

DECEMBER 2025

# THE DOCKLINE

Official Newsletter of the Green Bay Yachting Club

## BUILDINGS

Hi, Everyone From Mr. Fix it Dan

Not a whole lot going on this time of year.

I managed to figure out why the outlets in the hall by the pool table didn't work and fixed them.

I leveled the cooler under the cash register so on hot days when the beer bottles sweat the condensation should no longer pool in the front left corner.

We have elections this coming month and have a lots of interest for the board. It's about Time. I would expect if your a member don't sit out please vote.

Thanks Mr. Fix it

DAN GRUNDEMANN



Robert " Bob " Frye former and longtime member of the Green Bay Yacht Club passes away Nov. 21. Our condolences to Barb and the entire family at this sad time.

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## HOUSE

Season's greetings from our house to yours! We are winding down 2025 and optimistically looking forward to 2026! My sincerest gratitude to our amazing bartenders, Todd, and all the people who helped bring GBYC through the year! We could not have done it without you! Any feedback, thoughts, or suggestions are most welcome for the upcoming year 😊

### Happenings in December:

- Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm Bingo
- Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm General Meeting – Election Time
- Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. Children's Christmas Party
- Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup> 6 pm Men's Smoker
- Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm Bingo
- Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> Dinner Christmas Music at 5:30 pm with 5 Hits & A Miss -Regular Fish Fry Available
- Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 12 to 4 pm Christmas Eve Social – Bartender will be available
- Club is closed on Christmas Day for the Staff to enjoy with their family
- Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 2 pm, New Year's Eve party with Edie Carter, DJ at 4 pm, Ball drop at 8 pm

### Things to look forward to in 2026!

- Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Day – Club is open for regular service
- Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm Bubba Lewis Trio
- Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, Valentine's Day at 6 pm, Ace Champion with a limited menu \$75 per person (including a glass of wine of your choice or cocktail). Steak Tenderloin with mushroom wine sauce OR Blackened bourbon maple glazed Jamaican salmon with mango black bean salsa. Dessert: white chocolate strawberry cream pie with dark chocolate rum sauce

We are currently looking for two part-time bartender positions. If you or someone you think would be a great fit for our team, let me know.

2026 at GBYC will be a fabulous year! Before you know it, it'll be boating season again! Keep an eye out for Carol's eclectic shenanigans. There is always something brewing!

See you at the Club!

Carol Pamperin





## 2026 RUNNING BOARD MEMBER BIOS

### Dan Emmel

Hi I am Dan Emmel I have been a member with my wife Ann since 1994. I have been fleet captain for 4 years and worked with other fleet captains for many years. Through the years I headed up some of the bigger projects like installing floats under the docks, new light poles around the harbor, replacing the old fuel tank with a new one. This was all done with the help and talent other members. I am writing this before the voting of the new board members. I am looking forward to working with the new board of directors to make the GBYC a family friendly , safe and enjoyable place .

Thank you.

### Terry Strandberg

I'm interested in serving on the Board of the Green Bay Yacht Club because this community has become an important part of my life since moving to Green Bay 15 years ago. I've always enjoyed boating, but what I value just as much is the camaraderie, connection, and shared passion among our members. I want to give back by supporting my fellow boaters and helping strengthen the club's future. With my banking background, I can offer a strong financial perspective to board decisions and contribute to the long-term stability and success of the Yacht Club community.

### Richard Matonich

Commitment to Integrity and Collaboration:

Thank you for this nomination. I am committed to upholding integrity and fostering collaboration among board and club members. My focus will be on delivering measurable results that align with our planned actions and initiatives, all in support of GBYC.

Professional Experience and Business Leadership:

I bring over thirty years of business experience, having held senior management positions at leading companies such as ABB (Asea Brown Boveri), Siemens-both recognized as Global Fortune 500 organizations-Allen Bradley (a Rockwell Fortune 500 brand), and Regal Beloit (Broader Fortune 1000). Throughout my career, I have consistently demonstrated a results-driven approach as a business executive, successfully building organizations and delivering enhanced revenues and profits. My background includes extensive experience in restructuring, revitalizing, and strategically developing businesses.

These experiences will contribute positively to the goals and initiatives of GBYC.





## 2026 RUNNING BOARD MEMBER BIOS

### Gordon Johnson

I am honored to accept my nomination for a seat on the board GBYC Board of Directors. I have been a member of the GBYC for several years now and I have seen the progress and positive changes the board of directors can have on the operation of our club. I would like to be a part of the continuing progress that our club is making. As such I would very much like to be on the GBYC board for the upcoming term and would appreciate your vote of confidence.

### Shawn Vicenzi

I'm honored to be nominated to the board for our Yacht Club. I'm even happier that we have several other wonderful members that have stepped up to accept a position on the board. I would like to step aside at this time for one of the other nominees due to work and family commitment's. I am more than happy to help in any other way that I can with events or other needs the club has now or in the future.

### Dan Gruendemann

Hi Everyone, This is Dan Mr. Fix it ,as Patty Calls me  
I am rerunning for the board I will try to keep it short  
Worked for town and country electric out of high school  
Put in 10 years at Pierce Mfg. in the sheet metal shop  
Built my Bodyshop in 1991 and became self employed in 1993 collision and auto repair and sales  
Built my own house in 1992 ,my office building in 1996  
Started in the fish farming business in 2000-2020, I was on the board of Directors for the Wisconsin Aquaculture Association for 17 years and Chairman of the board for 8. I was on the Board of Directors for the Wisconsin Aquaculture Industry advisory council for 4 years.  
When things slowed In 2009 thru 2011 I ran the shop for Elmstar Electric in charge of all equipment repairs while still running my own shop.  
I built my new shop and warehouse in 2014 that one took me 9 months. Ugg done with that was to much work.  
I currently maintain all of it my self, I have been on the board for the GBYC for 2 years in charge of Buildings  
We have a lot of interest this year for the board which is good.If I am not elected I will be there for the buildings guy like Jimmy was for me just a call away.

Thanks everyone





## 2026 RUNNING BOARD MEMBER BIOS

### Sheri Hartzheim

Hello, Fellow GBYCers! Thank you for the nomination to the club board of directors after my one appointed year as your club treasurer in 2025. I have been honored to serve the membership this year and have attempted to help “steer the ship” during this year’s fairly tumultuous seas.

As we all know, a nomination and election to the board of directors does not mean that the nominee gets any one particular “job” on the board. But I hope that you all also know that I have the knowledge and background to best continue to serve as the club’s treasurer. (Of course, if I’m not elected to the board or not assigned to treasurer position, I will be happy to help onboard the incoming treasurer.)

Before I was appointed club treasurer earlier this year, you likely heard that I have an extensive background in accounting and finance. I’m a retired small business owner (where I performed all accounting functions except corporate taxation) and have held the following other finance positions throughout the years: manager of the bonus compensation plan in corporate accounting at Kohler Company, payroll tax manager and then payroll manager for Banta Corporation (before it became RR Donnelly), and payroll accountant for Tidi Products. I currently serve on the City of Appleton Common Council as the elected alderman for the city’s District 13. I am also a member of the city’s Finance Committee which governs all city finance operations.

Here at GBYC, 2025 was a year in which I believe that I streamlined many of the processes required by this club’s treasurer. You may not be aware of the amount of time that goes into “doing the books” at the club. But it is essentially a part-time bookkeeping job of about 10-15 hours per week. In an effort to make it a bit less onerous, I have

- helped provide the club with a new and better method of collecting dues and fees online (through emailed invoices from the accounting system which allows for a clickable “view and pay” option for those wishing to pay online)
- created a new and better method for downloading the club bar/food sales numbers from the point-of-sale system and recording them to the club’s accounting software
- made contact with the club’s many food/liquor vendors to provide for more emailed and electronic invoicing (rather than scanned paper copies)

And perhaps most importantly, I have created and carefully maintained a complete listing of all online login information for all of the club’s many vendors/suppliers and banking institutions for a more organized financial base for the club.

I believe that we have much more to do as far as treasury management to help move the club forward into the future... and I hope that you elect me to help do that! Thank you!





## 2026 PROPOSED DUE FEES - HANDBOOK CHANGES

***Please note that the following page/sections of the 2025 membership handbook are to be presumed amended should this new dues and fees schedule be accepted by the board and general membership.***

Page 12, Section 10 (including subsections b, c, and e): All references to REQUIRED DARN hours will need to be removed/amended as we are proposing that these be volunteer hours worth double a regular work hour.

Page 15, Section 22 will require an amendment to the pricing for "Kitchen Use" as we are proposing an increase to this fee. We suggest that this reference to a fee be made more general (something to the effect of "at the prevailing rate as per the current year's dues and fees schedule") so that we don't have to revisit this every single year going forward in which these fees are adjusted.

Page 16, Section 32 will also require amendment as it references the current pricing for trailer storage. Again, we recommend a more general reference to the prevailing dues and fees schedule here.

Page 17, Section 33, subsection (a): This subsection mentions a dock log fee which we agreed is never assessed and is, rather, an empty threat. We suggest some more "vanilla" language for the last sentence of this subsection such as "All dock users **must** sign in and out of the Dock Log to facilitate the best use of our club's harbor." Or something to that effect.

Page 17, Section 33, subsection (b): The fee here should indicate "+ tax" as we decided in our committee meeting. Otherwise, this subsection, too, should be rewritten to reference the prevailing dues and fees schedule as well.

Page 21, Section 45, subsection (a), sub-subsections (1-4): The language here will have to be tweaked to include reference to the prevailing fees schedule. Sub-subsection (4) should be rewritten in the same verbiage as is used to edit Page 17, Section 33, subsection (a) noted above.



Page 22, Section 45, subsection (e), sub-sections (1) and (2): Same as directly above. (1) will require a rewrite to change the pricing to refer to the "prevailing dues and fees schedule" reference AND remove verbiage regarding the fleet captain determining whether a lift is "emergency" or not since this committee has decided that the lift fee will not vary based on emergency status. (2) should include the same verbiage as whatever is decided for the above in reference to the dock log.

Page 23, Section 50: Should be rewritten to change the threshold for expenses to be paid from the cash register as **\$50 instead of the current \$75**. Special note (bolding of the print) should be given as follows "Receipt should be **detailed**, signed by the member incurring the expense and **approved by the board member in charge of the area**."





# 2026 PROPOSED DUE FEES - CHANGES HIGHLIGHTED

<div>  <div> <b>Green Bay Yachting Club</b>  <b>PROPOSED 2026 Dues and Fees Schedule</b> </div>  </div>			
<b>DUES</b>	Initiation Fee:	For NEW Full Members Only	\$ 350 + tax
	Membership Fees:	Full Membership (Full Year)	\$ 450 + tax
		Full Membership (After 7/1)	\$ 225 + tax
		Full Membership (After 10/1)	\$ 150 + tax
		<i>(Full Members: voting rights, eligible for seasonal docks, service hours req'd)</i>	
		Limited Full Membership (Full Year)	\$ 600 + tax
		Limited Full Membership (After 7/1)	\$ 300 + tax
		Limited Full Membership (After 10/1)	\$ 150 + tax
		<i>(Limited Full Members: voting rights, not eligible for seasonal docks, no service hours req'd.)</i>	
		Social Membership (Full Year)	\$ 250 + tax
<b>HOURS OF SERVICE</b>		Social Membership (After 7/1)	\$ 165 + tax
		<i>(Social Members: all house privileges, no voting rights, no service hours req'd.)</i>	
	Required Regular Hours:	Full Members (Annual)	25 Hours (Minimum)
		Full Members (After 7/1)	15 Hours (Minimum)
		Full Members (After 10/1)	6 Hours (Minimum)
		Price per hour if minimum hours are not served in the year	\$ 30 per hour
	Volunteer DARN Hours:	Each volunteer DARN hour will be recorded as 2 regular hours. DARN hours are no longer required.	
	DOCK FEES	Annual Dock Rental: *	Price per <b>LINEAR FOOT</b> of boat (25 ft minimum for all docks) \$ 25 + tax/foot
		<i>Application and \$250 non-refundable deposit due 01/31/2026.</i>	
		Daily Floaters:	Full Member Floater * \$ 20 + tax/day
		<i>Maximum Full Member Floater fee will be no more than what a full annual dock rental for the boat would be.</i>	
<b>STORAGE *</b>		Non-Full Member/Reciprocal/Transient Floater	\$ 50 + tax/day
	Annual Jet-Ski/Dinghy:	Each Dock	\$ 250 + tax
		<i>Application and full fee due 01/31/2026. Due to the limited number of these docks available, current dock holders get priority. After that, these will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.</i>	
		Winter or Summer:	Price per <b>SQUARE FOOT</b> of boat \$ 0.70 + tax/foot/season
		<i>Application and full fee (including lifts and pressure wash fees) due 09/01/2026 (winter).</i>	
	Boat Trailer/Cradles:	Each/Each Set	\$ 100 + tax/season
	Personal Watercraft:	Each	\$ 100 + tax/season
		<i>Application and full fee (including pressure wash fee) due 09/01/2026.</i>	
	<b>LIFTS</b>	Seasonal/Purchased Lift In: *	Price per <b>LINEAR FOOT</b> of boat \$ 3.50 + tax/foot
		Seasonal/Sold Lift Out: *	Price per <b>LINEAR FOOT</b> of boat \$ 3.50 + tax/foot
		All Other Lifts:	Up to a Maximum of Two Hours in Slings \$ 100 + tax/lift
		<i>It is considered a new lift -- and a new lift charge -- every time a boat comes out of the slings.</i>	
<b>CLUBHOUSE RENTAL</b>	Facility Fee:	Any event size	\$ 150
		<i>Form and deposit must be submitted to House Manager at least 30 days prior to event date to secure the reservation. Events are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.</i>	
		Cleaning Deposit:	Up to \$100 to be Refunded for Proper Cleaning after Rental \$ 150
		<i>Returned deposit amount will be fully at the discretion of the House Manager based on his/her knowledge of what additional cleaning may be required by the club's contracted cleaning service.</i>	
	Expendables Fee:	Disposable Plates/Cutlery + Paper Napkins + Condiments	\$ 30
	Kitchen Use:	Dishwashing and/or Cooking Usage	\$ 30
	Bartender Fee:	At least one bartender is required for parties of 50+ attendees.	\$ 75 per bartender
		<i>Additional bartender(s) may be required at discretion of House Manager.</i>	
	<b>OTHER</b>	Motorhome/Camper Use:	Maximum of Three Nights \$ 20 + tax/night
		<i>Owner must show current proof of insurance for motorhome/camper.</i>	
		Key Card:	Each - Replacement or New \$ 10 + tax
		Pressure Wash:	Each \$ 10 + tax
		Late Fees:	Full Members \$ 50 + tax/month
			Social Members \$ 25 + tax/month
	Credit Card Surcharge:	GBYC assesses a % surcharge on all credit card payments.	
		<i>By federal law, surcharging that exceeds the actual processing costs is not allowed. Currently, the GBYC surcharge is 3% for dues/fees paid via emailed invoice and 3.5% on purchases at the bar register.</i>	

\* Full Members Only







## GRASSY ISLAND RANGE LIGHTS

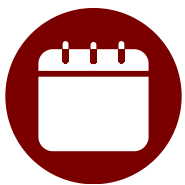
How many lighthouses are there in the world. For purposes of this article I went to Google for the answer. It seems that there are a number of experts on the subject, none of which agree. One said 18,600. Another 14,800. One query stated there were over a million. Regardless, we have 2. They were first lit in 1872 and decommissioned in 1966 and purchased by the Green Bay Yachting Club at a cost of \$1.00 each. What a bargain.

Since they became GBYC property they have been mutilated and mauled, moved around, and restored to their present condition. One would question whether that \$2.00 was a good investment. To date there probably has been over 3 million dollars spent to ensure that they remain a part of Green Bay well into the future. WOW, that's a lot of money. But what is the value of preserving history? That could be debated, and likely will be well into the future. What we can say is, looking west at sunset they are beautiful.

There remains for as long as they exist ongoing maintenance required. A small group of people known here as "lighthouse keepers" have put a lot of "blood, sweat and tears" into that effort. Looking to the future, there is a lot of opportunity to get involved in the maintenance effort and sharing a part of history. How about you, Mr and Ms Lighthouse Keeper?

MERRY CHRISTMAS!





## DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MEETINGS

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

### REOCCURRING EVENTS

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

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- MEN'S SMOKER – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17,







**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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