

PYC Breeze

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DYC Covid-19 UPDATES

We will continue to update members through "Notice to Members."



Unfortunately... Closed until further notice.

See Commodore's Note



Commodore's Report . . .

by Richard Nowina

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Oh, for a crystal ball! I'm writing this on March 25. Nothing seems stable. Everything human-based seems in flux.

Yet today the sun shines, it's getting warmer and some boat owners were seen prepping for launch. I've even got the home spring clean up job completed.

We're in the midst of turbulence and yet there are blue skies ahead, "keep your seatbelt fastened until the sign is turned off". This typical message from airline pilots is appropriate to the Covid-19 situation. Social distancing, nonessential businesses - closed. Schools out, kids in. And yet, this too shall pass.

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Commodore's Report Continued . . .

Maybe, just maybe, if the world hunkers down for 3 weeks we'll start to see the wave of infections wane. Who knows - all we can do is try! I'm sure you all are.

So far, I think our elected officials and public service personnel have been doing a suburb job. We're in this together and largely politics has been put aside. Good for us! The young man on Miami Beach whose brazen defiance, "... if I get Corona, I get Corona," has now apologized publicly. Hopefully everyone is sobering up to take the necessary precautions. At the risk of being proved wrong, I believe Canada is one of the best in its response to the pandemic. The run on toilet paper might be the exception.

DYC has been ahead in shutting down the clubhouse and restaurant operations early. My thanks to Ed & Emily for accepting the situation for what it is. When the crisis is past, please come out in droves with friends and family to support them and their staff.

Your board has also been proactive. Earlier this week the board met via video call. We are keeping things moving as best we can. Due to the age of the clubhouse roof, we had begun to replace the most urgent sections. This week (March 25) we began to replace the flat roof section over the kitchen and office. This, we believe is the best use of the lease and tax cost relief that the club received from the city this spring. Funds permitting the section over the lounge will likely be the next section addressed.

In addition, when things get back to normal, we plan to construct a raised patio off the lounge. This will be a member-built structure which will enhance the dining and beverage experience for members and guests. Please volunteer to assist and then come one and all to enjoy the sunset lounge.

Subject to Covid-19 updates, DYC will launch when it is safe to do so. Yard work, docks in and launch announcements will be confirmed in emails through, "NOTICE TO MEMBERS." Within a few weeks, we'll know if the crisis is waning or not.

A second issue, Lake levels! Rising. We're still anticipating flooding, and we will take measures as possible to protect what we can. B dock is looking fabulous. I'm sure it will be the place to be, come launch.

Financially, the club is juggling priorities, revenues are down but so are some expenses. All in all, it will be a lean year. We will have a better picture next month, so stay tuned.

Meanwhile, wash your hands, keep your distance, and stay safe.

Best wishes to you all. Richard





Membership & Communications ...

by Tracey Cookson

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Hi Boating Members,

Further, in an effort to help control the spread of COVID-19, we have temporarily closed the clubhouse and restaurant. Please watch our website or social media pages for the re-opening date.

Edward and Emily will need our support and we look forward to joining them at the bar to welcome everyone back!

Stay fit - stay healthy - stay safe. Tracey













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Unfortunately, two great DYC events in March had been cancelled due to the pandemic.

The St. Patrick's Day Party ~ Eat, Drink and Be Irish on March 14th and

Name That Tune Trivia, March 21st.

We look forward to offering up new events in the upcoming months.

once this cloud has passed!



"I'm too close
I need to move away."





Dock Chair's Report . .

by Leigh Brown

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Leigh's been keeping the lights on for Ontario Public Service essential workers, critical staff and businesses.



We will be building a plan for docks in and boat launch, as we follow best guidelines.

Dock assignments will be coming soon, all pending on the decision to launch. Leigh

B Dock is complete!

Many thanks to Paul Haynes for organizing this massive project.

A huge thanks to all the members who've helped out these past five months, even in the nastiest of weather conditions. Lastly, thanks goes out to members who have provided treats, lunches, warm drinks, and supporting encouragement to keep the Team going.

They look great!! Well done Team!!



Once We Get The Green Light ~ Volunteers Will Be Needed

Floating Dock Work To Be Done Before Docks In

Contact Dave Pressley + Leigh Brown







ery Local History Matters . . .

by Dan Sundy

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So much going on in this 1905 - 1910 photo. NS&T (Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto RR) electric railway on the west side. NS&T RR and Welland RR on the east side.



The side wheeler steamship Garden City, which would dock on the east side to discharge passengers who would be taking the NS&T trains to Niagara Falls. She would then dock on the west pier to discharge passengers who would continue to St. Catharines on the NS&T, or stay for the day at Lakeside Park. Coal tip for steamship fuel. Port Dalhousie was still the terminus of the 3rd Welland Canal as the Port Weller terminus opened in 1933.

All of course just waiting for DYC to be started in 1937.

Dan







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Safety Officer's Report . . . Safety is Personal

by Larry Richardson

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Well, as if we didn't have enough problems with a disappointingly quiet winter, potentially high water again, and the NHL stopping; now we have to get our boats ready. The target date is May. We'll see.

For the last few major work efforts the team concept - of people working on specific jobs in set groups - seemed to go well. And in raising the docks I saw that people were safety conscious and concerned about the safety of others (and themselves). Good sign.

Once again we ask that all those who will be helping out arrive early in the day to assist in getting things set up (fences down, gates open, cars and trailers dumped in to the water, etc) and meet up with the Yard and Dock Lead Hands. They will assign jobs based on need, experience and fitness. Please do not leave without telling the Lead Hand so that a replacement can be identified.

In watching all this take place over the last ten years or so, it has occurred to me that boat owners should not be up on their boats doing the things that are done quite well (safely) by the team members many times over the course of the day. Think about it!

And it is clear to me because I do it, that when it is our boat being moved, we tend to get hyper and try to do it all ourselves. The worst offender (me) thinks that I have to do it all, yet just five minutes ago I was yelling at someone for doing the exact same thing. We need to calm down and work cooperatively.

We have guidelines that must be enforced by you – the participant. Take the time to familiarize yourself with our guidelines, especially for the upcoming docks and boats in.

No kids in yard while lifting boats. Or dogs. Or cats. Parrots are allowed.

No alcohol in use; from the Club or otherwise.

Pay attention to the task at hand. Listen to the person in charge. Speak up if you see something wrong / or need to know.

Come back after your boat is in. We are always short of essential people, especially as the day wages on. The risks increase as people must multi-task.

And my personal favorite – don't force us to handle taglines made up of multiple short lines tied together or worse, use those curly polypropylene things that snag on the fences. Really.

And remember, I forget.

















Congratulations to Precision Custom Canvas Inc. for developing PPE equipment, in response to the Covid-19 situation.

Face shields, mask alternatives and service counter/cashier protective curtains are now being produced as they retooled their facilities.





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Gordon D. Andrew, a life member of DYC, passed away March 16, 2020. He is survived by his first mate, Carole, of 54 years, his two children and his six grandchildren. Gordon was an avid sailor and enjoyed Wednesday Race Nights immensely. In fact, many of the trophies in the clubhouse bear the name of Hunters Moon. He loved the racing scene so much that he continued to act as the Committee Boat for over 12 years after he retired from the racing circuit. Gordon was the Past Commodore (1992-1993) and during his time in office made many improvements to DYC. One, being the outside patio which is still enjoyed by all today.

The family would like to thank fellow members and friends for their kind messages and cards. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

On behalf of club members we extend our condolences to Carole and family.



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Thanks, Matt Phillips for letting me snag your 'round the club pictures. My 14 day self-isolation, (arrgggh) is just about over! I so appreciated you posting these. Pj



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From the Editor's Desk

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Stay home where possible, stay healthy!



Any suggestions, ideas or pictures to share with

The BREEZE?

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Patti-jo



So happy to have spent time with Jaxon in March!



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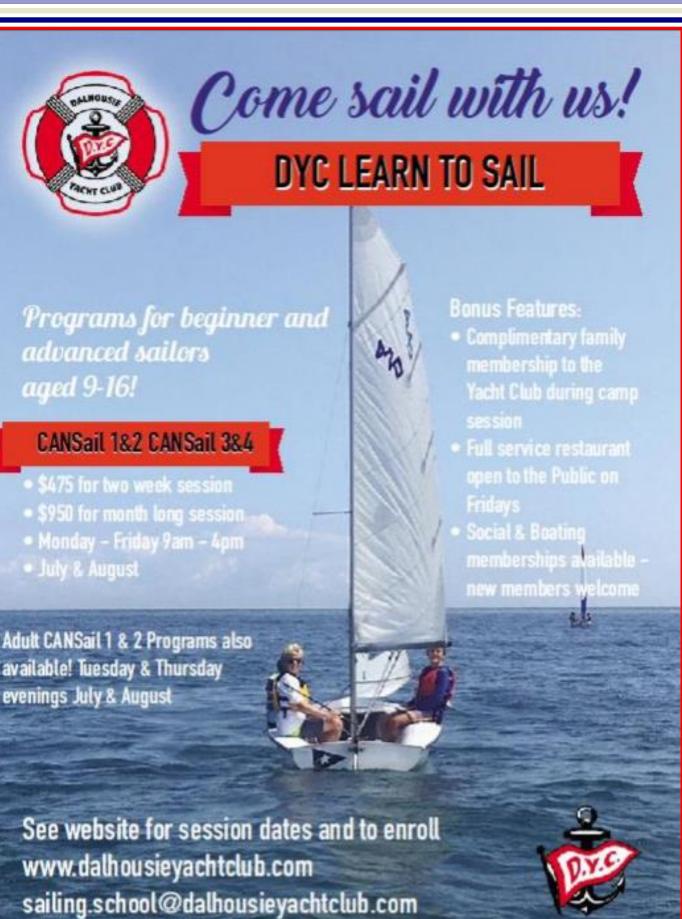
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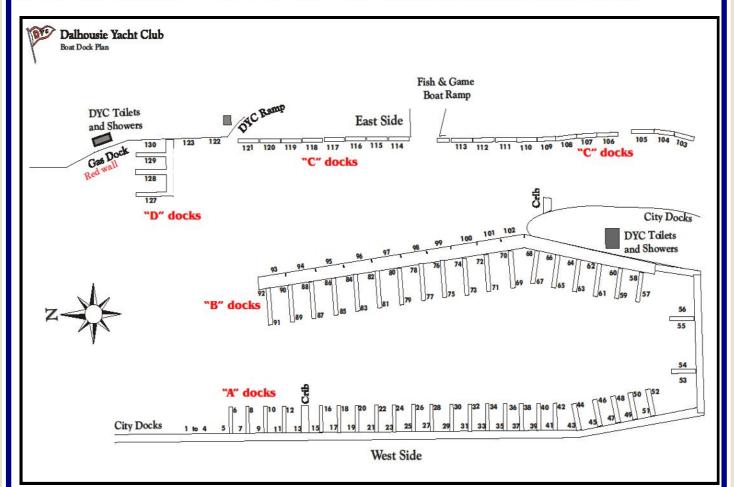
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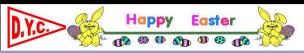
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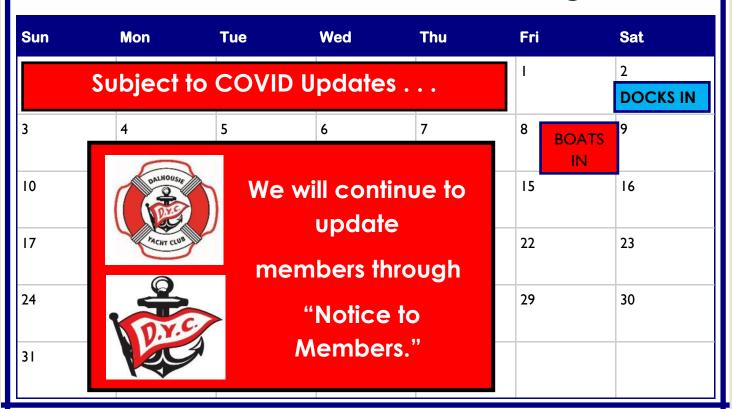


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