

Genesee Yacht Club News



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All meetings and events are cancelled until further notice.

MARCH

4 Members Meeting
11 Executive Board Meeting

APRIL

1 Members Meeting
8 Executive Bord Meeting

**DEADLINE
for the next
NEWSLETTER
Is**

March 11, 2021

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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

CANCELLED

FEBRUARY 19, 2021
Zoom Cocktail Party

**NO
50/50**

- ♦ The clubhouse is completely closed. Check on the Members Only page on the GYC Webpage for new announcements regarding COVID-19 and other club information **CLOSED**
- ♦ Any member with a correction to their information in the Members Directory, should notify Craig Roth. Email the change to Craig at craigroth6@gmail.com.
- ♦ Members Only Password is to be updated to maintain security. The new password will be sent to members electronically and become active on March 4
- ♦ A Race Committee Meeting is being set up for early March. Look for an email from the Rear Commodore containing meeting information and a questionnaire.
- ♦ Any new members interested in the Community Sailing Group should contact Gerry Fisher. This is a great way for new members to get started in sailing.
- ♦ Next month David Buck-Lightower will be up for vote to become a Provisional member. Sponsors should be ready to speak on his behalf.
- ♦ New Active Members:
Jake Ackerman
Adam Aesch

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**Note from the
Vice Commodore**



First, and most important, thanks to Tom Seibert and Doug Story for the plumbing work they've done in the clubhouse. Thanks to them and also John Meagher, Paul Pytlak, Scott Sargent and everyone else who has done quick walk-thrus of the house to check thermostats and pipes. The house is checked just about every day and all is well. And thanks to those guys, John Andersen and everyone else who has walked the yard checking on boats and reported all is well. It's good to know we have so many folks checking in over the winter months.

As I write this, it looks like we've knocked down all the road blocks to continuing our dock project that was started last year about this time. We'll be meeting with contractors in the coming days and, hopefully, be back to work soon. As with last year, if we aren't assured that work will be done by launch, then we'll wait, but all looks good. Since most of the "heavy lifting" is complete, this year's phase should go much faster than last year.

Next time you hear from me, it will be May and come hell or high water (and we've had both lately) the boats will be in the water!



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).

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Cups and flags were being picked up at the clubhouse in late January.



What's growing in the garden

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

Columbine

Also known as “granny's nightcap” or “granny's bonnet”, the columbine plant is an easy-to-grow perennial that offers seasonal interest throughout much of the year. Columbines are native wildflowers. Their delicate flowers and foliage, look fragile, but they're actually among the hardiest of native plants. They thrive in sun to partial shade. Although Columbines are perennials they are not particularly long-lived. Most plants die within two to three years, but they grow easily from seed. If you allow seedpods to develop, new plants will appear every year, although the flowers may not always be true to the original plant.

Columbine's Latin name, *Aquilegia*, is derived from the Latin word for eagle, *aquila*. The long spurs that extend behind the flower petals resemble the claws of an eagle and produce a nectar favored by hummingbirds, butterflies and bees.



Native Americans used the crushed seeds as a love charm and for medicinal purposes. The plant's seeds and roots are highly poisonous and contain cardiogenic toxins which cause both severe gastroenteritis and heart palpitations if consumed as food. The medical use of this plant is better avoided due to its high toxicity; columbine poisonings may be fatal. Native Americans used the seeds to make an infusion to treat headaches, heart problems, and sore throats.

Although they prefer a well-drained, loamy soil, they grow in a variety of conditions. Their blooms disappear in early summer, but their lacy foliage makes an attractive landscape plant all season long. In fall, the foliage turns purple or red. Like many native plants, columbines are deer resistant too.

The earth laughs in flowers. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Constitution and Bylaws Change

Three changes to the Constitution or Bylaws were presented for review and discussion. at the February Meeting

Note: The text in red is the proposed change.

1. Spousal member recognition (i.e. work hours don't count toward member's requirement)

Currently:

Bylaws Article I - Membership

F. A Spousal Member

Is not required to complete Club "work hours". However, any work completed voluntarily will be credited to the Spousal Member.

Potential Change

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Is not required to complete Club "work hours". However, any work completed voluntarily will be credited to the Spousal Member. **Up to ½ of the annual Club work requirement for the elected member may be contributed by the Spousal member.**

2. Some uncertainty as to boats being on Club property

Currently:

Bylaws Article III – Club Property and Facilities

K. Land leases for boats on Club property shall be available to Active and Senior Active Members. Land leases for boats owned by Provisional Members may be permitted with approval by the Executive Board. No boat shall be placed on Club property without prior approval of the Vice Commodore who shall arrange the boats on the property. Year-round land lease of boats and unused cradles and trailers is allowed for one year only. Additional lease time is allowed only by the permission of the Executive Board on a yearly basis.

Potential Change

Bylaws Article III – Club Property and Facilities

K. **No boat shall be placed on Club property without prior approval of the Vice Commodore who shall arrange the boats on the property.** The Executive Board may set a limit to the number of boats stored on Club property. Land leases for boats on Club property shall be available to Active and Senior Active Members. Land leases for boats owned by Provisional Members may be permitted with approval by the Executive Board. Year-round land lease of boats and unused cradles and trailers is allowed for one year only. Additional lease time is allowed only by the permission of the Executive Board on a yearly basis.

3. Divorced spouse does not retain any seniority or membership status

Currently:

Constitution Article II – Membership

A. 4. The SURVIVING SPOUSE of any member originally elected to membership shall be able to continue the same category of membership held at the time of death of their spouse by giving written notice to the executive board any time prior to expiration of the deceased paid up membership. The Surviving Spouse will assume seniority accrued by the deceased spouse during their marriage.

Potential Change

Constitution Article II – Membership

A. 4. **A member may petition the Executive Board for the transfer of their membership to their spouse. If approved by the Executive Board and membership vote, in the manner specified in the Constitution and Bylaws for the election to membership, the spouse will assume the membership and any seniority accrued by the pair during their marriage. The original member may apply for Spousal or a new individual membership but will not retain any past membership seniority**

Bylaws Article I, D.

Currently:

2. The applicant to membership shall attend 3 general membership meeting within a six-meeting period.

Potential Change

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2. The applicant to membership shall attend 3 general membership meetings within a six-meeting period. **In the case of a spouse or divorced spouse of a current member, the Executive Board may waive this requirement.**

The changes will be sent for ballot vote over the coming weeks.

The executive board will decide how to proceed with electronic mail communication.

There was a question raised regarding boats on the property and it was clarified that If the VC determines to restrict boats, then the boats allowed would be by club seniority.