

Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club
2019 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 my year as rear commodore. A special thanks to Gary Smith for keeping an eye on the place when I couldn't.

A typical New England winter was upon us with occasional snow in the valley with higher amounts in the hills and up north. Oh yes, up north. By the second week of April we were high and fast and cold. But before that we already had our first visitors of the year when Dr. Rebecca Quinones and her crew came to the club to launch their electro-fishing boats to conduct a fish survey.

The spring and fall work parties went well with good turn out and good weather. Thanks to all who participated. The planning and execution of the entire day is truly amazing to be part of. Special thanks to Mr. Greg Kudlic for his loader and driver, that action saves the club huge money.

During the early to mid summer, the club played host to a few others guests. One was a dive team checking the caps on the coal tar deposits, another was doing a weed survey for an "invasive species" down by Six Flags. As usual, the Agawam Fire Dept. kept their boat on the dock over the summer.

The Clubs "crash boat" and trailer received much needed repairs and maintenance. The trailer's bunks and brackets were replaced as well as the wiring connector. The boat's hull was tightened by re-riveting

the rear structure, a floor was constructed to support the gas tank and battery, and the bilge pump replaced. The outboard motor received the following service, the impeller was replaced along with the engine oil and filter and lower unit lube.

The docks held up well with just normal maintenance, swapping out weak or “safety issue” boards with new ones. We did have some damage when a freak wind storm broke the outside finger on the south side. A chain shackle broke and the finger ended up coming to rest on the north dock, still loaded with boats. No damage to the boats, just one broken dock. Thanks to participating members, we were reassembled and functional later that day.

The plan for the coming spring is to build several new sections of dock and start replacing the older sections. The planning has begun and updates will be coming after the holidays.

Respectfully submitted

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Agawam Rear Commodore