
From the Desk of the GM

- The biggest change for me this year was saying “See you later” to Sailing Director Kate Noble and “Welcome Aboard” to her successor Coleman Terrell. I’m looking forward to watching Coleman expand both the Adult and Junior programs and continue the push for High School Sailing.
- Each Board of Directors is such a unique and special group of leaders. I am in awe of the time, teamwork and dedication these members put into carrying out the business of the club.
- Immediate Past Commodore Barry Bowden has no qualms about reclaiming his 3rd and 4th Thursdays of the month but I know he will continue to be a huge presence at the club and a constant advisor to those who reach out to him. Barry, it's been such a pleasure serving on your Membership Committee and following your leadership initiating new members into AYC.
- I look forward to continuing to work with Molly Lewis and Wade Bingaman as Molly makes her transition from our Commodore to the Chair of the Membership Committee and Wade steps up to our ship’s wheel.
- Secretary Annie Lancaster and I have worked steadfastly to be sure that the upcoming 2017 Directory has correct information in it. **PLEASE BE SURE that your contact information is correct BEFORE the directory goes to print in January!!!** Annie has done a superb job of posting the Board Meeting documents on the website prior to our monthly meetings.....thank you, Annie!
- Harbor Commander Joe Roddy and I had a really, REALLY busy 2016! Just to name a couple of the big projects we brainstormed on....evacuation of dry storage (thank you to ALL of the volunteers and to Tom Cunningham!!), moving boats BACK to dry storage (thank you AGAIN volunteers), the new boardboat docks (thank you again to ALL the volunteers and especially Vic Manning for building the new cradles!) and chiseling down the Wait List for wet slips.
- Buildings & Grounds Commander Chris Thompson has become a recurring customer at the RV site. If he isn’t volunteering on RC or Scoring then he’s prepping for work days to complete the many tasks from beautifying the grounds to refurbishing the bathhouses. 2017 should prove to be no different as he has his sights set on the AYC office facelift.
- Treasurer John Howard came to the rescue when Quickbooks decided to quit working this year. John did troubleshooting and backed up data constantly to be sure our financial records were kept intact. John has been HUGE in assisting with the audit this year and making sure that our tax returns are filed, not to mention processing AP in my absence!

- Sail Training Commander Bill Records has kept us on our toes! Reminding us to post flyers, tap kegs, fill the candy jar, and get registration up on the website!
- Race Commander Ed Taylor has done a bang up job of getting NORs and SIs posted for races and outdid himself creating some truly unique trophies! Ed also jumped at the suggestion of getting the board together to draft an early 2017 Race Calendar.
- Tom Cunningham has not only kept up with all of his everyday job duties but has graciously taken on duties that are above and beyond the call while I've been out of the office! I can't thank him enough, but I'll certainly try! Speaking of, Tom has graciously asked that perhaps we could all consider the F1 schedule and not plan any regattas on F1 weekends.....I told him I'd ask!
- In my absence, Coleman Terrell has been my "go to" person for greeting visitors, member wide emails, postings on the website, making sure cabin keys get to the proper person, proxies get filed and Annual Banquet phone reservations are recorded.

Thank you to everyone for making my job such a joy! I want to express my gratitude to everyone for the prayers and healing thoughts sent to me and Paul. AYC is such a truly loving and caring family. We hope to be home by Thanksgiving and celebrating with all of you at the Annual Banquet!!!