



From the desk of the AYC General Manager
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It's always an emotional time for me when I have to say "see you around" to some of the board officers who won't be serving next year. This year I have the heartbreaking task of seeing our Immediate Past Commodore Wade Bingaman and our Sail Training Commander Carolyn Wilsford turn in their keys and run to their car and burn rubber getting out of hearing distance of me yelling for them to COME BACK!!!

Mr. Wade – we've spent lots of time together in good times and horrific times. You've always been a source of education, patience, understanding, COMPASSION and laughter. You created a nickname for me and we fist bump on a regular basis. We've laughed and cried together, worked on harbor together (laughed and cried!), planned regattas and discussed and resolved yacht club business together. This past year you and the Membership Committee and I have entertained new members and roasted a few probationary members together. I know you absolutely think you're leaving the Board. I can feel your excitement. But don't forget, you can run but you can't hide.....I know what you drive so I can spot you in the parking lots. I know where your boat is docked, so I can wait for you. I have your phone number in my speed dial and I can assure you that I know how to text you. It's been my true honor to serve side by side with you and to take care of all those things you didn't want to (chuckle, chuckle).

Ms. Carolyn – my husband always said that I reminded him of the Energizer Bunny, well you're definitely that bunny on steroids. You took on Sail Training with a gusto. You didn't wait around for anyone to do things, you knew what you wanted done and POOF you did it. You took over Coleman's laptop as though it was your own and proceeded to spit out emails and flyers. You kept me on my toes trying to figure out who speakers were, who was picking up lunch, if we were serving lunch, if we were charging for lunch and if we were charging, HOW MUCH we were charging. You and Annie Lancaster and your team of volunteers kept the office running smoothly while I was out taking care of my family. You've been a constant source of positive energy, hugs and constant love and encouragement. I look forward to learning to sail with you and the other ladies who constantly try to get me out to sea.

2018 has been quite a year. We had weather extremes and yet there were constant races, parties and volunteer activities going on. There hasn't been a lull yet.

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A quick reminder of some of the things we dealt with this year:

- We experienced a few un-invited guests so we beefed up our security measures by having the Sheriff patrol our grounds and by having members re-program their gate clickers. Things have calmed down for now.
- John Grznich has been busy, busy this year.....he's helping us move to a more electronic reservation system for the Work Space and the Hoist. We hope to continue on with getting the cabin reservations online as well. He's also created online Probationary Review Forms so that the new members can log their probationary points electronically.
- Our accountant, Lynn Weir, and I have worked diligently this year on getting both the AYC Accounting Manual and Employee Manual updated. We've been working on getting the Fixed Assets register updated as well; however, this task seems to be cursed. It seems that just as we get a bit of momentum going something happens – like the lake coming up 30 feet and AYC being evacuated! We won't give up though. This task WILL be completed by early 2019.
- A few members who left the club (whether by resigning or being IPSO'd) "forgot" to take their personal property with them. The Harbor Commander, B&G Commander and staff are working to rectify these "gifts".
- The Sea Scouts took on the grueling task of painting names on trailers in dry storage. Remember - All boat trailers of AYC members should have the letters "AYC" and the member's last name affixed to both sides of the trailer tongue. All boat cradles, dollies or other storage equipment stored on Club property shall have similar identification affixed in a prominent location.
- An audit of the Dry Out Area found many boats had been there for months (there's a maximum of 30 days allowed). It was also discovered that empty trailers were parked there.
- A walk through the trailer parking area found that there are trailers there that do not belong to members assigned to AYC wet slips or board boat slips. The

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trailers that are not authorized in this area will be removed from the trailer storage area and dealt with one at a time.

- A few members who joined the club due to having purchased a boat from another AYC member had to be notified that our wet slips are non-transferable. The new members were required to remove their boats from their current wet slip, submit a Storage Request Form and then were assigned to a different slip.
- OH YES! We experienced a Flood! An evacuation. A flood recovery. All within a week's time!!!!!!!!!!!!!! THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS AND BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We survived the flood of 2018!

Thank you to Tom Cunningham and Diane Covert for doing a superb job of guiding us in preserving our assets and getting them out of harm's way. There's NEVER a dull moment around here!

Thank you to Tom for moving docks and equipment back and forth and for ferrying members to and fro their boats.

Thank you to Coleman Terrell for driving the Uhaul back and forth and for helping Tom with tasks outside of his Sailing Director job description.

This was another heartbreaking year for me personally and I want to thank everyone for their love and support.

I look forward to working with the 2019 Board of Directors, Committee Chairpersons and Fleet Captains in achieving their goals and dreams.

I know there are several new members here tonight, some of them are very bashful. Now's the time to step outside your comfort zone and meet your new family members. Please take this opportunity to meet the folks around you, take a moment right now to turn and look at your neighbor and introduce yourself. You've entered into a gigantic – loving – caring family. Please don't be shy!

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