



# BROCKPORT YACHT CLUB

# PORTHOLE

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



My extended tenure as commodore is mercifully coming to an end. If the weather cooperates, the new steel should all be in place before the first meeting in January. There will be several work parties over the coming months to put the club and docks back together. Thanks to those who braved the cold to breakdown the lumber from the docks we removed. They were able to salvage a significant amount of the lumber to use in the reconstruction. In December I received an email that our submission for the grant reimbursement had been approved and we are waiting on the \$50,000 check from the State.

This week I signed the new basin lease. The old lease was due to expire in 2020 and had an annual payment of \$6020 for this year and a 3% increase every year. The new lease drops to \$5,500 and has a \$100 annual increase. It is a five year term and converts to a year to year lease thereafter with the same \$100 annual increase.

I would like to take a moment to thank all the members for their help. It is daunting when you think about everything that we have accomplished in the last ten years; new roof, ice machine, bathroom renovations, upstairs carpeting, dock electric, sandbagging, un-sandbagging, and last but not least the current project. I think we have positioned BYC well for the next 115 years. Cheers!

(John Stevens, Commodore)

## VICE COMMODORE

Here we go, the beginning of another season. I know it doesn't seem it as the weather is rather yuk.



However, now is the time to stop and think of all the things your boat needs come spring time. Be ahead of the game. Being we have

so much going on at the club property getting boats ready this year may be a bit challenging. A group of us went to the Toronto Boat Show and had a gas of a

time. Had a good look at all the things I don't have the money for :) Looking forward to seeing as many of you that can attend the first club meeting on January 31st at Fosters in Hilton. Be safe on the roads in this winter weather.

(John Saucke, Vice Commodore)

## REAR COMMODORE



Happy New Year BYC. Looks like our new steel wall break wall is shaping up nicely. Once the contractor is finished we can start our part of the project. Thanks Jack and crew for getting a head start on this by sorting and saving good wood from the old docks for re-use. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the January meeting.

(Ken Beghini, Rear Commodore)

## FLEET CAPTAIN

It is January and it just snowed 18+ inches over the weekend. So I can understand if the club is not at the top of your



thoughts. But start to think about it. There is a lot of work to do. I am sure there are many other projects, but some that I can think of include: Power needs to be restored to the club. Docks need to be reconnected to the seawall and new ramps need to be built to them. Creekside docks needs new welding on the outside of the seawall. The back deck needs to be reconstructed. New water lines need to be run to the docks. Electricity needs to be reconnected to the docks too. Dirt/fill and grass seed will need to be put in place. We have to make sure the crane can launch boats and be available for masts. And most importantly, we need a new blah-blah tree! In summary, there is a lot of activity that will need the membership to help out with, and patience is requested because it won't happen all at once.

(Eric Grape, Fleet Captain)

## 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 [bycdinner@brockportyachtclub.org](mailto:bycdinner@brockportyachtclub.org) prior to 6PM on the Sunday prior to the meeting

## CALENDAR

- May 4 Boat Launch
- May 11 Club Opening
- May 26 Commodore's Review & Holiday Cocktail Party
- July ? Holiday Cocktail Party
- July ? Pig Roast
- Club Cruise: Begins the Last Saturday of July
- Aug 23-24 Kids Sunfish Classes
- September 1 Annual Wine Tasting
- Saturday, September 7 Annual Corn Roast
- October 11-12? Haul Out
- October 31 Corn Beef Dinner & General Meeting
- Nov 2 Club Closing
- Nov. 10th Commodore's Ball

## DINNER MEETING 31st!

Hopefully everyone saw Ken Beghini's e mail last week announcing the start of our winter meetings at Foster's restaurant again this year and this year we are going to change it up a bit , for we plan to have a sit down dinner and it will be Chicken Parmesan and pasta . Steve Spotts indicated he is more than willing to either have a sit down dinner and \ or a buffet , so at each meeting we will ask what kind of dinner would the membership like to have next time we meet. This month's dinner is on Thursday , January 31st , with dinner at 7 PM, meeting at 8 PM , We of course will have appetizers before dinner and they will be served inside where we have our dinner , not outside in the bar area. The cost is the same as last year \$16.00. and reservations are required so please email reservations , if your not on the permanent list or cancellations if you are on the permanent list and are not going to attend.

The e mail is:

[bycdinner@brockportyachtclub.org](mailto:bycdinner@brockportyachtclub.org)

## 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.

## CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS:

It is with great sadness to write of the passing of Don Jones, longtime and Senior member of BYC.

Condolences to Scott and Wishart and Karen Patterson on the passing of their mother, June Wishart.

Tom Zillioux, longtime past and senior member, has passed away. Our condolences to his family.

Our condolences on the passing of Kathy Jewett, widow of Special Member Gordon Jewett, on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

The nominating committee consisting of Matt Keene and Joe Amorese will be placing the following names in nomination at the January meeting:

Commodore – John Saucke  
Vice Commodore – Ken Beghini

Rear Commodore – Eric Grape  
Fleet Captain – Rich Wiest  
Treasurer – Dave Manning  
Financial Secretary – Jason Evans  
Recording Secretary – Todd Spath  
Trustee – 1st year of 5 – Bob Spencer (replacing Dave Resch who has “termed out”)  
Trustee - 2nd year of 5 - Kevin Reiter ...(replacing Jon Fox)

The other Trustees (not up for election) are:

Dave Pulhamus 5th year  
Ted Halsey 4th year  
John Walsh 3rd year

We appreciate the service of Past Commodore John Stevens, Past Trustees Dave Resch and Jon Fox, Past Treasurer Todd Dunn and Past Secretary Matt Westfall.

## RACING:

*By Bill Topping*

I braved the snowstorm and made the journey to the Toronto Boat Show and PHRF-LO Annual General Meeting. I was not the only member of Brockport Yacht Club to attend the show as I met a likely cast of characters. A group came up to see the boats and knowing these guys party their way through the Toronto hot spots.

There are a few changes regarding PHRF-LO this season. Nothing that changes dramatically the way we do things, but worth noting. The policy now is for PHRF-LO to charge the member clubs for any boat that sails in three or more races through the year. This affects only a few boats and I will notify the individual racer if it affects them.

I have been trying to encourage all racers who intend to participate to get PHRF certificates. Having up to date measurements and certificates makes for better competition. PHRF-LO has established an online certificate program and I will be using that to update our program for the 2019 season.

In the past we have included the fee for these certificates in your dues bill. As it stands now we will be doing that this year. As of now that will be about \$35.

I also want you to be aware that PHRF-LO will be decoupling the NFS number from the SPIN number.

This change will take place next year

and will substantially change the ratings particularly on the PEARSON 26.

I'm telling you now so that there will be no surprises next season. It was felt that these ratings were grossly out of adjustment.

As always, as we are planning our racing season I welcome any comments and suggestions that you may have.

## DID YOU CATCH?:

- 1) Commodore John showing off the wall work on Channel 13?
- 2) Columnist David Andriatta's thanking Burt Ringelstein for sending him pens made from wood of the largest sugar maple? An honor!

## SHIP'S STORE:

I will be operating the Ship's Store again this year.

The following items I have in inventory: T-shirts, sweat shirts, hoodies, BYC hats, BYC pennant's,

koozie cups, car window decals, burgees, commodore lapel pins, officer flags and American flags.

Please contact me for prices and orders.

Jack Evans 455-5701

[jackevans@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jackevans@rochester.rr.com)

## FOR SAIL:

**1986 30' Newport MKIII, SPARTAN**, call Frank at 766-8386 for more details.

Last chance for BYC members before its listed! (*A fantastic boat! Ed.*)

**Kirby 25 + trailer for sale**  
Everything you need to race, cruise or sale the boat.

No reasonable offer refused Todd Swan  
585 489 6326 (*Fast, race winner! Ed*)

**Islander 30, Sallie Forth.** She is equipped for cruising. Since it is an old boat my price very low. \$3000/negotiable. Contact Joe Fisher 225-4938; [jfs@frontiernet.net](mailto:jfs@frontiernet.net) (*Solid, comfortable and reliable! Ed.*)

**Tanzer 26** (Dream Catcher)- well maintained and lots of extras for comfortable sailing and cruising such as AC fridge and Autopilot. \$6,000 Contact Gary Hartman (585) 208-3764 (*A beautiful boat! Ed.*)

**Pearson 25:** Ready to sail away! \$3100 Contact Dave Pulhamus for details. 352-0149 dandmother@gmail.com

**WINTER ARMCHAIR WATCHING:**

*From Kevin Hand*

For those that have access to Amazon Prime, below is a list of some great sailing videos to tide you over until the Spring!

**Red Dot on the Ocean** - Follow Matt Rutherford along as he becomes the first person to sail alone, nonstop around North and South America.

**Racing Around the World Alone** - The story of the 2008/2009 Vendee Globe race around the world. Great first hand video footage on board the boats.

**Under 30** - In 2016, the Volvo Ocean Race modified its rules that required each team to have one member under 30 years old. Follow two of them as they compete in this race.

**Go Fast, Go North** - This one won't warm you up at all, but is a great story about the 750 mile Race2Alaska.

**Sailing Around the World - The California Campaign and The Transpac** - The story of "O Canada", an Open 60 as it competes in the Islands Race, the Boarder Run, the Coastal Cup and finally the Transpac.

**Voyage** - This one isn't sailing related, but definitely one of my favorites. A great documentary about disconnecting and living in the moment. A group of friends turn off the cell phones and float/motor down the Tennessee River from East Tennessee to the Gulf of Mexico. If you only watch one, this is the one I recommend!



We toasted our Bla Bla tree a fond farewell on October 21st. The last party to be held there!

*George Bremner.*



The Toronto Boat show visit was a success. This is a picture from that for the porthole.

Cheers, Rob

**EDITOR'S CORNER:**

Literally in the corner of this issue. Not much to report. Check your boat once in a while. Ethanol fumes are heavier than air, so smoke your cigars above deck while fortifying with potent medicines. If air warms when it is compressed, why am I so cold when the wind blows? That should keep you awake at night. *Dave*





"BYC at the Rochester Museum and Science Center.

Long time docent Mary Ellen Davie meets up with President and CEO Hillary Olson"