



BROCKPORT YACHT CLUB

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



It's rather unfortunate that the lake level is misbehaving again this year. With the level cresting around June 17th it looks like a late year for full use of our club.

I apologize for the late note on the Memorial day celebration. With the uncertain water conditions I was hoping for a reprieve in the level. We all see how well that worked out. High water or not, I plan on still using the facilities as much as I can this summer and hope to see many of you down there as well. Remember when on your dock to move deliberately as the surfaces under the water may be very slippery. Also, when walking the perimeter by the wall, some of the stone is undermined and can drop some if you get to a hollow spot. Again use caution. You'll notice also the addition of the second water pump by the basin. So far it's keeping the standing water away from the pavilion and the cooking area.

Please take note when you're down at the club we received a heartfelt thank you card and note from my daughter Jill and Josh for the turn out at their house fire benefit. I posted it on the bulletin board. They were planning on attending the Memorial day party to thank all who came. They're moving back this week end, and with the party off it will have to wait. The May corporate meeting will still be at the club unless we take a big turn for the worse. See you at the club

John Saucke, Commodore)

VICE COMMODORE



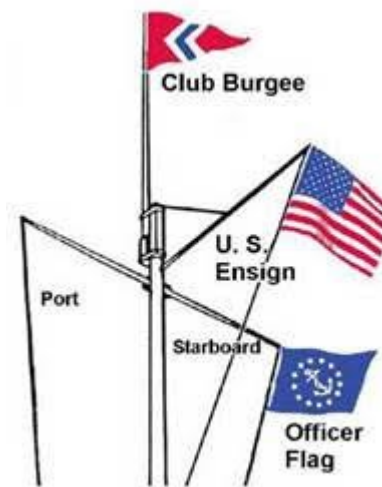
Aqua-Dam, sandbags, and pumps.... Not what we were expecting this year. Hopefully we can dry out by July and get to enjoy the club for the remainder of the summer.

Please be extra careful walking on submerged docks. There seems to be some confusion about where the US flag goes on our gaff-rigged pole.

Per the US Power Squadron (and the Secretary of the Navy) the national ensign

should be flown from the gaff and the club burgee should be flown at the mast-head. See You at the Club,.

(Ken Beghini, Vice Commodore)



REAR COMMODORE



The water is creeping close to the septic tank, which is 2/3 full as of 5/20. To stem the possibility of a stinky overflow, the men's toilets (but not the urinals)

have been closed and replaced with a Porta-Potty. Hopefully we won't have to deal with it for long.

(Eric Grape, Rear Commodore)

FLEET CAPTAIN:

(No picture of the handsome dog, yet)

Ladies and Gents,

Thanks to all for making our 2019 launch a very successful one. The water level keeps rising and, if you've been down to the club lately, you may have noticed that many of the boats that were on the creek have relocated to slips in the basin. This is for safety reasons as that many were getting hammered (the boats, not the members) on the creek. With that said, if you are a member who has not yet launched

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 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 6 Holiday Cocktail Party
- July 6 Pig Roast
- Club Cruise: Begins the Last Saturday of July
- Aug 3rd BYC/BA Shindig Mingle
- Aug 23-24 Kids Sunfish Classes
- September 1 Annual Wine Tasting
- Saturday, September 7 Annual Corn Roast
- October 11-12? Haul Out
- October 24th Corn Beef Dinner & General Meeting
- Nov 2 Club Closing
- Nov. 10th Commodore's Ball

your boat and finds that someone's boat is in your slip, please be aware that this occupation of your slip is only temporary. If you are launching within the next several weeks and need your slip and it is occupied, please let me know so that I can make arrangements to move a member's boat out of your slip.

Also, some of you have inquired about changing slips. Please remember that we will accommodate those requests where possible and that we are guided by the priorities established in our constitution: seniority, safety and the greatest needs of the club. Again, I will try to accommodate as best I can.

Finally, some have inquired about what we will be doing about the docks if they become TOO submerged in the next several weeks. My plan is to solve this problem incrementally with as little disruption to the club activities as possible. Namely: wait until the water has submerged the docks to an unsafe level (6") then employ cinder blocks and planks over the docks to keep members' feet out of the water and, finally, put together a work party to raise those docks that can be raised. (We still have the floats in the water). Right now I'm tracking that the water level will peak by June 11 and that it will (hopefully) start to drop after that. Until then, you may have to adjust your fender boards and dock lines several times until the water level subsides.

Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

(Rich Wiest, Fleet Captain)

REMINDER: CHECK YOUR DOCK-LINES!!! With rising water levels they can become very taut and not let your boat move around with current and winds.

FROM THE SOCIAL COMEETTEE:

The Plans for the General Membership Meeting dinner have not been formulated due to the parking lot being under water. Keep tuned for information.

NOTE: CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DATE CHANGE:

The Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Meeting date has been changed from October 31st to October 24th. Put that in your calendar!

DANGER REMINDER!!

If you turn on the fireplace upstairs, PLEASE make sure you turn it off!! Thank you

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.

THANKS AND GRATITUDE:

A "Thank You" to John Patterson for building and installing the raised bumper railing at the Creekside dock to allow boats to be safely moored while putting up their masts.

RACING:

Due to the high water it's been determined to curtail the opening of our race schedule at Brockport Yacht Club. As noted in a prior email we are postponing our regular spring Series, perhaps abandoning it altogether in favor of a full season series.

We do however intend to be out on the race course on Wednesday night. My intention is to run a series like we have done in the fall. Divisional splits will be determined by the boats on the course.

Races will be starting at 6:35 with warning at 6:00. I would also like to call a very brief meeting of sailors for 5:20 so that we are all aware of the procedures.

As soon as the club is back to normal, so to speak, we will start up a more conventional series.

From the "Retired" Surveyors Perspective:

By Bob Spencer

Thoughts on our current predicament:

The flood of 2017 was said to be a "One In a hundred year event". Yet here we are again! Our flood control project is paying big benefits immediately. At this time and water level in 2017, our yard and docks were under a foot of water and the club was unusable. Even with all our recent work, we are facing challenges. We raised our docks and yet they are now going under water as the water level rises. Our boats are in the water and can certainly be used. A half mile off shore, it doesn't matter if the depth is 62' or 65'. The boats float on top of the water. So...what can we do to make the best of the situation?

Tall rubber boots have become official BYC footwear. You

can buy a pair at Walmart for \$22.

As water levels top our docks, shuffle carefully out to your boats. The wood will get slippery. Don't carry big loads that might affect balance or sight lines. Several smaller loads are better. A word to the wise here. Every member is responsible for their own decisions regarding safety. If you don't feel you can safely reach your boat, don't go out there! If you slip and get hurt or wet on the docks, it is because YOU made the decision to traverse the slippery docks. It is no one else's fault.

As water levels rise, check on your lines weekly (or ask a friend to) as the rising boat tightens the lines tied to non-rising docks and poles. Adjust lines accordingly.

With electric turned off to the flooded docks, if you feel the need to charge your battery, think solar. Many of us have small solar cells to maintain a trickle charge. Solar chargers can be found at Harbor Freight and are reasonably priced.

Over the winter your engines were winterized. They are not now winterized. Consider starting them weekly and letting them run for 15 minutes or so. It will also throw a quick charge into the battery.

Our waste pump-out is not yet installed and obviously can't be until the water recedes. Consider bringing aboard a porta-potti. Walmart sells them at a reasonable price.

With the flood waters come excess debris in the water including large logs. When underway in the basin and creek, I would advise not going any faster than you want to hit something. My thought is just enough way on to maintain steering.

Once on the lake, head offshore a mile or two as there will be far less floating debris out there than closer to shore.

On the bright side, we don't have to concern ourselves with dredging.

SHIP'S STORE:

The Ship's Store sale on the porch last Saturday went very well. Thanks to everyone who came out to buy some BYC articles. If you need BYC T-shirts, Sweat Shirts, Hoodies, Hats or burgees contact Jack at jackevans@rochester.rr.com

T-Shirts in Red, White, Lite Blue and Gray with the BYC Logo \$8

Sweat Shirts in all colors \$16, Hooded Sweat Shirts \$20

Long Sleeve T-Shirts in all colors

BYC Burgees \$24

Koozies, decals, and much more

BYC Hats \$20

Contact Jack if you have questions or can't come at this time

FOR SAIL:

1986 30' Newport MKIII, SPARTAN, call Frank at 766-8386 for more details. \$18,000. (Discount for BYC member purchasing it.)
(A fantastic boat! Ed.)

Kirby 25 with trailer For Sale: Everything you need to race, cruise or sail the boat.
No reasonable offer refused Todd Swan 585 489 6326 *(Fast, race winner! Ed)*

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

76 Catalina 27 (Wind Blown). Deck could use some paint and the main is a bit out of shape, but it's generally ready to sail. I was thinking \$1500. I checked and there's \$1350 of lead in that keel!!
David Kavanagh dka-vanagh@gmail.com

EDITOR'S TRUE POOP DECK:

Still a lot of pictures in this issue. Hope you enjoy it.

Good thing the docks were raised! Thank you Eric! I was one of those doubters that said the Lake would never get that high again. Boy, was I wrong.

Yes I am eating more than a little crow over that, but with a song in my heart and light words.

Here's hoping the Lake begins to drop in the next few weeks.!

Keep your spars clean.

Dave



New members of the Club.

Submitted by Jude Eichas



Every wonder what is below the wooden covers? Recognize anything you have "lost"? Want it back?

Submitted by Eric Grape



ROVING REPORTER:

Dave Manning

We are in Montreal for the weekend. Thought you might want some pictures of the flooding on the Saint Lawrence:
- Water level is being held back on the 401 by plastic on concrete highway barriers.
- Plastic sandbags/pumps are being used to keep water out of the river front business/restaurants. The water level in the street drains are less than 20" below the Main Street.
- There is no question that the outflow cannot be increased without substantial damage to thousands of river side businesses & residents.

It's quite a predicament we are in again.



Friday May 24 – 6pm **Lake Level - 248.76**



5-18-2019 Saturday Partly Cloudy 8am
Lake level 248.56 starting to touch BYC
Building entry sidewalk.

