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ASK CAPT'N ABBY

In this Weekly Update, we're introducing a new feature entitled "Ask Capt'n Abby," where Club members can ask Capt'n Abby questions about Columbia Yacht Club or the Club Ship Abegweit. We hope to provide Capt'n Abby updates weekly, with more questions provided by YOU, our Club members.

Our first question is:

Dear Capt'n Abby, why is our Club Ship rocking lately like a drunken sailor?

Capt'n Abby: Well, here's what's happening to our 370' long and about 40' above the waterline lakefront ship. The ship is floating. A lot of people think we are attached to the bottom; we are not. We are afloat. The ship is very high, and our largest side often faces gusts. The ship is relatively very light (no heavy rail cars on the rail deck, no autos filling the deck above). Therefore, when the wind is North or Northeast, the Abby starts rolling and wiggling (yawing). It takes a while to stop. Make sense?

