



BROCKPORT YACHT CLUB

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The Official Newsletter of the Brockport Yacht Club
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No Longer the:

MUDHOLE

(Vastly improved)

COMMODORE'S CORNER



September is here. Rather than enjoying this Indian Summer we are in a mad dash to get permits, a line of credit, bids, and grant mon-

ey. This is a big week for our project. Monday brought a meeting with the Town and DEC, Wednesday is a meeting with the Director of Economic Development for the Finger Lakes Region, Thursday is a permit prep day, and with any luck Friday is permit application day for BYC and all of the owners whose property borders the basin. We are planning on submitting everything together to avoid confusion and help streamline the process. Somewhere in there we will fit a pre-bid meeting with prospective vendors to complete the work. Of course all that being said, we have to vote to approve the project at the general meeting. I have heard a lot of great feedback and questions and all in all it has been very positive.

On the bright side, Colby's is catering the meeting this month compliments of corporate member and owner Jim Kolb. It is going to be fantastic. Please make sure to thank Jim at the meeting.

Back in February I reserved the Braemar Country Club thinking that there would be a typical Commodore's Ball. Seeing as the season was such a bust, I think it would only be fair to end it with a party. Suggestions on how to add some more excitement are more than welcome. Regardless the Commodore's Ball will be Saturday November 11th.

Lastly I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for their work at the club over the last month. There is still plenty to go, but it is great to see improvement. Cheers,

(John Stevens, Commodore)

VICE COMMODORE

Looks like Indian Summer is here already. Leaves are turning, cooler nights, and warm to hot days. Looking back I think this was not one of our better summers. Hopefully next year will be much better. Really missed seeing everyone down at the club this year. Being fall is here we will soon be closing up the club. Not of course until after the corned beef and cabbage party. For those working still on your boats, exercise caution if you are working alone. Same for anyone working on the club house and grounds. I expect there will be plenty of work pounding things back into shape this fall and winter weather permitting. Eric is coordinating an outstanding job with the docks and deserves many thanks as our Fleet Captain. This is also a good time to thank John Stevens for the outstanding job he has done as our Commodore, along with Ken Beghini as Rear Commodore. Looking forward to next year and beyond. I'm sure the water and weather will be better.

(John Saucke, Vice Commodore)

BUSINESS MEETINGS

- General Membership Meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month
- at Carmestro's in Hilton during the months of January thru ??
- September and October meetings are at the Club.
- No meetings in November or December.
- Reservations are required for the dinner portion.
- Appetizers @ 6:00PM,
- Dinner @ 7:00PM, meeting to follow.
- email reservations to dinner@brockportyachtclub.org prior to 6PM on the Sunday prior to the meeting

CALENDAR

- May 6 Boat Launch
- May 13 Club Opening
- May 28 Commodore's Review & Holiday Cocktail Party
- July 3 Holiday Cocktail Party
- July TBD Kids Sunfish Classes
- Club Cruise: Begins the Last Saturday of July
- Sunfish Regatta TBD
- September 3 Annual Wine Tasting
- Saturday, September 9 Annual Corn Roast
- October 13-14 Haul Out
- October 26 Corn Beef Dinner & General Meeting
- Oct 28 Club Closing
- Nov. 4 Commodore's Ball

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REAR COMMODORE



I've enjoyed being back at the club for our first meeting and for the Corn Roast, thank you Josh and the Social Committee. Eric is doing a fantastic job raising the docks which should minimize our chances of missing a boating season again. It's great to see a good turnout for these work parties. The jetty light mount also needs some attention and with the water down it's a good time to take a look at this so the light can be operational for next year. If you are interested in working this project please let me know. See you at the club.

(Ken Beghini, Rear Commodore)

FLEET CAPTAIN



The dock raising is well past the halfway point and progressing nicely. It has been a welcome sight to see the good turnouts at all of the work parties we have had so far. Many hands make light work, as they say. With that said, the next work party will be September 30th. If you can't make it, there are activities that can be done at any time, such as moving the fender boards out of the way, cutting old lines, pulling up boards where U-bolts need to be loosened, and anything else that can make the work party progress faster.

It is nice to have events at the club again! The Corn Roast was once again successful. We had great weather and the food was wonderful. Hopefully more members can attend next year...it is always the weekend after Labor Day...mark your calendars. Much thanks to the Social Committee for getting the corn and other items.

Last but not least, thank you. I am very glad to see the membership come together to bring back and reclaim our club, slowly but surely.

(Eric Grape, Fleet Captain)

PS: There will be another dock raising party on Saturday, 9/30 starting at 8am. The next dock raising may involve moving poles, so pipe wrenches would be useful in addition to the normal tools like crowbars, 9/16" wrenches/sockets.

DINNER MEETING 28th!

The monthly Club Membership Meeting and Dinner will be held at The Club!

Park at the Parkway lot. Social hour begins at 6, dinner at 7, with the General Membership meeting to follow. All attendees must RSVP as this is a no-cost catered event, graciously provided by Jim Kolb of Corby's Catering.

bycdinner@brockportyachtclub.org Be a considerate member and RSVP!

TUESDAY BREAKFAST:

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the companionship of BYC at breakfast at the Hilton Diner every Tuesday morning at 9 AM.

THANK YOU:

A big thank you to all of the Club members who attended worked at, and on, the Club in recent weeks. Looks Great!!

Thank you to Bob Burkhardt for championing the replacement of the *Bobby G's* rudder.

From The Surveyors Perspective

By Bob Spencer

"If only you could see what I have seen..." I am going to start submitting pictures of issues I have found for your entertainment and education. The picture is usually a "what the heck" moment.

This month's photos are of failed raw water impellers:

The raw water impeller is a rubber star shaped part that pumps coolant water through your marine engine. Raw water impellers are found on all Diesel and Gas marine engines and Outboard motors. Most engine manufacturers recommend replacing your impellers every 3 years or sooner. Replacing raw water impellers is considered routine maintenance. Failure to replace impellers at recommended schedules can lead to a deteriorated and failed impellers. When the impellers disintegrate they no longer pump water through your engine, leading to a major engine overheat event. A major overheat to the engine can crack the head or blow out the head gasket

around the water jackets. If the head gasket is blown, water can enter a cylinder and cause hydro-lock. Since you can't compress water an engine will often suffer a bent connecting rod. An engine can also seize up from an overheat event. All too often a boat owner will file an insurance claim stating that they "sucked something into the strainer or ran over a bag". When Damage Surveyors inspect the torn down engine and we see a deteriorated impeller we are not buying into "sucked something up or ran over a plastic bag story". The cause of loss is failure to replace the raw water impellers within the last three years. If you don't have a receipt for an impeller replacement, the loss is on you. The claim is often turned down due to "deferred maintenance" on behalf of the owner. When dealing with insurance companies, "I didn't know I was supposed to do that" does not relieve the owner of routine maintenance responsibilities. Your best insurance is to replace the impellers regularly.

(Truly great words, Bob. Ed.)



A BIT OF BYC HISTORY:

Submitted by Dave Hale

BYC—The Prequel

While researching something else in the pages of The Brockport Republic, I came upon a notice about one of our founding members. "George Guelf has commended the construction of a large and fine sail boat" (7/31/1890). Two weeks later more detail was provided. "George Guelf is constructing at his home on Union Street a neat sailboat. It is secenteeent foot long and eight foot beam, has an iron centre-board, and with the eighteen foot boom will carry a large spread of canvas. It will also have a gib [sic]. It bears the name 'Lavinae.' The owner expects to place the boat in the lake tomorrow." When BYC was founded in 1904, Guelf was the first fleet captain. This boat, however, is not on the initial roster of yachts, He was commodore in 1905, 1912-13, and 1936-42. It is said he kept the club alive during the Depression by paying the taxes and doing much of the maintenance.

CORN ROAST :

Pics submitted by Dave Hale (Our roving reporter)



All appear to be having a Great Time!



RAISED DOCK DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted by Dave Hale (*A prolific contributor. Ed.*)



SHIP'S STORE:

In stock: T-shirts, hats, koozies, burgees, and more! See last page.
Give me a call or email me for prices, colors and sizes. Jack Evans 455-5701

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FOR SALE: 1985 30' NEWPORT Mark III. Asking \$17,999 . All serious offers considered. Well cared for, well equipped Fresh Water Cruiser/Racer Newport 30-Mark. III wheel steering, diesel engine, main, jib, cruising spinnaker. Call (585) 723-0760 or 585 727-5680or email daveschantz@yahoo.com

MISCELLANEOUS RAMBLINGS:

What beautiful weather we have been having! Yes, the boats are not in the water (well, most of them), but spending time at the Club is a great time, too.

Many kudos to Bob Burkheart for spearheading the efforts to get the *Bobby G* 's rudder situation corrected. The new rudder is an improved design that results in the boat sailing much better. Crisper handling with decreased weather helm

I know I have said it before, but if you can, try to go out on the *BGee* during this respite from the areas actual Fall weather. The boat is easy to sail and if you want to get checked out on it, ask an officer about who to see.

Raised docks look great., as does the whole Club.

Keep your spars clean. Dave



Still looking for our mascot !