



# BOW WAVE

Alexandra Yacht Club

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## Commodore's Report

### SPRING FORWARD

What an excellent spring we've had at AYC. Our General Meeting on the 15th of April was a smooth and effective event – we, as a group, accomplished much with little in the way of friction. Then a successful dock party and an even more successful launch – no boats damaged, no one hurt, and finished in record time – was followed by a great yard clean up (sure, the weather for this event wasn't cooperative but there is something that benefits us all in standing under the club house eaves, waiting out a storm together). As a team the AYC membership is a marvel (and the crane crew, for one, will happily attest to this).

Now we are launched and stepped and rigged and ready for good wind and great weather. It is a time to take a deep breath and look around you. What a quiet, happy little club we have. I am reminded of the words of Shakespeare, "we few, we happy few, we band of brothers." The only thing better than being lucky and having good fortune is being lucky and having good fortune – and knowing it.

There are several items I'd like to bring up in this Bow Wave piece, so I'll get right to it.

Our neighbours at NYC have added an extension to their most North and Western dock. It points out toward the metal seawall and has a finger at the end that faces North. There is still well in excess of 60' of shared passage around this new dock, but you should be aware that it is there and take caution on your first few passages in and out of the harbour. We have met with NYC and received their commitment to add no new extensions or create any new docks without notifying both AYC and the HMCS York Naval Base. In addition they have agreed to drop all plans for mooring boats in slips historically allotted to them on the metal seawall. We have notified NYC that we are exploring the

possibility of a westward dock extension into the space that currently houses swing our swing moorings.

In reference to the metal sea wall: NYC is eager to clean up their portion of this wall as it has become something of a dumping ground for boat junk of one sort or another. I urge any AYC members with dinghies or other equipment on this wall to make sure that their property is clearly labelled and not presenting an eyesore of any kind. Cleaning up this seawall will be better for all of us who share this basin, and for our guests.

HMCS York will be hosting an international convoy of Tall Ships in Toronto next summer (they will dock in the inner harbour but various festivities will take place at the York facility). We will receive more information as the event preparation comes together. There may be one weekend in September '10 when all the boats in the basin are asked to fly all colours, and they may request parking from us. I'll keep everyone posted as new information comes up. It could be quite a celebration.

We will be replacing the wooden trim on the top of the seawall. Be aware that much of it is rotted and that cleats mounted on it are not all secure (I pulled one out easily by accident to the West of the gang plank).

I'd like to remind all sailing members that stepping their mast needs to be an efficient process. Have the boat and the mast ready and, please, do all further rigging (attaching boomdonning sails etc.) at your slip. The crane area needs to be free in case of emergency and, of course, other boaters may be at their slip waiting for the crane to be ready.

See you at Sail Past! ♦

Nick Pitt, 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 despite the monsoon.

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. Dan Peel and his team have worked hard to come up with a menu that is sure to please everyone's taste. Sign up sheets are in the Club lobby.

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. 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. Please note that yard layout will be quite different this year to maximize space.

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. ♦

**Kevin Tapping, Vice Commodore**

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## Rear Commodore's Report

Well into the season with preparations for Sail past underway, everybody getting their mast up I hope. Shine up the old girl, hoist your flags and lets make a real show of it this year. It's a great deadline for any projects you may have aboard. Invite other boaters to take a look

aboard – a house and garden tour on the docks. I must admit I like nothing better than poking around on other peoples old boats for inspiration and ideas.

It's been a very windy spring so far, and we need to be watching out for our mooring lines chafing, I have come across a few a little threadbare. Changing your mooring lines periodically, or using an anti chafe device where they pass through fairleads could save costly repairs. For added insurance, consider over sizing them. Make sure the bow and stern line at the least are attached with chain to the dock, and ideally to a mooring chain.

Please remember as a self help club it is your responsibility to maintain proper chain tension on your slip. Some of the chains were not given enough slack during the dock party and are pulling down the ends of the fingers. This is typically the highest water of the year over these few weeks. It is a simple procedure to adjust them, giving approx. 18" of slack in the process. You will need to periodically tighten them through the summer as the water level drops.

If you are unsure if yours need to be adjusted, or how to, please ask me or someone who is – and be sure to sign up for a spring or fall dock party if you really want to become familiar (and we will never run out of donuts again).

The dingy dock is in and ready for use. It was not designed to hold 3 dingys. Please moor bow in and we should be able to get 5 tied up. The Colonel George is not to be left on the dock, but pulled up beside the mast rack. If your dingy is tied up in front of your boat and out of the way of your neighbor launching and landing, leave it there.

We have new breakers for the docks that need to be installed. I only want to change those that have given us problems. I will post a sheet on the board, please advise me of faulty breakers by slip #. I will also need 2 people to install these, please contact me directly to sign up for this duty.

Seems our seawall is turning to soil, or at least the plants growing out of it think so. It is in our lease agreement to maintain the sea wall and the top piece of lumber needs to be replaced. It is approx. 4"x8" by the entire length of wall of pressure treated lumber that is bolted down. In the mean time we will remove the unstable cleats from the wood and use the yellow bollards for tying to the wall.

There will be signups for changing portions of the wood when a plan is devised. Anybody who is familiar with the original construction of the wall would be a great asset to me in terms of advice.

Happy sailing, see you on the water. ♦

**Michael Lagimodiere, Rear Commodore**

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### **Treasurer's Report**

Sailing has not been good with either too much wind or not enough wind! Or it's too cold! Or it's just plain "not nice" for sailing! But better "just around the corner"?

It seems like the boat just got in and already, the invoices for Winter Storage are being prepared by Paul to go out before June 30 and payable, without penalty, by July 31.

Look for the invoice and if you don't have one by July 6th contact Paul Madeley to find where it is. Considering the limited space, it is important to pay before August 31 (late fee of 5% applied to all payments received after July 31).

Happy Sailing (or just plain boating!) ♦

**Joe Koole, Treasurer**

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### **House Director's Report**

It is good to see so many members making such good use of the club now that the boats are in the water and the weather is much more favourable.

There are many reasons that AYC is one of the best clubs on the lake. Some of these reasons are:

1. We offer a friendly, welcoming environment.
2. Everyone works hard to maintain a clean, neat and organized clubhouse.
3. Dogs are kept on leashes, out of high traffic areas and out of the clubhouse.
4. Groups are kept to 15 or less.
5. Groups and individuals prepare food as much as possible before arriving at the club.
6. The kitchen, a small space, is available to all at all times.
7. The clubhouse fridge is used for immediate day use only.
8. The club house dishes are washed, dried and put away so that they are available to others.
9. The BBQ grills and cooking utensils are cleaned after each use.
10. Everyone cleans up after themselves.

I want to express my thanks to our members for all you do to keep AYC as one of the best. Have a super boating season ♦

**Paul Kirby, House Director**

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## Social Director's Report

Sailpast is almost upon us. We are all set to go, the menu has been chosen with the caterers and should prove to be quite tasty.

This year the desserts are still pot luck as in past years, please feel free to contribute. Please purchase your tickets before Sunday June 7th, tickets will no longer be available after this date due to the caterers needing an exact count to begin preparation.

I look forward to seeing everyone then, we can hoist a delicious pint of Steam Whistle together. ♦

**Dan Peel, Social Director**

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## Membership Director's Report

We have full membership right now with another new member being accepted May 6 . Martin Edge is our newest member and he will be sharing a boat with long time member Burt Leke.

There has been a lot of interest in our club and we have a very healthy pool of applicants to draw from in the future. ♦

**Stuart Rice, Membership Director**

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## Communications Director's Report

### AYC Membership

Wi-Fi is now available to all Members at no charge. If you have a computer on board, having the internet can keep you up to date and current. To gain access send me an email and I will forward you the Log-in information.

Have a great summer ♦

**George Jenkins, Communications Director**

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### AYC Events 2009

**Sail Past Sat June 13  
Hog Fest Sat Sept 12  
Fall Yard Clean-up Sat Oct 17  
Haul Out - Oct 24 - 25**