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Commodore's Report

Happy New Year to the Membership of AYC, their families, and their friends who are fans of the club.

I am writing this several days after our January 6th Board Meeting and I am happy to report that walking to that meeting along the Eastern seawall there was, to the West, over the silhouette of Ontario Place, a small stretch of still-blue sky. Yes, the days are getting longer -- it's tough to recognize at first but if you take a close look you can see that it is true. In a few short weeks we will be sanding and grinding, painting and polishing, all in an attempt to ready our vessels for another season .

I'd like to thank the membership for entrusting me with another term as your Commodore. I'd be lying if I said I didn't enjoy it. Sure there is some serious business involved and on occasion it is necessary to rearrange plans and make the club business a top priority; but these things are outweighed by being involved with such a remarkable organization as AYC. I've worked in and consulted over a dozen organizations of various sizes and I can assure you that there are very few that run as harmoniously and well as our Alexandra. I ascribe this to the fact that most, if not all, of our members truly love the place. That makes it fun for all of us that feel the same way.

This year's board has some return directors from last year, some new members who have served on boards past, and some faces that are new to our boardroom. Last year I wrote a bit of a lineup review of the board and several people commented positively on it (thank you, Gerry), so this year I will do the same.

Returning at Vice Commodore is Kevin Tapping and I think every member agrees that our yard has benefitted from his professional input. From changes to the storage layout through to efforts to organize and clean up AYC's seemingly endless collection of junk and refuse, Kevin's work is everywhere in evidence. In the boardroom I've watched over the year as he's added focus and detail to his input, to positive effect.

New at Rear Commodore is Dave Tuninga who brings his charm and energy to a busy position. We have challenges with our seawall, our docks and the fittings that serve each. Don't let his happy-go-lucky demeanor fool you, Dave is up to the task. At our first December meeting we took to referring to him as Tolstoy after he submitted and read a multi-page, multi-point report.

At Treasurer Joe Koole returns with his steady hand. Joe has served for nine years in this position (I've been there for six or seven of them) and the benefits to the club have been enormous. After a decade of capital improvements to our facility including a major landscaping project and a new roof, AYC is still in strong financial health. With the possible exception of the work boat Joe has always made sure any expenditure, large or small, is fully justified from every angle (and the work boat is justified).

Returning at Secretary is Ben Koldyk who brings a quiet sense of levelheadedness and fair play to all of the board's deliberations.

New at House Director, but returning to the board after a couple of years away, is Brian Bezaire. In a year of transition with Don Burgess taking a step back from his enormous contributions to aiding past House Directors Brian is well positioned to take up the slack. He also has a gentle, unobtrusive diligence that quietly makes sure everything is done.

There are two new faces in the boardroom this year: Andrew Malcolm at Communications and Ken Daisley at Social and they both bring their own special talents. Andrew has proven keen and intent to master the website and Bow Wave in all their complexity — and still offer a punch line or two at well-timed moments in our meetings. And Ken brings a happy can-do attitude to social that will help make sure this year's events are successful and (to be sure, knowing Ken) fun.

And rounding out the board is a returning member in his old slot: Don Hood at Membership Director. I don't think it is an exaggeration to say that 40 or even 50 of our Senior Members were brought into AYC by Don during his previous multi-year tenure in this spot. I know I was

(and please don't ask him about it). Don is a wonderful judge of character — if characters are what you want in life, because AYC is full of them.

This, then, is your 2010 Board of Directors. I like the team. It reinforces my belief that the membership, as individuals and acting as a group, is one of sound and good judgement.

Now if you could only hurry up Spring!

Finally, I know I speak for the board and the full membership when I say to Stuart Rice, a wonderful ambassador of AYC who has flown our burgee in races all over Lake Ontario, hang tough, brother. We are all behind you in this new fight. Get well soon. ♦

Nick Pitt, Commodore

Vice Commodore's Report

I hope that everyone had a great holiday season! I would like to thank the membership for all of the support that they gave me last year and look forward to your continuing support this year. I have a few projects in mind that need to done.

One of them is the garbage area compound. It had not been built to specifications and needs work. There is a need to make this area invisible to the public eye. It requires a large gate that can be opened in order to allow pick up of the dumpster. It also requires a pedestrian door that will allow the membership to deposit their personal garbage.

The next item is the locker area. Some locker doors and floors need repair. This needs to be done in order to prevent any injuries. I would like the membership to report to me if their locker is in need of repair if you have not already done so. I will post a sheet on the board for you to put the locker number and the concerns or you can send it to me via email.

This is a reminder that all members are required to do a total of 16 hours of voluntary work. These do not have to be left till good weather arrives. There are jobs that can be done through the winter months. That being said all hours need pre-approval of one of the board members. When you have approval and the work has been completed there will be a new way of reporting it. I have placed "Work hour reporting forms" on the AYC phone desk. These are to be filled out and submitted through the mail slot in the boardroom door.

Looking forward to working with you this year. ♦

Kevin Tapping, Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore's Report

A new year is upon us at the AYC and I am looking forward to keeping our docks maintained and safe for all members. I am looking forward to working with all of you to make 2010 another great boating year at our club. Projects that we need to accomplish this year are going to require help from the membership so you will have lots of opportunities to enhance the club docks and earn your work hours at the same time.

Projects slated for this year are as follows:

Dock Wardens- will be appointed on each dock to monitor the chains, boat mooring lines and power connection for Main, A dock, B dock, C dock and D dock. Dock Wardens will be responsible to teach their fellow dock mates the expectations for the above items. I will volunteer these people from a group that usually spends a fair amount of time at the club anyway. If you would like to volunteer yourself please connect with me via my email posted on the club web site.

Dock Ramp-currently the dock ramps are residing in 2 pieces in the parking lot. The aluminum entrance ramp (lower section) was damaged this year and is being repaired as I write this note. This repair is being managed by Steven Brown and I would like to thank him for his help. The rapid decline of the water at the end of the season which allowed the chains to loosen was a contributing factor and I am hoping that the Dock Warden will be able to keep tabs on the water levels and monitor chain adjustments. Replacement of dead floats will continue and we are exploring the installation of half floats where applicable to hide electrical cords that run across the top of the fingers or main docks. The floats that the half floats replace would be reused to replace dead floats. I will report further on this idea in future Bow Wave Reports. Regardless as floats age (some are now 25 years young) we will have to budget for replacement in the years to come to maintain the integrity of our docks.

Dock expansion plans? Many ideas floating around the membership. Move the docks to create bigger space between the existing boats and lengthen them to accommodate bigger boats at some point which will put some activity into the mooring field which is not being utilized at this time perhaps to its demise. Is that a problem for us?? There is a fear out there that if we do not show some sort of interest in our water lot the National will appropriate the space for their own needs. I have been told that there are existing plans from past Rear Commodores to occupy the space with floats with budgets etc. It was also pointed out to me that the lease for the site does not allow us to connect a dock spine to our main spine to the west due to a channel right of way which is detailed in the lease. The board will explore further what we can and cannot do as well as what our neighbours to the west may have planned. Nothing will happen without input and approval from the membership.

Will continue to do so this spring replacing chains and hardware that is worn out.

Mentors. I have enlisted many of the past rear commodores to assist me in my duties and they have been happy to "volunteer". They will be running various projects and initiatives for me as well. Please sign up for our work parties as we will need your help to complete the needed projects detailed in this article.

The AYC has purchased a "club boat" and a dock has been allocated for this. The responsibility for the use and maintenance of the club boat will fall under the Rear Commodore's responsibilities going forward. A committee is being organized to discuss the process of how we will integrate the club boat into use at the AYC. Watch for the reports in future Bow Wave articles. We will also need to name our boat so please feel free to email you ideas to me.

Dock moves for 2010. There will be some members moving to new slips as a result of boat changes and health reasons. I will identify these to the board in the future as I would like the support from the board so I am not making random decisions on my own account and these decisions are in the best interests of the AYC and the membership.

Electrical Pedestals. Last year we had the dock electrical pedestals rewired by a licensed electrician and I have taken photos of the dock pedestal wiring so we can rewire them the same way next year. If you are having any issues with the power on the pedestals please let me know so we can sort it out. I will also clarify the dates for the pedestals to be energized in the spring and de-commissioned in the fall. The goal is to maintain power for club members during the weekend of launch and haul out so they can sleep aboard and at the very least run a heater. This year we will energize the pedestals April 24 at our spring dock party and disconnect the pedestals one week after haul out at the fall dock party (Date tbc)

Replacement of the Timbers along the seawall in front of the club. The existing wooden timbers that sit on top of the seawall in front of the club have served us well and are now in need of replacement. This will entail removal of a section of the interlocking brick, removal of the old timbers (16 only 4"x8"x 16') and installation of new timbers. This would have to be completed after launch but hopefully before Sail past. Another excellent opportunity to improve our club so please sign up when I post the notice for help. This project install date will also be detailed in future Bow Wave newsletters.

Dock availability 2010. If you are looking at purchasing a new boat this winter, whether it be larger or smaller you must advise the board in writing of your intentions ASAP. If you have already been approved and have not brought your boat to the club yet but will do so this year I need to know now. We have the ability to accommodate most requests for 26 feet and under; however space for larger boats is tight.

Whew that covers everything for now. I am looking forward to a safe and fun boating season 2010 as your Rear Commodore. If you have any ideas or concerns regarding the docks please send me a note. ♦

David Tuninga, Rear Commodore

Treasurer's Report

Happy new year. May it be in health and with the wind at your back.

Annually just before the "new year" the Summer invoices are sent out. By now all Senior members will/ should have the invoice. If not, send me an email and I will ask Paul Madaley to sent out (another). Please note that payment is due by January 31, 2010. If you have not already sent payment, why not do it now. Can be a post-dated cheque. Don't wait. Avoid a late fee!

If there are problems with your invoice, feel free to call me now so it can be corrected (if necessary) before January 31.

Many of you have asked about my travels. My two-week trip to Haiti (third) was another good one. If interested, just ask as I love to talk about my work mission trips. ♦

Joe Koole, Treasurer

House Director's Report

Furnace needs a new exhaust pipe (chimney) – 6" galvanized pipe two lengths one elbow. Exterior needs an extension so the vapor clears the concrete blocks. Gerry Kuter suggested a member could make the stainless steel extension. South balcony has 6 cracks that go through the slab. No sign of rust on bottom so at this point there is no rebar damage. Suggest follow report from contractor and cut cracks wider and fill with recommended compound followed by an epoxy sealer. At this point objective is to prevent further water penetration and resulting weakening of slab. This necessitates removal of the existing balcony railing – could be done by members; remove caps and undo nuts, drop to ground and store. The concrete work could also be done by members but would require some skill level. If the job is done by contractor cost is \$9000 plus cost of removal and re-installation of railing, guessing another \$1000 at least:

Plants need new pots, new soil.

Get someone to do the winter watering schedule.

Sand and paint (tremclad) toilet stalls, they are rusting.

Ceiling upstairs needs painting – the rafters are visible because of temperature differences over the past 20 years. Not urgent – could cost a few thousand, maybe three.

Sand and polyurethane the handrails on interior stairs.

Members can do this, sanding should be done by hand.

Defibrillator research to be done. As well Public

Access Defibrillator (PAD) is being looked into to establish the constraints and demands on the club ie. We don't want to be part of a system that requires us to serve outside of the club grounds.

Upstairs tables need leveling.

Upstairs lights can be replaced with LED (they can be dimmed) lights. \$20 each, 16 lights - \$320 plus taxes. They use almost no electricity so there should be a quick payback.

If that isn't enough here are 3 general questions:

Can we have a locker waiting list posted.

If a member wants a bigger boat can they pay for the bigger size now and start the new winter seniority clock ticking???? ie. Present boat say 25 x 8 but pays for 30 x 12 now and have the seniority date be the date of the first larger payment.

Members list both for general pick up – ie paper phone list. And a group email list for contact with membership. ♦

Brian Bezaire, House Director

Social Director's Report

Happy New Year to everyone at AYC and welcome to another year of great boating and socializing. I'm looking forward to my role this year as Social Director and truly hope I manage to bring as much success as my predecessor Mr Dan Peel. I think Dan did an outstanding job last year and he has truly raised the bar to present a significant challenge to me. Thanks Dan.

Our "Christmas Wine and Cheese Party" has come and gone and was a great success with a great turn out from the club. Thanks go out to all those folks that helped out and a special thank you goes out to the Kuters and especially Ingrid for her help organizing and keeping me advised with all her years of experience. A special thanks also to Phil Dunk who helped out lots with the set up and tidy up as well as his delivering of all the many goodies we managed to collect for Covenant House. I received a letter of appreciation from Covenant House this week and once again we really made a difference for those less fortunate. I will post the letter on the bulletin board for all to read.

Last year, Dan and the board were successful in adding CARIBBEAN NIGHT to the annual calendar which of course was excellent and now established as a yearly event. This year, we are working to increase the sphere of the current WINDJAMMER NIGHT for the 2010-2011 season to become an awards event not only for our Racing Group but an event all members can participate in. We are thinking about adding awards (in addition to the current racing package), as an example for service to the club, most hospitable member, best

travelled member etc. This I believe will help bring the whole club together to celebrate our traditions and achievements. If anyone has input or suggestions I would be very interested in hearing from you.

I've had lots of members offer assistance with coming events since being nominated to social which I greatly appreciate. I will be putting sign-up sheets on the notice board prior to each of the summer events to solicit participation. I really appreciate the help.

The next event this season is "WINDJAMMER NIGHT" on February 6. Our good friends **Minimum Billing** will be performing for your entertainment after dinner. Doors open at six with dinner at 6:30. Price is \$25.00 per person. A flyer is being sent out to all our members via email with details and we are hoping for the usual exceptional turn out.

See you all around the club and if you want to reach me, I'm at kdaisley1230@rogers.com. ♦

Ken Daisley, Social Director

Membership Director's Report

Don is too busy selling boats or something at the Boat Show to write a report. He told me, however, that we now have 99 members and one prospective victim. ♦

Don Hood, Membership Director

Communications Director's Report

The last time I was a member of a Board it was that of the Metropolitan Toronto Zoo. No significance attaches to this fact. A Ragboat captain does not, particularly, resemble a Gibbon; a Stinkboat captain does not, particularly, resemble a Mountain Gorilla. ♦

Andrew Malcolm, Communications Director

Fleet Captain's Report

The results for the 2009 race season will be presented at this years Windjammer Dinner/Dance on Sat. Feb. 6, 2010. The dinner will be followed by a live band – Minimum Billing! In case you didn't know, one of the band members is one of our own, Charles Haggart. Don't miss this chance to whoop it up with fellow AYC members.

I have managed to pass my role as Fleet Captain on, after a 4 year tour of duty. I want to thank all the racers, the Board and fellow club members for playing nice with me. I held a position that could have been a difficult one, but apart from all the work, it was very manageable. Thanks for your participation and respect.

Please welcome Steve Brown as your new AYC Fleet Captain. I'm sure he will use his position to school the fleet in regards to some rules such as "right of way", "giving way", "calling for room", and "when boats meet". Just a hunch.

Before I end my last report, I must thank a few people:

Gareth Clemo for acting as scorer, and calculating results for the racers the same evening of the race. He is doing a great job, and I hope to see him continue in the future.

Bruce Buttimore for updating the AYC webpage with weekly race results, just hours after the race. He has allowed: the racers, the whole AYC membership, and the rest of the world wide web, a chance to follow the results of our weekly quests for speed and battle of wits via tactics.

Doug McDonell for representing the AYC at the AHMEN races by running the Race Committee. Running one of these races is not easy, and can make you the target of many a protest. Regardless of the pressure, he has done a great job. In addition to this position he and the whole McDonell family volunteers to cook breakfast for the Almost Around the Island Race for all participating AYC members. Everyone who has enjoyed one of these events can appreciate all the work they do. Thanks so much.

Matt Filleti, Fleet Captain

A Note From Bob Anglin

PCOC

The Pleasure Craft Operator's Card is now required for any Canadian operating a power vessel (including your dinghy) or you must be able to show proof that you have passed a boating safety course.

If you still have your original record of passing the CPS Boating or Piloting course (or membership) prior to April 1, 1999, keep this on your boat (or your person). It qualifies. CPS now is not permitted to issue PCOC cards without the person passing a PCOC test. Presumably, these rules apply to OSA as well.

Active CPS members can order a replacement certificate for pre-1999 lost certificates for \$20. When was your course and at which squadron? Past members of CPS can request a search for \$20 plus a replacement certificate for \$20.

CPS Boating and PCOC certification is the only Canadian certification recognized by the U.S. Coast Guard. CYA and OSA, for example, do not have this recognition.

If your Harbour license was first issued before April 1, 1999, this will satisfy the regulation.

You still need a current Harbour license.

The best source of info on PCOCs is John Gullick at CPS (416-293-2438).

Has your spouse qualified? Your friends?

REPORT ON THE OFFICER OF THE DAY

I have just finished reading the last Bow Wave; and I noticed the Commodore's reference to the difficulty in securing volunteers to be OOD. I think I may be able to throw some light on the reason for this.

Only the bravest of Members sign up for the OOD because the job is just too stressful. How have I reached this conclusion, you ask. Well last Summer I was once the OOD; and here is a brief summary of what I had to go through. It was six hours of madness and, well, stark heroism.

At 12 Noon I reported for duty. All was calm. Nobody was around. Not even the mice were stirring. And then I thought I heard, from somewhere to the North, the sudden revving of numerous marine engines. I was a bit curious about this and so I walked over to the windows

and expertly scanned the basin. And there it was, a vast flotilla of Navy gunboats and landing craft, brimming with fully armed sailors, was proceeding toward our Eastern channel . They were clearly staging some sort of military coup and their intention was clear: Total Domination of the Basin with the AYC as its first objective.

I rushed out, fired up the mighty Poltalloch, and steamed full ahead to confront the schwerpunkt of the assault. And then, and only when I could see the whites of their eyes, I swung hard to starboard and looped my bowline over one of the great black stanchions on the wall. I then nimbly secured the sternline to the mast of LES GIRLS; and thus caused the Poltalloch to block the further ingress of the invading forces. The sailors squealed in dismay, and in complete disarray retreated all the way back to the Navy Yard, their belaying pins between their legs .

And it was only One o' clock. I settled down to read The National Enquirer, and I cracked open a bottle of Chateau Lafite Rothschild 1972.

And then I heard a weird amalgam of Country, Light Rock, Martial, and Fusion music coming, apparently, from the East. Yes, from the East. I saw immediately that the Condo Dwellers had formed a militia and that they were pouring over the chain link fence and swinging around the North end of it, and setting up phalanxes all across the yard. "Wait" I exclaimed as I rushed from unit to unit handing out reams of legal sized pages on which was written only fine print, The Dwellers examined this material avidly, and also nervously. At first they were confused, and then dumfounded and then, finally, paralyzed with fear. The fine print referred to all sorts of new rules , obligations, charges , restrictions and deal-breaking requirements. Being already mightily sensitized to this sort of thing the Dwellers panicked, dropped their funny little dogs , their trowels and their babies and ran off as though there never had been a playground plan for our yard in the first place.

Now this assault had been thwarted by quick thinking; but I had been left agitated and borderline unhinged. Several boats from Oswego, Ashbridges Bay, and the R.C.Y.C. tried to dock; but I turned them all away because, I told them, I was just too busy fending off savage attacks and I had neither the energy nor the time to find them slips , show them the big kitchen, or even greet them with the grand friendly smile.

It was now just after three. I settled down to read the Obituaries , as is my custom; and that's when the Royal Porter Air Force started dive bombing our property from the south. Their intent was to punish one of our former commodores for presuming to like birds and parks and peace and quiet. So, I thought, okay, this time we ' re finished ; but then I noticed that each time an R.P.A.F.

Q400 came screaming out of the sky it had to level off at a thousand feet. And this was because this model was no more designed to behave like a Stuka than it was to handle the short takeoff and landing runways, in poor weather, at the Island Airport Park. And when they switched to high altitude bombing, instead, each captain in turn pressed the bombs- away button on his dashboard and nothing happened because the boys at Downsview had somehow failed to install the bomb bays . So they all flew off to Newark to discharge their fancy businessmen into the Malaria infested Jersey marshes.

It was now almost five and I was not really recovering at all. In fact I was in a very fragile mental state. I was exhausted and hungry. And then, at the very nadir of my weakness my senses were overwhelmed by the intense and penetrating aroma of deep-fried, thickly battered Tilapia and sizzling chips dripping in high grade crankcase oil wafting right at me from the West. Yes, from the West. It was then that I finally discovered why the National Yacht Club had erected its giant quonset hut right on top of our property. It was because this huge steel structure had been built to house a gigantic fan. And an underground conduit ran from their kitchen and discharged its sensuous effluent right into this fan. And the Eastern face of the quonset hut was designed to slowly open so that every person who stood downwind would be drawn, inexorably, even Zombielike, toward the West and into the clutches of the Boat Club Registrar. I had to admire the cleverness of these people.

I donned the gas mask that is kept in the broom closet; and I disabled our own gate so that no one could enter the premises and be helplessly seized. And I just waited for the recruiters to run out of fish and chips. And finally they did; and so I sounded the All Clear, activated the gate and flopped, entirely spent, on the couch. And at this point, just before six, Lochlin MacKay entered the clubhouse, found me prostrated and helpless and said, breezily, "and they give you hours for this!"

Andrew Malcolm

AYC EVENTS 2010

Windjammer Dinner and Dance	Sat Feb 6
Hug Your Boat	Mar 20
Spring AGM	April 21
Launch	Sat May 1
Yard Cleanup	May 8
Sailpast	Sat Jun 12
Yard Cleanup	Oct 16
Haulout	Oct 23, 24
Fall AGM	Nov 17