

PYC Breeze

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Sunset
Dining Room
Hours

Unfortunately... Closed until further

We all look forward to returning to the Clubhouse!



Commodore's Report...

by Richard Nowina

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Six weeks of "Stay at Home", closed doors, and counting, these are tumultuous times, and yet Spring has still sprung.

I'm torn between being aware of the personal health risks each of us faces, and the frustrations that many of us feel -that time to muck about on boats is being wasted.

DYC members live in a marine community within the larger society. We share a community responsibility to avoid infection and to protect others. For many, this Covid-19 pandemic has not been personal. We feel healthy until we don't.

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Commodore's Report Continued . . .

However, Covid-19 has affected us all: From the constant news updates, signs urging cautions and to "wash your hands", to masks on the streets and lineups outside grocery stores, life is strange. If anyone reading this has been directly hit by Covid-19, I offer my sympathies and best wishes.

At April end, the Ontario Government released its three phase plan to reopen to a new normal. The plan offers hope that the pandemic has peaked and that a path to recovery is in sight. My reading is that DYC's operations will be included in the phases 1 and 2 reopening permissions. DYC will be ready to go. No date as yet, but members will be notified by email as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, here's what's been happening at DYC:

The club has been approved for an Emergency \$40,000 operating loan. This interest-free loan (until December 2021) will tide us over and enable some urgent repairs to be completed,

Water Bladders have been deployed to protect the clubhouse and harbour office. My thanks to; Peter Bennett, Mike Gionet, Larry Hildebrandt, Dave Bellhouse, Tom Schulz, Leigh Brown and Jeff Mackie for the literal rollout.

A third section of the clubhouse roof has been replaced and the remaining two sections are being assessed for remedial actions. Thanks to Jeff Mackie.

Planning for launch is active, dock assignments are being announced. Floating and fixed dock repairs are completed. My thanks to the Leigh Brown, Dave Pressley, Jeff Newkirk, Larry Hildebrandt, Paul Haynes, Alan Crozier, Tim Bartkiw, Doug Chambers, Doug Palmer, Mike MacLean, Mike Gionet, Peter Bennett, Dan Sundy, Tom Schulz and others.

Learn to Sail programming has been well underway despite the uncertain times. This key service to DYC's community will likely continue to be affected by Covid-19 due to the social distancing issues. The team there is considering cancelling the July sessions.

The pier reconstruction project has also been impacted by the Covid-19 restrictions. Bronte Construction was ordered to temporarily shut down its activities

More optimistically, DYC is continuing to receive new member applications. The sailing season is almost here.

Finally, I want to thank the Flag Officers and board members who have together stretched themselves to collaborate and meet the challenges of 2020. The Flag -Lew Holloway, Peter Bennett & I hold weekly conference calls to discuss and act upon the various issues. The whole board has contributed their insights and energy towards meeting and surmounting the club challenges.

DYC carries on. Cheers All,

Richard









The New Look

A great addition!

I wonder how many sand bags that is equivalent to?





Dock Chair's Report . . .

by Leigh Brown

Dear Valued DYC Member and Friend,

Although we don't know WHEN exactly, we do have a plan ... to launch our boats this year.

I met, (virtually of course) with a number of members who have in previous years, sat where I sit now, The Dock Chair. I asked for their help and guidance at this crucial time of year, Slip Assignment.

I'll be sending individual emails with slip assignments to each member who have submitted their dock application online (or in person for some who still prefer the personal touch) and have made a dock deposit.

Your final dock payments are due prior to launch. We are hoping to see some of the emergency restrictions lifted soon to allow us to launch. We will be sending invoices out in the near future.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at leigh.brown@dalhousieyachtclub.com

Thanks, Leigh





DYC is governed by the Ontario Emergency Declaration, we have had to close all DYC to non-emergency activity. The boat yard included.

If access to the yard is required, please contact me. Thanks for your continued cooperation,

Be safe,

Peter Bennett

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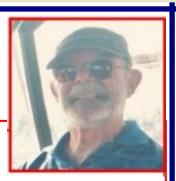


Very Local History Matters . . .

by Dan Sundy

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Helvetia, at Muir Brothers in 1935. She was subsequently a DYC member. DYC was created in 1937. In 1935 boats would use the 3rd canal lock 1 to access Martindale Pond.







Pictures from 1937.







Safety Officer's Report . . . Safety is Personal

by Larry Richardson

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Well, who (other than the BoD of DYC) saw this coming? It's the end of April and we still have to get our docks in, boats ready and in the water. The target date is in May. We'll see.

Compliance with provincial and region government directives is being enforced by DYC, as we have all seen, read and heard but, as always, it is up to the individual to ensure this works.

I've recently taken to texting while driving from one drive thru to the next to avoid having to look at the empty streets. Stress! Who needs it? So, to avoid the stress of having to lecture on not entering the yards to plug in your boats (lots of time for that and if your batteries are older than three years, a bad idea – a fire/explosion hazard), I've decided just to rehash my April submission, since it is still applicable.

For the last few major work efforts the 'team concept' - of people working on specific jobs in set groups seemed to go well. Always a good sign. We will need to calm down, think ahead and work cooperatively, especially in these times.

Once again we ask that all those who will be helping out at Docks-in and Boats-in 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.

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

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. It is called caring about others.

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. It is called sharing the load.

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.

Larry

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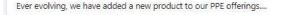
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Stay home where possible, stay healthy!



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

The BREEZE?

Send them along!

Patti-jo





Thanks Brenda, for letting me snag these!

And Thank You. DYC Members,

For doing your part

To protect

yourself and others.

Hope to see you all soon!

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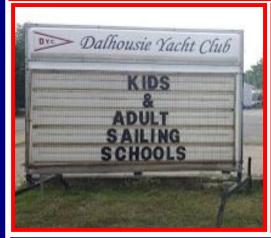
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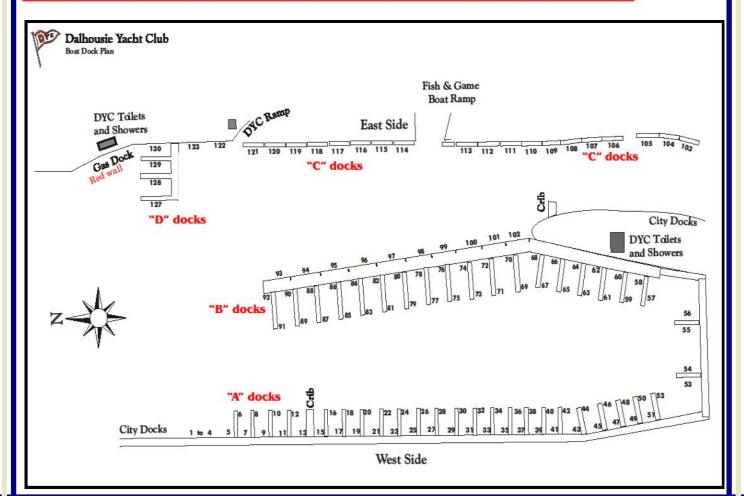
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