



# THE TELLTALE Gimli Yacht Club

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## **Commodore's Message**

It seems like our AGM was only a few weeks ago when we were still surviving on the cold tundra. Snow and ice were everywhere and half the club was still down south. What a difference a few weeks make? Without a doubt the season is now officially underway and events are unfolding as they always do. Some notes to be aware of:

I want to welcome some new members to the club. Lance Kraft, Ben Judson and Evan Pauls. As these new members begin to make their way around our facility make sure you take some time to welcome them and help them learn the ropes around the club.

The complete refit of the Pan Am Pier, as announced last year by Small Craft Harbors, will be undertaken this summer. This will complete Small Craft Harbour's multi-million-dollar investment in Gimli's waterfront that has seen all of Gimli's three piers upgraded along with many of the floating docks. The contract has been awarded and Small Craft Harbour is hoping that construction will begin in early June and that everything will be completed in early September. The disruption will be significant as the entire Pier to 1st Street will be closed and fenced. The Club has agreed to let the Dinghy Launching Facility be used as the staging area for the construction site in return for the upgrading of the site once construction has been completed. Safety issues have been raised by Small Craft Harbours and the construction zone will be closed for the balance of the summer. The result of the closure will force members launching dinghies from the beach or coming from South Dock or C Dock to

enter the club from 1st Street. The club has asked for a number of exemptions, but at the time of this newsletter we do not know if we will be granted these. What we do know is that our dinghies will be stored on Bill's Hill so that they have access to the launching beach. Further information will be provided once the construction company has walked the site.

We have arranged for Kone Company to balance and refurbish the electrical on the crane later in June, as we must wait until the frost has left the ground. We will announce the date of the upgrade once we have been advised by Kone.

We have ordered a new clothes dryer for the South Building and it should be installed shortly. We have been approved for Manitoba Hydro's electrical program upgrades throughout our facility. We have decided that the South Building is a priority and our light fixtures will be changed to new LED systems which are more than ten times as energy efficient. Better still, the Hydro grant pays for 70% of the cost of all labour, new ballasts, and bulbs during the project.

The GYC Work Party will be this Saturday, May 26th, 2018. The work party has been a huge success for over 10 years. It is a handy way for members to earn some of their volunteer hours. It generally goes from 9:00am till 1:00 or 2:00pm depending on the project chosen. We will be posting jobs on the website so that members can review what options and projects they can sign up for. Remember to make sure that you fill out your hours worked on the club website under Volunteer hours. We



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are going to try and list the many other jobs that are available throughout the summer that we need help with. Whether it is on the social committee, volunteering to run Wednesday Night Races, or help with setting marks, we need volunteers. It is okay to not to volunteer. Approximately 29% of our members don't completely volunteer as they pay for some portion of their volunteer hours. The fee is currently \$13/hr. or \$130 for 10 hours. There is nothing wrong with this but if you are feeling the bite of paying for you and your spouse's hours with cash, call our membership chair or any Board Member and ask them how you can help out. There are numerous ways to volunteer and you may find that the timing of some of these jobs might suit your personal schedule. Remember that \$13/hour is much less than what we would have to pay to get a professional to match the work that you can contribute.

As many of you have taken advantage of our new membership dues paying program you will know that you can now choose to pay your dues in four easy installments as opposed to one larger bill. We hope that those interested enjoy this new option, and we hope to expand it to a monthly option if the installment option goes well. Please note that if you are on the installment plan, you are obligated to pay the full balance of your annual dues. This is a finance plan, not a pay as you go option.

The Coast Guard administration building and dormitories are almost complete. We have had many conversations with the Coast Guard and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) who are supervising the construction and we are happy to say that discussions have been very helpful. Last summer the DFO agreed to give us power and drainage to the shower trailer for the Canada Games. In the coming months we will see the lane into the

Yacht Club's North Parking lot widened, and a fence built in front of the Coast Guard deck and along the back of their administration building. As well, our parking lot will receive more gravel, and the construction on the Vatka Boathouse will commence. The Boathouse will disrupt traffic flow into our North Parking lot and there is talk of making a new entrance into the Harbour Parking lot. We will see how this develops.

Steve Van Vlanderon has generously donated his Albacore sailboat to the GYC Sailing School. Steve never got a chance to sail the boat and he wanted to see it get used. The Sailing School is ecstatic as it gives them the ability to teach students in bigger boats where they can learn to crew with a more experienced sailor. As you may remember Steve and Darlene are leaving on their Great Lake Adventure, "Sail on With Parkinson's", on May 27th where they are going to sail from Duluth to Sarnia Ontario this year. Next year they plan on sailing from Sarnia to Montreal. Steve is a Parkinson's Ambassador whose primary goal is to increase awareness for people with Parkinson's. As a sponsor of Steve's odyssey, the Gimli Yacht Club wishes him all the best in his upcoming voyage. For more info go to the Parkinson website below.

[http://donate.parkinson.ca/site/PageNavigator/SailOn\\_Home.html](http://donate.parkinson.ca/site/PageNavigator/SailOn_Home.html)

I have had a chance to meet three times with our new Board of Directors and I am extremely excited that such a talented and energetic group of members have volunteered to give the club the benefit of their expertise. Already their enthusiasm has generated new ideas and brought about some great discussions about the Club and what we should be doing for our members. Make sure you welcome our new Board Members Jason Ward – Cruising,



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Joanne Burns - Membership/Social, Chad Goodall – Registrar, and Cari Rebizant – Corporate Secretary. Our continuing members are: Peter Jones – Communications, Glen Pollard – Facilities, Eric Turner – Weekly Communications & Gimli Harbour Authority, Wendy McConnell – Managing Coordinator, Darrell Friesen – Treasurer, Mike Guezen – Rear Commodore, Audrey Dallaire-Gagnon – Sail Manitoba.

Much thanks to our outgoing members, Don Levins, Nancy Folliott, and Alyson Payette for all their hard work and tremendous contributions over the past many years.

The Social Committee is always looking for members who want to become involved with the club. What better way to meet new people and make new friends. The committee is made up of Joanne Burns, Michele Evans, Marina Gustar, Eileen Ewanchuk and Kathy Fisher. This year we are going to introduce a Save the Lake Fundraiser on June 30th. We need to do our bit to help protect and preserve Lake Winnipeg. We have begun discussions with the Kiwanis and we are thinking of holding a “Save the Lake” Fish Fry at noon on the 30th of June, in conjunction with our 2nd annual GYC Open House. We are actively looking for volunteers to help us make this a huge success. Please be sure check the 2018 Calendar for upcoming events such as:

- Club Wine & Cheese on June 2nd
- Sunset Sail & Spaghetti Dinner hosted by Wolfe and Luanne, June 16th
- Save the Lake Fish Fry Fundraiser at noon on June 30th, hosted by the GYC & the Kiwanis Club
- Canada Day Happy Hour from 5:30 to 7:30pm, June 30th
- Scallywag Regatta, July 7th
- Leukemia Cup, August 18th
- Fall Potluck Supper, September 2nd

Jason Ward will be sharing his expertise in planning a Cruise Week this summer.

I hope everyone has a wonderful spring and I look forward to seeing you at the club or out on the water.

Charlie Burns  
Commodore

## Sailing School

Kevin Stewart and myself have been organizing the sailing school program for 2018. This year we have hired Kayden Polechuk as the Club’s dinghy instructor. Kayden has a wealth of experience as a sailor and racer and we are looking forward to him sharing his knowledge and expertise with sailors participating in the camps. This year we will be offering 8 sessions over 4 weeks and instruction will be provided using the Club’s Optimists and Lasers. The Club is also planning to purchase 2 additional doubled-handed boats to bolster the program and allow new sailors to work together as a crew. So far more than 50% of the spots are booked and they are going fast. We also have over 20 applications to the scholarship draw to be held in May. Many thanks to the businesses and people that have provided sponsorship and donations to help kids have an opportunity to learn to sail (Gimli Pharmasave, Lake Agassiz Marine, Lakeview Gimli Resort, Lakeview Hecla Resort, Westshore Marine & Leisure, Rick Lair, GYC).

Volunteers are needed to help the Sailing School program. We are currently without a proper committee to support the Sailing School, so please consider contacting either one of us to help with registration, scholarships, sponsorships and advertising. We are also needing members to be On-Shore Support for sailing school to assist the



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instructor with any issues that arise. This is a great way to get your Club Volunteer hours fulfilled. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin or myself for more details. Please refer to the Sailing School page on the website for dates and program information.

## Wednesday Night Racing / Pursuits

Keelboat racing will begin with a "Spring Tune Up Races" night on Wednesday June 6th and the first race of the series will be on June 13th with the 12th and last race ending on August 29th. Registered skippers for WNR will be pre-scheduled to provide a Volunteer Race crew member to assist on the RC Support Boat. I will continue my role as the Race Officer and Eric Turner is on the Race Committee as well as the Club Judge. We are looking for more people to join the Committee, as we need people to assist with pre-race Support Boat preparation, an on-water Race Officer Assistant (training provided) and a scorer to help score the races and post timely results. This is another fantastic way to fulfill your Club Volunteer hours. Please see myself or Eric Turner if you have any questions on what the obligations are and your availability to help out.

## Pursuit Races

The Club is planning on holding 5 pursuit-style keelboat races this summer. We are currently looking for volunteers to help run these events with the assistance from the GYC Board. Please contact myself if you are interested in planning these events or wish to plan one of them. The first race scheduled is the annual Hec 'N Back race on June 22nd, 23rd. Please refer to the GYC Events Calendar for further races and dates.

## Dinghy Events

The Club will be hosting 2 dinghy races this year, the Viking Cup on June 17th and the Commodore's Cup dinghy race on September

2nd. The Sail Manitoba Racing Team will also be hosting several dinghy races on the weekends and they encourage Club members to consider joining in these races as well. Please refer to the GYC Events Calendar on the Club website and the Sail Manitoba website for further information.

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## Commentary from New Board Members

Secretary- Cari Rebizant: I've been a club member with my husband Roger Ramsay for 14 years. This year I joined the board and since being organized is in my nature the secretary role is a good fit. Your GYC board is a very dedicated group! I look forward to working with everyone as we continue to make GYC a great sailing club. Have a fantastic year! Fairwinds!

Dinghy Fleet Managers - Nancy and Chad Goodall and Registrar - Chad Goodall: As a members of the Gimli Yacht Club for three years, initially strictly as dinghy sailors and for the past season as new keelboat owners, our family has found an exciting new summer home within the club. Nancy and I remain active in the dinghy fleet operating 2 boats of our own, and doing our best to manage the aging fleet of Club Lasers and Optis.

Last season, we conducted an extensive audit of the Club assets and ordered new Laser sail/foil bags which should go a long way to keeping the equipment for each boat organized and easily accessible. We have also made use of the legacy lockers donated by the Canada Summer Games to help organize the children's lifejackets and helmets for easier access. This season we are very interested in improving the condition of the hulls of these



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craft. We are looking to those with both wood and/or fiberglass repair skills to meet their volunteer hour quota spending a little time ensuring the safety and enjoyment of this fleet for both the club members and the sailing school participants.

Please email Nancy at [nancyagoodall@gmail.com](mailto:nancyagoodall@gmail.com) for further information or to offer your services, as classes will be starting as soon as school ends. Also, please feel free to approach us with any questions regarding the use and rigging of these Club assets.

Additionally, I (Chad) have now taken on the commitment of joining the Board of Directors under the newly created position of Club Registrar. This role was previously undertaken by club Wonder Woman, Wendy McConnell who has committed countless hours of her time keeping track of all the members, yachts, trailers, dinghies, and lockers. I have been working closely with Wendy as she has explained the registrar's responsibilities and past practice, and will continue to work closely with Treasurer, Darrell Friesen to ensure that we have current contact information on all members, especially the second adult in our Couple and Family membership categories.

Board members have reported hearing from family members that information about club events and activities is not always passed along within the household. In the interest of assisting Communication Director Peter Jones and Mail Chimp Guru Eric Turner in reaching out to all our members, please advise me if there is an update to your or your partner's address, phone number or email that hasn't already been provided through your registration renewal, at [chadgoodall@gmail.com](mailto:chadgoodall@gmail.com).

Purchasing a keel boat and spending our evenings at the club rather than having to drive off to sleep elsewhere, has introduced us to a fantastic group of new friends and allowed us to make full use of the facilities GYC has to offer.

Joining the board has certainly opened my eyes to the amount of work that is done behind the scenes to help keep this little club of ours operating, and I am excited to be part of the team looking to make the best of our precious summers on Lake Winnipeg and especially at GYC.

If you have any comments, tall tales or other content for The TELLTALE, please send them to Peter Jones at [peter.jones@umanitoba.ca](mailto:peter.jones@umanitoba.ca)

