



# BROCKPORT YACHT CLUB

# PORTHOLE

The Official Newsletter of the Brockport Yacht Club  
David Pulhamus, Editor



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## COMMODORE'S CORNER



Wear boots and be careful while walking on the docks!

Please attend the General Membership Meeting this Thursday at Foster's to learn more about the dynamic situation at the Club.

John Saucke, Commodore)

## REAR COMMODORE

Well, the best laid plans of mice and men have gone awry. I still give credit for all the work we have done to prepare for high water, and it paid dividends in that it could have been a lot worse than what it is. At this point all we can do is wait until the water is below the seawall, and then start to pump out. Once the water table is down, we will have a lot of cleanup to do. There are some areas of the club grounds such as under the pavilion that need to be raised as well. So expect work parties later on. Until then, the bathrooms are closed off and the trash service has been stopped. Once the water is safely below the septic, we will get it pumped out and the bathrooms will be reopened. Trash service will restart when the garbage truck can get down the road without making waves.



(Eric Grape, Rear Commodore)

## FLEET CAPTAIN:

(Still no picture of the handsome dog)

Ladies and Gents,

Working on a plan to raise the masts on the boats that were unable to raise them before the Gin Pole was put out of action.

Will keep everyone informed.

(Rich Wiest, Fleet Captain)

## VICE COMMODORE



The club received a letter from OOYC offering us access to their club, restaurant, and dockage for \$30 dollars to cover the cost of water and electric for some

of our boats while we are flooded. If you are interested in the dockage please let me know. Hopefully we can start to get back to normal at BYC by mid-July.

(Ken Beghini, Vice Commodore)

## 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 6 Holiday Cocktail Party
- September 7 Corn and 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

**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.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE:**

**The June 27th meeting will be back at Fosters in Hilton.**

Social at 6, dinner at 7, meeting at 8. It will be a buffet.

Again, the permanent list will be followed. Please notify us if you will not be attending, otherwise no shows will be billed.

RSVP or regrets e-mail:  
[bycdinner@brockportyachtclub.org](mailto:bycdinner@brockportyachtclub.org)

To be added if not on the permanent list, just ask!

**PIG ROAST DATE CHANGE:**

Unfortunately due to high water we are postponing the Pig Roast until September 7th. More info to follow.

**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!

**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:**

To all those who continue to help out at the Club in these desperate times.

**SHIP'S STORE:**

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

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

**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](mailto:dka-vanagh@gmail.com)

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR:**

*(The following letter is one person's opinion and not necessarily those of the Brockport Yacht Club, or its General Membership)*

**LAKE ONTARIO FLOODING :**

*(The following was submitted as published in the Suburban News by our own Gary Gustafson)*

There have been three major flooding events on Lake Ontario. They occurred in 1952, 1973 and 2017. All were man-made or substantially man-made. The latest control plan, Plan 2014, issued at the end of 2016, has placed the lake in jeopardy not only today but also in the future. Plan 2014 must be repealed and replaced.

In 1952 the water level of Lake Ontario reached an all-time high of about 248.5 feet above sea level because of the Gut Dam. For the first time in recorded history the South Shore of Lake Ontario experienced devastating flooding. The Gut Dam was removed and the South Shore U.S. residents sued the Canadian Government and won.

Presently control Plan 2014 has replaced the previous plan 1958DD.

Taking the 1952 high and asserting that it's a natural occurrence is bogus data. Plan 2014 Criteria H4 has the highest monthly mean level of Lake Ontario at a shall not exceed 248.46 feet for the month of May. But April, June and July are also above 248. Repeating, 248 is a manmade high not the new normal!

A reasonable estimate of the 2017 disastrous carnage levied upon the New York shoreline of Lake Ontario by Control Plan 2014 is in excess of one and a half Billion dollars. What will be the 2019 flood results?

**Conclusion:**

The general outline for a replacement plan is as follows:

1. Go back to the natural 4-foot cycle range of 242 to 246 feet above sea level.
2. Develop anticipatory control algorithms to deal with input water supply fluctuations from the upper lakes. For example, the time constant from Lakes Michigan and Huron to Lake Ontario is about one year. That means the water levels seen on these upper lakes will appear on Lake Ontario one year later. By monitoring and reacting to these lake levels, Lake Ontario can accommodate the increases or decreases in supply and avoid flooding.
3. Improve the monitoring and prediction of local basin water supply.

Significantly increase response time to changes in outflow from Lake Ontario to minimize both downstream and shoreline flooding. This means, improve the speed and quality of IJC decisions.

These are logical conclusions. There must be a serious and quick response to the repeal and replacement of Plan 2014.

Gary B. Gustafson, P.E.

51-year resident on Lake Ontario  
Survivor of 1973, 2017 and ongoing 2019 flooding.

## **EDITOR'S TRUE POOP DECK:**

### **TECH TIDBIT EDITION:**

First off: Get out there and SAIL (or Motorboat!). The water is high, but your boat will not care. So, if your boat is rigged, go use it!

The Tech Tidbit comes from Scuttlebutt magazine. A new product anyone with an inboard has been invented and is being produced and is on sale. It is called Seal or Sink. It is an emergency repair item to stem the flow of water coming out of propeller stuffing boxes or shaft seals. It fits over the bearing and shaft and will reduce the inflow of water by 90%! If you have an inboard, this would be inexpensive insurance against sinking. The cost is retailed at \$140.

In reading Boat US Magazine, one of the common causes of boat sinkings is leaking stuffing boxes.

Watch the video at <http://bit.ly/SealOrSink> (case sensitive)

The website is [www.sealorsink.com](http://www.sealorsink.com)

Check it out, even if you do not have an inboard. Innovation is great to witness.



*Keep your spars clean.*

*Dave*

**THE VIEW FROM ABOVE-CORNER:**

By: *Jeff Spring*

Monday June 17, 2019. 2pm. Vikings returned late Sunday. Today: Light and variable winds. Mostly cloudy this morning, then becoming partly sunny. Waves 1 foot or less. Lake Level - 249+ Output still - 367,300 (ft<sup>3</sup>/s). Below, Jack Evans keeping watch. Two (2) BYC club member sailboats on the horizon...guess, Matt Keene and Bob Burkhart??



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



**And now for something completely different:**

My honey bees getting ready to split and swarm.

(Do you remember where the heading saying came from?)

