were available to GYC Members at the May Meeting. Here is Info to help you plant your bulbs!

### GYC Canna Lilies

The canna lily plant is a rhizomatous perennial with tropical-like foliage and flowers that resemble that of iris. Canna lilies are low maintenance and easy to grow, and both their flowers and foliage offer long-lasting color in the garden. Flower color is red and foliage color is maroon.

They like plenty of heat, so place them in full or partial sun. Cannas like moist conditions too, but will tolerate nearly any well-draining soil that is either neutral or slightly acidic. They appreciate bog-like conditions as well. The soil should also be rich in organic matter.

Cannas can be planted outdoors in warm climates or containers in other areas. During spring wait until the threat of frost has passed. Groups of cannas should be planted about a foot or two apart. While technically they don't have a top or bottom, most canna rhizomes can be planted horizontally with the eyes facing up. Cover the rhizomes with 3 to 6 inches of soil. Water well and apply a layer of mulch to retain moisture.

I plant them in pots in front of the club every year, smaller plants under them. I fertilize them with **Osmacote Plus** pelleted food that lasts 4 months. We did fertilize the plants in the east garden last year and they grew 7-8 ft. tall.

It is necessary to dig up and store canna rhizomes in the fall. In spring they can be replanted. I cut off the roots, allow them to dry, clean off dirt and store them in paper bags in my basement. I keep them in the dark and off the floor.



### JUNIOR SAILING PROGRAM

Online sign ups have begun at RYC for the Junior Sailing program. There are 7 weekly sessions available beginning June 24<sup>th</sup>. Use this link to read about the programs or to sign up <https://www.rochesteryc.com/jr-sailing>.

Everything from beginner (Dingy Demons) to racing instruction is offered. All sessions include daily swim lessons! We have Optimists available for use at RYC and there is a \$50 discount available for those who would like to use a GYC boat. Please contact Cindy Gleichauf ( [cindyglei@gmail.com](mailto:cindyglei@gmail.com)) with the dates you have signed up for and if you would like to use a boat as we will be assigning them on a first come basis.

In early June we plan to have a "work party" for kids and parents to get the boats looking their best! Our hope is to make it a fun time for everyone. Give Cindy a call at 585-820-1577 if you have any questions. The RYC program has a long history of success.



# GYC MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

**Sunday, May 26, 2019**

**CEREMONY AT THE FLAG POLE**

**11:30 AM**



## FLEET REVIEW

**At 1:00 PM, led by our Rear Commodore.**



## PICNIC

**2:30 PM \$5.00 Hot Dogs & Burgers**

**Kids under 10 are free.**

**Bring a side dish to pass. The kitchen and frig will not be available, so please bring food in coolers!**

## FLEET REVIEW How To

Decorate your boat with your burgee, racing, American and nautical flags.

Dress is typically a navy blue blazer and white slacks for the captain. Just look nice!

Meet at the mouth of the river and form a parade behind the Rear Commodore.

Stay 3 boats apart to enable the proper salutes and cannon firing. The captain returns the Commodores salute while the crew dips the burgee.



### Memorial Day and Fleet Review GYC

The Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend has been the traditional date for our celebration for many, many years. It begins with a ceremony by the flagpole put on by the Flag Officers. It typically includes a blessing, a reading of On Flanders Field, Taps, remembrances of deceased members and recognition of servicemen. This usually takes place at 11:30 AM; dress is blue blazer, white pants and ties for the men. The women also wear this type of outfit or nice clothing.

The ceremony is followed by the Fleet Review. Boaters dress their boats in Nautical Flags, racing award flags, Burgees and other patriotic items. The boats meet out at the mouth of the river and are led in a parade down the river by the Rear Commodore. They turn at the bridge and pass the club house where the Commodore and Vice Commodore salute them. The crew dips the GYC Burgee and the Captain returns the salute. The GYC cannon is fired.

A picnic follows at the club where the club provides the meat entrée and the members bring a 'ready to serve' dish to pass. The cost is presently \$5.00 to cover the cost of the tent, hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls, and condiments. The club supplies ice tea, lemonade and coffee. The attendees bring their own beverages, alcoholic or soft drink.

There have been many traditions for the picnic that have changed over time. A brownie recipe was made for years to honor a past female member who always served it for years. This past year they served donut holes and coffee instead of appetizers. New ideas and traditions are always welcome and make this a special day.

Attendance is always affected by the weather so we prepare the meat entrée for 150 and hope for the best. Many members want to refrigerate or heat their contribution but the kitchen cannot handle this. Everyone is encouraged to handle their own needs for their contribution with coolers, etc. Tickets are sold the day of the picnic and someone needs to collect them at the beginning of the line. The food should be stored in the hot boxes and only put into the chafers when the picnic starts. Be creative and put your own stamp on the picnic and most of all have fun!

Commodore Meagher called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

Guest Speaker: Brian Calley, the local Captain of TowBoat US reminded members to make sure that your coverage is updated for the coming season. Use your GYC Co-Op number ( GA80272Y) to obtain your discount. Cap't. Calley advised members that when using GPS, be certain to use a nautical application for accuracy. Otherwise your location may be incorrect leading to delays in locating you. Also, many boat insurers have added a clause that invalidates your coverage if you tow another boat. Furthermore, there is risk involved by towing with lines that may not withstand the strain; if the line breaks while a vessel is under tow, it may snap back with great force, injuring people or causing damage. The TowBoat US service runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from May 1-October 10.

Program: Jack Huttner gave an inspirational photo and video presentation with highlights of some of his ocean passages as crew on various sailing vessels, including an Atlantic Crossing, several trips to the Caribbean, and the Mediteranean. What a great way to whet our appetites for the coming season!

Guests: Gary Stump, third meeting  
Chris Joyce, first meeting  
Chris Goldsmith, second meeting

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the April meeting were approved as submitted.

Rear Commodore's Report: Rob Reisch reported that the Sailor's Night meeting was held on May 1 with ~50 participants. The following summarizes the meeting:

a) Changes to this year's race program were explained. 5 starts ( 6 Divisions) reduced to 4 starts ( 5 Divisions). NOR and SI posted on the GYC racing web site.  
b) At this point 28 Intention to Race forms have been collected. 13 emails sent out to 2018 racers asking if they plan to race this year. **If you plan to race this year and have not submitted your Intention to Race form, please do so ASAP.** They are working on resolving Fleet Splits for Tuesday and Saturday racing by May 15.

c) Introduced the concept of Mandatory Volunteers to conduct a race as follows:

**Mandatory volunteer requirements Tuesday races: Five people are needed**  
Committee boat PRO (Principal Race Officer) and 2 assistants total 3  
Markset boat 2 people

**Mandatory volunteer requirements Saturday races: Three people are needed**  
Committee boat PRO and 2 assistants total 3

When Mandatory Volunteer positions are not filled 3 weeks before a race, people racing that have not volunteered will be sent an email asking them to sign up. At 2 weeks before the race if no one signs up, the Rear Commodore will assign members of the email list to roles for the race. If you are not able to fill the time slot assigned, please make arrangements for coverage of your assigned slot with another person and inform Rear Commodore of the change in Race Committee personnel. To avoid being assigned to a role on a date and time that may not work for you sign up now !!!

d) After Race Picnic and clean up will require 2 to 4 volunteers. Will notify all GYC members of the need for after race picnic support and ask for volunteer help.

2) PRO (Principal Race Officer) training occurred April 24th. At that meeting it was pointed out that the Robert Read, a Penn Yan 26, is difficult to handle. My next door neighbor, who has a Captains certification owned a Pen Yann 26 for 20 years, and has agreed to help me train those that will operate the committee boat. Contact Rob to arrange lessons on the Robert Read.

3) 3 Pizza Races (June, July, and August) will be added to the posted race schedule soon.

We will need volunteers for those as well.

Vice Commodore's Report: Rich Allen reminds us that there is a lot of work that needs to be done to prepare the club and property for the coming season. You can get your required work hours completed before the sailing season. Please consult the interactive list which is posted on the website or the paper copy on the bulletin board. You can choose work that suits your skills and arrange the time at your convenience, for example, this past weekend Mark Blaakman repaired the meeting room chairs that needed their armrests replaced.

Commodore's Report: John Meagher : Leo Tolstoy said "Spring is the time of plans and projects" oddly this spring has been the time for huddling around a fire to keep warm, brushing snow off your cars, trying to wax the boat in 30 degree weather and waiting for your west system to "kick" and harden up. I promise it will get warmer before it gets colder.

We are planning to establish a finance committee to define the appropriate uses for the named funds and help manage the club's finances. If anyone would like to join that committee please let the treasurer or myself know.

Thanks to those who have stepped up to help with the launches We have had some great lunches so far with Pat Pytlak's award winning white chili and Ellen Metherell's out of this world pulled pork.

The first launch was quite a sight, many volunteered to help those who were launching their boats and braved the blowing snow and gusty wind to make sure things went as planned. We averaged 20-25 min per boat with the first "mast up" taking a few minutes more, but we managed to get 10 boats launched in 4 hours, which was not bad considering we had 4 with the masts up.

Next weekend is launches 3 and 4, 24 (11-13) boats total are scheduled, however we have no cook!! (Darbbie offered to cook). The crew gets cranky if we don't feed them. Also, we still need volunteers to help with the remaining launches. More are always welcomed (and needed). If there are more than what's needed for the launch, the Vice Commodore has a list of spring tasks.

Many thanks to Kevin Reilly who obtained new straps for the travel lift; they work great. Keeping our members and prized possessions safe is priority one.

Speaking of safety, As some have seen, the man-lift "box" for the fork truck has reached its end of life. With its base pallet disintegrating it's no longer safe to use. Ray Grosshans will be building a new metal one for us.

Over the next couple of weeks there is a strong possibility that we will be initiating the GYC Flood plan. More to come on that in New Business. Thanks to Gary L, Bill B, Rob R, Jim K, and others that started to assess our first move to protect our assets. Bob Blakley and I set up a pump in the NE parking

lot drain that has been working great to keep the SE drain from overflowing and we seem to be maintaining the level at this time. This has also been helping our neighbors at Voyager by limiting the flow into their boatyard. They have commented multiple times that it's been helping them out big time.

#### Flooding

In the 2017 flood, we did not yet have boats in our slips. If water gets over the finger docks they may become extremely slippery. Please be very careful.

We will need a work party to raise the docks by installing Dock risers. Rich will arrange this

#### Committee Reports:

**Social Committee:** Whitey LeBlanc reported that the Commodore's Reception will be held this Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 pm. Please bring "finger foods" for the cocktail hour and BYOB. They will provide mixers, a champagne toast, and cake.

Elaine Ringlestein reported that the Memorial Day Celebration will be held on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 11:30 with the ceremony at the Flagpole, followed by the Fleet Review at 1 pm, and the Picnic at 2:30. Tickets for the picnic will be \$5.00 for everyone over 10 years old. Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. They need volunteers.

**Ship's Store:** Will be open after the meeting.

**Membership:** Pat DeMetsenaere reported that Ray Chapman has changed from Active to Non-Resident status. Paula Doyle is our newest Spousal Member. Welcome, Paula! In New Business, we will vote on Jeff Scott for Provisional Membership. At the June meeting, Gary Stump will be eligible to be voted on for Provisional; his sponsors should be available to speak on his behalf.

**Committee Boats:** Joel Doyle reported that RC boat re-commissioning is still on schedule for Saturday, May 11 at 9am. Some tasks have been completed. Tarps have been removed and stored (thanks Pat Pytlak) and the dodger and new engine vents have been installed on the Robert Read. Flat tire on EC trailer have been fixed. Which brings up a point I would like to make. Many have offered to help out with the RC boats and there are many single person tasks that can be performed at any time before or even after launch. The engine oil and filter in the Robert Read, washing and waxing either boat. Touching up bottom paint on either boat (paint is in the garage locker). Installing instruments and racing equipment. If the 11th conflicts with something you have to do feel free to do any of these tasks within your skill level and let me know so I can cross it off the list.

Genesee Yacht Club  
General Membership Meeting

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Women Skipper Invitational: Sandra Wion reported she will hold a meeting for interested volunteers on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the club. The regatta is scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup> this year.

Water Stop: Ellen Metherell headed up the group of 17 volunteers who manned the water stop on April 28<sup>th</sup>, earning a \$350.00 donation from Fleet Feet for WSI. Nice job, everyone!

Lawn: Hans has posted a lawn mowing sign up sheet. Please take a turn.

Junior Sailing: Cindy Gleichauf reported that registration is open on the **RYC** website. There are 8 weekly sessions; be careful of the first week, as some schools will still be in session. Any child or grandchild of GYC members aged 6 years and up is eligible. For those in the Opti groups, GYC will provide a dinghy, and the student receives a \$50.00 discount for using our boat. Let Gus and Cindy know if you have a child signed up, and they will ensure that a dinghy is ready and in place for them.

Cruising Group: Bill Towner reported that they will be meeting on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm to begin planning events for this year. Interested members should plan to attend.

GYC Community Sailing Group: Gerry Fisher reported that the group will meet on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. *Stilletto* has been added to the program and already has four people signed up to use it. One of them plans to race her in the Spring series.

Infrastructure Planning and Assessment: Gerry Fisher reported that they will meet on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Garden: Planting will be delayed until the risk of flooding has abated.

GYC History: Don Messina reported that his information gathering is moving along nicely. He is pleased to be able to work on this project. He has dubbed the years 2008-current the “Dynamic Decade” in light of all the changes we have made at GYC.

Unfinished Business: Jeffrey Scott has fulfilled the requirements to be voted on for Provisional Membership. Bill Towner and Rick Hibbs spoke on his behalf. His Provisional membership is approved: Welcome to GYC, Jeffrey!

New Business: Steve Pikuett presented the club with a burgee from their southern yacht club, The St. Lucie Sailing Club.

Lake water level. As of this evening, Lake Ontario was at 247.46 feet. The GYC Flood Plan stipulates that a level of 248 feet triggers an emergency meeting to begin enacting the plan. Among the first items on the list are obtaining sand bags and sand, turning power off to the docks, adding dock height extensions and stairs, and then turning power and water off at the docks. Membership will be notified if the plan is initiated, as well as the need for “all hands on deck” if that becomes necessary to protect our club. Currently the levels are going up approximately an inch every day.

50/50: Billy Smith sold tickets and Kevin Reilly won.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia Pytlak, Secretary