



BROCKPORT YACHT CLUB

PORTHOLE

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This is the Second Edition of the:

MUDHOLE

(Sure to be a collector's item!)

COMMODORE'S CORNER



Up until this year, I have only used the phrase "God willing and the creek don't rise" as a metaphor in conversation. These days it is much more of a literal statement. Unfortunately, I will not be at the general meeting this month. When we planned a trip to visit family in Nova Scotia last year, I didn't clear it with Mother Nature; Lesson learned.

As I'm sure you have heard by now, I had to make the decision to cancel the season at BYC. While I certainly didn't want to do it, the facts and forecast made the decision obvious. Thank you to everyone who emailed and called to express their support. I truly appreciate it.

Looking forward, we are in a unique position to repair and improve the club in ways that we generally would not have considered in the past. At the general meeting next week, you will hear from Tom Pavone of our engineering team. Tom along with his fellow team members Todd Dunn, David Manning, Bob Burkhart, and Larry Beneway have put a great deal of time and effort into what has become a much larger scope than just looking at stabilizing the building. They got a lot more than they bargained for and deserve everyone's gratitude. Countless hours have been spent on this situation thus far with countless more to go.

Next week you will hear the outline of a plan that includes not only the building but also the seawall, jetty, and docks. They are looking at this as a long-term plan with immediate needs and things that can be done over the next several years. Along those same lines will be a plan to pay for those repairs including options for grants and other funds to help offset the expense.

This month's meeting will also include the final bylaw change vote to increase the maximum capital contribution to \$250 and eliminate the overall fund cap. This will help facilitate the budgeting for many of the repairs in the future and allow for better long term financial planning. In addition, it allows us to easily vote to move excess funds from this year's budget into the capital fund to cover some of the repair and improvements.

None of it will be cheap and certainly not easy. That said for the good of the club I believe that these are things that need to be done to ensure that the club is here for the next 113 years.

Other Miscellaneous items:

Lori Hannigan is looking for someone to help with The Carol Ann. She needs to have her bottom painted, washed and waxed. If anyone is interested in helping when it is feasible please contact Lori Lori (loriannhannigan@aol.com).

I heard a rumor that Kevin Trout was at the club and cleared out the cockpit drains for those that were full of water. Please take a moment to thank Kevin and to make sure everyone checks their bilge and deck drains.

(John Stevens, Commodore)

VICE COMMODORE

"Nothing to report."

John Saucke, Vice Commodore)



REAR COMMODORE

Unfortunately our time at BYC is not what we were all hoping for this spring. At least we've had some good comradery during the work parties and are now all experts at cranking out sand-

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 ??
- NO MEETINGS at the yacht club scheduled. at this time.
- 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 (tentative)

- 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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bags. It's supposed to be a rough next few weeks with the high water. If you're at the club please put any garbage in the dumpster. This should at least help to discourage any critters from taking up residence in the clubhouse. To drier times...



(Ken Beghini, Rear Commodore)

FLEET CAPTAIN

I wish I could offer better news, but the club is still a mess. I want to pass along a report from June 20th courtesy of Kevin Traut:

- Water level appears to be down about 1"
- Road still closed
- With all wind and rain in Hamlin, over 6" rain in last week, I found over *half the fleet* had clogged scuppers and most had 4-5" standing water in the cockpit.



- I cleared the scuppers on all affected and got water flowing, but many had so much leaf debris that this will have to be done again soon. Strongly suggest anyone who hasn't been to club in last few days to check their bilges for flooding, especially anyone on Pearson row.

Please thank Kevin when you see him. I wholeheartedly agree with him that everyone needs to continue to check on their vessel routinely. When you do, please park out by the parkway and walk in.

With the docks being underwater for some time now, we should expect that significant repairs will be required when they do re-surface. We are investigating long-term solutions including converting to floating docks. This is not an inexpensive solution, but savings can be made if the membership performs the labor. Should the season be officially cancelled at the June meeting, you should expect that one of the many summer projects at the club will be to at least repair if not convert each and every dock. This is a large task and will likely span many summer weekends. Like the sandbag work parties, your participation in these upcoming work parties is essential to the success of the club. I know that with team work we can bring the club back, even if only one dock at a time.

(Eric Grape, Fleet Captain)

MISSING CLUB ITEM!!:

The U.S. Navy ship's compass that was on the shelf upstairs in the Clubhouse has gone missing. If you have any information as to its whereabouts, please let people know so that it may be prominently displayed once again. (email me at dmpul80@gmail.com). We just want it back.

This is a hard to find relic that was donated to the Club by past member Frank Sulfridge who had a Person '30. The compass probably came off of a smaller warship, such as a Destroyer, Destroyer Escort, or supply ship. It is interesting in that it has the "Quadrangle Correctors" (two iron balls) attached. The correctors were used to calibrate the compass. The ship would align with buoys out in the ocean and the balls moved to compensate for all of the ferrous material on the ship to make the compass accurate.

Thank you.

THANK YOUS:

A big thank you to all of the Club members who came and played in the sand for three Saturdays!

DINNER MEETING June 29th!

The monthly Club Membership Meeting and Dinner will be held at Carmestro's Restaurant in Hilton.

Social hour begins at 6, dinner at 7, with the General Membership meeting to follow. If you plan on attending the dinner and are not on the permanent list, email the social committee to RSVP at:

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.

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 photo is of an abandoned Fuel fill fitting and fuel vent hose. The vessel had twin fuel tanks and the owner removed one of the tanks (leaking) figuring one good tank will be enough. This is how they left the abandoned fuel fill. The cap to the fitting was labeled GAS. Imagine if the owner pulled up to a marina and went into the store asking that the boat fuel be topped off! The gas dock attendant sees a deck fitting marked GAS, unscrews it and inserts the nozzle then starts pumping !! 100 gallons of gas later, the bilge pump fires up and starts pumping gas from the bilges into the lake (provided no spark set the gas off) !!! Don't do this !!!! Leave a short piece of hose on the abandoned fill fitting and double clamp a wooden or rubber plug into the short piece of hose that will prevent the nozzle from being inserted. Better yet remove the fuel fitting and glass over the hole.

TRAVELING MEMBER'S REPORT

We were in St. Martin when the Heineken regatta (<http://heinekenregatta.com/>) was going on. We booked a ride on a power boat the last day of the event to catch some of the action. Here are some pictures my wife snapped from the bow. Dave Wright

(Proof that sailing is still going on...albeit elsewhere! Ed.)

WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL:



The 23rd Annual Wooden Boat Festival will be held on Saturday July 22nd at the Port of Newcastle. Anyone interested in sailing or going over?

SHIP'S STORE:

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

FOR SAIL:

1975 Catalina 22 with Swing Keel
Well maintained. Sailed every summer since 1990 on Lake Ontario out of BYC. Excellent sails: Ullman Jib with CDI roller furler.. Somerset loose footed main with Lazy Jack system. Ulmer Flasher with all rigging. 2004 Honda 5 HP 4 stroke outboard. Purchased

new. Less than 10 engine hours per year. Autohelm 1000 autopilot. Ray Jefferson 5000M Radio. (Needs new 12V Marine battery.) Storage trailer with new trailer tires. 2016 NY Registration and Inspection. Currently located in the club parking lot. Asking \$3000. Contact: Laurie Eschmann 225-2705

29.5 foot Sea Ray(Sweet Pea) for sale. Air/heater , hot & cold pressure water, microwave , twin 260 HP engines. contact Bruce Martin [585-734-1141](tel:585-734-1141). \$13,900.

(The Porthole continues on the next page. I could not figure out how to do this seamlessly, Ed.)



MISCELLANEOUS RAMBLINGS:

It is difficult to put together the *Porthole* this month, as the situation the Club is in is dis-heartening. The water is showing signs of receding, but very slowly. What is being left behind is a mess, to say the least. What more can be said?

Spud was admiring the new green "carpet" on his dock last week. Thinking it might need a mowing.

On a very positive note, Bob Burkhardt and I had a most enjoyable sail on the *Bobby G* last Saturday as a pre-Father's Day gift to ourselves.. The first beverage of choice for me as a celebration, once on the Lake, was a Utica Club. Brought back fond memories of my youth.

Keep your Spars Clean!

Dave

MORE FROM THE COMMODORE:

Greetings,

As of today the lake level is 248.58' (<http://lre-wm.usace.army.mil/reports/GreatLakes/GLWL-CurrentMonth-Feet.pdf>). The elevation of the south lawn and blah blah tree is at 247.8', the elevation of the sea wall varies from 248' to 248.5'. The "dance floor" on the main finger pier sits at 247.6'. Sandy Harbor Drive has high and low points within these same ranges.

The Army Corps forecast is a drop of approximately 6" by July 16th (<http://www.lre.usace.army.mil/Missions/Great-Lakes-Information/Great-Lakes-Water-Levels/Water-Level-Forecast/Weekly-Great-Lakes-Water-Levels/>) which still leave the lake at 248' give or take by mid-July. The current outflow is at its maximum according to news reports (<http://buffalonews.com/2017/06/22/lake-ontario-water-levels-fall-record-outflows-continue/>).

Absent of any storms or winds, the best possible scenario according to the Army Corps forecast is that portions of the club grounds and a majority of the docks will still be under water in mid-July. In addition, we will not be able to address the full extent of the damage to the club until the water recedes even further.

Based on these facts and discussions with the Eboard, regretfully I have made the decision to cancel launch and haul for the season.

Regards,

John

