

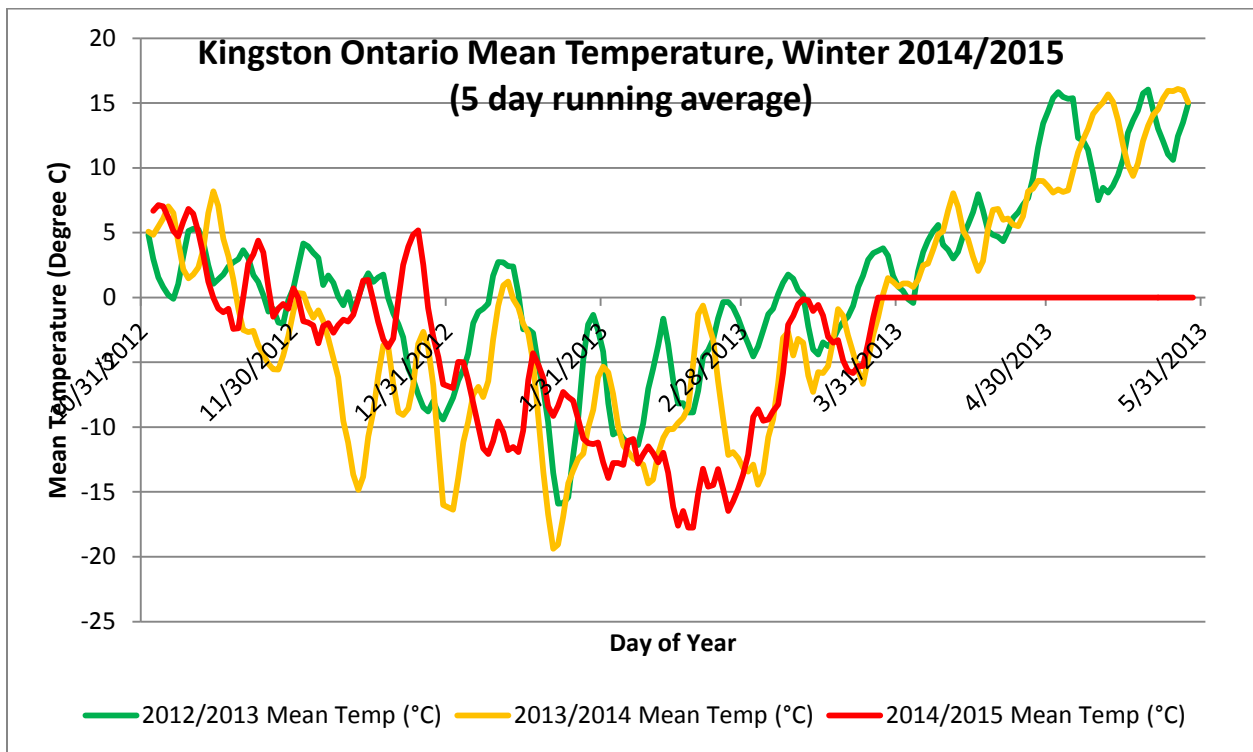
Kingston Yacht Club Harbour Report

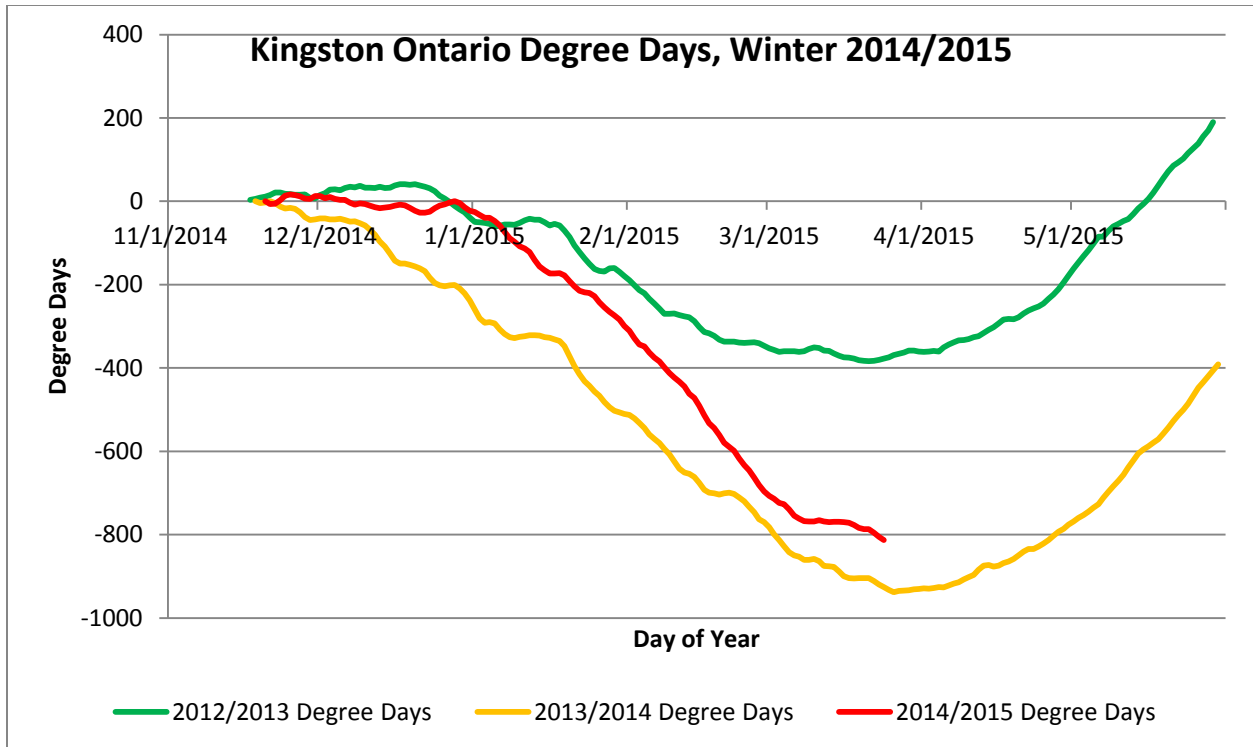
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Launch

Due to the cold spring weather we are experiencing, eastern portions of Lake Ontario and the Kingston Harbour are still covered with a thick layer of ice (about 2 feet).

Our spring launch is scheduled for Saturday April 25th and there is some concern that the KYC harbour may not be ice free by that time. Several club members have been looking at the current situation, reviewing any available information and relying on the collective experience from past years to evaluate this risk.





Based on current ice conditions and weather predictions, an expert at the Canadian Ice Service, Montreal, has estimated there to be a **5% chance of ice remaining in the Kingston Harbour on April 25th** (prediction offered on March 25th).

Ice can be expected to clear more slowly from the KYC harbour than from the surrounding Kingston Harbour (chance of ice in KYC harbour would be greater than 5%). Last year, Staff and volunteers were able to manually remove ice from KYC harbour on the Monday preceding launch. Such an intervention will not be possible if ice has not cleared from our vicinity within the Kingston Harbour.

Our plan is to **maintain April 25th as the target launch date** at least for the next few weeks while we see how our local climate warms up and the ice cover recedes. **May 5th (Tuesday) and May 7th (Thursday) have been booked as a contingency** for launch and mast stepping if conditions don't permit the launch to proceed on April 25th.

From the perspective of Napanee Crane Rentals, postponement is possible up to the April 25th launch date. However, we feel that club members would appreciate a decision further in advance so they can adjust their plans. A firm date for the postponement decision has not yet been finalized.

Respectfully Submitted
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