

OCTOBER 2026

THE DOCKLINE

Official Newsletter of the Green Bay Yachting Club

COMMODORE

By the time you read this Fall has already started with a nip in the air. That means lift crews have already started lifting and placing boats. Lift crews are great way to get hours and meet members, so if want to get on a lift crew call Jim Wassenberg 920-562-3454 and he place you on a crew. I would like to thank John Baumann and Gordon Johnson for replacing 7 hydraulic hoses on the travel lift.

Another thank you to Mike Stoller for replacing the shelving in the liquor cabinet the look awesome.

All the liquor was inventoried by Nikki a big thank you to Nikki. Stepping up and volunteering is what makes the club save money and move forward.

Also it's nice to see some of the past bartenders return, welcome back.

Did i hear something about a Holloween party ? Keep you posted. I am sure i forgot about something but Commodore Dan out.

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SECRETARY

Fellow Members,

As September draws to a close and October approaches, the last stretch of golden days slowly gives way to the arrival of autumn, offering a final opportunity to savor the season before the well-known “lift out” arrives—an occasion best left unspoken.

From an administrative standpoint, this summer has reflected steady, reliable progress across all areas. Meeting minutes have been consistently maintained, volunteer hours have remained stable and well documented, and our social media engagement has continued to align closely with the objectives established at the start of the season.

There are still several pleasant days ahead, and the Board remains committed to ensuring operations stay efficient, communication remains clear and transparent, and the Club continues to feel welcoming to all who pass through its gates.

As we move toward October, appreciation is extended to everyone for the spirit, goodwill, and enthusiasm that continue to strengthen this community.

Sincerely

Richard Matonich





TREASURER

Happy Autumn, Fellow GBYCers!

Though the September 1st due date is long past, the club is still accepting winter storage applications past the deadline. (Did you miss it?! You're not alone.) But please get your winter storage applications in to the office ASAP as we do not have unlimited square footage of grounds to accommodate endless numbers of boats.

Please remember that lift crews are being instructed to not lift your boat out of the harbor without your payment for the lift and/or your winter storage invoice (which includes requirements for fall lift-out and spring lift-in for next spring on the application) already received by the Treasurer. It's kinda' like in the spring but with an "un" in front of the last word: No Cash = No Un-Splash. Be sure to plan ahead to make sure that you're paid up so you will be able to have your boat lifted out of the harbor before the end of the season!

Other Treasury Reminders and Notes:

- Please regularly check your email for any invoices from the club.
- Those club members with a current balance with the club should be aware that, per club rules, late fees will be assessed and your balance due will increase. So if you know that you still owe the club but aren't sure of the total due, please check in with me for your full balance due and make payment ASAP so that you remain a member in good standing.
- You can always pay emailed invoices online with the "view and pay" button on the email that includes the invoice. I always figure and add in the 3% credit card surcharge on these emailed invoices... but I also always include the cash/check amount due (without the surcharge) in the body of these emails as well. So make sure to read the emails thoroughly so that you get the correct payment in to your club!
- This year's Dues and Fees Committee has been formed and a first meeting date is in the process of being selected. Thanks to those who are volunteering!

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TREASURER (CONT.)

. In the next couple of months, the board (with the excellent assistance of Lead Bartender Nikki and Cook Todd) will be working on a transition plan for the new Point of Sale (POS) system for the club with an anticipated roll-out on January 1, 2027. When you see Nikki and Todd, please thank and encourage them in this work as it will take some time and cooperation. The club will no doubt be in a better spot with this new POS and its full integration with our accounting system. It will make the role of club treasurer easier and keep the club in closer connection with 1) the current food/beverage inventory on hand, 2) how appropriate to the costs the club's food/beverage pricing is, and 3) where the club might be seeing some food/beverage losses which will allow course corrections to happen much more quickly. These are important things that were recommended by the club's financial consultant in our recent financial review. So, despite the fear of change, please let's all stay positive about this process!

As always, I'm available for "treasury questions" at ssh.gbyctreas@gmail.com or via text at (920) 570-2873. Let me know how I can help!





FLEET CAPTAIN

Hello GBYC Members

Another summer has ended and fall is officially here. Time to put our boats away, do a bit of winterization and eat pumpkin pie.

Boat Lift-Out:

Members new and old: Boat Lift-Out crews will start on September 25th and end on October 22nd. If you are not on a lift crew, this year is a great time to sign up for one. Each lift-crew only works for a week in the fall and a week in the spring and is a great way to meet other members and get your most of your volunteer hours in. For any Lift-Crew questions please contact our Lift-Crew Chairman; Jim Wassenberg @ 920.562.3454

If you are planning on having a lift your boat out of the harbor please use the signup sheet in the clubhouse located in the bar information center (ask any member where that is). Please have sling location markers on your boat that are visible from both above the boat and from below the boat. Plan on arriving 30-minutes prior to your boat lift out so you can have your jack-stands in place with at least ½” thick plywood under the jack stand legs so the jack-stand legs don’t sink into the asphalt. Please be respectful of the lift crew’s time as the crews are all member (social and full) volunteers.

Shrink Wrap:

If you would like to have your boat shrink-wrapped for the winter there is a signup sheet on the bar’s information center bulletin board.

All Boat Storage:

Something new for this year: All boats stored for the winter on the club property MUST have the owners name and contact information on a readily visible tag or on the shrink wrap. This will allow us to contact the owner quickly in the event of an emergency.

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FLEET CAPTAIN (CONT.)

Dock Days:

Dock days this fall will be Saturday October 24th at 9:00am. The Harbor must be cleared of all boats by the 23rd. Yes, donuts and coffee will be served before the work starts. Let's get the Club spruced for the winter. After the work is done we will have burgers and Chili.....and beer. Let's have a great turnout again this year as it is a really fun time (once the work is done). Also...The hours worked go toward your volunteer hours. There will be Dock Days job signup sheets on tables in the dining room, please sign up for jobs that suit your abilities.

Storage for Boats on Trailers:

For winter storage please park your trailered boats on the south side of the harbor on the grass. We do need to keep a small portion of the southwest side open for U.S. Energy (formerly U.S. Oil) so they can have access to their above ground pipelines, as they are planning on removing them this fall.

Gas Pump:

The gas pump will be turned off and locked up on dock day, the 24th.

Harbor Water Supply:

The water to the docks will be turned off and the pipes blown out sometime prior to dock day. Please plan on not having any water to the docks after October 15th, the water may be turned off a bit sooner than that, depending on the water purger's schedule, Dave?

Boat Slips for 2027:

Slips assignments for next year are based on, in addition to slip availability slip/boat length compatibility and...

- 1) Your existing slip location (this does not include "floaters").
- 2) Length of time as a full member.
- 3) Number of volunteer hours served.

This year's "floaters" will be assigned slips as they become available.

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FLEET CAPTAIN (CONT.)

Reminder: All winter storage application and fees are due and should be in by now.

Quick, go for a final boat ride;

Gordon S. Johnson
GBYC Fleet Captain

GROUND

Well, unfortunately dock day is coming up sooner than we'd all like! It's hard to believe another boating season is already winding down. I'll have a list of tasks and projects that need to be completed on dock day. If able to help you can sign up for a task when you arrive by seeing Gordon or myself. Thank you all for your help throughout the season. It is very much appreciated!

Pete

BUILDINGS

Hi From Mr. Fix it. Things are running smoothly
Gordon and I will have some projects for Dock Days with sign up sheets for who ever would like to help.

Thanks Dan





GRASSY ISLAND RANGE LIGHTS

There are a few members of your yacht club who invest a great deal of time in maintaining and preserving the Grassy Island Range Lights. Why do you suppose they do it? If you ask each you likely will get a different answer. One thing is for sure. The lights are an integral part of the yacht club and have been so since the 1960's.

Since they were sold to the yacht club by the Corp of Engineers in 1966, a number of people have worked on ensuring their longevity. We know Merlin Baenen and David Nelson are two of the stalwarts in that effort. There are several more who have put in long hours toward that end. The question has been asked "who is going to keep them looking good in the next decades."

As Green Bay Yachting Club membership changes, new members continue to step up and help—thank you! But we need more volunteers. Many talented club members could spend a couple hours on Tuesday evenings putting their skills to work for the lighthouses. Those hours count toward the yacht club's service requirements, and there are rewards. Come out on a Tuesday evening to discover what they are. After dock day, the lighthouse keepers switch to Saturdays, and generally someone brings lunch. You are still welcome as we finish up any projects from the summer hours and plan for the next year.

This is YOUR club. The Grassy Island Range Lights are a part of YOUR club. Step up!

And, the lighthouses are open for visitors October 2nd, 3rd and 4th from 10:00AM to 5:00PM in participation with the Door County Lighthouse Passport program. You can help during the open house.





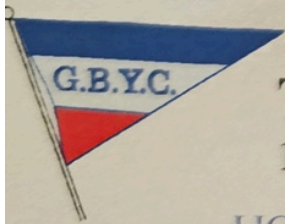
REMEMBER THE DATE
Saturday November 7, 2026
22nd ANNUAL
VETERAN'S DAY
COMMEMORATION

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



THE DOCKLINE



A NIGHT TO DISMEMBER

HALLOWEEN PARTY



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH
7PM - ?

AT-THE
GREEN BAY YACHTING CLUB



OUR FRIDAY FISH FRY
WILL BE AVAILABLE UNTIL 7PM

MUSIC BY
JOSH BURTON



GAMES



MYSTERY
SHOTS



BASKET
RAFFLE



COSTUME CONTEST



BRING A FUN APPETIZER
IF YOU'D LIKE!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- General Meeting – Thursday, October 8 at 7 PM
- Board Meeting – Monday, October 5 at 6 PM
- Men's Smoker – Wednesday, October 21
- Taco Tuesday and Pot of Gold Drawing – October 6, 13, 20, 27
- Happy Hour & Burger Night – October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- HALLOWEEN PARTY! – Friday, October 30 at 7 PM



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