



| CLUB CALENDAR<br>(Calendar of Events is also available on the Club's Website) |                            |
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| Monday Morning Breakfast  | Cancelled until the Spring |
| Mahjong   | Each Monday 1 - 4 pm       |
| Wednesday, February 28th  | Annual Meeting @ 7 pm      |
| Tuesday, March 4th  | Youth Sail Meeting @ 7pm   |
| Saturday, April 27th  | Launch @ 8 am              |



THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 @ 7 PM.

LLOYD AYOTTE  
COMMODORE

## MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

Greetings fellow CIYC members. I want to wish everyone the best of luck in this new year, and I look forward to seeing you all in the new season. But, most of all, at the upcoming AGM which is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

You may ask, why are we having the AGM now as opposed to at the start of the season which is November 1<sup>st</sup>? That is mainly because, for unforeseen circumstances, the Club's financial statement was not available until two weeks ago. Furthermore, our bylaws state that the members should have a copy of that statement no less than 21 days prior to the AGM.

ONCA, the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, which was proclaimed on October 19, 2021, is the legal framework for not-for-profits incorporated under Ontario law. It states that we must have the AGM no later than 15 months from the previous years' meeting. We are running short of time. So, there is some urgency to have it ASAP.

We are nearly 4 months into the new season, and our Executive has not been ratified. In a perfect world, this should be done in the Fall after Haul Out along with the AGM. However, we were missing some key elements for the AGM. So, that brings up the question: why didn't we have electronic voting for the Executive ratification as suggested a month ago? Although, we could have proxy voting as per our bylaws; according to ONCA, we must have 100% sign off from the membership. We don't have that yet. In the future, we will have a letter for every voting member to sign stating that they are aware of and agree to electronic voting, and it will be included in the new member information package.

So, why are we now having it in February on a Wednesday in the evening instead of on a Sunday in the afternoon like we have always done? Well, we are running out of time, and I will be away for the month of March, and no one else is willing to take this on in my absence. Once I received the financial statement, I didn't have a weekend available that allows for the 21- day notice prior to my vacation. So, I chose a Wednesday at 7:00 pm to allow anyone who is working during the day to be able to attend.

I apologize for the short notice, and I hope to see you all on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Most sincerely,

Lloyd Ayotte  
Commodore CIYC

## **NEW MEMBER APPLICATION**

MEMBERS - Please review the information for Membership. All members have a responsibility to advise a member of the Executive if, in their opinion, the applicant is not suitable for membership. Please do so before Tuesday, February 27.

**LEN & JEANNE McKAY** are applying for Full Membership. They live in Amherstburg. Len is an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer and Jeanne is a retired administrator. They are interested in joining CIYC to learn more about sailing and take advantage of the new boat share program.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE  
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