

Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club
2022 Annual Report
of the
Agawam Rear Commodore

I'd like to begin by saying thanks to the membership and officers of the club for their support and assistance during the past year as rear commodore. A special thanks to Gary Smith for keeping an eye on the place when I couldn't.

The 2022 season began Super Bowl Sunday, with the removal of two nuisance trees from the south end of the property, with the permission of new owner. Dock deconstruction took place when the weather would allow it. Nine sections in all were replaced. We had wood and hardware in stock and only a few pieces of wood were needed to finish the project.

A new Ramp sign was completed in mid-April, completing a year long project to update our signage with a more consistent look. The sign was designed to be easy to remove for the off season or in times of flooding. Special "Thanks" to member Dave Cortelli for his carpentry skills on all our signs, and to John Barrows of the Big E Print shop for the design, creation and application of the ramp sign graphics. Vice commodore Gary Smith and I drove this project.

The spring work party, May 1, was well attended. The dock crews made quick work of the dock assembly.

The continuing construction project upriver, provided an opportunity to have two boats in the basin. This provided income for the club. We also hosted a group from Klienschmidt, an environmental services company monitoring the construction project's impacts on the river.

The season began with calm weather, which continued through the season. Unlike last year, rain was in short supply to the point where there wasn't much water most of the summer. Our experienced boaters were bumping bottom and our newer folks wouldn't leave the docks. Five new members had boats on the docks, two on the north side and three on the south side, with the last boat going in mid July.

Immediately following the July 4 festivities, I reconfigured the north side docks to work better in the current flow. The two new members on the north side found it much easier to use their slips. Two one hundred pound anchors were hung off the end of the fingers to prevent northward movement during strong southerly winds.

The fall work party October 18, went well with the docks being removed and stacked as usual. The first two sections of the north side will be rebuilt in the spring, and they, plus four more sections were put south of the deck for deconstruction during the off season.

Actually the deconstruction was completed by Thanksgiving, as the weather was perfect this late in the fall. Two new brackets will be built for the first section on the north side to be consistent with current bracket standards.

The plan is to add two new sections on the north side which will add two more slips to our dock system. I will purchase eight floats to accomplish this. Lumber and hardware will be purchased during the winter and early spring.

I need to take a minute to thank the folks who made this work happen. First, Thanks to Eddie Spellacy for managing the dock construction crews during the season. His knowledge, skills and tools allowed for the building of new dock sections to go smoothly. Next, Thanks to Tina and Dave Lankowski for providing food and beverages for any function I could put together, given the restrictions. Lastly, a huge Thanks to Mike Morassi and the folks at Sunbelt Rentals for providing the equipment that made the work possible. A Lull fork lift, provided the muscle for installation and removal of the docks. Thanks to all who participated. You make it happen.

The planning has begun and updates will be coming as we move forward..

Lastly, the basin is in good financial condition, our assets in good shape. Prices will increase slightly for the 2024 season.

Respectfully submitted
Ed Kelley
Agawam Rear Commodore