

Harbor Commander

January 2020 Report



Greetings AYC Membership and Board,

I am honored that you have chosen me to be the 2020 AYC Harbor Commander. Working with Dane this past fall, it became apparent this is a really big job. So starting at a high level, I would like to share some thoughts on our priorities, projects and overall approach to achieving our goals.

2020 Harbor Priorities & Goals

1. Ensure the safety of the members and protect both docks and boats through proper management, operations and boat storage.
2. Improve the usability, enjoyment and longevity of the harbor resources by completing as many of the in-flight harbor projects and repairs as possible.
3. Provide harbor resources to all members as fairly as possible through a transparent slip assignment process and impartial enforcement of Work Area and Boat Storage policies as defined by the Membership Handbook.

In-flight Harbor Projects & Repairs

South Cove Rigging Dock Replacement

Detailed design was completed in December and submitted to our vendor for analysis. We have received a quote for construction and provided tentative approval pending board acceptance of the full cost (motion supplied for the January meeting).

RC Dock Upgrade

Goal is to extend the fingers by three feet and replace the rotting wood deck with cement plates consistent with the newer docks. Our vendor has the requirements. We are waiting for an official quote.

Board Boat Docks

The 2019 budget included the full cost for replacing all of the board boat docks. There are three remaining to be replaced and the money has been carried over to the 2020 proposed budget.

Pavilion Floatation and Re-Deck

The pavilion vertical structures were improved this fall. The deck wood needs to be replaced and additional floatation added to the underlying dock. This is under discussion with our vendor.

North and South Cove Rigging Dock Walkways

The goal is to replace the existing walkways with a version that is four feet wide and has a hand rail on one side to make traverse onto these docks safer and potentially wheelchair accessible.

This project is under discussion with our vendor.

Replacement of Rotting Wood Triangles

On the North docks, there are numerous wood triangles that need to be replaced. We are working with our vendor to determine whether a cement triangle replacement that will fit.

Barring that, we would consider a UV-resistant vinyl that would last considerably longer than wood.

Other Upgrades and Repairs

In the 2020 proposed budget, we have included money for additional anchors, cables, winches, dock moves and various minor repairs.

Additionally, we are working closely with the Buildings and Grounds Commander and his team on projects that have overlapping purviews.

Harbor Committee

From the list of priorities and projects above, it should be clear that one person could not possibly achieve all of this work this year. Fortunately, we have over a dozen members who have volunteered to help! Some of these members have already been working on various tasks since November and have made substantial progress. I would not be able to do this job without their help. Thank you Harbor Committee!

The following members are slated for the harbor committee roster: Jeff Avant, John Bartlett, Jeff Brock, Bill Coon, James Denny, Bill Hawk, Bob Leonard, Carolyn Howard, Can Kalyoncuoglu, Aaron McCulley, Cass (Norman) Meyer, Rick Nelson, Steve Pervier, Harry Polly and Jeff Wigzell. A motion requesting full board approval of the committee has been submitted for the January board meeting.

As an initial draft, we have divided the committee task areas into the following roles:

Dock Captains:

1-2 per docks One through Six as well as North and South Rigging docks, RC dock and Jr/pavilion dock. Report sinking or listing boats or hoists and any dock damage. Participate in the discussion and recommendation of any repairs and improvements. Have an understanding of the dock usage including which boats are active racers, weekday cruisers or just contributing to the lake's underwater ecosystem.

Work Area and Dry Out Area Captains:

Ensure that boats using the area reserved the space online and haven't overstayed their schedule. Verify that work done in the Dry Out Area doesn't violate the Clean Marina restrictions. Look for ways to make the work area more efficient and effective.

Dry Sail Area Captains:

Ensure boats are properly stored and trailers properly labeled. Any work done in this location should also adhere to the Clean Marina guidelines.

Bone Yard Captains:

Figure out which trailers are not associated with current members. Determine if any trailers are not associated to boats in a wet slip. Work with Building and Grounds committee to figure out how to clean up and organize that area.

Entire Committee:

Participate (at the member's level of interest) in evaluating and possibly revising the membership handbook verbiage relating to harbor operations and maintenance. Report any issues you feel need to be addressed by this committee. Provide guidance to improve the usability, longevity, safety and enjoyment of all harbor assets. Look for ways to improve the dock moves and dock layouts as the water levels change.

Finally, I would like to extend a special "Thank You" to Bill Coon for putting in a huge amount of time, effort and thought into the South Cove Rigging Dock design this fall. He solicited input from the various user groups of the South Cove and added features and constraints to the design to support the rather diverse usages of this dock. As a result of his diligence we arrived at a design we are confident will meet the needs of the club. We were able to submit the design to our vendor in December to initiate the construction in January. Thank you Bill!

Respectfully Submitted,
Russ Shermer
2020 AYC Harbor Commander