

Genesee Yacht Club News




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May

- 7 Members Meeting
- 14 Executive Board Meeting

June

- 4 Members Meeting
- 11 Executive Board Meeting

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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

All meetings and events are cancelled until further notice.



- ◆ Due to the escalating situation with COVID-19 the GYC Executive Board has made the following mandate. To comply with NY state and CDC guidelines the club property is not to be used for organized meetings, parties or assemblies. This is effective immediately until further notice.
- ◆ Water levels are currently at a 100 year high and likely to flood this spring.
- ◆ The priorities at GYC are; #1] Health and Safety, #2] Protect the Club, #3] Everything Else. The GYC website "Important Announcements" area will be a place to check as things change in the future.
- ◆ Work hours are to be emailed to Pat DeMetsdenaere.
- ◆ The Ships Store is closed until future notice.
- ◆ The house is officially closed for all functions and gatherings. Please stay out!
- ◆ Check the GYC Facebook page for photos posted by Steve Corona.
- ◆ Please note that all scheduled racing events are likely to change.

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Note to Membership:

These are unprecedented times for the world. There will naturally be consequences for our club.

As floods confronted GYC in 2019, we are proud of the resilient and defiant attitude the club took, which was: “tell me why we should not do what we usually do?”

This year’s challenges are different, and our attitude will need to be: “tell me how we can safely go ahead and do what we usually do?”

The difference is subtle, but you can expect delays, modifications, and even cancellations.

With this in mind, our calendar of usual events need to stand up to this challenge. For sure there will be deviations from usual, such as the way in which we are conducting this meeting.

Our planning horizon will begin to intersect with the more numerous and active events on our calendar starting late in April and especially in May and beyond. You can expect notices as the certainty of the pandemic situation and its impact on our functions becomes known.

The Executive Board

Note from the Rear Commodore



As your Rear Commodore I hope everyone is healthy and safe. A little over a month ago, I thought our two biggest challenges would be the dock modifications being completed by the time boats would be ready to be launched, along with the high lake levels. The COVID-19 virus pandemic has already affected nearly every aspect of our daily life and work rules. As the number of cases have grown guidelines are updated and extended on an almost daily basis. The only good news is the number of deaths are leveling off and this can be contributed to the actions New York State has taken to minimize social interactions, social distancing, and now wearing of face masks.

As time moves forward and the pandemic begins to wane the experts are predicting a new normal that will be in place until a vaccine is realized in ~18 months. The new normal will likely still include social distancing. So what does this mean to GYC and its racers? If social distancing is required in the new normal it will be very difficult to realize that needed space on a committee boat running a race. It is important to note that the crew on a racing boat is the responsibility of that boat's captain. Given these circumstances it may be very difficult to run this year's race program. Be assured that every possibility will be explored and ideas are always welcome. Be safe, stay healthy



From the Commodore

Our lives have been changing rapidly. As a club we have needed to react and establish policy for what we can and cannot do. For example we issued a statement that members shall not hold organized meetings within the clubhouse.

As you all know, the situation has continued to escalate, and we are not yet at the apex. We are a club, and for many of us we regard our fellow club members like family, and it is difficult to deal with the social distancing that we are required to live with. We will need to look for ways to sustain relationships while we stay physically apart. Be creative, reach out to each other on the phone, organize chat sessions or cocktail hours using tools like Zoom or Google Hangouts, and help each other to find their way through these tough times.

Our priorities as a club are:

#1. Health and Safety - we will follow the guidelines established by federal, state and local health officials

#2 - Protect Club Assets - priority to *critical* projects underway to improve our flood resilience to protect against a likely 2020 flood-stage condition

#3 - Everything else

When it comes to launching boats, holding social events, sailing or racing our boats; we need to look to priority #1 and #2 first.

As an Executive Board, we have been reluctant to delay or cancel the launch, start of race season, or social events, as the pandemic situation has been unfolding. At this time, it seems highly unlikely that the launch will occur on time, or that racing will start on time, or that we will have events such as the Commodores Reception or Fleet Review on time, though today we cannot project the extent or duration of the impact.

