

GYC Journeys

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**Our Newsletter Gets a
Facelift!!!**

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Commodore's Corner



As our year comes to an end, so does my tenure as Commodore of the Genesee Yacht Club. As I reflect on the past year, I am the first to admit that I have not been a perfect Commodore, but I still like to think we have had a good year at the club. I want to take just a minute to thank all of you for the hard work you have done over the years to make our Club the envy of Lake Ontario. I know that every club probably says that about themselves but think for a moment just how lucky we are here at the Genesee Yacht Club.

Just a few years ago our Club faced a potential catastrophe when the roof over the Club nearly collapsed, potentially destroying our reading room. Our members came together and not only fixed it, but they made it better. When we needed to tear down our south wall and replace it, our members didn't hesitate. Now, as guests, racers and members enter our grounds, they are greeted with a view of a beautiful clubhouse. This year we added a new stove and an extensive paver patio on the north side of the Club along with Adirondack chairs and a wonderful fireplace. Our skilled members have seen to it that both of our Committee boats have been brought back to strong and reliable operation.

On top of that, we run a great weekly race program that typically hosts 20+ boats. Our annual Scotch Bonnet Light Race, in its 54th year is one Lake Ontario's premiere long distance races and you can't talk about racing without mentioning our Woman's Skipper Invitation, the GYC/PYC race and this year we hosted a VERY successful Sunset House Hospice Regatta!

I am so proud of our social and community outreach programs. Our new sailor night continues to grow. It was a pleasure to watch our Club rally around a call to host twenty-two local and German exchange students for a sunset cruise. I love reading the adventures that our cruising members post online and we continue to see more and more sailors take advantage of all the great places you can visit around our Lake.

Our social events have always been well attended, and it is a pleasure to cruise by and see friends on the 'porch' enjoying stories and each other.

I am the first to acknowledge that none of this happens without a great leadership team and most importantly the commitment, caring, and dedication of the membership - each and every one of you. I am immensely grateful for the unwavering and reliable operation of the club on a day-to-day, week-to-week, month-to-month basis that keeps it running like clockwork. We truly are the envy of Lake Ontario Yacht Clubs.

Although mentioned at the October Membership Meeting, I want to again take this opportunity to express that it has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve at the helm of this great club for the past year and to thank everyone for entrusting me to do so.

With that, I want to be the first to welcome the incoming Executive Board that will be elected in November and say how much I look forward to working with them in the role of Past Commodore.



**More pictures of our
Up the River Cruise**

Keeping the Fleet in Sight - Vice Commodore Report

Joel Doyle



I want to thank all of our Club members who participated in, or volunteered for the three major regattas hosted by GYC in the past month and a half. The events were well organized, well received, and thoroughly enjoyed by both members and guests. Food services were top notch. Cleanup was quick and neatly done. Guest docking was addressed promptly and considerately. At no time did I see anything less than 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 guests are looking to join as members. That speaks volumes for our organization.

The clubhouse and grounds looked amazing at all times. We had quite a summer of projects at the Club. It makes me smile every time I walk to my boat and see our Big, Beautiful, New Patio. It is a real eye catcher. Our members did a wonderful job putting this project together and seeing it to a great finish. Especially

during some of the hottest days of summer!

The grounds were well kept and clutter free. Parking was neat and organized (thank you Craig Roth for stepping up to freshen up the parking lines). I can't think of a time as a GYC member when I was prouder of this club than I was when attending or participating in this year's WSI, Hospice Wine tasting, Hospice Regatta, and Scotch Bonnet events. The volunteerism that drives this club really shined this summer. Please pat yourselves on the back for not only a job well done, but for showing the surrounding sailing community that the greatest place to be is at GYC.

Guiding Winds from the Stern - Rear Commodore Report

Kevin Reilly



As our sailing season wraps up, I just wanted to thank all of our volunteers that helped man our Race Committee boats every week and our race crews who took time every Tuesday to help cook hotdogs and hamburgers for our other teams.

We will be hosting our annual Cups & Flag Ceremony on October 25, 2025 at the Lake Shore Country Club. If you intend on participating with your crew, please let me know. I will be sending out a detailed email very shortly.

This year we logged thirty-three races with thirty-six boats logging finishing results. That is a testament to the strength of our competitive sailing members. It is such a pleasure to watch our J boats and C&C boats 'slug' it out every week. We also had some new crews join us and it was gratifying to see our seasoned teams help them with advice and coaching. Our sport can be very daunting to new skippers and our old hands have always been there to help them. That's what our Club is all about.

I look forward to next year's season even now. I would encourage members to look at their schedules next summer and sign up to help whenever possible.

Did you know that Nick Lang's father Robert Lang has been creating and uploading YouTube content of many of our Tuesday racing series?

Using his drone and deck mounted cameras, Bob has over 18 videos of various races this year.

In addition Bob has been instrumental in helping to create wonderful online content showcasing our Club and the events that we host.

Interested in seeing what they have been working on?

Stop by YouTube and subscribe to Bob's page at <https://www.youtube.com/@robertlang9962/videos>



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GYC Fall #4 9-9-2025



UPCOMING EVENTS AT GYC

October 25	Hauling Day #1
	Cups & Flags Ceremony
October 26	Hauling Day #2
November 01	Hauling Day #3
November 02	Hauling Day #4
November 06	General Membership Meeting
November 13	Executive Board Meeting
November 16	Friendsgiving
	Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner
December 04	General Membership Meeting
December 11	Executive Board Meeting



GYC Provisional Membership Approved



Bill Labine

Active Membership Approved



Chy DeMetsenaere



New Members Given Their Club Packs

David Cushman

Jeff Strain



- Next Month we Vote On:
Joseph Buzzard

Would you like to add something to the GYC Newsletter?
Contact Christopher Toole at
Toolenaround16@gmail.com



If people want to email work hours, please send them to
Pat DeMetsenaere
(jerryco@frontiernet.net)
Be sure to beat the October 31st deadline!!!



2025 EXECUTIVE BOARD

COMMODORE Kevin Dudarchik

VICE-COMMODORE Joel Doyle

REAR-COMMODORE Kevin Reilly

SECRETARY Peggy Braitch

TREASURER Lisa Smith

PAST-COMMODORE Linda Barton

MEMBER at LARGE Jim Kavanaugh (2025)

MEMBER at LARGE Dale Van Vechten (2025)

MEMBER at LARGE Terry Pitt (2026)

MEMBER at LARGE Nick Lang (2026)



Lake Ontario Water Level

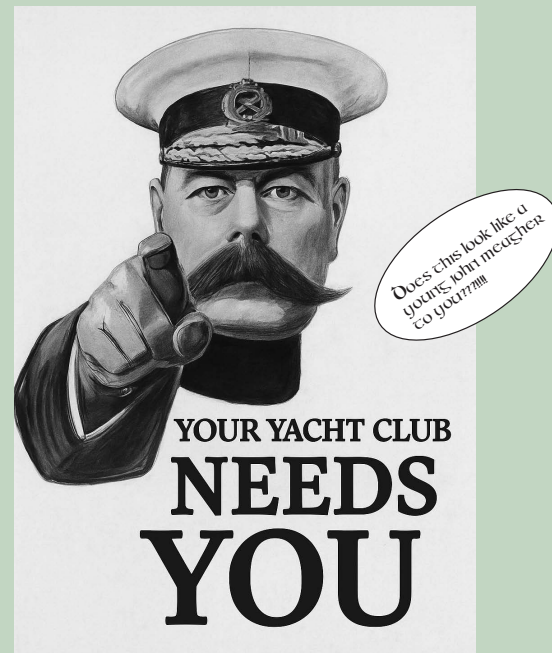
- Thursday, October 2, 2025 7:00AM - 244.91ft
- October long term average - 244.65
- Deep water temperature - 59° F

Would you like more information?

Go to the International Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River
Board's websight for more!

<https://ijc.org/en/loslrb/watershed/water-levels>

Thank you Rich Allen for this tip!!!!



Easy Link to GYC Work Needs

We've made the link to our volunteer work needs easier
(thanks Ken Patterson and Rich Allen).

Simply go to the GYC website
www.geneseeyc.com

If you are using a computer, the heading
Volunteer Work Needs is in bold on the right.

If you are using a phone, scroll down to the same link

This will take you to **SignUpGenius** and on that page you
will see a listing of all the available jobs.

Currently there are 20+ jobs available with several slots on
most of them.

2025 Hauling Schedule & Rules are on Page 9!!!!

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BoatUS membership, our
cooperating Group ID number is:

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A Successful GYC Racing Season Comes to a Close

With our 2025 Racing Season over, we were able to run 35 races this year! Only 7 races had to be abandoned due to either a lack or abundance of wind. Not a bad season! Our thanks to our volunteer Race Committee team for their hard work ensuring that we had some great courses to compete in each week. In addition, our Tuesday volunteers at the Club who made sure our racers were able to get together after each race and enjoy hots and burgers.

Below are just a small sample of some of the great shots our members captured this year!







GENESEE YACHT CLUB CUPS and FLAGS CELEBRATION

Come celebrate with Genesee Yacht Club at the 2025 Cups and Flags. The event will be an hors d'oeuvres cocktail party. All GYC members, cruisers and race crew are welcome.



When: **Saturday October 25th at 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM.**
Awards program at 7:00 PM.

Where: **Lake Shore Country Club**
1165 Greenleaf Rd, Rochester, NY 14612

Cost: \$35.00 per person, paid by check to GYC, either in the drawer at the club or there will be a dropbox at the event.

RSVP by Wednesday October 15, 2025 by email kevinreilly13@gmail.com with number attending.

If you have pictures that you'd like to share in a slideshow please forward to me.
Come prepared with any Duck Award nominations.

Feel free to reach out with any questions.

Kevin Reilly
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2025 Haul Schedule

10/25/2025	10/26/2025	11/1/2025	11/2/2025		
Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	New Boats	Voyager
Flicker	Sting	Zepher	Honeymoon	Destiny (Baum)	Cosette
True Story	Celtic Fire	Desire	True North	Harmony (LaBine)	White Bird
Great Escape	Brandy Brook	Esperanza (BSA)	Moondance	Esperanza (BSA)	Jackalope
No Agenda	Maple Leaf	La Mer Sonne	Rum Runner		My Precious
Amethyst	Silent Partner 1	Rosy	Ernie Coleman		Destiny (Allen)
Monarch	Trilogy	Elaine Carter	Aventura		Griffen
Talisman	Calyce	Y Knot	Vita	Early Haul	Chelsea
Impetuous	Real Escape	High Anxiety	Brain Waves	A'Jamais	Little Bo
Vamp	Siren II	Splash Dance	Sarabande		Free Spirit
Destiny (Baum)	Aloha	Harmony (LaBine)	Wizard		Water Colors
		Elation			ESP
					Patty J
					Fin & Tonic
If you are hauling at GYC and have not hauled with us before to be added to the schedule, contact John Meagher					Mystic
					Coldfront
GYC does not haul with masts up, and you want to store at GYC with your mast up, you must make arrangements to haul at Voyager					Mojo
Questions - Contact John Meagher					

You MUST Fill out an [Online Haul & Storage Agreement](https://geneseeyc.org/members-only) BEFORE You are Hauled
Form is on Member's Only Page at <https://geneseeyc.org/members-only>

2025/2026 Haul & Storage Terms & Conditions

- Neither Genesee Yacht Club (GYC) or any of its membership shall be held responsible or liable for damage, loss or theft of a boat, or any of its components, being hauled by or stored at GYC. It is the expectation of GYC that every boat owner maintains adequate property insurance on their boat to cover such events.

- GYC requires that all boat owners carry appropriate year-round liability insurance on their boat.

- Boat owners must read and abide by all responsibilities and guidelines described in the latest version of the Genesee Yacht Club Roles and Responsibilities for Boat Launch and Boat Haul Events document.

- It is recommended that boat owners remove all electronics and valuables from their boat prior to or shortly after haul where reasonable.

- In winterizing a boat, only environmentally friendly RV/Marine antifreezes may be used; no ethylene glycol type products may be used for any boat winterizing purposes. Disposal or exhausting of any type of antifreeze on the GYC lawn is prohibited.

- While being stored, the area around one's boat should be kept clean and free of debris. Use the GYC dumpster to dispose of any and all refuse.

- While being stored, boats are NOT to be connected to any external power source unless the owner is present. Items such as battery chargers, lights, power tools, dehumidifiers, etc. can only be connected with grounded plugs and while the owner is present.

- Boat owners are responsible for the safe storage of their boat including a structurally sound cradle, poppets positioned and in place and covers/tarps safely and securely attached to the boat and/or cradle.

- If a boat is stored on a trailer, the trailer must be structurally sound, poppets/bunks positioned and in place, covers/tarps safely and securely attached and tires appropriately inflated and blocked.

- Boat owners shall be mindful of the safety and integrity of other boats, persons and property in the yard while working on or having others work on their boat. Owners shall be liable for any damages to persons, property or boats stored on GYC property, caused by themselves, their volunteers or their contractors by any action or inaction (whether by negligence or intentionally).

- The DEC requires that all sanding particles and hazardous materials be collected into a tarp under one's boat and disposed of properly. Boat owners are responsible for their own painting and work by-products.

- Members who have docked at GYC are required to remove all personalizations and customizations (e.g. catch lines, bridles, fenders, bumpers, decorations, etc.) from their dock/slip at the end of the boating season. Failure to do so may result in GYC removing and disposing of these items without further notice.

- In the event of an emergency or other relevant situations, GYC reserves the right to move boats to alternate storage locations.

- Boat owners are expected to periodically check in on the status of their boat while being stored or make arrangements for a designee to check in on the boat.

Up The River Cruise & Raft Up



We think that the most favorite day for a GYC sailor is the day their boat is launched and the possibilities of a great summer loom.

The 2nd best day? Our Up the River Cruise & Raft Up. Social Coordinator Pat Pytlak never lets us down. Despite the sad fact there are only a few days left of sailing, Pat and her team rally one last 'summer time' event to enjoy the best Rochester has to offer.

A beautiful cruise up the Genesee River and a day of socializing and fun. This year's event was blessed with some of the best weather we've seen all summer and bopping from boat to boat to see who has what makes for a perfect end to our sailing year.

After, the party wasn't over and everyone gathered on the porch to enjoy another Indian summer day!



Oktoberfest Landet im GYC!



For the past 20 years Burt and Elaine Ringelstein have been hosting the GYC's annual fall classic Oktoberfest. What started as a trial for 30 brave souls has grown with an average attendance of 75.

The event takes dozens of volunteers and many hours of preparation. This is just a sample of the food being prepared:

- 50 lbs potatoes
- 20 lbs onions
- 2 bushels apples
- 6 lbs bacon
- 140 sausages from Swan's Market
- 6 heads red cabbage
- 12 lbs sauerkraut

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The result of their hard work is some of the finest in German food, live music, dancing and the best of all....bottomless German Beer from our friends at Rohbach Brewery!

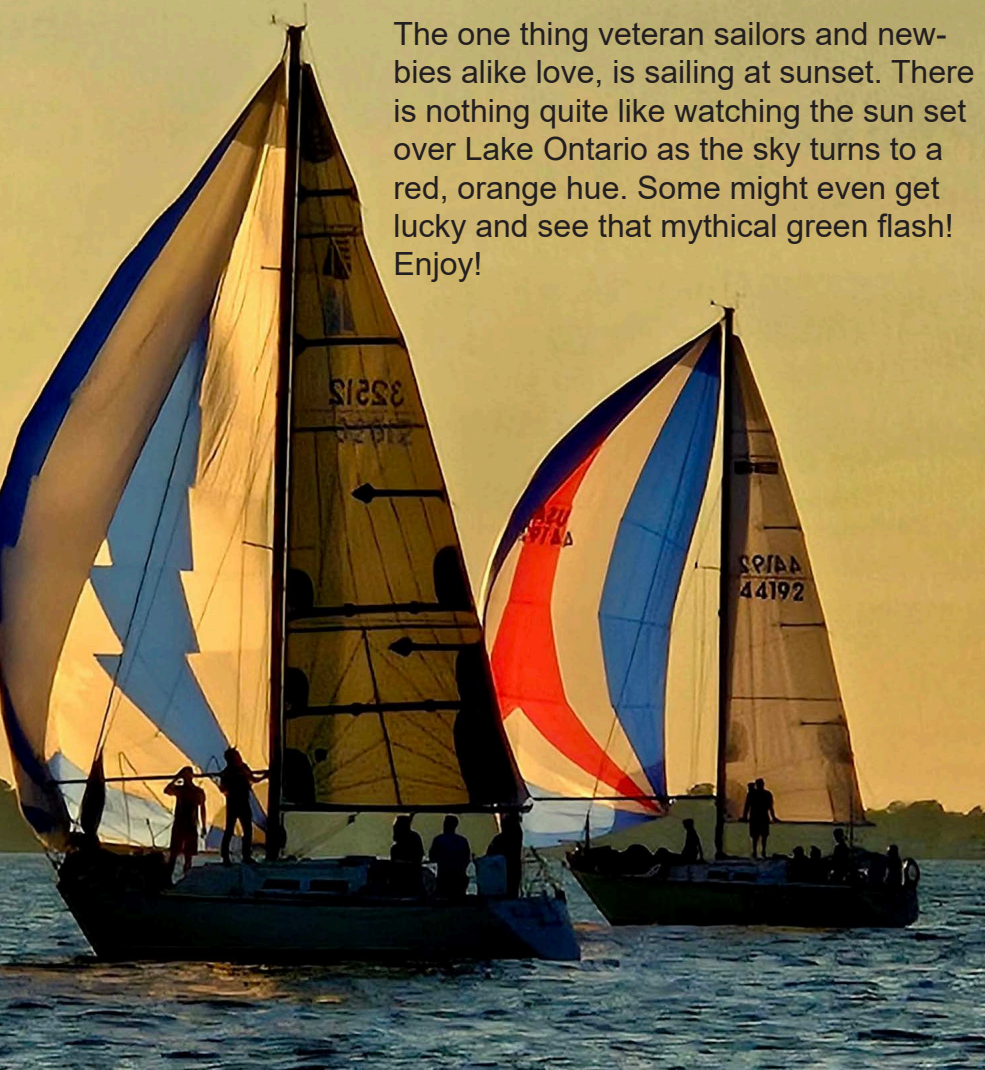
Many guests came dressed in the requisite Lederhosen or Dirndl outfits. Did you know that how a woman wears the knot on her dirndl apron signifies her relationship status? A knot on the left means you are single, a knot on the right means you are taken or married, a knot in the center (front) traditionally indicates a virgin, and a knot in the back means you are a widow or a waitress.

So until next year, PROST!!!!



Who Doesn't Love a Sunset?

The one thing veteran sailors and newbies alike love, is sailing at sunset. There is nothing quite like watching the sun set over Lake Ontario as the sky turns to a red, orange hue. Some might even get lucky and see that mythical green flash! Enjoy!





Red Sky at Night, Sailors Delight....



"Red sky night" refers to the saying, "Red sky at night, sailor's delight." This weather folklore, which has scientific validity, suggests that a red sky at sunset predicts fair weather to come, while a red sky at sunrise portends bad weather.

The red color results from Rayleigh scattering, where dust and other particles in the atmosphere scatter blue light, leaving longer wavelengths of red and orange to reach the observer.

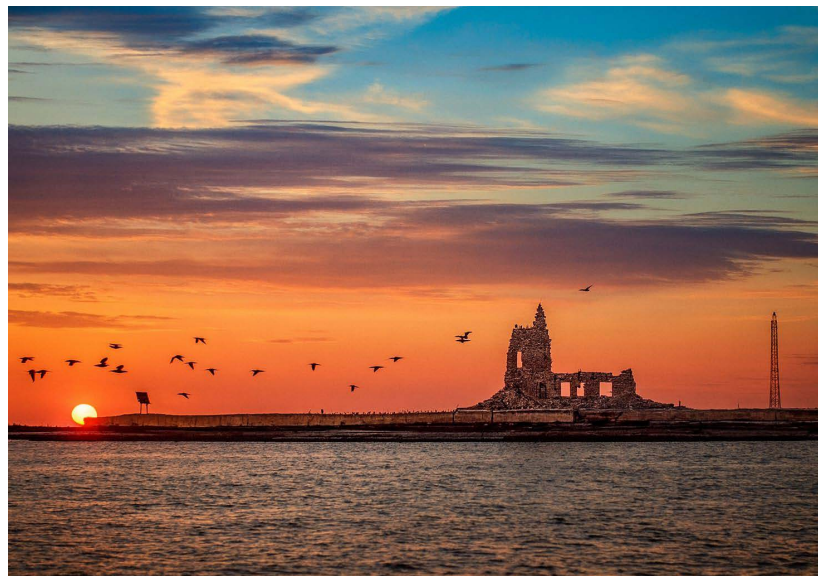
A red sky in the west at sunset suggests that high pressure is approaching from the west, meaning the stable, good weather system is on its way.

...Red Sky in the Morning, Sailors Take Warning!

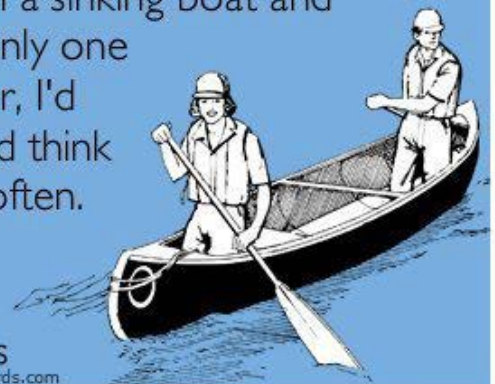
A red sky in the east at sunrise means that high pressure has likely already passed to the east, and a low-pressure system (which brings storms) is potentially on the horizon from the west.

When it is all said and done, our eyes are our very best weather forecasters! So go out there and enjoy those perfect sunrises and sunsets.

Just always look over your back!
You never know...



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