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# THE DOCKLINE

Official Newsletter of the Green Bay Yachting Club

## COMMODORE

Hello Looks like another boating season has come to an end. Like to thank everybody that came out to help at DOCK days you guys all did a great job. The end of the year is coming and we need to elect new board members. So if you can, I like to see a lot of people run for the board. it's a very important part of our club.

We also have a lot of other activities going on towards the end of the year yet. So come on down watch the Packers. Or come down enjoy when Todd's great dinners. As you can tell April didn't write this article because there'll be a lot more interesting stuff and if she did.

Thank you enjoy the club.

JIM THOMPSON



**TOBY SMITS LONG TIME MEMBER OF GREEN BAY YACHT HAS PASSED AWAY. OUR CONDOLENCES TO HIS WIFE JUDY AND THE ENTIRE FAMILY DURING THIS SAD TIME.**

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## FLEET CAPTIN

I would like to extend a huge Thank You to all that attended Dock Days last month. All did an awesome job closing down the harbor for the season.

Please remember if working on your boat this off season that when you are not on site, your boat cannot be plugged into power.

That's all for now and Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

TONY SINCLAIR

## TREASURER

Hey there, Fellow GBYCers!

Here we are well into the winter storage season. Thanks to all of you who have already properly submitted the application and payment. Your club needs 1) your winter storage application, 2) payment for your winter storage (including lifts and pressure washing), and 3) a copy of the Certificate of Insurance (COI) from your insurance agency. The latter is often confused with things like an insurance policy declarations page or a copy of your insurance card. Those things, however, are not enough for the club to have proof that your boat is insured. A COI is issued directly from an insurance agency and most often directly to GBYC. This form will specifically say "Certificate of Insurance" at the top.

Since the club does not currently have a good way of verify which of you has submitted the proper COI, would each of you with boats in winter storage at the club please contact your insurance agency and have an extra copy of your boat's COI sent? Even if you think that you've already done this, please do it again. It's OK if we get multiple copies of COIs for your boat! We need at least one for each boat out there!

Also, please note that per the club rules (see excerpt below), GBYC should be listed on your boat insurance policy as an "additional insured" or "holder." While you're on the phone with your insurance agency to get the club a COI for your boat, please be sure to add or verify that. This way, the club will be informed by the insurance company if you accidentally miss an insurance payment or if for some other reason your insurance lapses and your boat becomes uninsured.

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# TREASURER

All of this is important because an uninsured boat in the harbor or on the club grounds could put the club at legal and financial risk if something bad happens. Help keep your club safe by taking this extra step for us all today. Thanks!

## INSURANCE CERTIFICATES & USE OF HARBOR/STORAGE\*

- 30. Any member using the harbor (dock holder, floater, storage, travel lift, gas, etc.) must have a Certificate of Insurance, sent by their insurance company with GBYC listed as a holder, on file with the Fleet Captain. The COI must be received every year on the renewal date of insurance. Any uninsured boat must be removed from GBYC property. In the event of non-renewal, the member will have 30 days to remove the boat. If it is not, the GBYC will obtain insurance on the boat and the cost will be charged back to the member. The COI should be sent either by mail (PO Box 485, Green Bay, WI 54305) or email ([gbyc485@gmail.com](mailto:gbyc485@gmail.com)).\* In the event of the sale of a boat, it's the club member's (seller's) responsibility to make sure the boat is insured until it leaves club property. Club member (seller) is responsible for said boat until it leaves the GBYC property.
- \*Includes minor edits from original in Membership Handbook to add mailing address and add context

In other treasury news: September 2025's club financials are now in the book at the clubhouse. Please take a look and read the summary. This month, I've also included some basic graphs showing how sales are down for the club this year. As I've been saying regularly, we have not had as much participation or membership renewals as last year. But please note that our club is NOT in financial difficulty at this time. Our cash situation is still strong and you'll see that the club overall is "back in the black" year-to-date. 2025 will likely be closer to a break-even year than a huge net income year. But things will get back on track if we all put our best efforts into our club as we approach the new year and new board leadership!

As always, I'm available for "treasury questions" at [ssh.gbyctreas@gmail.com](mailto:ssh.gbyctreas@gmail.com) or via text at (920) 570-2873. I look forward to hearing from you!

SHERI HARTZHEIM







## GRASSY ISLAND RANGE LIGHTS

Look! up in the sky. It's not a bird, nor a plane, nor Superman. No, It's a *Kahlenberg* **WOW!** So, what is it and where is it and why is it?



And how did they get there? UP, UP, and Away! Lift courtesy of Commodore Jim Thompson.

Over the years, with the saving of the Grassy Island Range Lights, there was one amongst the lighthouse keepers who desired to put a Kahlenberg air horn system at the lights. Got it done! The Kahlenberg air horns have a BEAUTIFUL sound. They will be heard when a ship enters port (and someone is present to acknowledge it) with the Captains Solute.

**They will also be used with the Veterans Day celebration at the GBYC as a Service Solute at the end of the program. (Note, a great deal was given to the Grassy Island Range Lights as the lighthouse keepers who visited Kahlenberg are veterans.)**





## NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MEETINGS

- GENERAL MEETING – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 AT 7 PM
- BOARD MEETING – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10 AT 6 PM

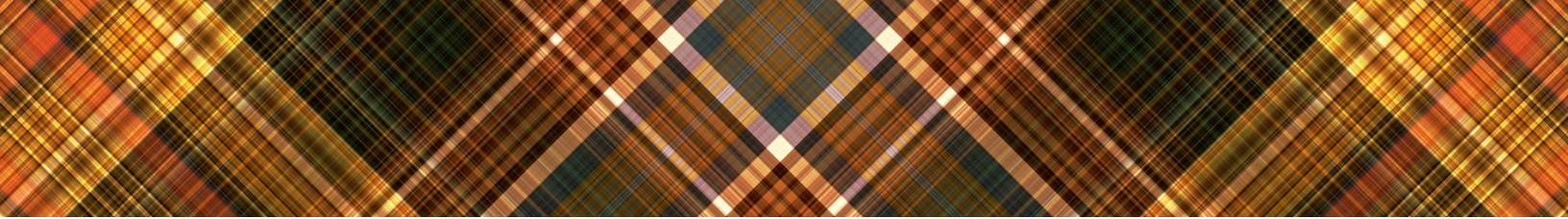
### REOCCURRING EVENTS

- TACO TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 4, 11, 18, 25
- HAPPY HOUR & BURGER NIGHT – NOVEMBER 6, 13, 20, 27
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### SPECIAL EVENTS

- MEN'S SMOKER – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19





**REMEMBER THE DATE**  
**Saturday November 8, 2025**  
**21st ANNUAL**  
**VETERAN'S DAY**  
**COMMEMORATION**

*Public Welcome*  
**10:00 AM Veteran's / Military Registration**  
**11:00 AM Ceremony**  
*Refreshments & Snacks Provided*



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HONORING ALL WHO SERVED...AND ARE SERVING







**Children's  
Christmas Party  
Saturday, December 13  
11:00 to 1:30**

**Crafts & Lunch  
Santa will be visiting us**

**"Take a Bite Out of Hunger"  
"Bring a Gift"**

**Sign up by Dec. 6 at the Club**



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