



## BROCKPORT YACHT CLUB

# PORTHOLE

The Official Newsletter of the Brockport Yacht Club  
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### COMMODORE'S CORNER



Its mid-April and I feel like I should put my Christmas tree back up! What happened to spring? Supposedly the weather is going to take a turn for the better next week. I know there are a lot of anxious folks who are looking forward to working on their boats and getting them in the water. I count myself among them. The lake forecast is holding and it still looks like 247ish' is the high they are expecting this year. I have had a few emails suggesting that we delay launch a week due to the cold weather. Given the predicted upturn in the weather and the lake forecast, at this point I believe proceeding with launch as scheduled on May 5 is the best course of action. Eric Grape has been in contact with CP Ward, they are going to attempt to move the sand bags along the seawall so that each launch doesn't turn into an obstacle course. Over the weekend, we met with another contractor. The revised bid scope is going out this week which will include shorter steel sheets (15' rather than 30') as well as some other changes. We anticipate this will bring the cost much more in line with the budget. At this point, we are looking at completing the work in the fall. There will be a significant amount of prep that needs to be done. It is very possible that we will cut the season short by a couple weeks in order to facilitate the prep work. We will address that as we firm up details over the coming months. In the meantime, let's keep our fingers crossed for a warm summer and fair winds.

(John Stevens, Commodore)

### VICE COMMODORE



(John Saucke, Vice Commodore)

### REAR COMMODORE



The water is back on at the club and weekly garbage service has resumed. Our club cleaner, Lucy Puluk, starts the first week in May so we are on our own until then. Please work to keep the club house and bathrooms clean. The club opening work party will be the first Saturday after launch. We need a good turnout to get the club back in shape from the mess we had last year. Hopefully we can all look forward to a great summer down at the club.

(Ken Beghini, Rear Commodore)

### FLEET CAPTAIN



I know it has been a cold, wet and rainy Spring, but launch is still May 5th and approaching fast. We have a work party on Saturday, April 21st at 8AM to put in the creekside docks and (hopefully) finalize the last of the dock work before launch. The April 21st work party is only in the morning, so you have the afternoon to work on your boat. More dock work will happen later on after launch, but when depends on the date construction will begin on the seawall.

On launch day, please be sure to leave your care out by the parkway and walk in. The first part of launch on May 5th will be to move the sandbags along the seawall. The plan now is that they will be lifted by CP Ward and moved to the northeast corner for the time being. Hopefully the straps on the bigger bags hold...they are designed to. Eventually, they will be returned to the beach. Expect another work party after launch for that activity.

As usual, launch is an all-day affair. The most important thing is Safety first and that no one gets hurt. Please be careful and aware of your surroundings at all times. There is a lot of activity going

### BUSINESS MEETINGS

- General Membership Meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month
- at Foster's in Hilton during the months of January thru April
- May through 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](mailto:dinner@brockportyachtclub.org) prior to 6PM on the Sunday prior to the meeting

### CALENDAR

- May 5 Boat Launch
- May 19 Club Opening
- May 27 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 2 Annual Wine Tasting
- Saturday, September 8 Annual Corn Roast
- October 12-13 Haul Out
- October 25 Corn Beef Dinner & General Meeting
- Oct 27 Club Closing
- Nov. 10th Commodore's Ball

on. I expect that all boat owners will be there, or will have a proxy to tend to their boat when it is hoisted and placed into the creek. Of course, everyone is welcome, and the more the better...as they say, many hands make light work. There will be a list of assigned activities posted at the club on launch day. If you don't see your name, please ask what you can do to help...there is always something to do!

We will also be putting away the jackstands along the fence as we launch. If you do not want to leave yours at the club, then please make sure to have them put aside. Also, the cradles will be placed along the fence after the last boat goes in the water. If you own a cradle, you are expected to help out.

Also, I still have a couple of "extra" tools from the work parties last summer/fall. I will bring them to the work party and to launch. If you think you are missing something, stop by...I may have it. I am also on the lookout for the very large pipe wrench that John Saucke kindly let us borrow. It has disappeared. If you see it, please let me know.

Lastly, remember that a good number of the fender boards were thrown away last year due to being waterlogged. For those of you in need of chain and S hooks for your new fender boards, the club now has plenty in the Brower building.

(Eric Grape, Fleet Captain)

#### **DINNER MEETING 26th!**

Our final Dinner Meeting for the winter will take place at Foster's Restaurant on Thursday April 26th. Cocktails as usual at 6:00 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM, and since this is the last dinner we will be enjoying Prime Rib. The cost will be \$ 16.00 and reservations are required so please e-mail cancellations or reservations to: [bycdinner@brockportyachtclub.org](mailto:bycdinner@brockportyachtclub.org) prior to 6 PM on the Sunday before the meeting. If you are on the permanent list and are unable to attend, cancellation is required. All members are invited to attend the meeting even if they choose not to have dinner.

Steve Spotts and his wife Pam have hosted our dinner meetings and changed the menu each time and we have had several people comment positively about their efforts.

#### **Please Take Note:**

Jack Evans and I have discussed the origin to the 50-50 and how it has morphed over the years. Over time it moved to be "beer money" and instead of a 50-50 split it was 99.4

% of the time a 100% sum given to purchase beer. Jack and I feel comfortable returning to its original roots and therefore the winning person will be asked to retain 50% of the pot. There is however another change and that is, the club **will not** provide beer for the regular meetings and everyone would be advised to bring their beverage of choice.

When a work party is called the Flag Officer who called it would provide beer and would be reimbursed, if they so desired. (this includes Launch and Haul Out). Beer will still be provided for major functions such as the Pig Roast, Corn Roast and the Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner.

This change has been reviewed and approved by the e-board members who responded, and will begin with our May 31st meeting.

(Jack Evans and Ken Lendeck, co-chairs)

#### **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.

#### **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

An additional item this year for those who need a smaller BYC Burgee: It measures 8 X 12 inches. Used for bow flag staffs. Got some BYC stick-on burgee Logos for the back of your boat \$5.00 and long sleeve RED BYC T-shirts \$9.00.

#### **From The Surveyor's Perspective:**

(As related to me by Bob)

This month's item is more of a useful tip for all boat owners. Are you sick and tired of getting Fiberglass-Ass while enjoying your boat? Here's an idea that is under the heading of "should've thought of this before". Custom made cockpit cushions are expensive and require upkeep. Surveyor or Bob's idea is to use the closed cell

yoga mats, so commonly available. Simply purchase said mat, lay it out on your cockpit bench/seat, and cut away with a sharp knife or similar cutting tool. Being closed cell, it will not absorb water and the cut portion will not open up too easily. Kind to your behind. Ass saved!

Thanks Bob!

#### **RACING:**

Are we on for this year? Better not be "crickets chirping"!

#### **FOR SAIL:**

**Columbia 7.6:** B&B for sale, Diesel, wheel steering. Contact Robert Motter

**Pearson 25, Lilly.** New(er) sails. Roller furling. Motor. \$3,800. Dave Pulhamus

**Pearson 26** Weekender hull. Almost free. Will help move. Dave Pulhamus

**Canoe:** 16 foot Sawyer Yellow Yankee Rebel. Mat fiberglass. \$275 Dave Pulhamus

#### **Miscellaneous Ramblings:**

Finally, getting ready for a launch! Been a year. A lot less rain this year, despite Monday's downpour. If only we had launched on May 5th last year.

I have to make lists of the items to finish prior to the Main Event. Like, putting the tiller on (Yes, I forgot one year!). You may want to go over a few things, too. Even though you were ready last year, some stuff probably needs to be done. Make sure sea cocks are closed (Open ones have occurred more than once!) to ensure that you9r boat will be floating on Sunday.

It is the simple stuff that will make plans-go awry. (Ask Andy Grannetelli about the \$5 bearing.)

*Keep your spars clean.* Dave





## EXCURSIONS:

Matt, Eric and I were in Key West a couple weeks ago and I noticed guys doing Dock repairs. We should feel really good about our work floaters, this is what the Dock guys at Key West were using when doing repairs on the docks. Basically a 4X4 platform!

See you at the club !

Kevin

