

SEPTEMBER 2025

THE DOCKLINE

Official Newsletter of the Green Bay Yachting Club

COMMODORE

I would like to thank all of our members for your help and involvement at GBYC. We have had so many exceptional events; without your participation these events could not have been possible without the time and effort put in by all of our contributing volunteers.

Cruising does the soul good; take the time to enjoy a day/night cruise down the river with family & friends; as we are coming to that time of year where the Wisconsin weather is changing; take time to enjoy the beauty around you!

Better yet; enjoy chocolate cake! There is nothing better than a friend, unless it is a friend with chocolate cake!

Thank you for all that came together to make the Commodores Ball a fun filled night with wonderful food, great conversation, amazing DJ with a Photo Booth; I would like to thank everyone for making this happen; we enjoyed the DJ & awesome photo's.

The Pig Roast is September 20th we would appreciate volunteers & a great way for you to get your hours.

YachtOberfest is October 23rd more information to come for a fun filled event. Stay tuned!

Thank you to all the board members for your hard work & dedication; I encourage you to attend each board meeting, as it is our responsibility and beneficial to all of our GBYC members.

Thank you Todd for your amazing delicious food that we get to enjoy.

Shout out our amazing Bartender's
They can do it a number of ways; Straight up,
Neat, On the Rocks, or if you're flexible with a Twist.

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FLEET CAPTAIN

Where did the summer go? Lift crews will be starting in a few weeks to start bringing the boating season to an end. Please fill out your winter storage application soon if you plan on storing at the club.

Fall Dock Days will happen sometime in October as usual, but I haven't decided on a date yet. If you have a special project you done on Dock Days, please contact the proper Board member to get it scheduled.

Tony Sinclair

TREASURER

Well, Fellow Club Members... the boating season is beginning to wind down... BOO!!

This winding down time, though, is a good time for a quick reminder for us all that if you didn't put your boat in this summer, you may owe the club some storage fees. If you paid for a slip but didn't put in, you're ok fees-wise... except why didn't you put your boat in and join us on the river/bay?! If you did not, however, have a slip or pay your slip fees for the year, there is a summer storage fee for having your boat on shore on clubhouse grounds. Please let me know if you have any questions on this.

I will be adding the August financial statements to the binder in the clubhouse very soon. Thanks for your patience as I spent the last month getting my newly-minted-adult kid ready and moved in for a college stint in Florida which began last week.

I am always available for "treasury questions" at ssh.gbyctreas@gmail.com. I hope we get a chance to see each other on the water or in the harbor yet this season!

Sheri Hartzheim





GRASSY ISLAND RANGE LIGHTS

Lighthouses have been around for thousands of years. Throughout the world there are thousands of them. Many are still active as navigational aids. As we navigate the Bay of Green Bay, Lake Michigan, other of the Great Lakes, or many of the inland lakes and rivers we use them to ensure we are really where we think we are. Their primary purpose is to prevent man's floating devices from running aground, or guiding them into harbors.

Such was the purpose of the Grassy Island Range Lights. Activated in November of 1872 to aid ships into the mouth of the Fox River and the burgeoning harbor of Green Bay. As technology became more prevalent and other navigational aids were constructed in the Bay, the Grassy Island Range Lights were no longer active. Ships were getting larger and the canal needed to be widened, and Grassy Island was just in the way.

Your Green Bay Yachting Club became the owners of the Grassy Island Range Lights thanks to the US Corp of Engineers and some forward thinkers at our Club. The larger of the 2 was the entrance to, and served as the cloak room for, the Clubs second club house.

With the new club house, and the destruction of the old club, the lighthouses were "just in the way and rotting" so the GBYC board members thought they should be burnt. That's when David Nelson and Merlin Baenen stepped up to organize the relocation of the lighthouses and their restoration. Completion of the restoration and dedication in 2005 was a job well done. They were accepted into the State and National Historic Register.

SO WHAT! Why not just let them rot. Burn them, as almost happened twice in their past. It is part of our history. History depicts how the decisions, people, and events in time have made our world. It helps us to evaluate the facts, compare the sources, and learn different sides of the problem. The skill makes things easier in their daily activities and numerous professions. History answers why there are laws, how society has evolved, and what we face now. It relates the present-day problems to past activities. History does not only refer to past happenings. It enables us to be cautious of our thoughts and fulfill active community roles.

The Grassy Island Range Lights help us as boaters appreciate what we have today, and how technology has supported the sport over the decades/millennia. And lighthouse enthusiasts admire and absorb the efforts that have gone into their restoration. We will share that with these enthusiasts October 4th and 5th from 10:00AM to 5:00PM along with other lighthouses in Door County. Spread the word and perhaps be a part of the sharing. Come on down!





SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MEETINGS

- GENERAL MEETING – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 AT 7 PM
- BOARD MEETING – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 AT 6 PM

REOCCURRING EVENTS

- TACO TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- HAPPY HOUR & BURGER NIGHT – SEPTEMBER 4, 11, 18, 25

SPECIAL EVENTS

- MEN'S SMOKER – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17



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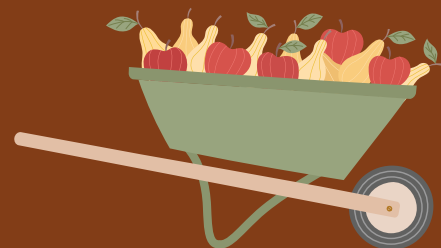


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