

***RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
invites you to attend its meeting, on Wednesday, May 27, 2015.
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT.***

GARY ASHLEY

MANAGING A PRIVATE YACHT CLUB IN GREENWICH



For nearly twenty-one years, Gary Ashley has been the General Manager of the Riverside Yacht Club (RYC), one of the finest marinas for a private club on Long Island Sound. The RYC has grown and prospered, and Mr. Ashley will discuss with us his insights and experience about what it takes to manage a private club, and the industry generally. He will share with us how he goes about dealing with the various

matters that arise on his watch.

On the evening of May 25, 1888, George I. Tyson, a prominent summer resident of Riverside and an enthusiastic yachtsman, invited 10 of his friends to meet with him at his home to consider and act upon his plan to establish a yacht club in the community. Mr. Tyson provided an acre or so of waterfront land. According to the Lloyd's Registry of American Yachts, RYC became the second yacht club to be established in the state of Connecticut and the eighth on Long Island Sound, in order of seniority among those that have survived to the present day. On May 18, 1997 there was a ribbon cutting ceremony to open the new marina that was dredged to provide 8 feet of depth at low tide. In May 2013, coinciding with the Club's 125th Anniversary, RYC completed a major renovation to enhance the clubhouse facilities, create new member spaces, and better serve the members in the future.

Born in Northwest England, Mr. Ashley studied Hospitality at Hartford, Cheshire. After graduation, he worked for De Vere Hotels at numerous hotel resorts in England before being transferred to the U.S. thirty years ago next month. He has worked at three private clubs in Philadelphia PA and Akron OH, before being hired as the General Manager of the RYC. He lives in Cos Cob, is married, and has two sixth graders at Central Middle School.

RMA Meetings are free and open to the public; no reservations are required. Please plan to arrive around 10:45 for our social break (coffee and cake), followed by our speaker at 11:00. Meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenwich. For additional information, call Bernard Schneider, 203-698-2558; bgsesq@gmail.com.