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THE DOCKLINE

Official Newsletter of the Green Bay Yachting Club

COMMODORE

I would like to welcome all the new members that joined in January and February. Lets make them feel welcomed at the club.

Looks like another year that the harbor will be full. Thank you Board Members for all the hard work of billing and following with calling of members.

By the time you read this i hope the weather cools down so we can finish the DARN project.

In closing I want to thank all of the members for your ongoing support of the club. Whether you have been with us for years or are just getting started you make this club the wonderful place it is. Lets continue to work together to ensure we have a successful year.

Commodore Dan sighning out.

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SECRETARY

Hello Fellow Members,

Several administrative items have recently been completed, and other are actively underway. Our top priority is finalizing the Club Handbook, which we anticipate distributing by the end of this month

Please remember that the Board Meeting Minutes are available for your review in hard copy on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the facility.

We have also received several inquiries regarding visits to other yacht clubs. If you plan to take advantage of the reciprocal privileges, please be sure to carry your current membership card, as it verifies your status and maybe required at participating clubs nationwide. In many cases, a letter of introduction is also needed – please contact me and I will be happy to provide one.

Additionally, be sure to review the host clubs' guidelines and policies in advance to ensure you are familiar with and compliant with their requirements.

We appreciate your membership and remain committed to providing the highest level of services possible.

Sincerely
Richard Matonich
Secretary, GBYC

GROUNDS

There isn't a whole lot to report for grounds this time of year.

As mentioned at the General Meeting, I'm looking ahead to spring and would welcome any ideas for landscaping improvements and flower beds around the clubhouse. If you have suggestions, please let me know — member input is always appreciated.

Looking forward to the upcoming season!

Pete Smet

TREASURER

Howdy, Fellow GBYCers,

During the last week of February, the Fleet Captain Gordon and Mr and Mrs Commodore Dan and Ann met to finalize the dock assignments for the 2026 season. We're that much closer to seeing the harbor filled with boats again, folks! Woohoo!

What this means for the Treasurer position – and for dock holders – is that invoices will soon be issued for final dock rental payments for the season. If you're a seasonal dock holder, watch your email boxes for your invoice. Just like with the membership renewal emailed invoices, this dock rental invoice will include the 3% credit card surcharge for online payment (if you so choose) but will have a note clearly stating what the "CASH/CHECK PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE" for those who choose to forgo that surcharge.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you have recently changed your email or are not sure what the club has on file for contact info for you, please check with me to make sure we have the most relevant (most often checked by you!) email address to which to send club communications.

As it's still only March, dock holders won't need to worry about immediate payment on these dock rental invoices. But keep in mind that the balance of seasonal dock rental fees will be due by the EARLIER of the following: 24 hours before you put your boat in –OR- May 1st, 2026. And according to the handbook: Failure to pay *all* fees by these due dates will result in full dock fee payment with dock application in 2026. I will also be communicating closely with the lift crews this year and the rules will essentially be boiled down to "No cash = no splash!"

Any time you have any GBYC treasury questions, ideas, or feedback, please reach out to me at ssh.gbyctreas@gmail.com or via text at (920) 570-2873. I look forward to hearing from you!

HOUSE

March is here, bringing with it the promise of spring and another great season at the Club. While winter still lingers outside, there's plenty of activity, camaraderie, and excitement happening within our walls. From social events to planning for the boating season ahead, this month isfilled with momentum. Thank you for your continued support and involvement — we can't wait to share what's ahead!

Carol Pamperin – House Chairperson / cpampgbyc@gmail.com / 920.634.9438

GBYC HOUSE RULES AND REMINDERS

Respectful Bar Use and Cleanliness

As a community, we all share the privilege of enjoying the yacht club house. To keep the space welcoming, safe, and cost-effective for everyone, please follow these simple guidelines about drink service and cleanup. Also, please be respectful of phone volume to avoid interrupting other members' conversations.

Why this matters:

- Overfilled drinks and pitchers lead to spills, sticky surfaces, and damaged linens.
- Spills increase the workload and costs for our cleaning contractor.
- Leaving glasses, dishes, and garbage creates extra work for staff and members, and can attract pests.

Club guidelines

- Do not overfill individual drinks or pitchers. Leave at least 1/2 inch (about 1 cm) of headroom to prevent spills when carrying or pouring.
- If a bartender is on duty, they will serve and manage drink service. If no bartender is present, members must serve themselves responsibly and clean up after use.
- Clean up your area when finished: wipe down the bar/counter, return or clear dirty glasses and dishes, and dispose of garbage in the designated bins.
- Report any spills or broken glass immediately so they can be handled safely.

Consequences

- Repeated disregard for these guidelines may lead to warnings or fines to cover cleaning/repair costs.
- Members causing damage or extra cleaning expenses may be held responsible for reimbursement.

Thank you for your cooperation. Keeping the yacht club house clean and tidy preserves our shared space, reduces costs, and ensures everyone enjoys a pleasant, safe environment.

FLEET CAPTAIN

Ahoy Members!

As you know we had to cancel the DARN day scheduled for 21 February due to thin ice/water on the ice. Let's hope for some cold days so the harbor freezes over and it is again safe to work out there. We have had 24 to 28 people show up for each DARN work day. So a huge thank you to all the workers that came out.

D.A.R.N.
DARN... the long range forecast does not look good for DARN work in March. I can't believe I'm saying this but no ice is a bad thing. If the weather turns and ice form at a later date we will send out a blast with DARN work dates.

Annual Dock Application:
Great job to all dock holders for the 2026 season for submitting your dock applications and deposits in a timely fashion. The only boat slips vacant are three facing the clubhouse. A special thank you to Ann Emmel for doing the heavy lifting on this.

Winter Storage:
Reminder: There are still several boats and trailers on club property which have not been paid for yet. Fines for non-payment and incomplete paperwork will be accessed per the 2026 Dues and Fees Schedule. Please double check your records to make sure you are not one of the slackers. If you have any questions about this please contact the Fleet Captain (me).

Cheers,
Gordon S. Johnson

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GRASSY ISLAND RANGE LIGHTS

In 1866, dredging began on a new channel into the harbor into Green Bay harbor that cut straight across Grassy Island. An appropriation of $11,000 for construction of lights had been included in the 1864 budget. Delays in harbor improvements caused the funds to revert to the treasury, requiring a new appropriation in 1870. Construction of the two towers and associated keeper's house followed in 1872 The two towers were largely identical except for their heights: freestanding wooden pyramidal towers covered in shingles, topped by octagonal lanterns holding sixth-order Fresnel lenses. Initially, both displayed a fixed white light. One tower stood at each end of the cut on its eastern side, with the keeper's house between them. The lights were automated in 1934 with the installation of acetylene lamps. At the same time, the characteristics of both lights was changed to green, with the front light also flashing, to contrast with the lights of the city. Throughout the station's life, the channel was constantly dredged and widened. Eventually, the decision was made to expand the channel to the east as well as the west. Therefore, in 1966, the decision was made to remove the lights. Members of the Green Bay Yacht Club petitioned the Corps of Engineers for permission to remove and preserve the towers. In November of that year, the lights were moved to the club's parking lot. Much of Grassy Island was removed, and a new automated beacon was erected on what remained.

In 1998, the two towers were relocated to a breakwater at the edge of the yacht club property. They underwent a lengthy restoration and were rededicated in 2005. They were listed on the National Register of Historic Places that year.

In 2017, a decision was made to stabilize the breakwater, which had been deteriorating for several years and causing concerns about the lighthouse foundations. Over the next year and a half, the breakwater was reinforced with steel piling. Additionally, the breakwater was widened to accommodate two-way vehicle traffic, a parking area, safety railing, dock access, and other improvements.

By the end of 2019, the final improvements were completed, and the "Lighthouse Park" became the new permanent home for the Grassy Island Range Lights. The project was funded by the David L. and Rita E. Nelson Family Fund and the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region.

GRASSY ISLAND
RANGE LIGHTS
- EST. 1872 -
GREEN BAY, WI

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MEETINGS

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

REOCCURRING EVENTS

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

MEN'S SMOKER – WEDNESDAY, SMOKER 18
ST. PATRICK'S DAY — TUESDAY, MARCH 17

- TACO TUESDAY SPECIALS ALL EVENING AND $1 OFF MARGARITAS
- CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE SPECIAL: CORNED BEEF WITH RED POTATOES, CARROTS, AND RYE BREAD — $14.95.
- ACOUSTIC ENDORPHINS LIVE BAND 6 PM

PRIVATE PARTY - MARCH 14, 1:00 PM
PRIVATE PARTY - MARCH 28, 12:00 PM

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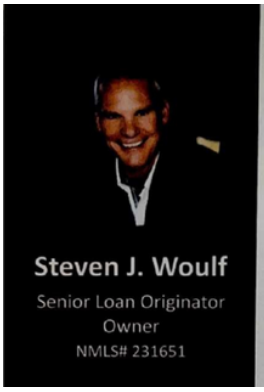

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