



BOW WAVE

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Commodore's Report

Wow!! Sailpast was a fabulous occasion. We enjoyed great weather, a wonderful turnout of members and guests, great food, and music that had most everyone up dancing. The on water fleet Sail by was one of the best I have been part of. The boats were nicely lined up as they went by and all the crews looked well turned out. I saw boats taking the salute that had not been off the dock in many years. Congrats to our fleet.

Thanks to those who executed a flawless Flag raising and to Brian Iler for a very moving and well thought out toast to AYC and our members.

How does one go about thanking all those who planned and worked so diligently to make this day such a huge success? I suppose we simply offer a most heartfelt "Thank You".

There were so many members who worked very very hard to make this day such a special event. The work began weeks before our chosen date and continued on to the following morning when the clean-up crews took over. Our members can accomplish amazing feats.

Sailpast again this year was the chosen forum to present the Sam Ball Award for outstanding service to The Alexandra Yacht Club. The 2008 recipient of this special award was our club treasurer Joseph Koole. Joe was the unanimous choice of the nominating committee and surely was most deserved for his many years of commitment to, and accomplishments for, our club. "Congratulations Joe."

A plaque commemorating the Ayc's 100th anniversary (1906 – 2006) was unveiled this day and will be mounted on a suitable stone base on the Club's front lawn. Rear Commodore Bill McLean undertook this project and we owe him a debt of gratitude for getting this project accomplished in time for Sailpast.

On a different topic; Work Hours are being posted on a regular basis on the Bulletin Board. A minimum of 16

hours is required. Watch for opportunities to get your hours in.

Please note the work hour contributions of Joint Members, Associate Members and Friends of AYC. These are all people who are not required to put in work hours but choose to do so to help our Club.

Recently we requested articles for Bow Wave from our membership. Last issue Andrew Malcolm responded with an amusing tale of a deep sea voyage aboard his personal liner. Thanks Andrew. We need more of these personal interest stories from the Membership. Surely you must get bored reading just the Boards reports??

Welcome to Rick Martell, Hillary Cunningham and Ken Daisley who have most recently joined AYC as Senior Members.

Rick has been a visitor to AYC in the past and thus once he purchased a boat decided that AYC should be home.

Hillary has been an Associate members for several years now and has been actively racing with our Club as well as putting in a considerable amount of volunteer work hours and supporting most of our social events.

Ken too has been a consistent social supporter and has in the past volunteered his time by helping with diving duty around our docks. Welcome to all of you.

Am I forgetting something important to put in here? Probably; but surely you can forgive if I have forgotten. Have a great and safe boating Summer. ♦

Ron Tyson, Commodore

Vice Commodore's Report

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 loosing your position in

the yard storage layout. You will then be placed at the bottom of the waiting list.

Have a happy and safe 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

Anyone who has walked out to their boat in the past few days will have noticed the new green skids under the main dock ramp. These skids have been installed to eliminate wear and tear on the jet-floats and to prevent the ramp from slipping from side to side. The design of the skids originated with Rainer Goeller and they were manufactured by Martin Malthouse who gifted them, complete with specially machined fastening hardware, to the club.

Both of these members must be commended for their fine work on this project. Martin, it should be noted, has manufactured and donated many other high quality items in the past, including our outdoor portable fireplace, and the tools used to affix nuts and nipples on our docking system. And, one has only to glance around at our landscaping architecture to gain an appreciation of the planning, design and coordination contributions made by Rainer over the past couple of years – and he's not done yet. Very shortly, you will see two new outdoor lights installed, one on either side of the main dock access ramp. So, if have the opportunity, let these fine gentlemen know that their generous contributions of time and materials are very much appreciated.

Almost all of the anchor chains have been tightened at least once and the docks should now feel firmer to walk on. However, if your slip still feels wobbly, you could adjust the two chains at the far end of your slip. Pull each chain up as much as you can and refasten the shackle to the third or fourth link from the top of the galvanized nipple. Watch the bulletin board for future mooring work parties. As the water level drops, further chain adjustments on the main docks will be made. There are also a number of damaged jet-floats which have to be replaced.

Nobody seems to know the source of the green algae or scum floating around our basin. It is rather unattractive and has made the water somewhat murky. This may be a blessing in disguise since the growth of water plants appears to have been slowed down and there are virtually no "prop-chop" mounds floating around yet.

"Weed warrior" sign-up sheets have been posted on the bulletin board and members are encouraged to grab a wheel-barrow and tools and pull debris out of the water along the docks and slips whenever there is a buildup. Dump any collected debris near the dumpster to dry out and be sure to record your hours. Hopefully, we will have the conveyer mechanism working soon since the worst times for floating garbage and weeds are yet to come. ♦

Bill McLean, Rear Commodore

Treasurer's Report

The Winter invoices were sent out on July 4 by Anton. If you have not received your invoice when you read this report (and you want to store your boat at AYC) please contact me. Those not storing should also reply/advise promptly to help with the yard layout planning.

Please note that all payments are to be dropped off or mailed to the club. The due date is July 31 and any late payments will be subject to the 5% penalty.

There is a clause in the invoice with respect to late payments after September 28 whereby your membership will be suspended that does not apply. Please disregard.

Good Sailing. ♦

Joe Koole, Treasurer

House Director's Report

The Club House has been hopping this past month or more with members and guests. It's great to see so many take advantage of the wonderful facilities in "our" home.

It is "ours" to use and with that use comes a cooperative sharing of the common areas especially our kitchen. We never know how many will be at the club on any given day. Special events in the area i.e. fireworks, often attract many more members with their guests. On these occasions especially, it is important to remember that the club house space and facilities are to be shared. No one group should dominate any particular area of the clubhouse or facilities – BBQs, lounge or the small kitchen.

May I suggest some tips when having guests down for dinner:

- Limit the number of your group who are in the kitchen at any one time.

- Prepare as much as possible before arriving at the club and encourage guest to do the same.
- Serve foods that are easy to prepare so as not to tie up the cooking areas – BBQs, stove.
- Use the outside sink if possible.

In a spirit of cooperative living when at AYC remember to:

- Leave the common areas clean for the next group (it may be yours).
- Scrape or brush the BBQs after use.
- Pets should be kept away from eating areas and common walkways.

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

Membership Director's Report

Hi Everyone:

This is just a quick update. Our membership is still at capacity. We are still getting a lot of interest in our club. This is due to word of mouth from our membership. Obviously we must enjoy our club!

I hope that you all have a great summer and enjoy your vacations. ♦

Kevin Tapping, Membership Director

Communication Director's Report

Glad to see we are getting more member input to the Bow Wave. Next Bow Wave deadline is Sep 7th.

Wishing everyone a great summer. ♦

Bruce Buttimore, Communications Director

Fleet Captain's Report

The race season is well underway. Our spring series has been completed and the results for the races can be

found on the AYC webpage thanks to Bruce Buttimore and Jeff Blundell.

We have had a competitive and fun series with as many as 14 boats coming out a night. The post race bbq takes place after each Thurs. night race. All AYC club members are welcome to attend. We have excellent burgers, sausages and beers, for \$2.50 each. The proceeds are used to support the AYC race program. Even if you don't race we would appreciate seeing you at the BBQ, and will gladly exchange your money for our food.

There are 2 events I want to promote. The first event is the Almost Around the Island Race. It takes place on Sat. Aug. 2. There is a sign up sheet on the board. The winner will have their name engraved on the trophy in the trophy case. Anyone can enter the race. All entries will be supplied with a complimentary breakfast before the race. Please sign up as soon as possible.

The second event is a cruise to the Whitby Yacht Club. The weekend will be Sat. Aug. 9 – 10. I haven't organized a cruise for a while. Lets make this one a great success. There will be prizes awarded at WYC and I'll organize a games night while we are there. Participation is not mandatory but it sure would make things fun. Please sign up on the board. ♦

Matt Filleti, Fleet Captain

Boat Denaming Ceremony

The following is taken from John Vigor's Interdenominational Boat Denaming Ceremony from his book, "How to Rename Your Boat...".

Such a ceremony should consist of five parts: an invocation, an expression of gratitude, a supplication, a re-dedication and a libation.

First, you must remove all physical traces of the boat's old name, including log books and any papers that bear the old name. Check for offending books and charts with the name inscribed. Be ruthless. Sand away the old name from lifebouys, transom, topside, dinghy, oars. Yes, sand it away - painting over is not good enough. You are dealing with the gods here, not mere dumb mortals. If the old name is carved or etched, remove it or at the minimum fill it with putty and then paint over. And don't place the new name anywhere on the boat before the denaming ceremony is carried out - that is just tempting fate.

How you conduct the ceremony depends entirely on you. If you are the theatrical type and enjoy appearing in public in your yacht club blazer and skipper's cap you can read it with flair on the foredeck before a gathering of distinguished guests. Otherwise, if you find this whole business silly and embarrassing, and only go along with it because you are scared to death of what might happen if you don't, you can skulk below down below and mumble it on your own. That's perfectly okay. The main thing is to carry it out. The words must be spoken.

The last part of the ceremony, the libation, must be performed at the bow, just as it is in the naming ceremony. Two things to watch out for here. Don't use cheap-cheap champagne and don't try to keep any for yourself. Use a brew that is reasonably expensive, based on ability to pay, and pour the whole lot on the boat. One of the things the gods despise most is meanness, so don't try to do it on the cheap.

Vigor's Denaming Ceremony

"In the name of all who have sailed aboard this ship in the past, and in the name of all who may sail aboard her in the future, we invoke the ancient gods of the wind and the sea to favour us with their blessings today.

Mighty Neptune, king of all that moves in or on the waves; and mighty Aeolus, guardian of the winds and all that blows before them: we offer our thanks for the protection you have afforded this vessel in the past. We voice our gratitude that she as always found shelter from tempest and storm and enjoyed safe passage to port.

Now, wherefore, we submit this supplication, that the name whereby this vessel has hitherto been known ' _____ ', be struck and removed from your records.

Further, we ask that when she is again presented for blessing with another name, she shall be recognized and she be accorded once again the selfsame privileges she previously enjoyed.

In return for which, we rededicate this vessel to your domain in full knowledge that she shall be subject as always to the immutable laws of the gods of the wind and the sea.

In consequence whereof, and in good faith, we seal this pact with a libation offered according to the hallowed ritual of the sea."

After the boat is denamed, you simply need to rename it using the traditional christening ceremony, preferably with Queen Elizabeth breaking a bottle of champagne on the bow and saying the words:

"I name this ship ' _____ ' and may she bring fair winds and good fortune to all who sail on her."

Submitted by Don Hood

Centennial Plaque



Obituary

It is with great regret we announce that Paul Kirby's mother passed away this May. We extend our sincere condolences to the family.

AYC Events 2008

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

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

**Haul-Out
Oct 25-26**