



# ***Smugglers Cove Boat Club***

## ***October 2023 Newsletter***



Good day Everyone!

October is here and *club activities slowly starting to wrap up*. We have *Oktoberfest* then the *Commodore's Ball* to close up the year.

At our recent *executive meeting*, the *Bridge* met to discuss several items needing completion. I invited *Emily Perlstein* to our meeting, who is working on our current *By-Laws*. She informed us of necessary changes and clarified questions for the *Bridge*.

We will be working with *Emily* this year to complete this project and will keep you updated as needed. Once complete our membership will have a chance to review and ask questions well in advance of voting to ratify them. In the meantime, our *By-Law Committee* will continue to work on how we operate as a club so we can continue progressing forward. For now, everything is *status quo*, and we operate as per our current *By-Laws*.

We have ***elections coming up***, and October is our first official meeting to bring forward nominees for bridge positions. If you are interested in a position or would like to see someone in a position on the bridge, *please bring your nominations forward or have a fellow member nominate you*.

At our ***November Annual General Meeting (AGM)***, we will receive *final nominations* before closing the floor for the vote. At that time, you may accept or respectfully decline standing for the position. If we do have more than one member standing for one position, then it will go to vote which will be *secret ballot*. The successful candidate will need 51% to win.

*Greg* will be updating the membership with *Haul-Out* and gatehouse projects as well as when your boat needs to be off the dock.

*Nancy Mennie* is taking the reins with her team of ladies for our **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations!** They sent the bridge a list of items they wanted to do. They are currently working on a *budget* and will present it to the *Bridge* for approval. I will let *Nancy* and her team update the membership once a plan has been finalized.

As mentioned in my previous newsletter, ***our October meeting will be via Zoom.***

I have also booked the ***Lions Club in St. David's for our November AGM*** and we are looking into a *hybrid In-person/Zoom* meeting for those unable to attend in-person.

This will be my final year as *Commodore* as I will be stepping down from my two-year term. It was a privilege serving on the *Bridge* and leading you these last two years as *Commodore*. It is now time to hang my hat and pass on the torch. I thank you all for your support!

I will see you all via Zoom Wednesday Oct 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm.

Cheers!

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### ***Message from Vice Commodore Operations – Greg Wardle***

Fall has arrived and with that *Haul-Out* is just around the corner.

This winter we will again be storing the *Clubhouse in the basin at NOTLSC*. Both buildings are welcome, but we are going to lift out the *Gatehouse* at the *Queenston Jet Boats Docks* to work on *repairs to the floatation*.

*Haul Out* this season will take place over two weekends. ***October 21st will be all hands-on deck for taking out all the docks and decks.*** The following week will be used to figure out how we can improve the *movability of the Clubhouse*.

We struggled to get the buildings upriver last year and want to make sure that doesn't happen again.

We will tentatively plan to move the rest of the complex on October 28th. This will depend on when we can move the buildings into their winter storage locations.

### Wednesday October 18th

- All *water* will be shut off and disconnected.
- The front awning will be dismantled and stored in the *Clubhouse*.
- Dock power boxes and cables will be removed and stored in the *Sea-Can* at Wayne's.

### Thursday October 19th

- All *boats and dock fenders* should be off the *Complex*.

### Friday October 20th

- The *power* will be shut off everywhere except in the *Gatehouse*.

### Saturday October 21st

- **All hands-on deck** for taking out the *Docks and Decks*.

These are the *critical dates* but there will be other *work parties* scheduled over the next month.

If you don't have your *work hours* completed and you haven't talked to a member of the *Bridge* about why you haven't, you will be getting a letter indicating you are a ***member who is not in good standing***.

This is a self-help club and relies on the collective effort of the membership!

As part of the assessment and repair of the *Gatehouse*, *Carl Byers* dove under it and ***videoed the condition of the floatation***. We found some pitting in the metal floats, and they will need to be repaired and recoated to maintain their buoyancy.

The only way to work on these floats is to pull the building out of the water. This work is only preventative maintenance and doesn't solve the leveling of the building.

We will still *need to add floatation to the inshore side of the building*. We are exploring the option of replacing all the floatation with new plastic tubes designed for this application.

Preliminary numbers indicate that it will be about 25% more expensive to change out all the floatation.

*Lorne* is working with the floatation manufacturer and *Bob Mennie* to come up with a more accurate budget and costings for this project. Here is the link to the ***Gatehouse Dive***. <https://youtu.be/T83YPed8dnM?feature=shared>

Most of the rotten wood in the *Gatehouse* has been repaired. We are working towards having the *Gatehouse* prepared to have the *new siding installed* as soon as the building is out of the water.

We are exploring the option of having the siding installed professionally. *Darrell Adams* is getting us a quote for the installation only. We already have all the materials and hopefully the cost will be reasonable for this. If not, we will look at our other options.

We need more help with the **Cabling Crew**. *The cabling of the complex is not a job that can be neglected and needs constant attention.*

We are in the process of adjusting all the cables to align the docks with the new position of the *Clubhouse*. *Now would be a great time for someone to join the team!*

My hope is to find a member who wants to commit to *long-term involvement* with the team. Ideally someone that can be a *working lead* for the team in a couple of years.

If you are interested, please let me know.

Thanks Everyone!

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