

Genesee Yacht Club News




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FEBRUARY

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- 3 Members Meeting
- 10 Executive Board Meeting



MARCH

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for the next
NEWSLETTER**

**Is
February 10, 2022**

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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

- ◆ A profit and loss statement and a comparison budget for 2021 is posted on the Members Only page of the Website.
- ◆ Land Lease payments are now past due. please remit.
- ◆ Invoices for Dues have gone out. They are due by the end of the March meeting.
- ◆ Remember, NYS mandates that masks must be worn at all times in the clubhouse when not eating or drinking.

**UPCOMING SOCIAL
EVENTS**

No Social Events
are scheduled at this time



- ◆ Permit for the basin project are completed and work will be started soon.
- ◆ The new thermostat in the Captain's Room is not automatic. If you turn it up, please turn it down when you are finished. The thermostat in the meeting room is automatic so the "hold" button should not be pressed. Finally, the thermostat in the hall near the men's bathroom should not be changed at all.
- ◆ David Keller, Jim Atos and Hans Kuman are eligible for active membership at the February Meeting.



Sponsors be ready to speak on their behalf.

- ◆ New provisional member
James Lee



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**Note from the
Rear Commodore**



Looking back on 2021, I'm glad we were able to have a full racing schedule, regattas, some cruising destinations available, and a Sailing Celebration event. Unless you're a snowbird and have headed south already, most of us have now entered the non-sailing season. The club member's and GYC boats have been hauled, covered, and winterized-tucked away for a long WNY winter's nap. You might want to make a trip up to the clubhouse soon to check your boat after this week's single digit temperatures. Since this is the non-sailing season, there is not much for me to report on. The Robert Read has been listed for sale, and a small committee has been formed to search for a new R/C boat. Many of us use this time of the year to prepare for next year's season- whether it be planning for what races and regattas we want to participate in, or what cruising destination(s) we might want to visit, or what boat projects we want to complete. Although the pandemic continues, I hope you all get a chance to spend some time with friends and family. Spring is only a few months away! I hope to see you 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).

A Note from the Treasurer

- * All membership dues invoices have been emailed or were dropped off at USPS by Thursday January 20th
- * If you have asked to have your invoices mailed USPS, please consider allowing email in the future. If you are willing to have your invoices email in the future, please email Lisa at geneseyc.treasurer@gmail.com
- * Dues shall be paid by the March 3rd membership meeting, keep in mind we may or may not be able to meet in person in March
- * If you have any questions, contact Lisa at geneseyc.treasurer@gmail.com



Photos by Steve Corona

Faye Towner becomes first Black leader of America's Boating Club Rochester



As a young girl in Oviedo, Fl., Faye Towner never imagined she would one day be Commander of America's Boating Club Rochester — and yet, as of December 8, she is.

Towner was sworn in as the first African-American commander of the organization which is also known as Rochester Sail and Power Squadron. Another first? As Commander, Towner leads an all-female bridge.

As commander, she wants to help more African Americans and people of color see themselves as boaters and know that they, too, can and should be members of Rochester Sail and Power Squadron.

Towner is excited about her new position as Commander, period. She says it's interesting being the first Black commander.

"I don't think any of us, except maybe me, thought about that," she said.

She remembers asking her husband if he thought everyone would be okay with her leading the organization.

"He said, 'Why wouldn't they be? You've been a part of this organization since 2013, you've been a instrumental ... Everybody knows what you're capable of doing.'"

Further, the organization will now have women in all of the top leadership positions — with a woman of color at the helm.

"I think I was the only one that said, 'Isn't this the first time for an African American to be at the helm of this?' And it is... I think I wanted to bring focus to it because it is a first for this organization in this area. Because I also want to draw more African American, people of color boater to the organization where they can get education and information about boating," she said.