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## CIYC Commodore's report year 2023-2024

Greetings CIYC members. Thanks for attending this year's AGM. It is always nice to see so many members taking an interest in the government of our beautiful summer playground.

First, I want to offer sincere thanks and gratitude to all the board members and officers who have helped make my job so much easier over the past year.

Our Treasurer Bob Stafford, Secretary Trish Durocher, Vice Commodore Jim Staley, Membership Director Sandy Wright, Development Director Racel Park, Racing/Sailing Kevin Alles and Pat Manchuric have all contributed countless hours preparing for and attending board meetings to help make the past year a success.

A special thank you to our officers who took care of things in the background, such as: Docks Mike Lippman, Dredging Walter Cooper, Social Laura Stafford, Buildings Ian Stevens, Grounds Lee Johnson, Adult Learn to Sail officer Frank Foote, and Youth Sailing Beth Graham and Committee have all been huge contributors to this year's success.

I also must point out our unsung heroes who are, and always have been there in the background, helping things run smoothly. Beth Graham who shares a wealth of club knowledge and who spends countless hours getting our very important Newsletter out in a timely manner. Dennis Graham who takes care of membership billing etc. Don Bauder our Webmaster, Rene Selberg for our club insurance, Gina Lawrence tracking work hours and Debra Belamy helping with grants, Waren Richie for Member Greeting and Orientation, have all contributed to keep the club moving forward. Thank you.

What did we collectively accomplish this past year?

The most noticeable change at the club this past year is the expansion of the parking lot. Thanks to the following groups for your input: Adult Sailing, Youth Sailing, Paddle Pass and Racing. Thanks to Dave Prince for creating the layout and drawing, and to Mike Lippman for obtaining the best quote. The usage and space allocation are yet to be fully determined. But this expansion will allow for more flexibility for dry storage as well as parking during the sailing season.

We added Wi-Fi extenders to the docks so that we can now actually pick up phone calls, texts and emails at our boats. Thanks to Jordan Durocher and Bob Stafford for getting this done.

There is also a plan to modify the docks by installing permanent dock standards which will allow for the dock boards to be left in place during the off season. Next year's planning committee will complete this.

Another noticeable change is the removal of the dead trees and chain link fence shared with our neighbor to the North of our property. Thanks to Lee Johnson for organizing the work to remove the trees and fence and to Dave Prince for building and installing the uncompleted section of fence at the back.

We also cleaned up the property between our fence and Heritage Road although this property belongs to the county of Essex. Many thanks to Ian Stevens, Don Bauder, Jordan Durocher for taking on this difficult task.

Another big accomplishment this year was the amendment and submission of Articles, Policies and Procedures which had not been done for several years. Special thanks to Rachel Park who spent countless hours heading this committee and to Marcy Fogal and Walter Cooper who were great contributors of knowledge and experience. Job well done.

Thanks everyone for allowing me to be in this position over the past year and half. Good luck to the new executive and HAPPY SAILING!!!

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