

## AYC The Bow Wave - October, 2018

### Mark Your Calendar:

- Fall Yard Clean-up – Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. – this event is mandatory for all Senior Members
- Haul Out – **FRIDAY** and Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>
- All remaining boats must be removed from AYC Docks by Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>
- Dock Party – Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>
- Annual General Meeting – Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm
- Xmas Kids' Party – Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30 pm: lunch, activities, and a Christmas movie
- Wine & Cheese – Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 pm

### Work Hours – Final Report

A final Work Hours Report will be posted at the end of October. The Dock Party on October 27<sup>th</sup> is your final opportunity to earn work hours this season. There will be no exceptions and anyone who is deficient will be billed. In the meantime, the updated work hours report has been posted on the Members' page of the website at [www.AYC.ca](http://www.AYC.ca). A hard copy has been posted on the board at the Club. Should there be any discrepancies please directly contact the Board member responsible for reporting those hours.

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- Lunch and refreshments to follow

### Haul Out

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- The preliminary yard layout for this winter is now available on the AYC website at [www.AYC.ca](http://www.AYC.ca) and on the Board at the Club
- Please consult the layout to confirm that you have storage at AYC and to confirm your haul out date
- You must be present on the day your boat is hauled out and remain all day to assist other members
- Can't make it on your date? You must find an able-bodied person to replace you who is not also hauling out that day so that our total number of workers remains constant
- Please Please Please store your mast on the smaller west rack in front of the lockers if it will fit; we are out of space on the larger rack

### Treasurer's Report, Keith Whalen

I want to thank Senior Member Christine Montag for her support in setting up the new accounting system. We are in the home stretch and should have everything in order by month's end. Currently, your Audit Committee is reviewing the accounts in preparation for the AGM in November.

Recent financial highlights:

- In September, the Club was hit with a rather large Water bill of \$3,800. This was not because people were washing their boats or that we had a lot of pump outs. What we did have is two water blow outs. The waterline that runs along the dock disconnected

on two different occasions and in two different places. Although members and our dock master were quick to respond we ended up pumping more than 650 cubic meters of fresh clean water into the basin. I think moving forward, we need to look at the age, design and potential weak points in the system to avoid these types of incidents in the future. I have placed a call to the City to see if there can be any adjustments.

- We had two awesome Socials over the summer. The result was a net loss of about \$550 for the two events.
- Happy to report that the "Ice Fund" has gone AC/DC: it's "Back in Black"! Thank you for your diligence in paying on time.
- I also want to point out that we have received about \$200 in donations from reciprocal members who enjoyed their stay. Thanks to Ken and Dan for encouraging such actions.
- You may notice that we have an extra parking spot in the lot. Thanks to Greg Shears and Dan Peel for their recycling efforts for the old yellow fork lift. The club was able to convert it into \$1,000. This will help in getting some new tools and a cover for the new blue.... "Billy Bob".... tractor... at least that's what I call it, based on our traditional drivers.

I will be proposing the following at our November AGM:

- Eliminate the \$30 Social Fee
- Increase Senior Dues from \$500 to \$600 - Senior Member would get 1 ticket to Sailpast
- Eliminate the "Associate Member former Senior Member" and make it one "Associate Member"
- Increase Associate Membership fee from \$200 to \$250
- Increase square foot charge for Summer Moorings by \$0.10 per square foot in each of the next five years. This will increase it from current level of \$1.30 to \$1.80 in five years. Well below market rates!
- Increase Winter Storage square foot charge by \$0.10 square foot in each of the next five years. This will increase it from current level of \$1.50 to \$2.00 in five years. Well below market rates!... just ask those that are storing elsewhere!

Other than that, I look forward to the AGM, the results of the Audit Committee. I want to thank each and every board member for their support, and the care and diligence they have brought to executing their duties.

### **Cormorants in Toronto**

Double-crested Cormorants are a species native to the Great Lakes, but whose population was nearly extirpated (local extinction) in the latter part of the 20th century. As such, their dramatic population recovery in Toronto since 1990 is often perceived as a non-native invasion. Tommy Thompson Park is home to the largest breeding colony of Double-crested Cormorants in North America, with 14,500 nests recorded in June 2018. With 2 adults per nest, an average of 2 chicks per nest, plus non-breeding adults and juveniles from 2017, our current population estimate is about 60,000 to 70,000 individuals.

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