

Genesee Yacht Club General Membership Meeting

September 4, 2025

This meeting was held in person at the club and in hybrid fashion with Microsoft Teams

Commodore Dudarchik called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Guests: Bettina Nielsen, Joe Buzzard, Bill LeBine, Will Phipps, Mike Ritenour, Christopher Sullivan

Secretary's Report – Peggy Braitsch

The August 7 meeting minutes were published in the newsletter, posted on the bulletin board and online. Burt Ringelstein moved to accept the minutes (Frank Wood 2nd). The minutes were accepted without exception.

Treasurer's Report – Lisa Smith

GYC Finance Committee met and discussed:

1. The financial policies and have recommended a change as well as recommended they be sent to the accountant for their input.
2. The budget process - A preliminary budget will be presented and discussed at the October membership meeting. Please send Lisa all budget requests prior to the October meeting.

Rear Commodore's Report – Kevin Reilly

1. Tuesday Racing: Only two more Tuesdays left in the season. Another reminder that racing begins earlier at 6:00 PM instead of 6:30 PM. Please alert your crew. We have cook and clean-up crew signed up. Thanks to all who volunteered
2. Saturday Racing
 - a) We have 5 Saturdays of racing left. This weekend is the Catch-Up race. Great fun with boats starting times based on their PHRF ratings. Theoretically, making for an exciting finish with everyone there at the same time.
 - b) Skip Danesi is the race officer this weekend and we're set for crew. The following four races are sorely in need of race committee. It's getting to end of our volunteer hours calendar, 10/31, so, get your hours in and sign up.
3. Race Management Seminar: Sunday September 14th here at GYC. Don Hollander and I signed up. There may be someone else from GYC. There are still two spots left, and US Sailing is leaving registration open until midnight tonight.
4. GYC now has a club subscription for the Buoy Zone racecourse app. Bill Topping has been using it for a while on his own subscription and now it's available to all members doing RC. There's information and some tutorials on the website. Training will be available next year.

Vice Commodore's Report – Joel Doyle

1. Thanks to all who participated or volunteered for the 3 major sailing regattas hosted by GYC in the past 6 weeks. The events were well organized, well received and thoroughly enjoyed by members and guests. The clubhouse and grounds looked amazing at all times. The Big, Beautiful, New Patio was a real eye catcher. Parking was neat and organized. Food services were top notch and clean up was quick and neatly done. Guest docking was addressed promptly and considerately. At no time did I see anything but a professional presentation of our club to guest sailors and their families. They were treated with respect and hospitality. In fact, so well that some of them are looking to join as members. That speaks volumes for our organization. I can't think of a time when I was prouder of this club than during WSI, Hospice and the SBLR. The volunteerism that drives this club really shined this summer. Please pat yourselves on the back, not only for a job well done, but for showing the surrounding sailing community that the greatest place to be is GYC.
2. Four ADK chairs, 4 rocking chairs and a fire pit have been purchased for the patio. Many thanks to all who helped purchase and assemble them. At the end of the evening, I recommend lining the chairs up against the north side of the clubhouse to keep the patio open for cleaning.

Commodore's Report – Kevin Dudarchik

1. We are still looking for someone to take over preparing and publishing the monthly newsletter. Please contact me directly if you are willing to take on this role. The club will be without a newsletter until such time we can fill this role.
2. A reminder that there are less than two months left to get all your work hours in for the year. As of the end of July, there are still quite a few people who are short of hours or have not logged the hours they have worked. In either case, please make sure you get your work hours completed and get them logged - it saves a lot of time and inconvenience for a lot of people.

No reports from the following committees:

Committee Boats, Constitution and By-laws, Community sailing, Cruising, Garden, GYC History, House, Junior Sailing, Legal, LYRA, OOD, Reciprocal, Ship's Store, Webmaster

Dredging – Terry Allen:

Voyager's dredging barge is being updated and will be a size that will allow it to dredge in the GYC channel. Terry is consulting with Mark at Voyager's about this.

Equipment – Larry Sill-

There is a new tire on the forklift. Equipment is ready for the haul.

Hospice Regatta – Kathy Sebring

Kathy is consulting with Amy Benjamin and RYC and learning the Hospice Regatta.

Kitchen – David Steinbach

Enjoy the new Corelle bowls procured earlier this summer! Additional kitchen towels to be purchased soon.

Launch Haul – John Meagher

Time sure flies doesn't it, in a flash summer was gone and in 51 days we will be doing our first planned haul of 2025. Soon our parking lot will transition to a boat storage yard.

The haul dates have been set as Oct 25 & 26 and Nov 1 & 2 and a draft schedule has been completed and staying with the first in last out methodology we've been using in the past with adjustments for the shortened schedule. The schedule has been posted at the club, Facebook and the club website.

As mentioned in the spring we have had many boats being hauled by Voyager and stored with their masts up at GYC which reduced the number of boats we haul at GYC. Last year, we had launch and haul events that were done in 2 to 3 hours for 7-8 boats. It takes 16 people to staff a launch/haul which meant 8+ volunteers/launch. The schedule for this year will reduce the number of extra people needed to staff an event, but we will still need volunteers but just not as many.

If we are hauling your boat please inspect your cradle, contact me if you have any questions or concerns with it. The launch directors have the right to refuse to set a boat on a cradle that looks questionable. For those who are storing with us for the first time we do not allow jack stands/boat stands being the primary support.

You're required to work on your haul day however you don't get club work hours for launching or hauling your boat.

If you have worked on one of these events or you are a first-timer please read the "Roles and Responsibilities for Boat Launch and Boat Haul Events". If you are using our equipment to un-step your mast, there's a procedure for that – Stepping and Un-Stepping Masts. These procedures are on the members only page.

Lastly please fill out the "Haul and Storage agreement" and submit it prior to haul. This is online on the members only page. We won't haul your boat without that form being submitted.

Membership – Craig Roth

1. Jeff Strain and Ben TenEyke were presented their new member packets.

2. We will vote on David Cushman tonight for provisional membership.
3. Chi DeMetsenaere has completed his 12 months as Provisional member and will be voted on for Active Membership in October.
4. Bill LeBine has completed his 3rd meeting and will be voted on for Provisional membership in October.
5. There was a moment of silence for Barb MacIntyre and Barb Verdone.

New Sailors Program – Bill Towner

We need more participation from our membership to provide skippers for the enthusiastic response we receive for providing the opportunity to learn to sail!

SBLR – Haley Carr

1. Thanks to all the racers, volunteers and supporters that made this year's SBLR a success! We are still in the process of reviewing all the stats and plan to give a full breakdown in October.
2. Leftover Merch was sold
3. Tony's Report:

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Tony Gambacurta September 3, 2025

Beautiful weather was in store for the 54th SBLR with no rain and excellent star viewing (new moon). Crew were counting the planets and late in the night could see the Pleiades. Winds were from the south the entire race.

This was our 4th year with **YB Tracking** thanks to **Bob Johnson Auto Group** and it once again was a huge hit for family and friends watching their people race. Some reported staying up all night. Tracker Link: <https://yb.tl/Scotbl2025>

Spinnaker boats had light air on the leg to Watoma, for example Taliesin rounded Watoma at 1:20 am. As spinnaker boats crossed the Lake, wind freshened, and they reported excellent sailing on this leg. When the boats rounded the island, the wind that gave them such nice sailing was now in their face with the wind diminishing, but not the waves.

For the GO fleet, **Michelle Regan Danesi** wrote on Facebook:

“This weekend I participated in the annual Scotch Bonnet Light race put on by Genesee Yacht Club- and as usual, it was an amazing experience. This race will be remembered for the music, the meteors and brilliant stars, the Milky Way, lots of freighters in the shipping lanes, the comfortable ride to the island, and the long, bumpy, slow and frustrating ride home. Big waves stuck around after the wind died and the ETA on the GPS just got longer as the day went on.... but we made it! 21 hours sailing, 3rd boat in our fleet to finish, and corrected time to 2nd place. Thanks to Eric, Kate, and the fun crew of

Splash Dance for an awesome race, and to the GYC for facilitating what is always the best sailing of the year!"

So the SBLR brought the best sailing of the year along with a frustrating ride home. Many followed the advice "When the fun meter drops below zero, start the iron genny." We didn't hear a lot of complaints and most vowed to be back next year having enjoyed the beautiful weather and night crossing this year.

The top 3 finishers in each division are shown in scoring where most places are determined by boats finishing the entire race, we used island time for some.

Nicholas Lang won the **Founders Cup** for the third time on Siren, a Catalina 270.

Tim and Karen Sladden from RYC on Whirlaway a Tartan 3500 won the **Stewart Trophy** for winning the GO fleet as well as the **Warren Miller "New Issue" Trophy** for best new skipper.

Kathryn Angelidis from RYC on Unfinished Business a J 109 won the **Giambra Trophy**, line honors.

The **Allen Trophy** was won by Poledancer from RYC a J 35C with **Adam Allocco and Giles Ruck**. Poledancer's 3rd time winning.

The **Coleman Trophy** was won by **Rochester Yacht Club** who had 2 firsts and a second. RYC won 5 of our perpetual trophies. All an outside club can win. We love it when clubs steal all of our gold.

We had 27 boats including 7 new skippers. It is noteworthy that Mike Mahar raced Solo in the Spinnaker fleet.

The picnic was well attended with live music by Davey Allen and catering by Joey's Pasta House which received many compliments.

Social Committee - Pat Pytlak

2025 Upcoming Social Events:

September 5- Jazz Night at GYC- 5:30 pm Pot Luck, 6:30-8:30 pm Live music with Jazz Generation

October 5- Up the River Raft Up- 12:00 pm Bridge, bring your best boat snacks and BYOB

October 11- Oktoberfest

November - Friendsgiving, Deck the Halls

December- Children's Holiday Party

WSI - Darbbie Thomas

Darbbie Thomas asked for volunteers to be safety checkers for the September 21st Rochester ½ Marathon. WSI receives a donation from it for our participation. Volunteers must be on post at 7:00 am. Please contact Darbbie if you would like to help.

Yard – Doug Story

We need lawn mowing volunteers in September and October!

Old Business

1. At the August 2025 meeting there were motions made to reconsider our Concerns and Celebrations and the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of our monthly membership meeting, and to vote on these decisions by written ballot. The written ballots were received and counted at the September 2025 meeting. Votes are tabulated below:

Item 1: Concerns & Celebrations

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| <u>14</u> | YES | I want to keep the Concerns and Celebrations brought up by members at the beginning of our monthly membership meetings. |
| <u>48</u> | NO | I do not want to have Concerns and Celebrations at the beginning of monthly membership meetings. |
| <u>10</u> | ABS | I abstain from voting on this item |

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance

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| <u>5</u> | YES | I want to have the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of monthly membership meetings. |
| <u>48</u> | NO | I do not want to have the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of monthly membership meetings. |
| <u>10</u> | ABS | I abstain from voting on this item |

2. A motion was made by Elaine Ringelstein to have GYC purchase disposable / compostable paper plates, cups and paper napkins to have on hand for occasional use by members - not for planned events. Craig Roth seconded this motion. The motion was defeated.

New Business

1. Nominating Committee's slate of Candidates for the 2026 Executive Board are:
 - **Commodore: Joel Doyle**
 - **Vice Commodore: Bob Blakley**
 - Rear Commodore: Kevin Reilly
 - **Past Commodore: Kevin Dudarchik**
 - **Treasurer: Robert Gibson**
 - Secretary: Peggy Braitsch

- **Member at Large: Joanne Mudge**
- **Member at Large: Frank Woods**
- Member at Large: Terry Pitt (second year)
- Member at Large: Nick Lang (second year)

2. Dave Cushman was voted into the GYC as a new Provisional Member.
3. Linda Barton moved that GYC use \$1500 to buy 6 more rocking chairs and 4 more ADK chairs for the patio. (Burt Ringelstein 2nd). John Anderson Moved that this go to the EB for discussion (Joel Doyle 2nd). Steve Corona moved that this be tabled until spring (Kevin Reilly 2nd). The motion to table until spring was passed.

50/50

Mike Ellman won the 50/50 raffle.

Adjourn Meeting

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Linda Barton and seconded by Craig Roth. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Respectfully,
Peggy Braitsch
Secretary