

NOVEMBER 2026

THE DOCKLINE

Official Newsletter of the Green Bay Yachting Club

COMMODORE

By the time you read this the harbor will be put to sleep for the winter. All boats out,water lines blowen out,and docks tied together. A big thank you to the lift crews and every body that helped on dock days.

Just a reminder that November general meeting is nominations for the board of directors and dues and fees.

Just because the boats are out of the water dosent meen the the activities at the club stop,we have a beautiful club house that is opened year round for its members. So make sure to stop down in the winter months to catch up with old friends.

I know it's a while away but it would like to say have an enjoyable Thanksgiving and if you are a deer hunter ,good luck and be safe.

Commodore Dan out.

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BUILDING & FACILITIES

Hi all from Mr. Fix it.

Thank you to all that came out for dock days and helped our club get needed projects done. If you need hours yet Gordon has a binder with projects that were not done by the hour sign in book

The plan to close the outside bathrooms is aprox. Thanksgiving day and re open around Easter.

Have a great day Dan



FLEET CAPTAIN

Good-bye summer and hello GBYC Members

Well....the harbor is empty and the boats on shore are putting their shrink wrap blankets on for the winter.

Boat Lift-Out:
Your club wants YOU to volunteer for a lift crew next spring. We have a great need for lift crew members, you don't have to have any experience on lifting boats, we will teach you all need to know. Being on a lift crew is actually quite a lot of fun. For any Lift-Crew answers please contact our Lift-Crew Chairman; Jim Wassenberg @ 920.562.3454

Shrink Wrap:
If you would like to have your boat shrink-wrapped for the winter please call Dave @ 920.373.0481 very soon so you don't miss the boat (sorry about that).

All Boat Storage:
Something new for this year: All boats and trailers 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.

Dock Days:
A huge shout out to all the members that came out for our 2026 fall dock days. While we didn't have a huge turn out this year we accomplished what we need and the docks have been positioned in the harbor for the winter. To those who could not make it, we had great weather, the burgers and brats were grilled to perfection and the beer was cold.

Storage for Boats on Trailers:
For winter storage please park your trailered boats on the south side of the harbor on the grass. Please fill out your winter trailer storage application and submit the application along with your valid certificate of insurance (COI) and your payment.

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FLEET CAPTAIN (CONT.)

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 is now turned off for the winter.
Harbor Water Supply:
The water to the harbor slips has been turned off for the winter.

Boat Slips for 2027:
If you are thinking about getting a boat and want to have a slip at the club please let the Fleet Captain know as soon as possible as well as a description (length and width) of the boat.
Slip 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 (2026) “floaters” will be assigned slips as they become available.

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

Gordon S. Johnson



TREASURER

Hi, Fellow GBYC Members!

Thanks to everyone who has already properly submitted signed Winter Storage applications and payment as we're now well into what pleasure boaters consider "the long winter" before we can be out on the water here again.

Please verify that your boat is properly insured and a copy of your Certificate of Insurance (COI) is on file in the club office. If you're not certain... please get a new COI from your insurance agent and get it to the club office ASAP! This is for your boat's safety over the winter months and for the safety and security of the club as well in case the worst happens. Your insurance policy declarations page or a copy of your insurance card are not enough for the club to have proof that your boat is insured. A COI is issued directly from an insurance agency and most often directly to GBYC. This form will specifically say "Certificate of Insurance" at the top.

Please note that per the club rules (see excerpt below), GBYC should be listed on your boat insurance policy as an "additional insured" or "party of interest." While you're on the phone with your insurance agency to get the club a COI for your boat, please be sure to add/verify that. This way, the club will be informed by the insurance company if you accidentally miss an insurance payment or if for some other reason your insurance lapses and your boat becomes uninsured.

CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE & USE OF HARBOR/STORAGE:

31) Any member using the harbor (seasonal dock renter, transient/floater, boat/trailer storage, TravelLift, gas dock, pump-out facilities, etc.) must have a Certificate of Insurance (COI) on file with the Fleet Captain. This COI must

a) Be sent by the insured's insurance company via email (gbyc485@gmail.com) or mail (PO Box 485, Green Bay, WI 54305),

b) Have GBYC listed as a Party of Interest/Additional Insured, and

c) Be received by the club every year on the renewal date of insurance.

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TREASURER (CONT.)

Any uninsured boat must be removed from GBYC property immediately. If the boat is not removed, GBYC will obtain insurance on the boat and the cost will be charged to the member. In the event of the sale of a boat, it's the selling club member's responsibility to make sure the boat is properly insured until it leaves GBYC property. The selling club member is responsible for said boat until it leaves GBYC property.

BIG THANKS to all of the members of this year's Dues and Fees Committee! Matt Krause, Jim Wassenberg, Bob Puissant, Gordon Johnson, Richard Matonich, Dan Emmel, and I met twice to discuss the current financials of the club, our future club needs (for investment in club infrastructure and harbor equipment maintenance and/or upgrades), and the current fees schedule and where it should be updated to help ensure the longevity of the club. You will soon learn of the proposed new fee schedule as it will be presented at the November General Meeting (Thursday, 11/12/2026, at 7pm) after it's ratified by the board of directors for presentation. There will be plenty of time for you to ask questions and digest the proposals before voting on them at the Annual Meeting (also known as the December General Meeting).

And on that note... there are several members who have outstanding balances with the club. This technically makes those folks not "members in good standing." Only full members in good standing will be allowed to vote at the December Annual Meeting. Please check with me if you are not certain if your account with the club is paid up. Board members will also be reaching out to those with outstanding accounts and informing you of the balances due so that you can make good on them before voting day. Don't miss out on being able to cast a vote to elect new board members, accepting (or not) the proposed 2027 dues and fees schedule, and any bylaws changes that may be proposed between now and then!

As always, I'm available for any of your "GBYC treasury questions" at ssh.gbyctreas@gmail.com or via text at (920) 570-2873.



SECRETARY

Greetings GBYC members,

As we gather for our November General Meeting, I want to extend my appreciation to everyone who continues to support and strengthen our club.

The fall season brings a shift in energy- a time to reflect on what we've accomplished this year and, more importantly, to prepare thoughtfully for the year ahead. This November meeting is an important opportunity for members to help shape GBYC's future by participating in the nomination of new board members and considering the proposed 2027 Dues and Committee changes. Your participation and input are essential to ensuring these decisions reflect the priorities of our membership and strengthen our club for the coming year.

NOTE: Nominations will be made at the November general membership meeting and the annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 10.Ballots are expected to be mailed on or before December 1 to the addresses in the master membership file. Members requesting delivery by email must contact the GBYC secretary at richard.matonich@outlook.com by November 20.

Thank you to all who have volunteered, participated in events, and contributed ideas. Your involvement keeps GBYC vibrant and moving forward.

As we close out the season, let's stay connected, stay engaged, and take an active role in the decisions ahead so we can continue building a strong, welcoming community we're proud of.

Richard Matonich
Secretary, GBYC



GRASSY ISLAND RANGE LIGHTS

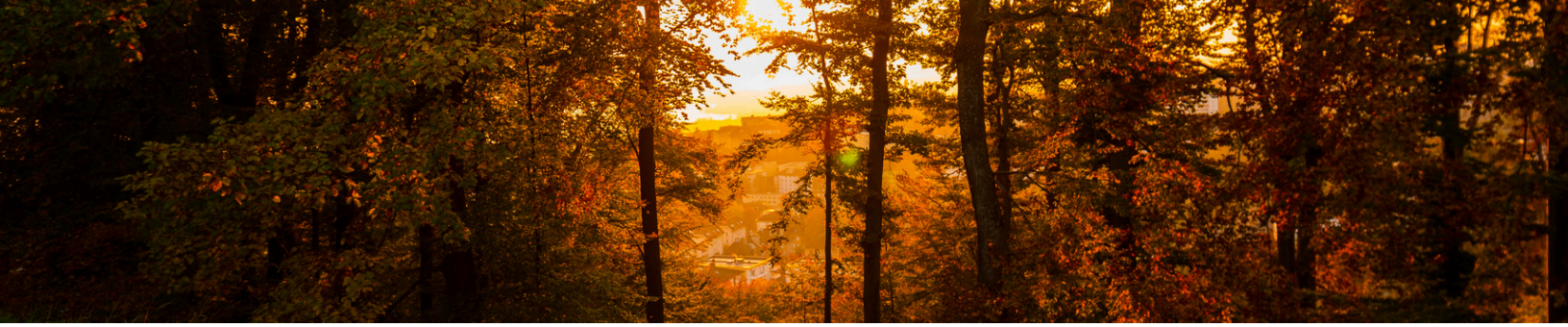
In late September we had the privilege of a couple visitors to your Grassy Island Range Lights. The gentleman was a retired Coast Guard lighthouse keeper. 35 years he spent, mostly managing lighthouses on the east coast and the Gulf of Mexico. He asked for a stamp in his passport which we do for a donation of $2. He and his wife climbed both lighthouses and returned to the Welcome Center after their climb and stated “these are the best restored lighthouses we have ever visited.”

I was totally filled with pride. He requested the stamp in his 4th passport. There are 64 spaces for a stamp in each passport, therefore he has visited over 200 lighthouses. And to make that statement about your Grassy Island Range Lights. WOW!

Unfortunately, I did not get his information to engage further conversation about his career and duties as a lighthouse keeper.

Since April of 2021 I have had the privilege of working on these lighthouses. We maintain a guest register and ask all visitors to sign in. Few have refused to sign. The register started in July of 2011. The first to register were from Chattanooga, TN on July 12, 2011. Since that time, there have been over 2000 entries in the register. We have had visitors from all 50 states as well as Germany, Belgium, United Kingdom, Brazil, Rumania, Columbia, Canada, Guyana, Switzerland and Taiwan. I probably missed a couple.

Have you visited YOUR lighthouses and signed the register? If not, why not?
As we move from the “summer” hours at the lighthouses to Saturdays, we get to review what needs to be completed this year and plans for the upcoming year. And usually, a lighthouse keeper brings lunch. And we do welcome visitors.



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

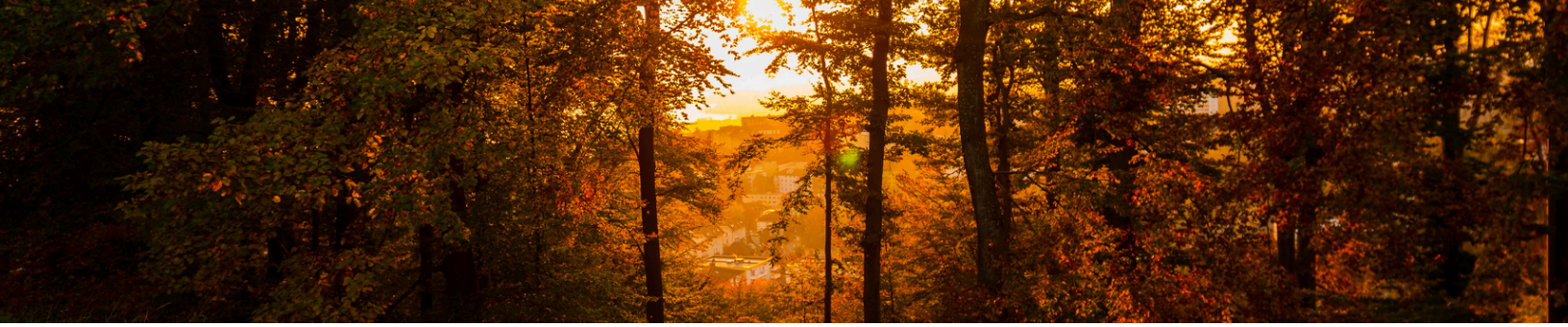
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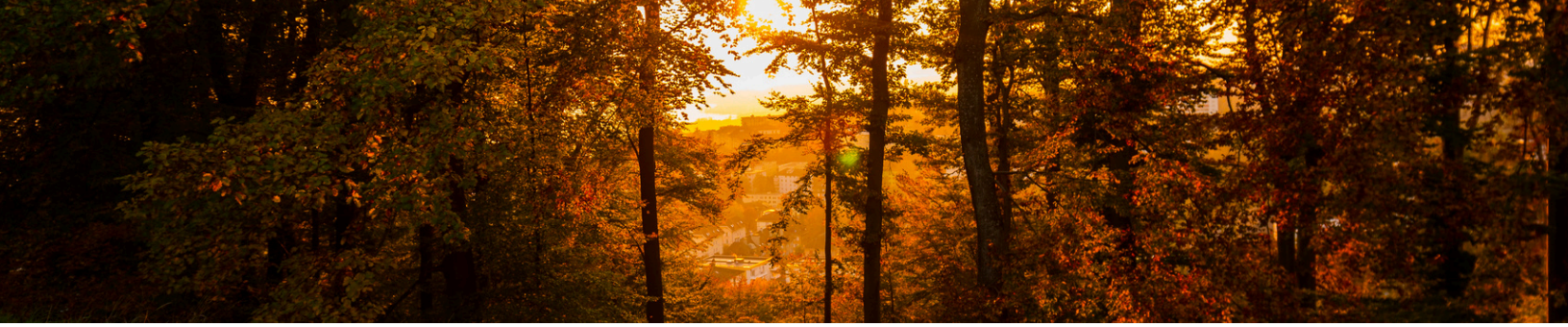
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HONORING ALL WHO SERVED...AND ARE SERVING






Children's
Christmas Party
Saturday, December 12
11:00 to 1:30
Crafts & Lunch
Santa will be visiting us!
Sign up by Dec. 5 at the
club



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- General Meeting – Thursday, November 12 at 7 PM
- Board Meeting – Monday, November 9 at 6 PM
- Men's Smoker – Wednesday, November 18
- Taco Tuesday – November 3, 10, 17, 24
- Happy Hour & Burger Night – November 5, 12, 19





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GBYC: Grassy Island Range Lights

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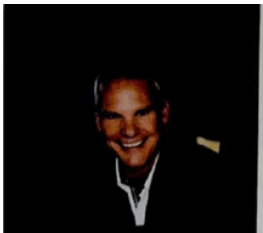




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