



DYC Breeze

June 2020

Dalhousie Yacht Club
founded 1937 & Incorporated 1945

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The roof needed prepping for repair.

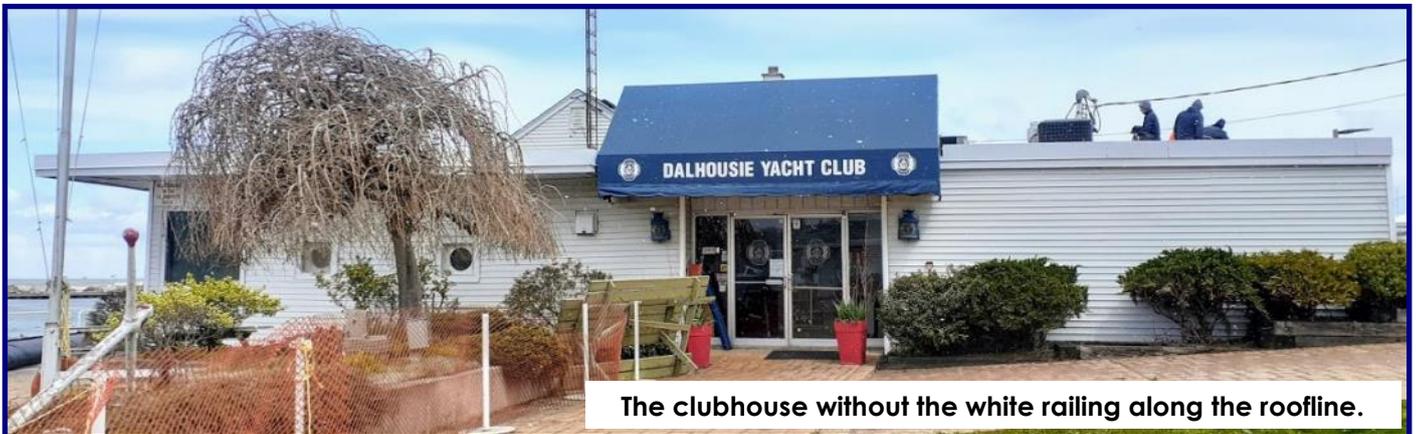


**Sunset
Dining Room
Hours**

Unfortunately ...
Closed until further
notice.



The call went out and the members answered.





Commodore's Report . . .

by Richard Nowina

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**Roof
"A" Dock
Job Jar
Offer to Help
Officer of the Day**

Where are we? And where are we going?

These are important questions. Navigation is an important element of sailing - whether racing or cruising. It's also an important element of club governance. When I think about these questions from DYC's perspective, it's quite incredible, the challenges we have confronted and those to come, which might yet test our mettle.

Like many of us with mangy hair, DYC might look a bit unkept to outside observers. But look deeper, there is a ton of member energy going into DYC. To outsiders, maybe the club doesn't look much different. From the inside we are energy and momentum.

We have successfully launched our docks and boats, more or less, on time. As yet, few clubs have done this, we have a new clubhouse roof, and we are into financing and design discussions to replace A dock. "A" yard is torn up by the pier reconstruction work, but new concrete, grading, asphalt, new fencing, and a relocated Dry Sail Crane will be completed later this summer.

Organizationally the board is engaged in making lemonade from lemons. We could have sat back and waited for better times. We have not. While we made the tough decision to cancel LTS programs for the summer. We are taking the opportunity to fix up the fleet. The Avon and Whaler both needed repairs and this is underway. Virtual reality devices have helped DYC to adapt to Covid-19 constraints. The board is meeting using video conferencing; we may have a virtual town-hall meeting and AGM.

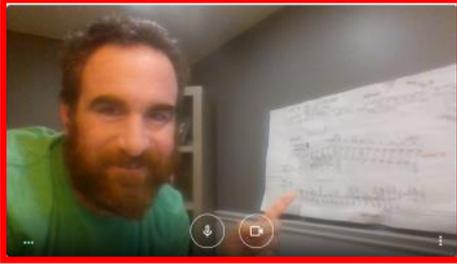
There's more we can do to improve the external look of the club. This will help to attract new members and new members will in turn offer the resources in both revenues and more importantly energy and skills to continue the evolution.

We are hiring students thanks to grants from the federal Summer Jobs Programme. In addition, DYC intends to apply for the federal wage subsidy which could enable more renewal.

However, and this is a big however, we need a bit more help to keep progress going. If you're not already assisting in some way, please step up and ask me or another board member, or a member already at task, what more is needed. We need assistance with Information technology, painting, officers' of the day. I estimate that about 50 percent of members are already contributing and achieving extraordinary results. How would DYC look if we had 100 percent engaged.

Step up, join in, Social Distancing is fun in its own special way.

Have a great summer. **Richard**



Dock Chair's Report . . .

by Leigh Brown

Docks Are In

A great big thank you everyone who worked to get our floating docks into the water and in place. No small task, and Docks-In went very, VERY well. It's all thanks to your hard work, excellent communications and ability to think fast and adjust the plan as the day progressed.

Special thanks for 'Lunch In a Box', prepared and supplied by Fox Foods. When the Sunset Dining Room and Lounge can re-open, please make a point to reserve a table and bring your families to enjoy Ed & Emily's hospitality.

I'd like to highlight two young women who came out and gave us a glimpse of what the next generation Dalhousie Yacht Club members look like. It was especially nice to have an agile and energetic helper run, over and over again, from C dock to the launch platform, then hop onto a section of floating dock and pull it across to its seasonal home. Ensuring everyone was covid-ly protected by handing out PPE, hand sanitizer supplies, delivering much needed coffee and donuts at break, and painting those last minute bottom paint spots was much appreciated. Thank you, Kaitlyn and Emma, for volunteering your time and getting these jobs done. Your presence was a reminder to us that we need to see more of our next generation DYC families getting involved in club activities.

Thanks, Leigh



DYC BREEZE



Vision Statement: The Dalhousie Yacht Club is a friendly, safe and affordable boating community dedicated to learning, respect for all, and enjoyment in all aspects of the sport of boating.



There is a smile under that mask.

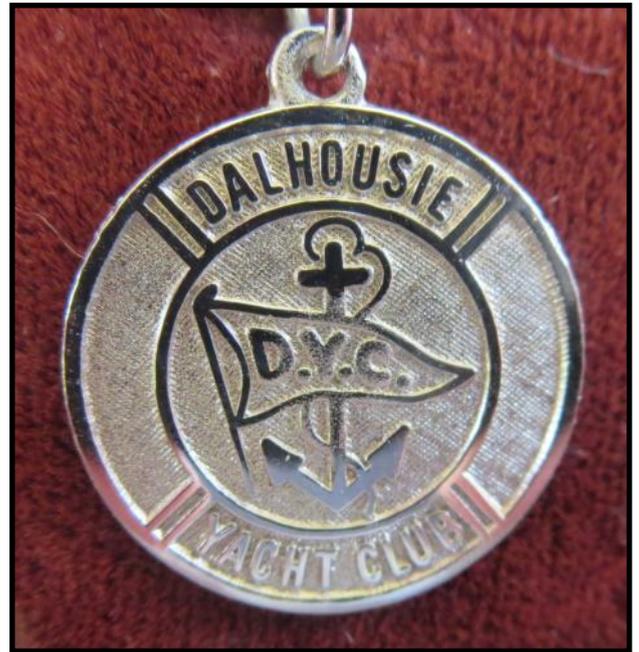
A HUGE THANK YOU TO . . .
 Edward + Emily,
 Fox Foods,
 Your pulled pork on a Kaiser with a side of your famous mac + cheese . . .
 was a great finish to our DOCKS IN DAY!



Very Local History Matters . . .

by Dan Sundy

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Acquired pendant from ebay. It came from Baltimore. The owner acquired it at an estate sale and had no history how it ended up there.

The mould is available if you want to use it.

Older members, or second generation members I am still looking for lapel pins and cigarette lighters which were produced by DYC. Check in the back of your seldom used drawer when you get bored enough with the quarantine. Dan



Did You Know . . . The killdeer is protected under Canada's Migratory Bird Act, nests can't be destroyed or relocated without federal permission. Here's four little reasons Bronte had to start construction on the east side pier, at the north end.





Safety Officer's Report . . . Safety is Personal

by Larry Richardson

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Well. Let's get serious for a moment...Okay now that that's done, let's move on.

Boats-in went exceptionally well, with Mother Nature cooperating for the first time in recorded history by moving the thunderstorms, heavy rains and winds around Port Dalhousie. While many areas such as Fort Erie, Port Colborne and Hamilton got soused, nothing significant came within twenty miles (plus or minus a few) of DYC. Things were completed as efficiently and safely as was Docks-in. And as I often say, done without forcing 'us' to handle taglines made up of multiple short lines tied together or worse, use of those curly polypropylene things that snag on the fences.

So to coin another phrase: 'on with the season'. Hopefully a safe one and one full of the joys of boating (and boat ownership) that we have come to know and love and some of us have been missing for a while perhaps, for various reasons that I have conveniently forgotten.

I have a number of things for you to consider:

Is your boat equipped (numbers depend upon size of boat (No! You look it up!) with the required safety items, such as quantity 3 to 10 Type A, B, or C flares (not time expired) or a watertight flashlight (batteries new), lifejackets in sufficient quantities (and in good condition), a fifteen meter buoyant heaving line (in good condition), a re-boarding device /ladder, a hand-bailer or manual pump (that actually works), a sound signaling device such as an air horn (that actually works), a serviceable compass, a radar reflector, a Class 5CB fire extinguisher or Class 10CB (for larger boats), a minimum 30m anchor line and anchor and a functional marine-band radio, hopefully with MMSI? And do you have the following items suggested by Transport Canada:

spare clothing (in a waterproof bag); drinking water and snacks;
tools and spare parts (fuses, spark plugs, etc.); and a first aid kit

As I looked le papillon over this week it was surprising to see that much of the above, which I have had for ten years, is worn out. In particular the heaving line and anchor rode. And my favourite - my reddish 'auto-inflating lifejacket' is in need of replacement. I will set to that task ASAP, as should you.

And then, my second question – if you had to take the Pleasure Craft Operator course test right now, right at this very moment, could you pass? And how about your 'first mate', who may have to take over under less than desirable circumstances?

Think about that. You may want to pull out the guide and review it from time to time. I put it on the toilet tank with the intent of doing just that, but soon found myself busy labelling the hot and cold taps throughout the house (red on left, green on right) and eventually took it to the comfy couch in the living room.

Safety Officer's Report Cont'd . . .

I could list all the lengthy guidelines and instructions re: the above and so on here in the Breeze, but for several reasons will not. One - Endless lists of regulations and laws and instructions are fine things, but in the end, as we have recently learned and are still learning – safety is personal.

Also, for your viewing pleasure, there are a number weather condition and forecasting apps many of us (you, I mean, not me) use in determining whether to go out, which way to go, what clothing to wear and so on.

I have found these two sites very useful, mainly because there are no annoying advertisements associated with them, since they are Environment Canada sites (not even Justin selling iPhones) and much more importantly, they are real-time displays of conditions, meaning they were last updated no more than ten minutes ago.

King City Radar for real-time weather radar info for our area can be accessed at

https://weather.gc.ca/radar/index_e.html?id=WKR

It shows a detailed map with the rain density for the Western Lake Ontario area, East Lake Erie, Georgian Bay, etc. centered around King City, which is just a bit NW of Toronto. If you press play it scrolls through the last hour in ten minute increments, stopping no more than ten minutes ago, which can give you a feel for the direction the weather is moving, which is often different from the surface winds. You can zoom in on your phone, too.

Canadian Lightning Danger Map – for real-time lightning activity for Ontario can be accessed at

https://weather.gc.ca/lightning/index_e.html?id=ONT

It shows a detailed map of Central Canada with the current and previous hour's lightning activity. If you press play it scrolls through the last hour, which can give you a feel for the direction storms are moving, which is again, often different from the surface winds. And you can zoom in, too (on your phone).

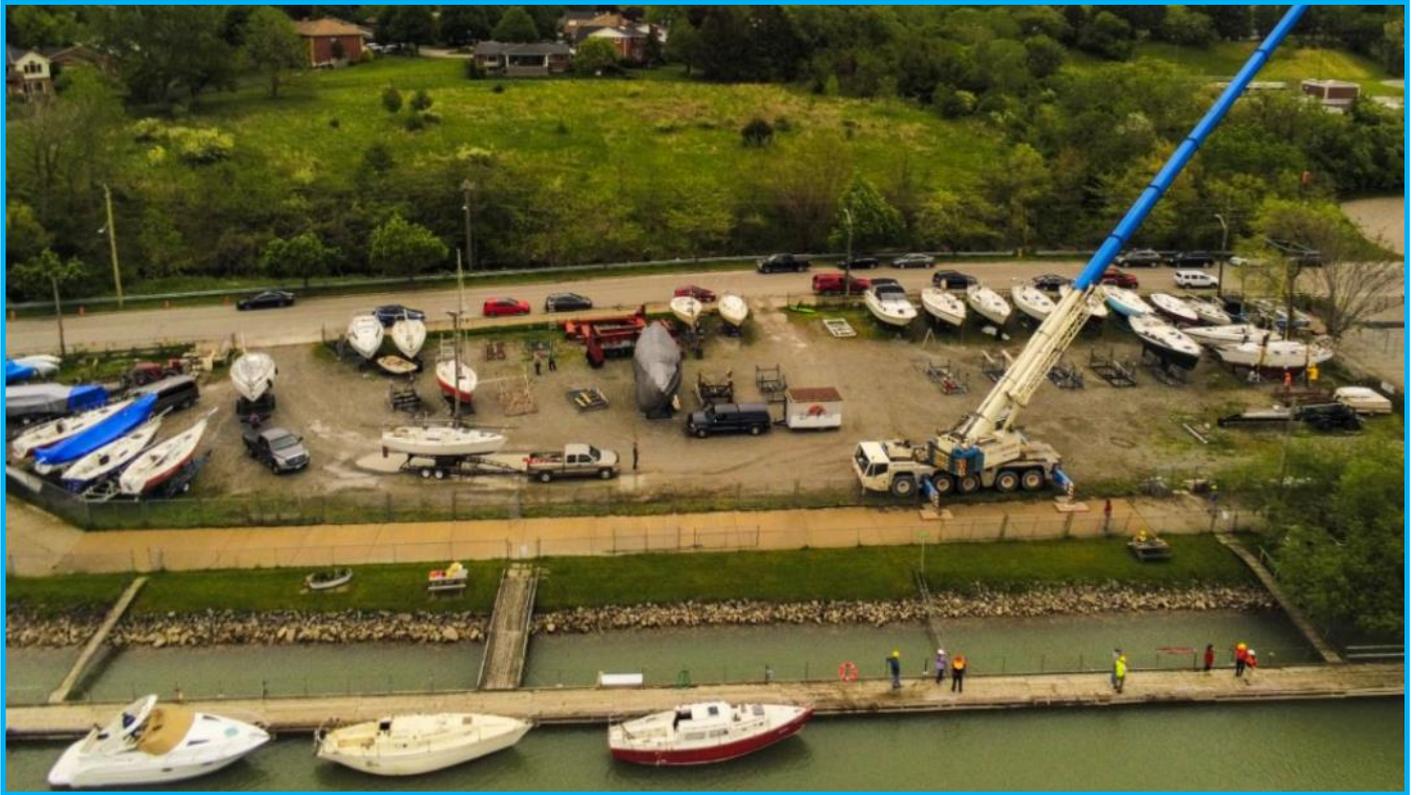
Neither of these sites forecast conditions, but the strength and direction of the weather, frequency of the strikes, etc. can be determined just by looking how far things have moved over the last hour. Hit play and you'll see the time stamp increment, the cloud front and red circles move accordingly.

It may be simpler (and cooler) to use an app, but this is real-time. And since it is a government site what could possibly go wrong?

Larry



It's here, it's here! BOATS IN DAY.







Thank You TEAM ~
for getting our boats in
safely + safe distance-ly!

A Warm DYC Welcome Goes Out to Our Newest Members

We Look Forward to Meeting You On the Water, On the Dock or On the Patio!

Rachel Michaud-Dewar + Brad Dewar ~ Social Members

Cariad ~ Peter + Erin Sharpe (co-owners with Chris + Sarah Essig)

Imagine ~ Tephania Tibbs + Steve Kopeschny ~ Full Boating Members

Tally-O ~ Brad O'Brien ~ Full Boating Members

Windstar ~ Brian Weaver + Darlene McKay (co-owners with Roscoe + Nancy)



Race Chair Report ...

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By Larisa Fry, Race Chair

Hello all racing fans! Hold on just a little bit longer...

This year, as everyone knows, is unprecedented. I am hoping to provide a brief update and overview of what is happening for DYC racing and a few updates from around the lake, to keep folks in the know.

Unfortunately, we have been informed that we cannot offer our racing series this season under the racing rules, overseen by Ontario Sailing. After conversation with our board members and our race committee, at this time we simply cannot support any formal racing activities at DYC. The impact is not only seen for our club's racing activities, but lake-wide with all racing events up until the end of July being postponed or even cancelled for this season.

Now having said that, any racer would tell you if there is another boat on the water, the race is on! To help foster that competitive spirit and assist in skill development, we will be placing the race marks out, hopefully this coming week. This means the informal fun race series will continue. We want to remind you that household units are encouraged to sail together, and all participants are to practise social distancing at all times. The fun race schedule will be available soon through the DYC FB along with the guidelines.

Although the fun race series is not a formal racing activity, it still requires funding to pay for our continued yearly PHRF-LO certifications (especially in case formal racing opens up, we want to be ready to start a formal series), gas for Brutus to get the race marks out and bring them in at the end of the season, replacement of chains and rope needed for some of our markers and our year end Awards Banquet. In the past, our racing dues supported these efforts. Given that we have no formal racing program (for now), we are not officially collecting race dues. However, we are requesting donations of \$60 to help us support the cost of offering this programming. Donations can be e-transferred to deposits@dalhousieyachtclub.com indicating "racing donations" in the comments area, or a cheque to DYC indicating it is for racing donations.

As we find out more information and the province opens up for business, we are hopeful there will be some changes in this direction. Should you have any questions, please feel free to connect.

Larisa

Officer of the Day Program ~ OOD ~ TAKE 3 We hope!

By Larisa Fry

In 2019 our DYC community came together to learn about the Officer of the Day program (OOD). With a great start we were able to train and sign-up enough volunteers for the entire summer. Unfortunately, due to high waters, and limited water traffic, this program was put on hold. This year we have COVID, putting a knot in our plans to update the training for folks and provide an opportunity to engage in DYC community.

DYC is now open! YEAH!!! (I think I speak for many!) Calling on our long-standing tradition of active membership and contributions, we will be inviting members to consider joining our Office of the Day program for the summer of 2020.

What is an Officer of the Day?

The Officer of the Day provides a welcome to all visiting boating members, in addition to assisting with daily functioning of the club when there is limited paid staff available. This person is the ambassador for DYC, the helpful hand, and the connection for resolving concerns over weekend time frames. Our OOD program will run Friday nights, Saturdays and Sundays and the Monday of long weekends.

The Details

Shifts are;

- Fridays 5 - 9 p.m., Saturdays 10 – 2, 2 – 6 and Sundays from 10 - 2.
- Holiday Monday shifts will be 10 - 2.
- Sign-up for volunteers will be available on-line starting the 2nd week in June. Club members are encouraged to consider their availability when making summer plans.

Responsibilities may include;

- o Open Clubhouse at the beginning and close of shifts,
- o Assist incoming boats to find dockage,
- o Manage availability board/ information - complete related documentation and accurate boat count,
- o Process POS payments (no cash),
- o Welcoming incoming visitors and provide orientation,
- o Answer calls/ radio calls from incoming boats as to availability,
- o Take reports of concerns regarding maintenance, and or general questions from membership - direct to appropriate club officer,
- o Complete training/ update session to cover administration, health and safety, and POS system.

Some duties / tasks will be adjusted to meet Government Covid 19 Guidelines to "Stop the Spread."

Requirements;

- o Valid radio operators' certificate
- o Member in good standing

Few extras;

- o Once you have taken a shift, it is your responsibility to find a registered replacement if you are not able to make your assigned shift.
 - o Must attend training prior to taking a shift
- Complete all required documentation at the end of each shift.

Should you have any questions please feel free to connect with

Richard Nowina or Larisa Fry.

For those interested in volunteering; the training will take place on June 8th and 15th starting at 7pm. We will be conducting this training through a conferencing platform, so you need an invite! If interested, please email me directly at larisa.fry@gmail.com or sign up at <https://www.dalhousieyachtclub.com/officer-of-the-day-toolbox>. For those who have been trained in the past, you are welcome to join for a refresher, although not required. REMINDER - Sign up is available online through the DYC website.

We look forward to a wonderful boating season

and to be able to show visitors our DYC hospitality here on the south shore.

From the Editor's Desk . . .

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REMEMBER 6' APART OR MASK UP.

LET'S KEEP DYC HEALTHY!

A big thanks goes out to our members who have shared photos with us this month ~ Dan, John, Leigh, Tracey + Val.

I truly appreciate your pics, I'm sure our members do as well.

Any suggestions, ideas, errors, omissions or pictures to share with



The BREEZE?
Send them along!

Patti-jo



COVID is still out there. Don't let your guard down!

2020 Dalhousie Yacht Club's Cruising Schedule pending Covid 19 updates and social distancing guidelines:

Ashbridges Yacht Club – June 26-28 – most likely will not take place

Oakville Yacht Squadron – August 21-23

Cancelled for this year pending changes – Etobicoke Yacht Club was slated for July – August 3

Yacht Clubs and Marinas are closed for Reciprocal guests. Please check their websites before venturing around the lake.

Please Stay Safe

val

**CAN YOU DIG IT?
FEELING THE NEED TO WEED?**



Come join Betty and I,
Wednesday mornings
10 - noon, at the clubhouse.

Bring your trowel,
hand trimmers
and
gardening gloves.



Margaret + Ursala,
have been enjoying the view dockside at the club since the early days of spring. Special thanks goes out to Ursala for donating 36 starter geraniums for our gardens.



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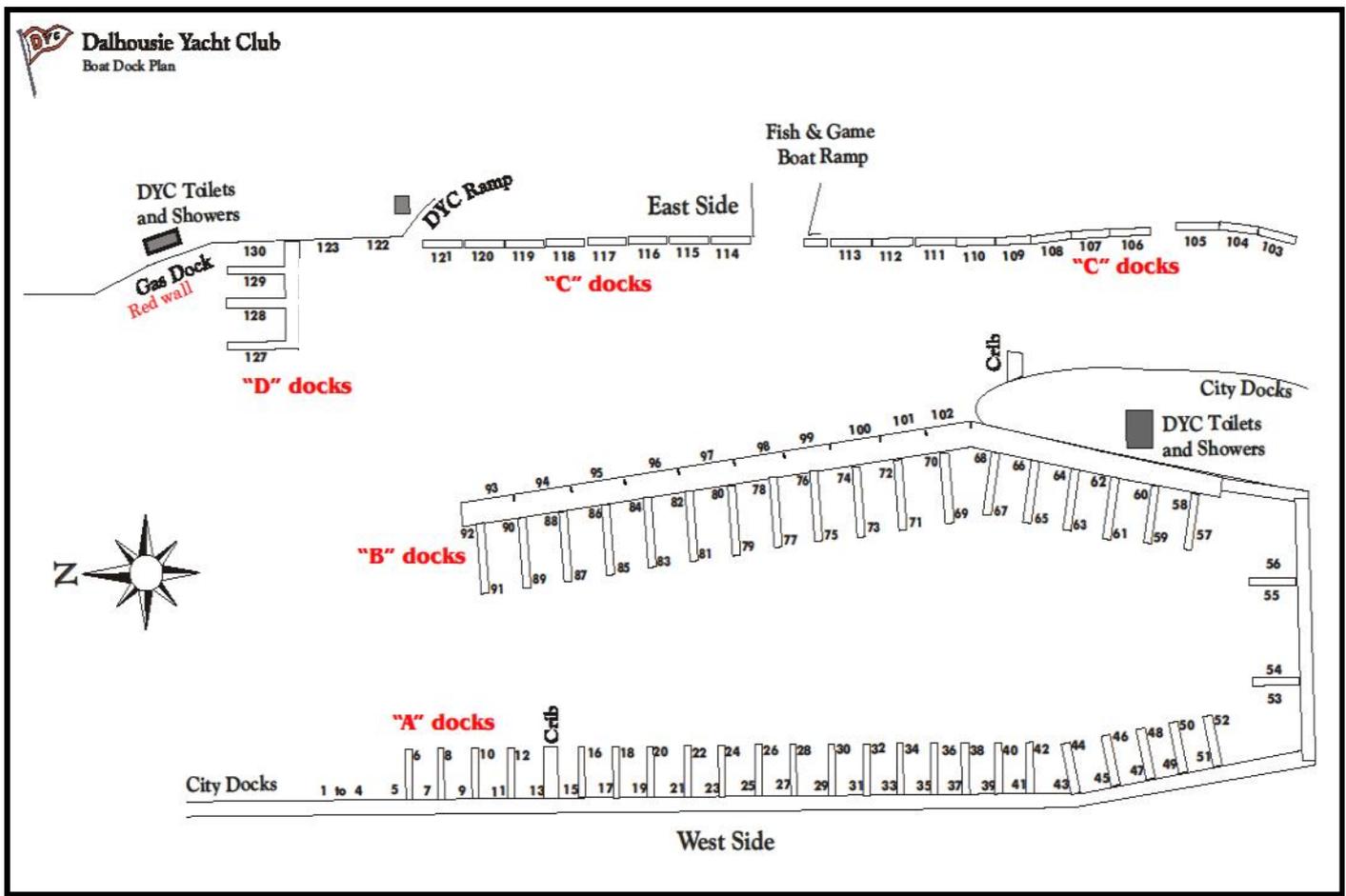
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We're Hoping the DYC Patio Opens Soon!

June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 
21 	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	<p>Social Distancing While Social Sunset Cruising</p> <p>Sign up at https://www.dalhousieyachtclub.com/event</p>			

Check your email for DYC CLUB updates!

July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	 <p>Fingers crossed ~ we'll see the clubhouse open by now!</p>				18
19	20					25
26	27					