

# Genesee Yacht Club News




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**All meetings and events are cancelled until further notice.**

**NOVEMBER**

26 Thanksgiving Day



**DECEMBER**

3 Members Meeting  
10 Executive Board Meeting  
25 Christmas Day



**DEADLINE for the next NEWSLETTER is December 10, 2020**

**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

**UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS**

3/13/21 Sailing Season Celebration at RYC



◆ The clubhouse is again closed. Bathrooms are open, but the rest of the house is closed for general use. Go to the Members Only page on the GYC Webpage for new announcements regarding COVID-19 and other club information

**CLOSED**

◆ Congratulations to the GYC 2020/2021 new officers and many thanks to the outgoing members for a job well done.

◆ Volunteers needed to help Bob Elliott reconstruct the Cupola. Contact Bob or the Vice Commodore if you can help.

◆ Thanks to John Meagher for another Super Haul-Out. Also, thanks to all the volunteers who made this haul a safe and successful event.



◆ Work Hours need to be emailed to Pat deMetsenaere at [jerryco@frontiernet.net](mailto:jerryco@frontiernet.net).

◆ Ken Patterson is the new GYC Webmaster. Ken can be reached at [geneseeycwebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:geneseeycwebmaster@gmail.com). Thanks Mark Blakkman (former webmaster) for a job well done.

◆ Ships Store is open by appointment for Your Christmas purchases.

◆ New Active Member Gary Stump

◆ New Provisional Member Nick Lang

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**Note from the Vice Commodore**



Sailing season 2020 is in the books. There will be some additional work around the club as we move forward with the basin project. The gazebos have been removed and stored in the lot, preserved for possible re-use. Upon inspection with LaBella, it was found that we have a few pilings that are compromised and need attention. We're waiting for suggestions from LaBella on how best to proceed. Even though it's the "slow season," there will be plenty going on at the club again this winter.

Haul-out and storage went well. We had to figure out how to place boats and still leave access to the basin throughout the winter. We all owe thanks to John Meagher for leading this effort. It takes a lot of hours, a lot of thought, and mostly, a lot of flexibility! Thanks John!

As you know, the clubhouse is closed for now, and may be closed throughout the winter. Thanks to all of the members who have voiced support for this difficult decision. Be assured that several of us are pitching in to check on the house frequently.

Also, as many know, we have changed the way to sign up for docks for next year. There is a sign up in the clubhouse, but you are encouraged to email me at [gfish.roc@gmail.com](mailto:gfish.roc@gmail.com) to sign up. I'll reply to your email with a link to the online sign up so you can confirm that you're on there and your information is correct.

And finally, this will be my final column for the year so Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. It will be different, but here's hoping that we can make the best of it, just as we did with our 2020 sailing season, and look forward to



GYC BoatUS Cooperating Group Insurance was just renewed at no cost to GYC.



## A Note from the Commodore

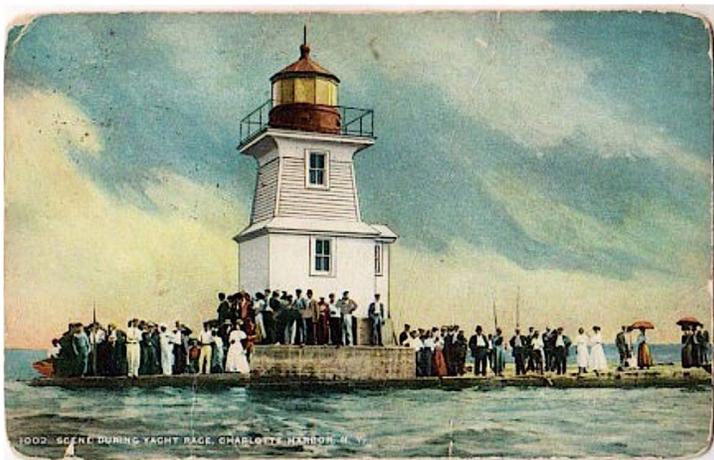


As we enter the dark days of winter, our community is experiencing a resurgence of the virus, and unfortunately, we needed to close the meeting room in the clubhouse. The executive board stands by to open or close the house according to conditions in our community – with an eye toward keeping everyone safe. If things have not improved by the end of November, we will close the restrooms and suspend cleaning – at that point the house will be completely closed. When conditions allow, we have the processes in place to open back up, and that is what we will do so long as there is interest.

We are bombarded by news about the physical risks of the pandemic, but the emotional toll is perhaps equally challenging. GYC is a strong community, with new and enduring relationships driven by our common infatuation (maybe even obsession) with sailing. We enjoyed the comradery of fellow members during the warmer months, and it is especially important now to make an effort to sustain those relationships. Please consider ways to carry on by arranging meet ups using technology tools that have become easier than ever to use. It is especially important to look out for each other and guard against isolation. We will get through this, and there is a good outlook for edging our way towards normal over the coming months.

Best Regards,

Rich Allen



"Scene during yacht race,  
Charlotte harbor, N.Y  
Postcard c1910 ~ Rochester

## GYC Sounding Report

Craig Roth and Steve Corona completed soundings November 6, 2020. The prior soundings were taken in the fall of 2019. We were surprised to find that there was negligible silting over the 1 year period. Normally we see a minimum of 0.5 ft. of silting in the river during that timeframe. I have shared the results with Terry Allen and he doesn't have an explanation right now (perhaps some of the upstream work to curb erosion is working or having the Harbor Town Bell out of commission and not stirring the water upstream has helped). This certainly is open for discussion but if we see average or greater water levels next year we probably won't want to spend money on dredging in 2021.

Note that the soundings were taken at a water level of 244.8 ft. which is very slightly above the average for this time of year (244.65). At the beginning of the sailing season next year the water depths will likely be about 2-3 feet higher



### MOVING THER GAZZIBOS



Bob Peters thanks all the members of GYC for their many acts of kindness during his recent medical problems.

His spirits were kept up by the many cards, phone calls, flowers, food (Joyce thanks you) and the loan of walkers, etc. Once more you have proven what a wonderful family the GYC is.



Thank you GYC for the beautiful flowers that you send me during my recent convalescence.  
Nancy Pikuet

## What's growing in the garden

A monthly feature of the flowers growing in our club garden by Our Gardening Chair, Mary Ewbank

### Looking for Winter Blooms? Lenten Roses Are Perfect!

Smack dab in the middle of winter, these great flowers will begin to open, and the cool weather can help keep these blooms around for a couple of months. Lenten rose (*Helleborus x hybridus*), a perennial belonging to the buttercup family, is not actually a rose. Its two-part common name refers to the plant's bloom season (around Lent) and the rose-like shape of its flower buds. Valued for its early blooms of purple, red, yellow, green, blue, lavender, and pink, and its leathery evergreen foliage, Lenten Roses contribute good color throughout the growing season but be patient—it could take a year or so for the first blossoms to appear. Hellebores can be planted in early fall or late spring and have a long (eight- to 10-week) bloom period. When they reseed and spread to fill in an area, their attractive foliage makes them a gorgeous ground cover. Lenten rose will also naturalize under the right conditions. All parts of all hellebore plants are toxic. Deer and rabbits usually snub them because they don't like the taste of the leaves.



*The Lenten Roses in the garden were donated by Caroline Burtner*