



BOW WAVE

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Commodore's Report

It shouldn't surprise me; yet it still does, how much this Club of ours can accomplish in a very short time. In just the past few weeks we have held our Spring General Meeting, had two very successful dock work parties, launched all the boats and then wrapped everything up with another extraordinary Spring Yard Clean-up work effort. And then, while all this community effort was going on; everyone found the time to paint, sand, wax and otherwise prepare their own boats for launch. Quite a group of accomplishments that I hope all our members are extremely proud of.

Once again the volunteer spirit of AYC was called upon many times and always the calls were cheerfully answered. Thank you for this willingness to pitch in when the Club calls.

The Spring General Meeting was once again well attended. The motion to allow your Board to proceed with the purchase of a tractor/forklift for moving cradles was unanimously passed and the Board will decide what to procure during the next few months.

It was determined that members were not in favor of charging a fee to tow boats that would not start to and from their docks during Spring launch and Fall haul out. For your information on this issue; there were twelve boats that needed a tow during launch.

I would be remiss if I did not comment on the terrific job everyone did on Yard Clean-up day. A tremendous amount of work was accomplished with no accidents and a look around the yard and the docks should make everyone proud of their contribution. Again, "Thanks" to all of you and particularly to those who organized things so well. And again, of course, to those who served the food at all these functions. Couldn't do it without you.

We have been fortunate on two of the aforementioned occasions to be allowed to park at HMCS York. This is a real boon to our Club and appropriate Thanks have been forwarded to those in charge across the basin.

Sailpast is close on the horizon and thus I hope that all AYC members will be in attendance. This is our premier event of the Season and is all about paying tribute and respect to the Alexandra Yacht Club and it's long history. Sandy Murray and his team have worked hard to come up with a venue that is sure to please everyone's taste. Sign up sheets are in the Club lobby. As your Commodore still has not found a new boat; the salute will be received aboard Vice Commodore Gardner's boat "ET".

Any member (Senior or Associate) who does not have a boat and would like to attend Sailpast, should sign up and attend. There are always members with boats who will welcome you aboard for the on water activities.

That's about it for now. I wish each of you a very happy and safe boating season. See you at AYC. ♦

Ron Tyson, Commodore

Vice Commodore's Report

Launch and Yard Clean-up went very smoothly, I would like to thank everyone for working together and doing a great job.

I would also like to thank the people and the club who provided us with a great lunch.

The Dumpster has been put in the northeast corner of the yard in preparation for Bill McLean and his Weed Warriors.

You are responsible for putting in 16 hours work at the club. Half of this is done by attending the mandatory Spring and Fall Yard Cleanups. This leaves only another 8 hours work. If you sign up for Maintenance Week and complete all the tasks listed you will receive another 4 hours. This leaves only 4 hours more work to complete your minimum 16-hour commitment. To acquire these

work hours please check the bulletin board for job postings that will give you credited work hours. Please put your name on your gas container and store it in the gas can lockup cage. If you have any old gas cans in there that are not being used, please remove them and make room for others.

I would like to remind everyone that they must pay for yard storage before July 31 as per the By-laws. Failure to pay by this date will result in losing your position in the yard storage layout. You will then be placed at the bottom of the waiting list.

Sailpast is just around the corner and we will have to finish off all our interlock brick work. We will have to remove all the screening material from the lawn area and re-seed that area. Please sign up for the work party on Sat., May 24th weekend.

Have a happy and safe sailing season and remember when on holidays please be considerate and park your car at the south end of the lot away from the high use areas where people are loading and unloading. ♦

David Gardner, Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore's Report

A lot of effort went into the mooring work parties of April 12 and 19. Anchors and chains were adjusted, power pedestals were installed, water service was hooked up, and a number of other small tasks were completed. On behalf of the club, thanks goes out to all who participated. Thanks also to those members who cooked and served up lunch after the work was completed.

The anchoring chains were deliberately left looser than usual in anticipation of a further rise in the water level. As a result, the main dock is not very straight and all the docks may feel a little unstable when you walk on them. The water level is probably near its peak and the chains will be tightened before the end of May.

In the meantime, if you feel that the finger alongside your boat has too much lateral swing, you may consider shortening the two end chains now. Pull these chains tight and re-attach the shackles about one foot above the point where they emerge from the jet-float nipples. ♦

Bill McLean, Rear Commodore

Treasurer's Report

It seems like the Summer invoices have just been paid and the boats just "hit" the water and I'm already thinking of getting the Winter invoices out. Such is the (fast) pace of life. Look for your Winter Storage invoices at the end of June and arrange to pay them before July 31. This will give the Yardmaster a good start on the yard layout and determine which boats can be stored based on a priority formula.

Hopefully we will get some good sailing weather soon! Happy boating. ♦

Joe Koole, Treasurer

House Director's Report

A sincere "Thank you" to all the members who showed up to yard clean-up and doing such a super job at the club. The club house, in particular, needed a complete scrubbing after the concrete dust from the work involved with installing a new drain the women's shower spread throughout the washrooms and lobby areas. By noon the clubhouse looked great.

Also, I'd like to thank those members who have had various types of gatherings with friends or family for cleaning up the lounge area and leaving it in as good or better shape than you found it.

We have a cleaner, Lisa, who spends about 5 hours every Tuesday (from May to November) completing a general clean up of the clubhouse including washrooms, lobby, kitchen and lounge areas. If you happen to see Lisa, say "Hello" and let's all do our part to not leave her any extra work.

If you happen to notice anything that requires repair around the clubhouse, please let me know. I will arrange to have it done or perhaps provide work hours if you are able to do the work. Please check with me first. Thank you. ♦

Paul Kirby, House Director

Social Director's Report

A new season for 2008 is well under way. Preparations are on track for the Sailpast happening on June 14th. A sign up sheet for tickets is located beside the bulletin board at the Club. Please place payment (cheque to AYC preferred) in envelope provided, add your name,

number of tickets, amount enclosed, and deposit through mail slot in office door. Tickets for Sailpast are as follows:

- A maximum of two tickets per member at a cost of \$20.00 each.
- Guests \$20.00 per ticket, children (under 12) \$10.00.

This year's Sailpast is a one day event. June 14th has all the pomp and circumstance as in years past and in the evening we will be entertained by GO FREDDIE GO band.

Sign up sheets will be posted at the Club for the various tasks that need to be filled for Sailpast. This is a trouble-free way to help with your work hour requirements.

Keep checking the events board for new and upcoming happenings. ♦

Sandy Murray, Social Director

Membership Director's Report

I hope that you all have been working hard to get you boats ready for another great season of boating.

As far as membership goes, things are pretty much status quo since the AGM. We are at full capacity! It is of no surprise to me but the waiting list is getting longer. Whatever we are doing keep up the good work and if you see a new face on the docks make certain that you take the time to say hi and make them feel welcome!

The first long weekend of the season will be here and gone I know that I will be enjoying our club!

Happy boating! ♦

Kevin Tapping, Membership Director

Communications Director's Report

The Wi-Fi Range Extender has been configured and installed on the most northerly pedestal on the main dock. If it shows two blue lights all is well.

I wish to express thanks to the members who have submitted articles to Bow Wave and provided photos for the website. Have a great boating season! ♦

Bruce Buttimore, Communications Director

Fleet Captain's Report

The race season has begun. We have 17 senior members who have signed up to race. With a club of 100 members I think it's fair to say that we have strong participation. New racers are always welcome. Feel free to contact me if you're interested in: good times; post race bbq's; healthy competition with fellow AYC members; a great excuse to get on the water once a week.

The NYC has graciously volunteered their committee boat again this year. It's great to see the NYC's larger race program willing to help bring ours along. Gestures like these prove we are good neighbours. AYC racers, please let the NYC racers know how appreciative we are of them. Do what you can to return the favor. Perhaps frequent the NYC for a dinner once in a while.

Finally, let me remind the AYC racers of what I would like to see on our race nights. We should all come out for some healthy competition and good times among fellow AYC members. Know the rules, and sail by them. The more you "know" them, the more fun you'll have on the water. When you know what can and can't be done by the rules set out in ISAF, you can spend the rest of your night enjoying the outcome; rather than wondering if you were in the way.

See you Thursday night. ♦

Matt Filleti, Fleet Captain

Poltalloch

On August 14, 2007 I had my crew cast off diverse lines from the mighty Poltalloch. On the bridge I fired up the massive Westerbeke; and small bits of black impeller rubber shot out of the exhaust.

Thus cleared of this detritus the giant engine relaxed into its normal hammering mode. I slipped her into Forward Propulsion; and we were off. Almost off. My crew had not noticed that we also had a spring line. This oversight was expertly dealt with following a sharp command from the bridge; and we were on our way.

We were immediately challenged by the bowsprits and looming sterns of many poorly moored rag boats. I reached for the stern thrusters and the bow thrusters. They must have been stolen over the winter; and so I had to manually steer the boat into the fairway. We were on our way.

We were immediately menaced by a pair of Mute Swans with a couple of particularly dense babies in tow. With incredible bravery, sensitivity and skill I manoeuvred past these beasts and into a vast floating mass of seaweed, superfine latex material and decomposing fish quite near the navy yard. The Poltalloch knifed through this hazard and headed for the seawall gap. On my first attempt to pass this Scylla and Charybdis I astutely observed a 47 foot sailing machine steaming right into the gap at 30 knots. In a sportsmanlike manner - and knowing my place - I threw the Poltalloch into what the Poltalloch thinks of as reverse but which is really a sort of sideways to port and slightly backwards movement at less than one knot. Even so the monstrous white hulk slipped past us unscathed; but not before I had sent a round across its bow just to get its attention.

On passing through the gap we were confronted by ten foot seas; and after beating toward the channel for about an hour we entered that calm place, and were immediately surrounded by 17 vessels of all shapes and sizes. They came at us from all directions. A huge yacht from Oswego plowed along making a 12 foot wake.

We turned into this tsunami and nearly took out a Personal Watercraft that emerged on top of the wave. Just to the lee of the PWC there was a police boat, three small sailboats driven by 4 year olds, a kayak, two canoes, a couple of swimmers; and finally the Island Ferry.

I blew my horns, rang my bell, closed my eyes; and just drove straight ahead.

We cleared the inner entrance to the Western Gap and found ourselves on the wrong side of Lisa's buoys. We were relieved to note that Lisa had taken down the sign that offered a \$10,000 fine. The only punishment now was the risk of disappointing Lisa, and possible decapitation from low flying aircraft.

So I threw my giant gas boat to port; and, on looking up from the controls observed the Oriole bearing down on the William Inglis which was, in turn, bearing down on us. I scurried back into Lisa's comfortable sanctuary; but had to duck smartly as a Q400 screamed into the Island Airport Park. This was so unnerving that I decided to head, at high speed (7 knots) for Hanlan's point. So we tied up inside the Ferry dock and went ashore to look for Bluegray Gnatcatchers in the Poplar trees. After a brief

walk and a picnic we came upon a horde of buff fellows, totally starkers, kicking sand in each others faces; and so we rushed back to the boat and decided that this was enough adventuring for one afternoon.

Andrew Malcolm

MISSING? (well, yes) ...

REWARD? (well, no, but thanks will be extended)

A couple of Club articles have gone missing. If anyone knows / remembers where these items might be, please let us know or return them to the Club.

..... The motor for the weed conveyor. This went astray last year and is needed to make the weed conveyor usable. It is an electric motor with a rod welded to it for mounting on the conveyor.

..... The bench saw that was under the table in the work room. This saw was there until last Fall. The saw was donated to AYC by Denis Gibson and belongs to the Club.

..... There was a box of assorted Brass Fittings (quite valuable) in the work room. These were donated to AYC by Gerry Kuter but have now gone missing as well.

Please help shed some light on these missing items.

AYC Events 2008

Sailpast - Sat Jun 14

**Almost Around the Island Race
Sat Aug 2**

**Cruise to Whitby Yacht Club
Sat Aug 9**

Haul Out - Oct 25-26