

FEBRUARY 2026

# THE DOCKLINE

Official Newsletter of the Green Bay Yachting Club

## COMMODORE

It's been a fast-moving and exciting first month with the board working on membership and dock applications. New board members are learning fast of what has to be done and doing a great job, thank you, board members. Being Commodore is also a learning curve. I have been Fleet Captain a couple of times and found that easier. With the new board, we have things already falling into place.

If you have any ideas or requests , contact a board member, and we can talk about it at the board meeting.

With the bitter cold weather, I am sure the Fleet Captain will mention something about the start of DARN.

For those that did not attend the January general meeting, I gave a short speech that contained four words that I would like everyone to remember and practice: RESPECT, HONESTY, INTEGRITY, and COLLABORATION to make the GBYC a fun and more welcoming place to visit.

Thank you, Commodore Dan

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## SECRETARY

Many secretarial duties currently underway include processing memberships based on received payments. The initial mailing of new membership cards is scheduled for January 23rd.

Please note that the release of the 2026 Handbook will be delayed; we are working diligently to finalize its content and anticipate availability by late February or early March. Should it become available sooner, we will communicate updates promptly.

For your reference, Board Meeting Minutes (MoMs) are posted on the bulletin board near the entrance. Additionally, we encourage you to join our Facebook “Family” page to receive updates regarding club events and activities.

We look forward to seeing you at the Club

Richard Matonich

Secretary GBYC

## GROUNDS

Winter has certainly arrived, I hope everyone is staying safe and warm.

There aren't any significant changes or updates for grounds this month. We're just enjoying the usual winter activities, salting and shoveling. If you notice any walkways or entrances need salting and shoveling, please help out and clear them if you are able to do so

A huge thank you to all the members who have helped out with snow removal. Your efforts are truly appreciated! Stay warm, and thank you again for all your help.



# FLEET CAPTAIN

Members Welcome to \*Febrrrrruary 2026;

We have bad news and good news. First the bad news, we have a hard water problem in the harbor. So no boating yet this year. The good news, we have hard water in the harbor so we can have a few more DARN days for dock repair.

## D.A.R.N.

We are scheduling the first 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 are scheduling 2 additional D.A.R.N. days in February to play catch-up on dock maintenance; the 21st and the 28th please mark your calendars for these fun filled mornings. There will be refreshments pre and post work.

## 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. Completed applications must be received 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. 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)).

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

## Winter Storage:

On premise winter boat and trailer storage must have already been paid by 1st September 2005, including a completed Winter Storage Application, and Proof of Insurance. There are more than several boats and trailers on club property which have not been paid for yet. Fines for non-payment and incomplete paperwork will be assessed per the 2026 Dues and Fees Schedule. Please double check your records to make sure you are not one of the slackers.

\*Yes, I know

Cheers,  
Gordon S. Johnson



## BUILDINGS

Hi everyone from Mr. Fix It.

We have a few things going on in the club this year, and it's not good for the club.

By now you probably have heard that the water lines going to the outside bathrooms froze and broke, causing water to go everywhere.

I am going to be looking for people to help. The ceiling in the women's bathroom is going to need to be replaced, and most likely the light fixtures as well. Get your hours in early this year. I will be assessing the damage this week and putting a plan together for repairs. Please get a hold of me if you would like to do this project or help.

Thanks to Dan and Ann Emmel for the fast response in repairing the broken pipes.

I am working on a preventative maintenance plan for the club so we can avoid some of the costly emergency repair bills.

Keep warm.

Dan

## HOUSE

February may be a quieter month at the clubhouse, but it's a great time for us to step back, take a look at what's working, and make sure we're set up for a great season ahead.

We have been focusing on the everyday details that matter most—good food, good service, and a comfortable place to gather. We've been listening to member feedback, supporting our staff, and making small adjustments that help improve the overall dining and bar experience. The revised winter menu is available with some new additions, including: the R.G. Burger, Bang Bang Shrimp Tacos on Tuesdays, Todd's Signature Burger, Thursday's burger now comes with French Fries, and Happy Hour from 5 to 8 pm, and Bucket O' beer on Thursdays.

Quick note on Tuesday drawing for the Pot of Gold: the winner drawn must be present to win; in the event the winner drawn is not present, they will be awarded one quarter (1/4) of the pot.

As we look toward spring, we're excited about what's ahead and are working behind the scenes to keep the clubhouse a place you enjoy coming back to, whether it's for a casual drink, a meal with friends, or a club event.

Thank you for your continued support and for being part of what makes GBYC special. We look forward to seeing you at the clubhouse this month.

Carol Pamperin



# TREASURER

Hi, Fellow Club Members,

As Treasurer, it's been a busy and exciting to start a new club year with all the wonderful renewal payments that y'all made in January! I've been regularly updating the fleet captain and the club secretary on all of the membership renewals and dock applications received. So if you paid your dues but have not yet gotten your 2026 membership card, don't worry. You're sure to receive it soon. And the dock applications are awaiting the fleet captain's review before he hands the final dock assignments back to me for the season's dock rental billings (which will be due on May 1<sup>st</sup> or before your boat is lifted into the harbor).

As was mentioned at the January meeting of the general membership (and I understand is also mentioned by the Fleet Captain in this Docklines issue), there may be a few boats in Winter Storage on the grounds for which the club has not received any Winter Storage Application or payment for said storage. If you know you're one of these folks, please get to it ASAP as the club rules regarding non-payment are "\$50+tax/month while the fees remain unpaid." Here's a link to the form: <https://snip.cam/MVKMBGcx>. Since we're now into the new year and using the 2026 forms, you'll have to mark it up a bit to use 2025 pricing. Reach out to me and let me know that you're going to submit this with your payment and I'll make the calculations with the 2025 rates for you and include your late fees. Since all Winter Storage fees were due on 09/01/2025, there have already been four – almost five – months in which late fees will have accumulated. So hurry to get this in and get square with your club!

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!





## GRASSY ISLAND RANGE LIGHTS

The United States Lighthouse Society has a passport program. It is designed for lighthouse enthusiasts to receive “stamps” in their passports for each lighthouse they visit. Your Grassy Island Range Lights are a part of the passport program.

The United States Lighthouse Society Passport Program is designed to generate donations for participating lighthouses in addition to being a fun and educational way to learn about lighthouses and chronicle theirlighthouse adventures. Collect unique stamps from over 600 locations throughout the country. In addition, as a member of the Passport Club you will receive a special gift and periodic updates on new stamp locations and stamp hunting tips.

A USLHS passport can be purchased at the Grassy Island Range Lights Welcome Center. They cost \$25 and include the GIRL stamp to start. With your purchase and subsequent registration with the USLHS you will receive a list of all the lighthouses in the US that participate in the program.

Now, why would you want to do this. We have had visitors from all over the US and many foreign countries. Lighthouses generally include a lot of the history of the area the guest is visiting.

And as happened on Saturday, January 10th, a family from Amarillo Texas visited. They had the rare treat to witness a ship come into the river, and with the assistance of the Florida and Washington tugboats who broke up the ice and turned the LARGE fuel carrying laker and move it to the US Oil tank farm upriver. I am sure that is a memory they will not soon forget. And they got their first passport. I am sure there will be many more exciting lighthouse visits in their future. (Yes, they came to Green Bay to participate with other Packer fans to watch the game. Likely not happy with the outcome.)

Your Grassy Island Range Lights participate with Door County, Kewaunee and Algoma lighthouses in June and October each year for special weekend tours. More reasons for YOU to be a lighthouse keeper.





## FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETING – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12 AT 7 PM  
BOARD MEETING – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9 AT 6 PM

### REOCCURRING EVENTS

TACO TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 3, 10, 17, 24  
HAPPY HOUR & BURGER NIGHT – FEBRUARY 5, 12, 19, 26

### SPECIAL EVENTS

MEN'S SMOKER – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18



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