

# Genesee Yacht Club News



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## NOVEMBER

- 24 Private Party
- 28 Private Party
- 28 Thanksgiving Day
- 30 Private Party



## DECEMBER

- 5 Members Meeting
- 7 Private Party
- 11 Private Party
- 12 Executive Board Meeting
- 25 Christmas Day



## JANUARY

- 2 Members Meeting
- 9 Executive Board Meeting

**DEADLINE**  
for the next  
**NEWSLETTER**  
is  
**December 12, 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

#### NOVEMBER

- 22 Movie Night   
(Maiden will be shown)
- 24 Bunch

#### DECEMBER

- 6 Trim the Tree 
- 14 Kids Christmas Party
- 15 Brunch 

**50/50**

**Lou Wayne**

- ◆ Sign up for docks ends at the close of the December meeting. There are two sign up sheets on the bulleting board, one for docks and one for dry sail.
- ◆ There is a project list on the bulletin board including seasonal appropriate projects. Please sign up for one or more of these tasks.
- ◆ 2020 GYC Budget has been presented. It is posted on the Members' Only Page on the GYC Website. It will be voted on at the December Meeting.

◆ Focus Groups are being formed to work with the Vice Commodore on the Infrastructure Projects being proposed. If interested in participating, contact Gerard Fisher

◆ Don't forget the Ships Store when Christmas Shopping. There is a lot of merchandise and apparel available for those on your Christmas List!

#### Constitutional Change Results:

Proposal #1 Eliminate Associate Membership and create a Social Membership — Passed

Proposal #2 Increase length of time for Provisional Member from 6 months to 12 months — Passed

◆ New Spousal Member  
Kathy Tingley (Still)

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## Note from the Commodore



In my first column as Commodore, let me start by recognizing the leadership and loyal efforts of our past commodore, John Meagher. This was an exceptionally difficult year, with a second in three years flood shadowing efforts to otherwise position GYC as the benchmark working club on the south shore of Lake Ontario. The flood did color our year, but through John's leadership, we continued with all of our planned programs and salvaged the year. There were tangible steps taken and planned to reduce the manual toll on our members should a flood come again. The community sailing program expanded with the addition of a second boat, making this the best sailing value on the lake and attracting members to GYC. John has also managed club equipment which is aging and with that, requiring repair and upkeep to facilitate serving our members at minimum expense. Lastly, our racing program is the envy of other clubs on the lake with continued healthy participation.

As we look forward to 2020, I hope to continue in the direction set by John and Gary before him. Keeping the long-term vision of our club in mind, we will deliberately move toward a sustainable future. The story of the race between Robert Falcon Scott and Roald Amundsen to be the first to reach the South Pole is a model used in business to demonstrate the winning method. In the pursuit of the South Pole, one team took advantage of weather to march up to 50 miles on good days and hunkering down on bad days. While the other team sustained a steady 20 mile march every day, which meant stopping early in good weather, and bearing down to still reach the 20-mile goal in bad weather. Who do you think got to the South Pole first? Amundsen won, using a steady daily approach. Scott reached the Pole only to face the crushing realization that the Norwegians had been there first, and he and his four men perished on the grueling 700-mile return trip. This story is used in business to describe a winning strategy, and I think it also applies to us. We need to move deliberately, but at a sustainable pace, to advance our position. Our 20-mile-march may not be measured in days as it was for the pursuit of the South Pole, but more likely for us measured in months or even years. Looking back, you hopefully recognize the year over year advances. And now looking forward, we expect 2020 to benefit from ongoing improvements, and those improvements will continue to play out in the coming months.

The vision of where we aim to be, and the order and priority of the steps to get there is a journey we will take together. Your input is needed, and I hope to see you at the information sessions coming soon.



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).

## Art Wachs Award

Present this year to Terry Allen and Bob Blakley.

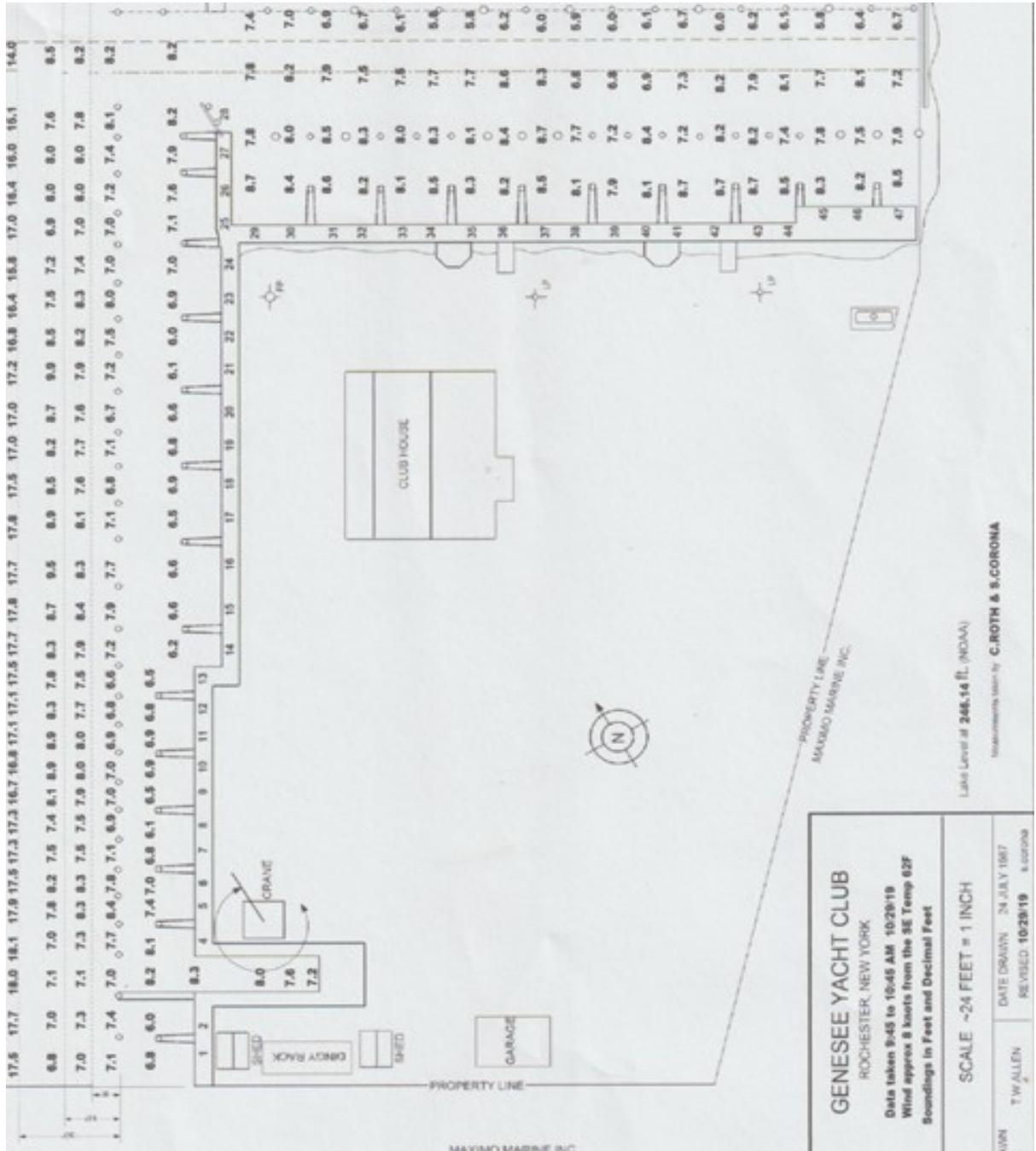


Art Wachs Award: It is the privilege of the Commodore to select the recipient of this annual award, dedicated to recognizing extraordinary efforts of a member or members who have gone above and beyond their normal contribution to the club. This year the award goes to two people for their tireless work on the Drainage project, documenting our underground facilities, and the grant proposals. I'd like to present this award to Terry Allen and Bob Blakley.

## Genesee Yacht Club Newsletter—November

Steve Corona and Craig Roth conducted our semi-annual soundings of the river and basin docks recently. The results are basically good news. It doesn't appear that the flooding has significantly affected the silting rate over the last 12 months. From the calculations of the measurements taken approximately one year ago, we had an average of 0.4 ft of silting in the river area and 0.2 ft. of silting in the basin which is not unusual. This is certainly good news as it minimizes our need for immediate dredging (another issue).

Below is the usual map with the actual soundings taken.





NOVEMBER BRUNCH  
Sunday, the 24<sup>nd</sup>, 2019  
10:30 AM



*Time to be*

*Thankful*

Come and bring a dish to pass!

*Sponsored by Steve and Marianne  
Kingdom*