

GYC Journeys



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COMMODORE'S

Corner



I have received a permit for the club to remove the beaver lodge that has appeared in the basin. This permit is valid until 1/15/2027 which should provide ample time to organize a work party to break the lodge down and dispose of the accumulated sticks and mud. There are no restrictions to how that is done and members can direct any questions or concerns from the public to the permit posted on the bulletin board.

As far as the beavers are concerned, we are not permitted to contract or perform humane trapping and relocation to a release site. Due to DEC concerns regarding disease, and putting stress on existing beaver populations, trap & euthanize or other lethal methods are the only eradication controls the permit allows. Decades of research have shown that relocation of these very territorial animals does not work, resulting in starving, fighting and the spreading of diseases. While distressing, it is the only way to resolve this issue

I have set up a process so that phone calls to the GYC clubhouse land line will be set up for call forwarding this summer. The service comes at no additional charge and will ensure that any visitors' calls or inquiries will not go unanswered. Joanne Mudge and Frank Woods have graciously volunteered to respond to those calls and direct the callers accordingly.

This is a fantastic addition to our Club's ability to host guest from visitors seeking to inquire about available docks or to announce their arrival at our club.

With the help of Rich Allen, we have developed a procedure that would enable any capable member to perform the functions of Officer of the Day. Once finalized, this will be posted on the GYC home page as well as the club house.

When coming down to the Club this month and next, be aware of cones set up in the parking lot. Large snowfall this winter and high water levels are causing some runoff issues and areas of the lot are too soggy to drive on. Please try to stay out of any roped off areas for now.



Keeping the Fleet in Sight - Vice Commodore Report

Bob Blakley



Thanks to Rich Allen, we now have a new programmable internet ready thermostat in the Robert Read Room. It has been pre-set, YOU DO NOT SET IT TO HOLD. It automatically resets to 60°F after it has been manually raised.

Please keep an eye out for the updated Volunteer Jobs Listing on sign-up Genius: There are several new items concerning repair to doors and other items. A copy is also posted on the bulletin board and the newsletter below.

We have changed the pickup frequency for Suburban Waste weekly effective 3/13/26. When uncovering your boats, please do not place discarded covers in the dumpster, as this will fill it up too quickly. Please roll up and tie them, then stack near the dumpster.

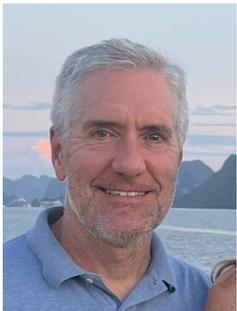
With the skilled labor of Kevin Dudarchik and Mike Toombs I am happy to say we have now completed replacement of all three of the old toilets, and the new ones work GREAT!

As part of my building wide inspection, I noticed that many of the doors were sticking, they have been sprayed with WD-40 and the latches are fine now. We replaced the broken paper towel holder in the kitchen.

A new dredging contract is being drawn up. Permits are in place and we hope to start very soon. As part of the dredging work, the condition of several pilings has come under review. Based on a visual inspection, eight pilings have been determined to be "weak". What this means is that if the weak pilings are broken during dredging, GYC will need to pay for their replacement. The rest of the pilings are fine, and if broken during dredging, our contractor will replace them at their expense. Even if none of the weak pilings are broken during dredging, we will probably look into their replacement in the future.

Guiding Winds from the Stern - Rear Commodore Report

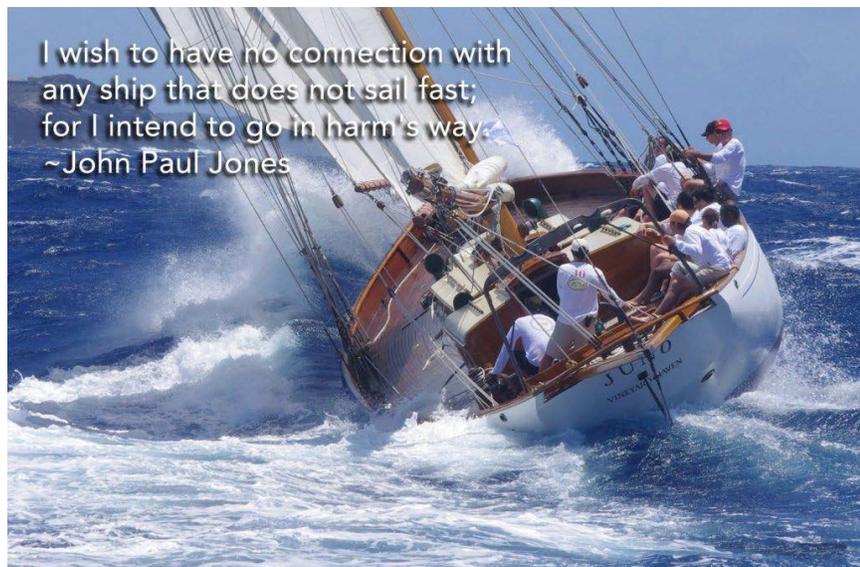
Kevin Reilly



As reported at March's membership meeting, our racing calendar is almost complete: I am waiting on a response from PYC to confirm the date of the GYC-PYC event in June. Once the schedule has been approved, we will publish the Intent to Race notification. Be sure to keep an eye out for this and sign up for this year's racing schedule.

The US Coast Guard Marine Event Form for all GYC events has been submitted and should be accepted without issue..

I am happy to announce that GYC will host the Chris Mancini Memorial Regatta on the first Fall Series Saturday on September 19th. Lisa Smith is the organizer and conducted the first committee meeting in February. She has another committee meeting scheduled for next Tuesday, 10 March at 7PM at the club and hybrid. If anyone wants to help out, please contact Lisa.

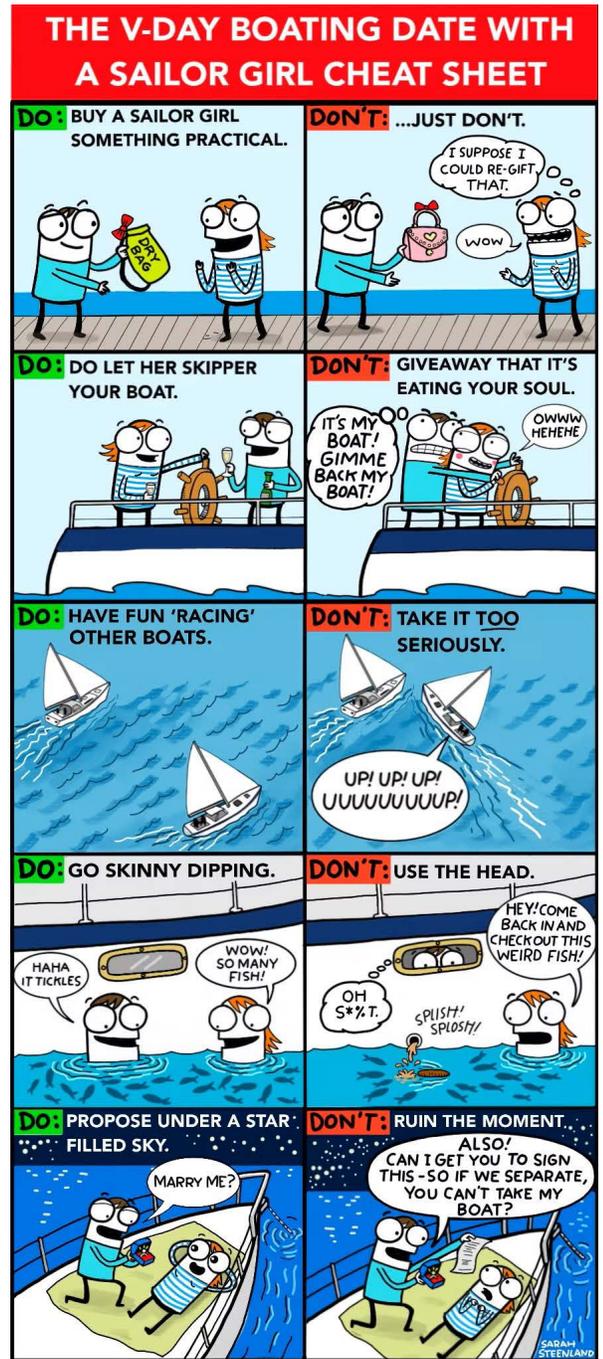


UPCOMING EVENTS AT GYC

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| March 21 | Euchre Tournament |
| April 2 | <i>Strength & Stability for Sailing</i> 6:15pm before meeting |
| April 2 | Membership Meeting |
| April 9 | Executive Board Meeting |
| April 18 | Euchre Tournament |
| April 25 & 26 | Launch Days |
| May 2 & 3 | Launch Days |
| May 9 | Commodore's Reception |
| May 24 | Memorial Weekend Ceremony |

Next Month We Vote On
No votes scheduled

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!!!



2026 EXECUTIVE BOARD

COMMODORE Joel Doyle

VICE-COMMODORE Bob Blakley

REAR-COMMODORE Kevin Reilly

SECRETARY Peggy Braitch

TREASURER Robert Gibson

PAST-COMMODORE Kevin Dudarchik

MEMBER at LARGE Joanne Mudge (2027)

MEMBER at LARGE Frank Woods (2027)

MEMBER at LARGE Terry Pitt (2026)

MEMBER at LARGE Nick Lang (2026)



Lake Ontario Water Level

- Thursday, March 12, 2026 - 244.91ft
- April long term average - 244.98 - 245.93
- Deep water temperature - 39° 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!!!!

TowBoatUS Rochester and Captain Grant Langheinrich stand by to provide assistance in the Rochester boating area 24/7.

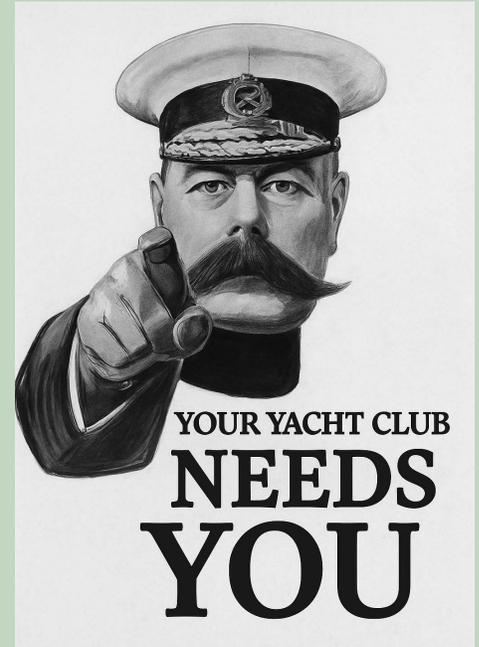
Need a tow in the Rochester area?

Call

Oneida Marine Group, Inc.
Rochester, NY (585) 797-9847



TowBoatU.S.



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.

Start planning your volunteer schedule for our 2026 season!!!!

Reminder—

If you are joining or renewing BoatUS membership, our cooperating Group ID number is:

GA80272Y

First Educational Seminar of 2026 Huge Success

With winter refusing to let go of her icy tentacles, hopeful sailors gathered before GYC's monthly membership meeting for the revival of the monthly educational seminar.

This March, we were fortunate to have Doug Burtner give us a comprehensive review on sail trim. Whether you have years of sailing experience or have just begun, Doug's seminar provided tips and recommendations on proper sail trim, when to reef and what to look for when creating the perfect balance between all of your sails.

Doug had been making, selling and servicing sails since 1998 and has an impressive career in both racing and working in the sail industry. For more information you can access many of Quantum Sails articles and resource files at <https://www.quantumsails.com/en/resources-and-expertise/articles>

/ AT YOUR SERVICE

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THANK YOU!



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To see all of Doug Burtner's Seminar, click below.

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ev8altfSg7PBMQ6GOswRgJ6iyGFQj1eF/edit?slide=id.p1#slide=id.p1>

New 2026 Job Listings is Live

Vice-Commodore Bob Blakley has created a list of various small odd jobs that will need to be addressed at the Club over the next few months. This list will change throughout the year as items that need to be addressed are discovered.

Please check our volunteer job listing post periodically for updates and if you have the time or skills, sign up for some hours to help the Club.

For any questions, please reach out to Bob at blakley.bob51@gmail.com

| | A | B | C | D |
|----|-------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------|
| 1 | Volunteer Jobs Listing | | | |
| 2 | Status | Sign Up Title and Description | Sign up (click link or write in your name) | Contact for More Info |
| 3 | Open | Check dock pedestals for blown lights and bad GFCI's | | Bob Blakley |
| 4 | Open | Repair post in L/H slip | | Bob Blakley |
| 5 | Open | Check Electrical Panel in Shed for repairs req'd | | G. Gleichauf |
| 6 | Open | Utility Room Door: tighten hinges, trim door | | Bob Blakley |
| 7 | Open | Women's Room Door: tighten hinges, trim door | | Bob Blakley |
| 8 | Open | Men's Room Door: tighten hinges, trim door | | Bob Blakley |
| 9 | Open | Robert Read Room Door: tighten hinges, trim door, install third hinge | | Bob Blakley |
| 10 | Open | Attic Stairs- repair bottom step | | Bob Blakley |
| 11 | Open | Womens Room- Fix shower shelf | | Bob Blakley |
| 12 | Open | Womens Room- Fix shower stall bar | | Bob Blakley |
| 13 | Open | Womens Room - Fix tile Toe kick to wall | | Bob Blakley |
| 14 | | | | |
| 15 | | | | |

**Do you have a brand new screwdriver you're just dying to try out?
Want to put those new DIY YouTube skills to the test?
Click below to sign up for one of these ODD JOBS!**

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ev8altfSg7PBMQ6GOswRqJ6iyGFQj1eF/edit?slide=id.p1#slide=id.p1>

Please check the 2025 Directory for Accuracy!

Check your email, phone number, boat name & more!

**If you would like to change something, contact
Craig Roth.**

craigroth5@gmail.com

Directory is online in member's section at

<https://geneseeyc.org/>

ALL CHANGES DUE BEFORE APRIL 1ST

**Think it is time to update your picture for the
2026 Directory?**

**Now is your chance, send a new clean shot to
Craig Roth and he will see that it is included in
the 2026 Directory!**

**Please be sure the picture is clear without a lot
of background clutter.**

Just Catching Up on our New Member Pictures



GYC Provisional Membership Approved



Mike Linser & Rick Traulsen

Active Membership Approved

No Approvals for March

Membership Packet Awarded



Danora Cox



Joe Buzzard

2025 Racing Flag Awards

A number of award flags from the 2025 Cups & Flag Ceremony remain unclaimed at the Club. If you see your name or know the owner stop by and grab them!

- Jeff Strain - Wyndberry
- Dale Ewbank - Poynting Shot
- Paul Stack - Y Not
- Skip Danesi - High Anxiety
- David Kelly - Second Wind
- Dale Van Vechton - Silent Partner II
- Jim Berry - Jaeger
- Joe Buzzard - Aloha
- William Baum - Destiny
- Bob Elliot - Elation



TOURNAMENT

Another successful GYC Euchre Tournament was held in February with 28 members and guests playing for big stakes.

A big shout out to Kathy and Ken Gamet for putting together this great winter event. It is just what we need to shake off the winter doldrums!

Be sure to sign up early for our March 21st and April 18th games before they fill up!



2026 Launch Schedule in the Works

Launch dates are April 25, 26 and May 2, 3. As always, we follow the "last out - first in" standard. The launch schedule will be shared soon.

Note that lake level, extreme weather or restrictions due to dredging operations may change these dates or launch order.

CLOSED FOR THE WINTER



As we get our boats ready for spring, many of us will be disposing of our old and tattered tarps or single use shrink wrap.

Commodore Doyle has asked that if you are going to get rid of your old tarps that you neatly wrap them up (tying them is desirable) and leave them next to the dumpster.

Please, DO NOT throw them in the dumpster so that there is room for regular garbage. The Club will make special arrangements to dispose of used tarps and shrink wrap.

As always, NEVER throw used oil, antifreeze or other harmful chemicals into the dumpster. Voyager Boat Sales has a used oil reclamation barrel to the left of their garage where you can dispose of your old oil. For other chemicals or liquids, please reach out to Club for recommendations for their disposal.



Q Menus



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View only

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| 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3/11/2026 R2 | | | |
| 2 | <h1>2026 Launch Schedule</h1> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | | 4/25/2026 | 4/26/2026 | 5/2/2026 | 5/3/2026 | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | | Saturday | Sunday | Saturday | Sunday | | | | | Voyager | Delayed | | |
| 7 | | Honeymoon | Zepher | Sting | Flicker | | | | | Cosette | La Mer Sonne | | |
| 8 | | True North | Desire | Celtic Fire | True Story | | | | | White Bird | | | |
| 9 | | Moondance | Esperanza | Brandy Brook | Great Escape | | | | | Jackalope | | | |
| 10 | | Rum Runner | La Mer Sonne | Maple Leaf | No Agenda | | | | | My Precious | | | |
| 11 | | Ernie Coleman | Elaine Carter | Silent Partner 1 | Amethyst | | | | | Destiny | Not Launching | | |
| 12 | | Aventura | Y Knot | Trilogy | Monarch | | | | | Griffen | Huffy | | |
| 13 | | Vita | High Anxiety | Calyce | Talisman | | | | | Chelsea | Mighty Quinn | | |
| 14 | | Brain Waves | Splash Dance | Real Escape | Destiny (Balm) | | | | | Little Bo | | | |
| 15 | | Sarabande | Elation | Siren II | Vamp | | | | | Free Spirit | | | |
| 16 | | Wizard | Harmony | Aloha | Taliesin | | | | | Water colors | | | |
| 17 | | Wyndberry | | | Rosy | | | | | ESP | | | |
| 18 | | | | | | | | | | Patty J | | | |
| 19 | | Notes: | | | | | | | | Fin & Tonic | | | |
| 20 | | * Order listed is not the order that the boats will be launched | | | | | | | | | Mystic | | |
| 21 | | ** Lake level and dredging operations may impact launch dates | | | | | | | | | Mojo | | |
| 22 | | Voyager launched boats: Please let me know when you are launching so we can manage the space in the yard | | | | | | | | | Coldfront | | |
| 23 | | Questions - Contact John Meagher | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | | Questions - Contact John Meagher | | | | | | | | | | | |

The 2026 GYC launch schedule is now available on the GYC website under the [“Important Announcements”](#) section of the home page. **Please be aware that lake levels and dredging operations may require changes to this schedule.**

If you plan to launch at Voyager, please let me know your date. This information is essential for our yard space planning during the launch preparation season.

Due to number of boats that are currently stored on the hard, yard space is limited. Please be considerate of others when parking.

Additionally, the [“Roles and Responsibilities for Launch/Haul Boat Events”](#) document is available on the members-only page of the GYC website. If you are new to this process, please review it. For those who have participated before, we encourage you to review it as well to stay updated. This is a living document, and we welcome your comments or suggestions.

https://geneseeyc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/GYC-Launch_Haul-Responsibilities_Version1.1.pdf

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out via email or text.

Thanks,

John Meagher
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OUR COMMODORE'S SUNSET CORNER

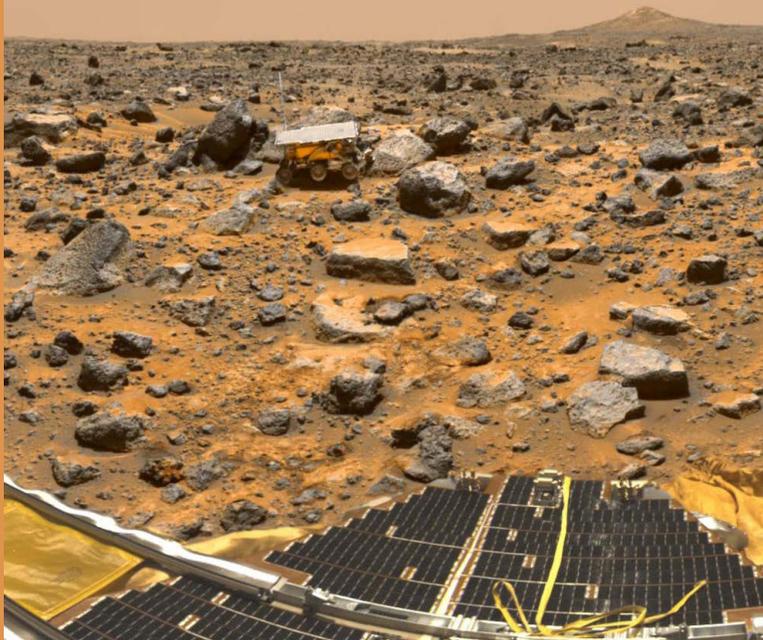
Commodore Joel Doyle just loves a great sunset picture and we're going to dedicate a special corner each month to showcase some of his favorites!

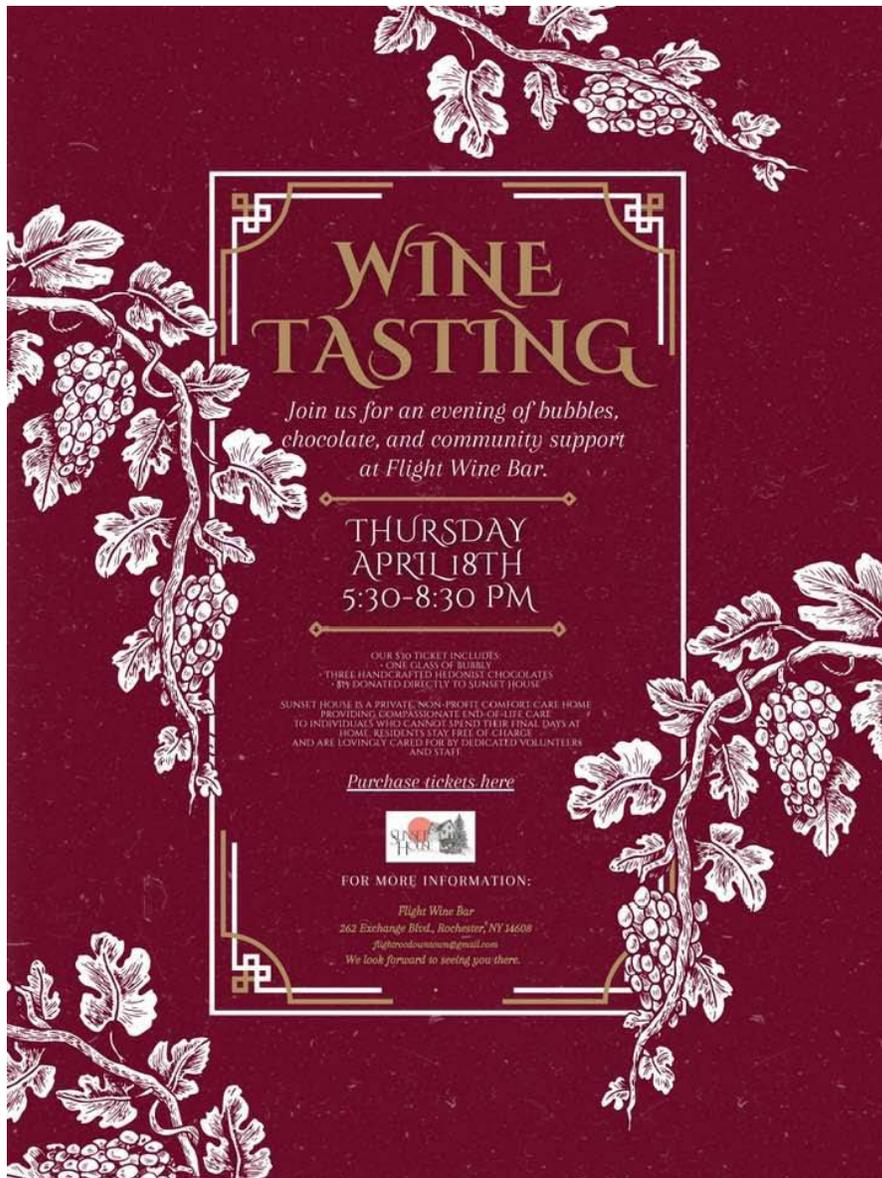
Do you have a favorite sunset picture and want to share with the Commodore?

Send it in, we know how much he loves them!



We reached for the stars this month to give our Commodore some great *'out of this world'* sunsets!!!!





Join us as we begin planning for this year's Sunset House Hospice Regatta. This year, the Regatta will be hosted by the Rochester Yacht Club and GYC will be there in force!

Be sure to mark your calendar for our 2026 Commodore's Reception. Saturday, May 9th at 6:00pm we will be honoring our Commodore and Flag Officers. More details to follow!



BURNING DOWN THE HOUSE!



The annual Chili Cook Off for 2026 is over and we can thank our participants for helping to add the heat and melt all this snow!

This year's event was once again well attended and the chili was just delicious, even the ones WITH beans!!!!we suppose that's a fight for another day.

A special thanks to Kathy Gamet and Skip Danesi for helping to host GYC's rite of passage into spring. Everyone knows that when the chili comes, spring is here!

Congratulations to this year's winners and thank you for some wonderful food and great conversations.



Our Ship's Store Chairman Joe Pasquarell has gone to great lengths to add some new apparel to our GYC collection, including some very nice spring/fall wear for those 'slightly' chilly days!

Stop by our online store and take a look at what we have at <https://geneseeyc.org/ship-store> for more information. You can reach Joe at giuseppe183@gmail.com for information on what we have and prices.



Store Chairman Joe Pasquarell has announced that you can now order various clothing with not only the GYC logo on them but for a small additional fee, he can have your boat's name embroidered on them!

This is a great idea for your 2026 racing crew. For more information, please reach out to Joe.

New 'On The Water' Safety Protocol



Port of Rochester On-the-Water Emergency Card



Emergency or Life-Threatening Injury

1. **Render Assistance/Aid** and proceed to **Transfer Area**
2. **Make Contact:** RC/coaches/spectator boats in the area for assistance via phone or VHS (GYC VHF 71, RYC VHF 69)
3. **Monitor and/or Administer Aid:** RYC committee boat and GYC market boats have AEDs. Coast Guard and Monroe County Marine Unit have first aid.
4. **Vessel: Call for Help & Emergency Medical Services, In this order:**
 - **911** have them notify the Monroe County Marine unit.
 - **Rochester US Coast Guard: VHF #16** (206-815-6891)
 - **RYC 585-342-5511 GYC 585-266-9796** if affiliated
5. **Assign Land Designee:** Proceed to river and meet/direct Emergency vehicles to rendezvous with boat transporting victim and proceed to **Transfer Point**
6. **Transfer:** Injured person transferred to care of **Emergency Medical Services**
7. **Debrief and inform:** Commadore, Regatta Chair, Jr sail director and family of victim.
8. **Complete** a report of the incident and your actions.

Be prepared to tell 911/USCG:

- **Current Location:** Specify specific location of injured person(s)
- **Type of injury/situation** Name, age and number of injured person(s)
- **Description of transporting boat:** If requesting on the water help or coming to shore to transfer point.
- **Designate Transfer Point for Injured person on shore**
- **Transfer point A,B or C . Flip card for map**
- **Contact Information:** your name, call back number, boat name

Doc Sullivan has been working closely with the Rochester Yacht Club, the Coast Guard and Monroe County's Sheriff Department and 911 Center to develop an emergency protocol should a member encounter an emergency on the water.

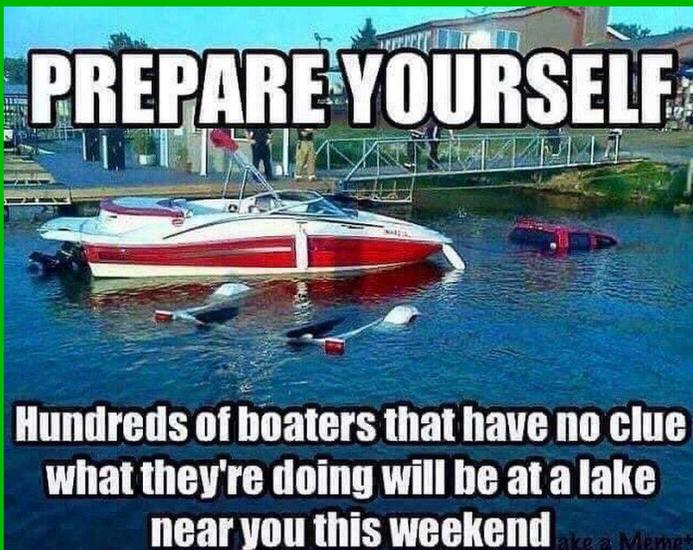
Doc has created an easy step by step list of things the captain of a watercraft will need to do should something happen.

The biggest hurdle was to be sure that all of the different agencies are kept in the loop, knowing that just because someone might call 911, doesn't mean that the Coast Guard or other emergency service will be contacted.

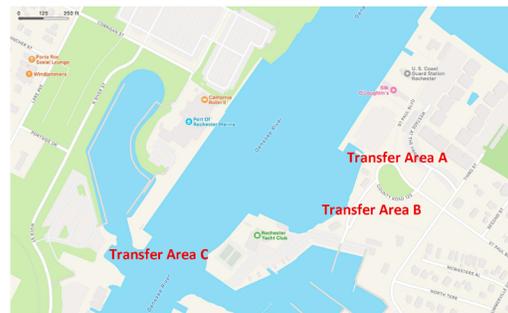
By rendering assistance and immediate first aid, contacting ALL of the listed entities and then heading to one of the designated transfer points, you will greatly improve the odds of a favorable result in treatment!

It is Doc's plan to create an easy to follow laminated card that can be kept on your boat.

More information will follow and once a final version has been approved, we will provide a way to get these out to boaters that want them.



Emergency Transfer Areas



| | Location Name/address | When | How |
|----------|---|-------------------------|--|
| A | County Marine Unit dock 5575 St Paul | For emergency transfer | Pull into docking area |
| B | RYC Junior Sail dock 5555 St Paul Blvd | For emergency transfer | Tie up to floating dock in front of Sailing Center |
| C | Launch Ramp Port of Rochester Marina 1000 N. River St. | Major Trauma or sinking | Proceed to Port launch ramp |

| Emergency Numbers | Organization Contact Numbers |
|--|--|
| 911 | GYC 585-266-9796 |
| US Coast Guard 206-815-6891 | RYC 585-342-5511 |
| County Marine Patrol 585-467-1065 | RYC Waterfront Office 585-342-5511 x4 |
| St. Paul Fire/EMS 585-266-4645 | |

The month of March is finally here and we are just a month (or less) away from launching our boats and enjoying another wonderful summer on Lake Ontario.

As always, spring is a time of hope and excitement. Many have saved over the winter for that special improvement. Others have poured over their manuals, researched online builder blogs or have reached out to fellow owners to get advice and tips on that project that just has to be done.

The best way to have a successful sailing season is to have a plan and follow it. Below are just a few tips and thoughts that other boat owners suggest every spring. Won't be long now!

Helpful Tips for Getting Your Boat Ready in the Spring

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|--|--|
| Set a tentative date for launch | <i>Knowing this date ahead of time will allow you to prepare for all the spring tasks and jobs you want to do before the boat goes into the water.</i> |
| Cleaning | <p><i>A day or two before you remove your tarp, clean off any winter crud or bird droppings. Doing so now will allow it to dry before you remove it</i></p> <p><i>A quick interior cleaning might be in order if you plan on doing major projects in the cabin. No sense in cleaning twice!!!</i></p> <p><i>Go through your boxes and bags and decide what can stay and what can go</i></p> |
| Clutter | <i>Did you use it last year...or the year before? Hmmm....</i> |
| Once all projects are done | <p><i>Start at the bow and work your way back. Use a good cleaner that will attack mold & mildew. Clean the deck, side walls and headers</i></p> <p><i>If equipped with a head, be sure to clean out all the nooks & crannies. Inspect any caulking to be sure it is in good shape.</i></p> <p><i>Use a cleaner on head that conforms with the manufacturer's specifications</i></p> <p>DO NOT USE REGULAR CLEANERS ON PLEXIGLASS OR ISINGLASS!</p> <p><i>It will craze and fog them. Use cleaners made specifically for this material</i></p> <p><i>Many chose to use power washers at low settings to clean top decks</i></p> |
| Clean the topside | <i>Start from top down</i> |
| Clean/Wax hull | <p><i>Depending on the shape of your hull you may need to use a good gelcoat cleaner along with higher levels of polishers and waxes for that mirror finish</i></p> <p><i>There are plenty of DIY sites online that offer great tutorials on cleaning the hull of your boat</i></p> |
| Paint bottom hull | <p><i>When prepping bottom, inspect all through hulls, look for any signs of damage or corrosion such as blisters, cracks between hull and keel, etc.</i></p> |
| Engine | <p><i>Depending on what type of paint you use, you may have to do some light scraping and sanding before applying new bottom paint.</i></p> <p><i>Be sure to leave some extra along with throwaway brush to paint any areas covered by jackstands or cradles at launch</i></p> <p><i>Be sure that fuel tank is full before closing up in the winter</i></p> |
| | <p><i>Doing so eliminates or reduces the amount of condensation that will collect on the insides of your fuel tank</i></p> |
| | <p><i>Many owners choose to change oil in the fall</i></p> |
| | <p><i>Either way, be sure to change oil filters</i></p> <p><i>Check transmission fluid (if applicable)</i></p> <p><i>Check coolant (if applicable)</i></p> <p><i>Check alternator belts for looseness</i></p> |
| | <p><i>Depending on type of engine, keep track of scheduled replacement of spark plugs, rotors, condensers, etc.</i></p> |
| | <p><i>Inspect water pump</i></p> |
| | <p><i>Inspect impellor</i></p> |

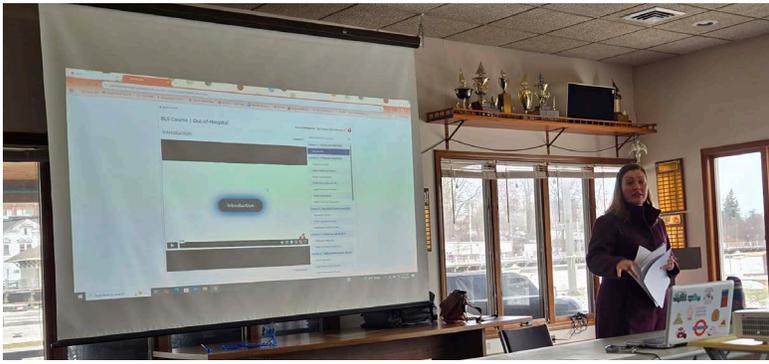


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| | <p><i>Inspect wiring to the engine for frays, burn marks, etc.</i></p> <p><i>Inspect any and all ground wire connections. This is usually the MAIN reason systems will fail to operate or why an engine will fail to start</i></p> <p><i>If equipped, mark down the hours shown on the Hobbs meter for your records</i></p> <p><i>Inspect bilge pump, is it operating, will it draw water out of bilge, are there any leaks in the hoses</i></p> |
| Bilge | |
| | <p><i>Can you attach manual pump to bilge, will that draw water?</i></p> <p><i>If equipped, check internal hoses, hose connections and interior through hulls and seacocks.</i></p> |
| Plumbing | |
| | <p><i>Are seacocks secured, can they withstand getting bumped against, do they open and close easily. Depending on brand you may be able to apply a proper lubricant from the outside. Something like a lithium spray or Super lube on a long dowel while someone on the inside works the seacock. DO NOT USE PETROLEUM BASED GREASES!</i></p> <p><i>Inspect batteries and fill low cells with distilled water</i></p> |
| Electronics | |
| | <p><i>Inspect positive covers, they should be installed to protect against accidental shorting should a metal object fall across both poles</i></p> <p><i>Inspect location where batteries are stored for corrosion, acid damage, etc.</i></p> <p><i>Inspect that batteries are secure and will not fall out or tip should the boat heel or roll unexpectedly</i></p> <p><i>Inspect all cables for frays, burns, cracks, rust or corrosion</i></p> <p><i>Inspect radios and interior equipment</i></p> <p><i>Check interior lights</i></p> <p><i>A good battery terminal protector spray will help</i></p> <p><i>Do they all work, do switches all work</i></p> |
| Battery operated equipment | <p><i>Replace all batteries for handheld radios, flashlights, etc.</i></p> |
| | <p><i>Many remove batteries in the fall and re-install backwards so they won't corrode, be sure battery life is still adequate</i></p> |
| Safety gear | <p><i>Inspect dates on flares</i></p> <p><i>Inspect life jackets</i></p> <p><i>Inspect inflatable jackets</i></p> <p><i>Inspect fire extinguishers</i></p> <p><i>Do you have wooden plugs available for through hulls and a way to hammer them in place</i></p> <p><i>Do you have safety mirrors, whistles, emergency or strobe lights</i></p> <p><i>If you have an EPIRB, be sure its registration is current and battery is current</i></p> <p><i>Check operation of smoke detectors and CO monitors</i></p> <p><i>If applicable, do burners work, are thermocouples clean</i></p> <p><i>If old, keep as back up for boat or personal vehicle, replace old</i></p> <p><i>Be sure there are enough for any and ALL potential crew</i></p> <p><i>Be sure air cartridges are current</i></p> <p><i>Be sure dates are current</i></p> <p><i>Depending on size of boat, have proper amount onboard</i></p> <p><i>Remove extinguishers and shake to be sure internal retardant is not impacted</i></p> |
| Kitchen | <p><i>Is there shutoff for fuel</i></p> <p><i>Is fuel stored outside with proper venting</i></p> |

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| Lifelines | <i>If installed, check all lifelines for corrosion</i> | |
| | <i>Check that all on deck hardware is properly fastened, free of corrosion and installed in a way that will prevent water intrusion into the deck</i> | |
| Cleats, stanchions, pad eyes | <i>Check all mast chainplates above and below decks</i> | <i>Are they free from corrosion and properly installed Is there any water leaking from above that is visible below decks around the chainplates</i> |
| Rigging | <i>Check all shrouds for spurs, corrosion, rust, hooks or kinks in wires</i> | <i>Inspect turnbuckles When in doubt, have a rigger inspect your boat</i> |
| Sails | <i>Look at stitching of sails, check for frays, rips or bare spots</i> | <i>When in doubt call your local sail loft, they can inspect your sails and/or offer a service to store and make any repairs</i> |
| Running Rigging | <i>Inspect all halyards</i> | <i>Are lines free of frays, are ends/shackles free of corrosion Are cleats and clamps in working order</i> |
| | <i>Inspect winches for smooth operation Inspect all sheets, reefing, vang, guy, tacks, clews, etc. Inspect all blocks, shackles, soft shackles, etc. Check all exterior lights</i> | |
| Navigation lights | | <i>Bow port and starboard lights Stern light Steaming light Deck light Anchor light Cockpit lights</i> |
| Navigation equipment | <i>Update any software</i> | |
| | <i>Check compass for accuracy with outside source Be sure any identifications for boat are current, MMSI numbers, registration, documentation, customs clearance numbers, etc. Be sure tracks for main sail are clean of winter debris and crud</i> | |
| Mast/Boom | <i>Be sure boom is clear of any bird nests or winter debris Be sure travelers, boom vangs, boom outhauls, etc. operate smoothly If applicable, inspect roller fuller drums, clean drums and bearings per manufacture's instructions</i> | |
| Topside Safety | <i>Inspect on deck safety gear</i> | <i>Inspect life buoys, horseshoe rings, flotation pads, throw ropes, man over board poles</i> |
| Now go back down and clean the interior!! | | |



GYC Conducts BLS/CPR Training for Members

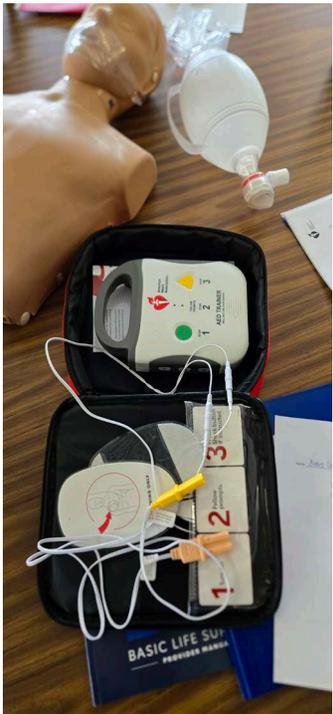


With the purchase of a portable AED for one of the Committee boats, Doug Beaudet set up a series of training classes for Basic Life Support and CPR.

After much research and discussion, Doug determined that the American Heart Association offered the best classes for anyone who has little to no medical training that need first aid, CPR and AED training to meet job requirements.

Participants spend three hours learning basic first life support techniques for CPR and AED use in adults, children and infants with particular emphasis on how sailors should approach safety.

After showing hands-on proficiency and taking a written test, participants become CPR certified for two years.



GYC– SAIL TRIM AND TIPS

Doug Burtner
Quantum Sails



RACING, CRUISING, OR JUST MESSING AROUND...



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NO ONE SAIL CAN DO IT ALL. ADJUST TO MAXIMIZE

Ex. A 150% Furling Genoa that is built to be in 25-30 knots will not make a good light air racing sail.



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PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER: PRACTICE

- Steer with sails
- Set sails – Marks
- Different positions
- Mark Halyards n Sheets
- Reef (try all of them)
- Partially furl
- Set heavy air sails
- Depower full size sails
- Set reaching lead



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A few of the slide pictures that Doug Burtner presented to members at the March meeting. In the hour before the meeting, Doug was able to pack a lot of information and tips for experienced and new sailors alike. Touching on what to look for in your rigging, how or when to reef, sail trim techniques and more, all in attendance took away something.

Check in for more seminars in the months to follow.

March GYC General Membership Meeting Minutes

3/5/26 Membership Meeting (In person and Remote)

Commodore Doyle brought the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

Guest Introductions: No guests were present

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Officer's Reports

Secretary's Report (Pat Pytlak). The minutes of the February 5, 2026 meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report (Bob Gibson) Finances to date for 2026 were reviewed. At least 24 members have not paid their annual dues by the deadline (March membership meeting) as required by the Constitution. Per the constitution, those in arrears will have a 25% fine added to their bill.

Rear Commodore's Report (Kevin Reilly)

1. Racing calendar update: Was due, but I'm waiting on a response from PYC to confirm the date of the GYC-PYC event in June.
2. Race documents: Ready as soon as the Race Calendar is set. Intent to Race notification will follow shortly thereafter.
3. US Coast Guard Marine Event Form for all GYC events has been submitted.
4. Chris Mancini Memorial Regatta will be the first Fall Series Saturday on September 19th. Lisa Smith is the organizer and conducted the first committee meeting in February. She has another committee meeting scheduled for next Tuesday, 10 March at 7PM at the club and hybrid. If anyone wants to help out, please contact Lisa.

Vice Commodore's Report (Bob Blakely)

1. Robert Read Room Thermostat:

Thanks to Rich Allen, we now have a new programmable internet ready thermostat. It is all set, **DO NOT SET IT TO HOLD**. It automatically resets to 60°F after it has been manually raised.

2. Look for the updated Volunteer Jobs Listing on sign-up Genius: There are several new items concerning repair to doors and other items. A copy is also posted on the bulletin board.

3. Suburban Disposal: Pickup frequency changed to weekly effective 3/13/26. When uncovering your boats, please do not place discarded covers in the dumpster, as this will fill it up too quickly. Please roll up and tie them, then stack near the dumpster.

4. Toilet Replacement:

With the skilled labor of Kevin Dudarchik and Mike Toombs, I am happy to say we have now completed replacement of all three of the old toilets, and the new ones work GREAT!

5. Main Door Sticking:

It has been sprayed with WD-40 and latches fine now.

6. Paper Towel Holder-Kitchen

The broken one has been replaced with a new one.

7. Dredging:

The contract is being drawn up. Permits are in place, hope to start very soon.

8. Outer Basin Pilings:

As part of the dredging work, the condition of several pilings has come under review. Based on a visual inspection, 8 pilings have been determined to be “weak”. What this means is that if the weak pilings are broken during dredging, GYC will need to pay for their replacement. The rest of the pilings are fine, and if broken during dredging, our contractor will replace them at their expense. Even if none of the weak pilings are broken during dredging, we will probably look into their replacement in the future.

Commodore's report (Joel Doyle)

1. I have received a permit for the club to remove the beaver lodge that has appeared in the basin. This permit is valid until 1/15/2027 which should provide ample time to organize a work party to break the lodge down and dispose of the accumulated sticks and mud. There are no restrictions to this method and only requires that members involved can direct any on-site inquiries to the permit posted on the bulletin board. As far as the beavers are concerned, we are not permitted to contract or perform humane trapping and relocation to a release site. Due to DEC concerns regarding disease, and putting stress on existing beaver populations, trap & euthanize or other

lethal methods are the only eradication controls the permit allows. I misread the permit and realized it does NOT permit live trap and relocation 😞

2. Phone calls to the GYC clubhouse land line will be set up for call forwarding this summer. The service comes at no additional charge and will ensure that any visitors' calls or inquiries will not go unanswered. Joanne Mudge and Frank Woods have graciously volunteered to respond to those calls and direct the callers accordingly. This was deemed a reliable function to facilitate calls from visitors seeking to inquire about available docks or to announce their arrival at our club.
3. With the help of Rich Allen, I have developed a procedure as below, that would enable any capable member to perform the functions of Officer of the Day. Once finalized, this will be posted on the GYC home page as well as the club house.

GYC Officer of the Day Standard Operating Procedure

Everyone who is on site during the sailing season is encouraged to welcome guests and help them find and get settled into a slip, sign in and get oriented to our club.

GYC members are encouraged to sign out their dock when they are away using the "Dock Sign-out Form" hanging on the entrance bulletin board AND using the [GYC Dock Availability](#) sheet (also see the link on the GYC website visitors page).

Things to know:

1. We are a "First Come, First Served" club - we do not take reservations.
2. When a visitor enters the harbor they can hail the club on VHF 71, please respond and offer to help.
3. Use the "Dock Sign-out Form" and the [GYC Dock Availability](#) sheet to determine if there is an available slip.
4. If there are multiple available docks, please match the arriving boat to a slip which is the best fit leaving larger slips for larger boats.
5. To Be Resolved: Can guests use our haulout slip overnight? Maybe? With rules like - not during race events (cannot block dry-sail), cannot leave the property (in case of drysail needed).

6. A visitor sign-in kiosk is located on the porch. GYC members may unlock the kiosk so that visitors may self sign-in. Leave the kiosk closed and locked when the visitor is done.
7. Once a visitor is signed in, give them a clubhouse key. Keys are hanging in the utility room behind the fireplace. Inform the visitor to return the key to this location when they leave.
8. Tell guests about our club, facilities and nearby stores, restaurants, etc.
 - a. Club: Kitchen, washrooms, Robert Read room with TV and comfortable chairs, WiFi (Password Genesee2017), dock power, ice box
 - b. Restaurants: Murphs, Schooners, RYC
 - c. Takeout: New East Star Chinese
 - d. Grocery: Herrema's
 - e. Marine Supplies: Shumway's and Voyager
 - f. Marine repair services: Shumway's and Voyager
 - g. Fuel and Pump-out: Shumway's
9. If there are questions you cannot answer, refer them to a club officer using the directory (located within the check-in kiosk)

Committee Reports:

Committee Boats (Nick Lang / Matt Sanderson):

Nick Lang reported that work party will be scheduled in April to uncover and recommission the boats. Date TBA.

Community Sailing (Bob Bayley & Jim Kavanaugh)

We will hold our spring organizing meeting at the club on Tuesday, April 14, at 7:00 PM. We encourage both current members and anyone interested in our program to attend.

Constitution & Bylaws (Rick Hibbs)

NO REPORT

Equipment (Larry Sill)

NO REPORT

Gardens (Gunhilde Bachsbaum)

NO REPORT

Cruising (Bill & Faye Towner)

NO REPORT

Dredging (Terry Allen)

NO REPORT

Jr. Sail (Cindy Gleichauf)

NO REPORT

Legal (Pat Pardyjak)

NO REPORT

Yard (Doug Story)

No report

GYC History (Tony Gambacurta)

Health and Safety (Mary Ewbank)

NO REPORT

House (Sandra Wion)

NO REPORT

Reciprocal (Rich Allen)

NO REPORT

Webmaster (Rich Allen)

NO REPORT

OOTD, KITCHEN Chairpersons

Still remain as Open chairs, still seeking volunteers, however the EB officers are making progress on fulfilling these requirements.

Hospice Regatta (Kathy Sebring Gamet)

To be held at Rochester Yacht Club:

8/14 Wine Tasting with live music, 8/15 Regatta and Picnic (Pig Roast)

Commodore Doyle reported per a request from RYC, they also will host the Regatta in 2027 to coincide with their 150th Anniversary. This will shift the alternating years schedule to coincide with GYC's 100th Anniversary.

Launch /Haul (John Meagher)

Launch and haul update.

52 days till the first launch!

Days are clicking off quickly and hoping that you are starting to plan your pre-launch checklist and getting those projects started because before you know it, launch day will be here.

If you're stored on GYC property and launching at Voyager, let me know when you have your launch date.

The up to date launch schedule is posted on the GYC website main page. Please let me know if you have any questions.

LYRA (Doug Burtner):

- The LYRA regatta will be held at a different time this year. End of August instead of End of July.
- Course Races are to be held August 28th - 30th with standard feeder races to be announced soon.
- It will be held at the Etobicoke Yacht Club and will be combined with their annual EYC Open Regatta.

Membership (Craig Roth):

At the last meeting, Richard Traulsen and Michael Linsner became Provisional Members. They were presented with their new member packets. Tyler Beach accepted the packet for Patrick Berl.

The following are changes to our membership:

 Amy Caspar changed to Social Member.

 Jeff Scott has resigned.

Any requested changes to the directory must be sent to Craig by 4/1/26 (such as different phone number, email, new photo, etc.)

SBLR (John Cake):

Tony Gambacurta reported that “I am pleased to announce that John Cake has graciously agreed to chair the Scotch Bonnet Light race. Thank you so much for volunteering to manage this GYC signature event.”

In John's words;

“I am volunteering to chair the Scotch Bonnet Island Light Race.

There are so many reasons I love this race. I have entered nine times and completed seven. Each time I am excited at the start, exhausted at the finish and a week later want to do it again. Each time I learn more about being a sailor and a captain. Each time I experience how a crew will come together and rise to meet the challenge. We need to continue this event so the experience is available to others who want the challenge. Aside from my personal experience, the race is an important part of the legacy and identity of the club. It would be an honor to be the committee chair and

part of a successful 2026 race. For all of these reasons I am looking forward to the responsibility of the chair if you will allow me."

Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18 at 7pm. All previous volunteers as well as anyone interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities are encouraged to attend.

Ship's Store (Joe Pasquarelli)

An email went out recently with photos of some new items available for order. They can be customized with the GYC logo and your boat's name for a small fee. Please contact Joe to order apparel.

Social (Pat Pytlak)

March 7: 5:30 pm Annual Chili Cook-Off! (Danesi/Gamet)

Free admission with a pot of chili, others \$7.00 each, children 12 and under are free. BYOB.

March 21: 5:30 pm Euchre Tournament: (Kathy Gamet) Starts with potluck dinner at 5:30 pm/BYOB and dish to share. \$10 per person to play, bring quarters for tinks.

April 2: 6:15 pm Educational Program (Before the meeting)

Julie McCormick. "Strength and Stability for Sailing"

April 18: 5:30 pm Euchre Tournament. (Same as above)

May 9: 6:00 pm Commodore's Reception. Honor our Flag Officers for their hard work throughout the year.

May 24 (Sunday) 11:30 am Memorial Weekend Ceremony, 1:00 Fleet Review, and 2:30 Picnic.

To schedule a Club Social event or reserve the room for a private event, please contact me 585-752-9998

WSI:

Julie McCormick is pleased to announce that Julie Traulsen has agreed to co-chair the event with her. Julie McCormick has created a brief job description incorporating many of the guidelines and necessary tasks:

"The Chairperson of the Women Skipper Invitational (WSI) Committee leads the planning and execution of one of Genesee Yacht Club's most celebrated annual events. The WSI Regatta is a long standing 40-year tradition that promotes empowering women on the water, promoting the sport of sailing, offering a welcoming atmosphere in leadership, mentorship, education, safety and especially FUN on the

water. With a woman at the helm, all sailors are welcome. The Chair provides vision, coordination, and oversight to ensure the regatta runs smoothly from early planning meetings through awards presentation.”

Darbbie Thomas reported that we will once again raise \$400 for the regatta by providing volunteers for the Fleet Feet Flower City Marathon on Sunday, April 26. A sign-up sheet was circulated. Please contact Darbbie if you are able to help. The volunteers usually have a fun time encouraging the runners with cowbells, horns, and cheers.

Old Business: None.

New Business

1. Emergency Action Plan

Rick Sullivan reported that he and several others have been working with local authorities and first responders to develop an organized plan that all local boaters can use to effectively deal with and summon appropriate help in case of a serious medical emergency while on the water, such as heart attack, stroke, head injury, near drowning, or severe bleeding.

Dr. Sullivan emphasized that in a medical emergency, time is of the essence. In the case of an event during a race, the victim should be transferred to the Mark set boat as soon as possible for rapid transfer to shore. In many cases, transporting by sailboat will be too slow to save a life.

Rick reviewed a draft version of laminated cards that will be available soon containing essential information that can be posted on all boats.

The Plan includes the order of steps to follow should you or someone on your boat suffer a medical emergency, necessary phone numbers, and the addresses of the best places to bring a victim in order to ensure the most expeditious transfer to Emergency Medical providers and appropriate care. The addresses are needed so EMS will know where to wait for you and were selected for their accessibility for both the boat and the emergency vehicles, as well as ability to transfer an injured person to shore.

These steps, in addition to the availability of an AED on the Mark set boat, and recent training of members in CPR, will improve the chances for successful recovery.

(The CPR classes at GYC are full, however classes are widely available in the community. Fire Departments and Ambulance Corps are good places to try).

2. Bob Elliott thanked John Meagher, Tony Gambacurta, and Bill Thompson for their help putting his boat away last fall, when he was experiencing some challenges that made it difficult for him to carry out the job. He noted that this is a great example of “The GYC Spirit” of helping each other.

3. RYC invited anyone who is interested to attend their event on March 18 “The History of Women in Sailing”. The event is free, and there will be a meet and greet opportunity following the program

- 50/50 Raffle: Rick Traulsen won!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted, Pat Pytlak

