

JANUARY 2026

# THE DOCKLINE

Official Newsletter of the Green Bay Yachting Club

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Members,

We are announcing several new board appointments effective January 1, 2026.

Dan Emmel - Commadore

Pete Smet - Vice Commadore & Grounds

TBD - Rear Commadore

Jim Thompson - Past Commadore

Richard Matonich - Secretary

Carol Pamperin - House

Sheri Hartzheim - Entertainment

Gordon Johnson - Fleet Captain & Segreant-at-Arms

Dan Gruendemann - Building / Facilities

Terry Strandberg - Treasurer

Each new member adds valuable experience, leadership, and perspective to our priorities and goals. Their expertise in operations and governance will strengthen our oversight. We thank our continuing Board members for their dedication.

Please join us in welcoming the new members and anticipating their contributions as we approach 2026.

## Board of Directors

commodore  
DAN EMMEL

vice commodore & grounds  
PETE SMET

entertainment  
SHERI FOCHS HARTZHEIM

secretary  
RICHARD MATONICH

fleet captain  
& sergeant-at-arms  
GORDON JOHNSON

building & facilities  
DAN GRUENDEMANN

house  
CAROL PAMPERIN

treasurer  
TERRY STRANDBERG



## COMMADORE

I hope everybody had a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Years day.

Looking foward to working with newly elected board of directors for 2026. We will be working as a team and helping each other out when needed. We have a lot of work in front of us to bring back the family friendly atmosphere. I have some ideas that will be brought up at the first board meeting and will be looking for other ideas from the board and general members that will move the club forward.

Happy New Years Commodore out.

DAN EMMEL

## ENTERTAINMENT

Hello, Fellow GBYCers!

It's a new year and new board assignments. So here I am in Entertainment. It seems that the house already has a few things planned, so please take advantage of those already scheduled events. Moving forward, we'll have to see what else is needed as far as entertainment plans and what will be feasible as far as keeping club costs down so that we don't lose big with entertainment expenses that aren't recouped with increased bar and food sales. We've got to make ends meet in 2026! If you have any thoughts or ideas, please reach out and let me know. My email hasn't changed so... send me a note at [ssh.gbyctreas@gmail.com](mailto:ssh.gbyctreas@gmail.com).

Thanks!

SHERI HARTZHEIM





## HOUSE

Hoping everyone had a wonderful holiday season and a great start to 2026, signifying new beginnings and potential. We begin our planning process for the upcoming boating season with exciting menu items – keeping with traditional items and, of course, some new things to look forward to!

Upcoming events are:

- Bubba Lewis Trio – Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm
- SeaGals Kick Off Meeting - Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am
- Bingo 6 pm – January 15<sup>th</sup>, January 29<sup>th</sup>, February 5<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup>
- Ace Champion Valentine Dinner - Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm \$75 per person, Dinner Choices: Steak Tenderloin with Mushroom Wine Sauce or Blackened Bourbon Maple Glazed Jamaican Salmon with Mango Black Bean Salsa. Both include dessert – white chocolate strawberry cream pie with dark chocolate rum sauce and a cocktail of your choice
- Acoustic Endorphins – Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm – Food Specials TBD

Thank you for a fantastic 2025 and for everyone who helped to contribute to making it awesome! As always, thoughts, suggestions, and feedback are welcome!

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House Chairperson  
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## SECRETARY

Hello Members,

Happy Holiday Greetings!

As your Board Secretary, I am committed to supporting the Board and Members with accurate records, timely materials, and clear communication.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and look forward to working together.

Best regards,  
Richard Matonich



## BUILDINGS

Hello Everyone from Mr. Fix it

Thank you to everyone for keeping me on the board and in charge of buildings.

Things are a little slow this time of year , But I'm ok with that.

I have a few projects lined up when the weather improves,like no snow .

Going to be addressing the 5 windows by the patio that leak. This could be a major project because of water damage in the wood above . Also replacing the Rear Entrance doors.

If you have any input please contact me.

Have a GREAT Holiday season and a great 2026

Thanks Dan





# FLEET CAPTAIN

Greetings GBYC Club Members New and Old;

Welcome to 2026 and the start of a new yachting season. My name is Gordon Johnson and I am the incoming Fleet Captain for 2026. The former Fleet Captain, Tony Sinclair and I will have met for our “hand-off” meeting earlier this year ensuring a seamless transition. Tony has (thankfully) agreed to help out with advice throughout the year. Therefore all future Fleet Captain screw-ups will be mine. Tony, thank you so much for being the Fleet Commander for the past year and we hope you have fun yachting this summer with no interruptions.

## Annual Dock Application:

All current dock holders must turn in a dock application annually as well as the deposit to retain their permanent dock assignment. Dock fees must be paid in full by May 1st. Dock applications will be available at the clubhouse or may be downloaded from the GBYC web page ([http://greenbayyachtclub.com/Member\\_Info.html](http://greenbayyachtclub.com/Member_Info.html)). Completed applications must be received back by the Fleet Captain by 31 January 2026, along with a non-refundable deposit of \$250. Please refer to the 2026 Dues and Fees Schedule for the new dock fees. The balance of the dock fee is due prior to lift-in, or May 1. Failure to pay all fees by their due date may result in slip loss or slip reassignment at the discretion of the Fleet Captain, please refer to the 2026 Membership Handbook.

PS: Don't forget to submit the proof of insurance for your boat with the dock application.

## D.A.R.N.

Remember the D.A.R.N. (Dock Assessment Restoration & Normalization) hours required for each dock holder? Well there is a big change to the 2026 Membership Handbook, there are no longer any DARN hours required. However, all your hours working on approved DARN projects will now count double toward your Regular Service Hours. All dock holders as well as other members are encouraged to participate on approved DARN projects. The DARN work days are a GREAT way to meet new members and get reacquainted with old members. DARN is not a substitute for the other four letter word that starts with a D.





## FLEET CAPTAIN (CONT.)

The cold weather looks like it will cooperate for a DARN work day (the first in a few years) for continuing upgrades to the north side Head Pier that is out on the ice. We are scheduling the actual DARN work day for Saturday 07 February 2026, starting at 8:30am. Coffee and Doughnuts will be in the clubhouse about 8:00am. We plan on finishing the work about noon at which time chili and a few pitchers of beer will be served as a thank you to everyone for their hard work. Please bring corded and cordless circular saws, drills, impact drills, extension cords, wrecking bars, as well as other tools of dock construction and destruction. It would be a good idea to mark your personal tools as such so everyone goes home with the equipment they brought. Just a reminder...one crew will be working out on the ice so wearing ice traction cleats would be helpful. There will also be a crew working near the garage (former clubhouse) running saws and delivering wood out to the crew working on the ice. Please dress appropriately for the weather that day. If the weather becomes unfavorable for working that day we will have to reschedule for another day.

We will need a skeleton crew (3 or 4 people) the Saturday (31 January 2026) before the DARN work day to rip 2x2's from 2x6's for the pier rails as well as stage the repair lumber for the official DARN work day. This probably will not take too long so if we start at 8:30am we should be finished around 11:00am, possibly earlier. Again, weather permitting. If you are planning on helping rip rails and stage lumber please let me know (contact information below) so we do not have too many workers standing around and freezing to death (bad for membership).

Should be lots more dock doings this year, in the meantime stay warm and practice tying your nautical knots.

Cheers,  
Gordon S. Johnson

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## GRASSY ISLAND RANGE LIGHTS

Each year is a page in our story — may this one be written with joy and hope.

In January we walk through our accomplishments, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the accomplishments, not looking for flaws but for potential.

The turn of the calendar is the perfect time to reflect on how we grew the previous year and plan our goals for the next.

May the light of the new year illuminate your path and lead you to uncharted territories of success and fulfillment.

Happy  
New Year  
2026





## JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MEETINGS

- GENERAL MEETING – THURSDAY, JANUARY 8 AT 7 PM
- BOARD MEETING – MONDAY, JANUARY 12 AT 6 PM

### REOCCURRING EVENTS

- TACO TUESDAY – JANUARY 6, 13, 20, 27
- HAPPY HOUR & BURGER NIGHT – JANUARY 8, 15, 22, 29

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- MEN'S SMOKER – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21





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