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The bay is slowly showing more signs of breaking up-and thank goodness. I, for one, am ready for it! While many of our members were off to warmer locations, or skiing out west for their spring breaks, there has been a steady presence of diehards at the club the last few weeks. We look forward to hearing about all of your adventures.

Scot and I survived our big road trip to Miami for Bacardi Race Week, and next week we hit the road with Past Commodore Clark and his skipper to compete in Charleston Race Week. We are looking forward to the ocean breeze, sorting out the tides & currents, and some great meals! GTYC will be well represented at Charleston Race Week this year (4-5 boats) along with a few fellow sailors from Charlevoix. You can follow along at <https://charlestonraceweek.com/>

At our last BOD meeting, we inaugurated several long time members into Life Membership. I will likely miss one if I try to name them all here, but check the Life Member plaque in the entry hall of the club to see who has reached this epic status. Congratulations to them all; they are the backbone of our club.



More Traditions

VC Lovell



TRADITIONS

I've talked about traditions for yacht clubs in general in my past two articles. Today I'd like to share with you a few of our Club's traditions. As the snow melts from the parking lot and our skippers send out work bee notices to get the yachts ready for racing, two traditions of our Club are now on the horizon.

First up on Saturday April 20th is Club Clean UP Day. For many members, this annual rite of spring renews friendships with members not seen since the boats went on the hard last fall. If you have sponsored an applicant, or you are an applicant reading this, we'll let you in on a secret. The work bees are the best way to get known by the Board and membership. So, if you are sponsoring a friend and really want them to get into the Club, we encourage you to have them join you at the Club for a few hours at the Spring Clean UP.

After we clean the place up, it's time for the first big party of the year, the Oyster Clam Bake. This tradition started as the Oyster Stag Party and served for many years as our Club's new member recruitment party. Back then, if you joined the Club at the party, we bought your dinner for you!

Well those days are gone, but the tradition of the Clam Bake continues, and this is another opportunity as a sponsor to bring your friends interested in the Club down to the party and introduce them to the Board as it is our tradition as a Board, to put this party on for you.

We hope to see you and your friends down at the Club this spring as we watch the hard water turn soft and the boats start getting wet.

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Membership Meeting Reminder

VC Lovell



MEMBERSHIP MEETING REMINDER

Just a reminder members, on Friday April 19th, the day before the Spring Clean Up, the Annual Spring Membership meeting will be held. Sent out in the dues statement and in previous communications from the Club is the notice of intent to amend the Bylaws of the Club to address a conflict in the Bylaws noted by last year's Board. We will introduce the amendment language officially at the Spring Meeting and allow members to both comment on the proposed amendments as well as allow an opportunity to offer amendments to the Bylaw language and voting procedures. At the end of the discussion, the Bylaw amendments will be postponed definitely to the Founders Party in May.

Spring is springing, see you at the Club

The Membership Committee

Bluewater Hall 2019

What Is Happening With Bluewater Hall?

As of mid-February we have our “Bluewater” building under lease to a company called Graphic Sciences who will be using the space as a more traditional office space. They have a contract with the State of Michigan for processing medical forms and other similar work. We have a 5 year lease, with one option. They will be using the interior and up to 20 parking spots. We have retained usage of the storage space on the north side of the building, and rights to the waterfront. We also retain access to the remainder of the parking lot for our overflow. This is a triple-net lease which will lessen the financial burden of costs associated (including taxes & utilities) while still allowing us the time and opportunity to explore our options for future waterfront development and usage.

You may have also heard that the Viridian building was sold in December. New owners Sherloq Solutions, a medical billing company, continue to move in where they will ultimately occupy the entire building. As they transition more of their operations to this location, they also will need more parking. They have requested to use some of the parking we have at Bluewater. We are continuing to negotiate with them and hope to have good news soon.

Which means PLEASE do not assume you may leave boats, cars or other down at Bluewater without talking to Jordan and knowing where there is a spot. We will still have after hours overflow parking available there.

Sidewalks and Crosswalks

Sidewalks and Crosswalks OH MY!

Thank you to the over 100 respondents for the survey regarding Elmwood Township's plan for sidewalk assessments. While most of you are supportive of the idea of sidewalks and crosswalks, some are concerned about how it will affect our property. The sidewalks would be built in the state-controlled right-of-way which flanks the pavement of the roadway, where it is technically illegal to park. In popular practice, members do park in the right-of-way against the advice of the Club. It is not known if parallel parking might be available along the new sidewalks if built. At this time we do not know if the pine trees on the west side of the parking lot will be affected. They are in fact in the right-of-way, as indicated by the newly placed survey markers. We will continue to do the best we can to protect our landscaping and the club's buffer with the State Highway.

GTYC Foundation Scholarships

Bud Cline, GTYC Foundation Treasurer

During 2017 the GTYC Foundation sponsored sailing scholarships for children of Traverse City Coast Guard Air Station families. The GTYC Foundation paid 80% of the tuition of eligible children at 2-week sailing classes sponsored by Traverse Area Community Sailing. During the summer of 2017 the Foundation provided 4 full-day scholarships and 4 half-day scholarships.

During 2018 the GTYC Foundation and the GTYC Board jointly sponsored these scholarships. The GTYC Board used funds in the Youth Sailing Program Fund maintained by GTYC. During 2018 GTYC and the GTYC Foundation jointly sponsored 4 full-day scholarships and 5 half-day scholarships for Coast Guard kids at the 2-week courses at Traverse Area Community Sailing.

As you can imagine these scholarships are very popular with the Coast Guard families.

As we approach the 2019 sailing season the GTYC Foundation is seeking your financial support to keep this program going. We pay \$428 for each full-day 2-week program and \$236 for each half-day 2-week program.

Donations to the GTYC Foundation are tax deductible and can be mailed to P.O. Box 335, Traverse City, MI 49685-0335

Thanks for your consideration!

Misc. Ramblings

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Miscellaneous Ramblings.....PC40

The times they are a changin'!!! For those that store their boats locally rumors are rampant that things are changing. I haven't seen any formal announcements so I won't speculate, but stay tuned as they say. It could get interesting.

And for you Laser sailors, things are reaching a boiling point between the International Laser Class Association and Laser Performance. Lots to read on the internet including this [article](#) from Sailing Scuttlebutt. Hmmm, with the Singlehanded Dinghy selection for the next(?) Olympics up in the air I will be curious to see if changes are made there.

I've heard several conversations recently on local radio shows about changing the batteries in your smoke alarms, but not one included a warning about the fire danger of 9 volt batteries. If you have loose 9 volts laying around, TAPE THE TERMINALS!!! Since the terminals are on the same side of the battery all it takes is for one of these to come in contact with a metal surface and a short circuit and subsequent fire will be the ugly result. Even old batteries have enough juice left in them to start a fire. Just ask my neighbor!!!

And for those of you that missed it . . . did you hear about the dyslexic atheist??? He sat around wondering if there really is a dog!!! Bonus . . . ask me about the penguin that took his car in for repair.

Ask Aunt Wauneena

Aunt Wauneena



Dear Aunt Wauneena, With the Final Four in progress, do you have any fond memories of college sports? Signed, Go Green!

Dear GG, My sister Enid and her son Jim and her Grandson Brett and her daughter-in-law Janet are all Michigan State graduates. So there are a lot of great Green Memories. But my greatest memories are when Uncle Homer was at Michigan Tech. He played football, ran track and was the hockey trainer. There were good times at the Michigan College of Mines back in the day.

1927-1928 HOCKEY TEAM



BACK ROW:—Left to Right—Coach Haug, Doug Tesen, Tubba Gilles, Paul Pesonen, Nick Kaiser, Cop Riutta.
FRONT ROW:—Bill Karvela; Homer Humphrey, Trainer; Curley Kohlmainen; Burr Collins, Manager; Peg Ollila.

Homer is 2nd from the left in the front row.

Dear Aunt Wauneena, What does Past Commodore Diehl have for us this month? Signed, What's Out There.

Dear WOT, Greg sent in a link to "A Tour Of The Biggest, Most Expensive Superyacht Ever Designed."

<https://www.gq.com.au/lifestyle/travel/take-a-tour-of-the-biggest-most-expensive-superyacht-ever-designed/image-gallery/b013fc1c423a031c02607d299e1c1ab6>

Take a look. AW

Uncle Homer's Picture Show



The Hollis crew has been busy enjoying the mild Florida weather. We have been playing tennis with friends, David on leagues and 2 club finals. Happy to say we both we will claiming club trophies again this year.



Our 2-year-old granddaughter Charly spent presidents week with us, she certainly kept us on the move!

Uncle Homer's Picture Show



Rear Commodore Babel exchanging pleasantries with Commodore Charlie of The Lake Eustis Sailing Club

The GTYC burgee now on display at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron



Enjoying the MC Midwinters

Uncle Homer's Picture Show

