



BROCKPORT YACHT CLUB

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



Greetings.

A new year begins so off we go! I hope everyone's holidays were good. Mine sure were. Now it's time to

hunker down and get back to work on getting the club ship shape. We had our first E-board meeting last night and discussed the work needed along with the dreaded budget which I am presently working on. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the January corporate meeting at Fosters next Thursday.

John Saucke, Commodore)

VICE COMMODORE

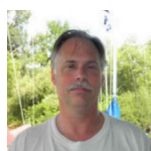


Happy New Year BYC! Looks like we will be in for another high water year, let's just hope not record high.... The lake currently sits at 246.31'

which is 1.66' above the long term average for January. I don't know what the spring water levels will bring but I doubt we will be debating dredging this year. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again at the January meeting.

(Ken Beghini, Vice Commodore)

REAR COMMODORE



2020 is a new year, and the Roaring Twenties (Version 2.0) are upon us. Hopefully all is well and you are staying warm. For those of you who migrate or vacation in warmer climates, I am jealous!

The warm winter weather allowed some work to be done at the club. Read John Steven's writ up on the project status. However, the clubhouse now is kind of quiet, as the winter temperatures have returned. With the air coming off the lake, it is cold outside down there. But even so, there was little to no ice in the basin as of the other day when I was there. I suspect that will change soon, if

not already.

If you do venture down to the club and go upstairs to turn the fireplace on, please remember to turn it off when you leave. And remember that the bathrooms downstairs are closed, but the Porta-Potty is working, and gets serviced weekly. Also, lock the clubhouse and the gate if you are the last to leave, and double check the locks.

Lastly, Hunt Hollow BYC ski days are coming February 7th and March 6th. Contact Matt Keene for details. I really like these events as I get to catch up with members and others I haven't seen in while. I would encourage you to come down even if you don't ski. You can bring your own food and beverages (adult or otherwise), and there are even grills if you want to cook. There is also a decent selection at the cafe if you want to do that.

(Eric Grape, Rear Commodore)

FLEET CAPTAIN:



Well, its that time of year again. Many of you have been clamoring for it. Here it is Winter Work Party!! But, alas, there is no ice in the basin right now to perform the customary annual fixing up.

In the meantime a lot has been done on the grounds and seawall. Check it out. Next time you are down checking your boat and jack stands (which I am sure you are doing on a routine basis). Haul is not that far off, so don't despair. Think summer breeze!

(Rich Wiest, 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 prior to 6PM on the Sunday prior to the meeting

CALENDAR

- May 2 Boat Launch
- May 9 Club Opening
- May 24 Commodore's Review & Holiday Cocktail Party
- July 5 Holiday Cocktail Party
- Club Cruise: Begins the Last Saturday of July
- Aug TBD Kids Sunfish Classes
- Saturday, September 2 Annual Corn Roast
- October 9-10 Haul Out
- October 29th Corn Beef Dinner & General Meeting
- Nov 7 Club Closing
- Nov. TBD Commodore's Ball

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

The winter BYC meetings will be held at Foster's Restaurant starting January 30th. 6PM Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres, a buffet dinner served at 7PM with meeting 8PM. The Permanent List will still be in effect.

Please contact Jude Eichas at:

bycdinner@brockportyachtclub.org

to reserve a dinner, or if you will not be attending and are on the list.

Ken Lendeck has stepped down from the Social Committee and Jeff Spring will be co-chair with me for the coming year. Hope to see you at Foster's in January.

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.

NOTICE:

GYC's Annual SBLI race has been moved from June to late Aug

Submitted by: Burt Ringelstein

CRUISING CLUB:

By: Tom Guhl

The **Great Lakes Cruising Club** was formed in 1934 and now has over 2500 members in the US & Canada. They provide support and information on all the Great Lakes, which includes:

- > Log Book & Harbor Reports detailing ports around the lakes.
- > There are over 200 GLCC Port Captains who can play host and support roles to their area.
- > Scheduled webinars on such boating topics as "how-tos" (i.e. anchoring, RADAR), and key points of interest on each of the Great Lakes.

You can learn more at:

www.glccclub.com/about

BYC SKI DAYS:

The BYC ski days at Hunt Hollow Ski Resort will be Friday February 7th and Friday March 6th.

DOCK PROJECT:

By John Stevens.

Greetings and Salutations,

My medical professionals told me it was OK to re-engage in the great wall project. On the bright side, despite the setbacks, we are already farther ahead with our wall than the Federal Government.

As you may have already seen or heard, we are addressing the drop in height on the seawall. On December 26, concrete was poured along the seawall docks to seal off the gap between the cap and the sheet pile. Northside came and drove steel to close off the infamous gap between the old and new wall. We were able to then pour concrete and further close off the gaping hole between the old and new seawall.

In the upcoming weeks, Northside will be back to weld the junior channel on to the cap along the creekside docks. We will then be able to back fill against that to give us our best option for keep water from coming over the seawall.

Along the visitor dock, we have had a lot of discussion as to the best course of action. At this point it appears that we are going to remove the visitor dock, pour a concrete step that will butt up against the old sheet piling that is currently under the dock. We will then replace/re-attach the visitor dock. This will allow for a solid mass to stop the wave action and to a great extent allow for a higher level before the water laps over into the parking lot. As previously stated, we are never going to be able to keep all the water out. This design however appears to give the new drainage system the best chance of keeping up and achieving our goal of keeping the club usable for the entire season. The area around the crane will utilize a weir wall which can be installed and removed with the crane. In the event of another biblical water level, we should remain open for business up to 249.4' as originally planned.

Depending on the lake level we may be able to remove the bunker blocks if we have the desire or manpower to do.

FORMER MEMBERS UPDATE:

Word has been received from Vinnie Hulek that Betty Falleson, wife of long time member Andy Falleson, has passed away. Andy is not doing too well. Vinnie has moved North – but I do not have any more info than that.

Regards, Mary Ellen Davie

THANK YOU:

Thanks to all who helped move the Bobby G through the ice and put it on the trailer. The group, Headed by Deb Traut, consisted of Bob Jones, Paul Ward, and Dave Pulhamus.

BYC Membership:

By: Bob Spencer, BYC Membership Chair

The current state of our membership numbers around 93, depending on when asked. That is down from our constitutional limit of 100 corporate members. For those hung up on that 100 number, it is important to remember that our constitution states: "Membership shall be limited to 100 corporate members". It does NOT state "BYC shall have 100 corporate members". Currently membership is down at all local Yacht Clubs. The reasons for this are many. Obviously two floods in the last three years are not helping to attract new boaters. For the under 35 generation, the college tuition issue is another limiting factor with many young adults having graduated owing over \$100,000 in school loans. Add starting a career, a family, trying to afford a house, and the trend toward employers not covering Health Insurance which places that cost on the individual and there is not much money, if any, left over for boating. Recreation overall is experiencing a contraction. Where not so long ago you had to reserve a Golf tee time well in advance, many local Golf courses are now struggling with many closing altogether. Bowling was a popular pastime and now Bowling Halls are also closing at an alarming rate.

Despite lower membership numbers BYC is still healthy. We have approximately 86 docks and more members than we have docks. We are adding new members yearly. The members we are losing are from natural attrition. Some are moving out of the area. Others have moved onto larger boats than BYC can handle and they move to another club or Marina. Some have just lost interest in boating. We are still the least expensive Yacht Club in the area, or on Lake Ontario for that matter, even with the flood remediation assessment.

Our members are our best recruiting tool for new membership. It is far more important that we recruit like-minded potential members rather than chase the upper limit 100 number. Like-minded boaters are those who recognize that we are a working club with everyone expected to volunteer labor and specialized skills to keep our club viable. Those who are just looking for a cheap place to keep their boat need not apply. It is really up to members to keep an eye open for any like-minded individuals who might want to join us and invite them to have a look at the club and speak to us about potential membership. In the meantime, fear not, we are in good shape with the great members we have.

EDITOR'S TRUE POOP DECK:

This month's issue of the Pothole is a bit scattered, in line with my brain. Many open spaces that I thought would be filled with Members' renderings. Come on, where are all the Porch Poets when I need them!

Check out the pictures of moving the *Bobby G.* through the ice. Thanks to Bob Jones for being the Weatherman, checking the ice thickness. It took two tries. The first day the ice was way too thick, but the next day had seen enough melting that allowed it to be moved with minimal tice breaking.

Also, please read the Suburban News article and go to the websites listed and watch the video Jane Corwin and the Michigan professor made to explain the lake level situation.

The other helpful websites let you monitor in real time the lake level and the outflow of the Moses dam.

Finally, the pics of the seawall work say it all. The blocks are impressive and the concrete fill looks great.

PS: The Club Calendar on the first page may have a few off dates, due to it being a work in progress.

"Let us live so that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry."

— Mark Twain



SHIP'S STORE:

Item	Color	Cost
T-Shirts	Wh, Gr, Bl, Red	\$8
T-Shirts Long Sleeve	Wh, Gr, Bl, Red	\$9
BYC Hats	3 BYC flags Burg, Kiki, Bl	\$20
Hoodies	Gray White	\$20
Sweat-shirts	Gray White	\$16
Koozie	Blue	\$1
BYC Burgee	n/a	\$24
Past Commodore Flag	blue	\$24
Blazer Patch	Blue/Gold	\$15
BYC Car Window Decal	n/a	\$1
BYC Boat Decal	n/a	\$5

Contact: Jack Evans, 455-5701 or jackevans@rochester.rr.com

FOR SAIL:

Optimist dinghy: The best learn to sail boat on the market. Comes with top cover, board bag, mast and sail cover. \$500. Any questions please contact Jason Evans at 857-0837 or jtevans16@gmail.com



1978 O'Day 30: \$9800 or BO*

SeaGuhls has had many upgrades and work done on her. She is a very roomy and easy boat to handle. *I am willing to negotiate favorably to BYC members. Contact me for full details.

Tom Guhl 746-3737
tguhl22@gmail.com

PACESHIP 23: CDI Roller Furling, on trailer, ready for you! Make an offer that is reasonable to you! Dan Ward

dp17ward@gmail.com

1986 30' Newport MKIII, SPARTAN, call Frank at 766-8386 for more details. New Price: \$16,000. (Discount for BYC member purchasing it.)

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

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

JOB OPPORTUNITY:

Ever wanted to have a voice in the Club? Well, wish no longer! The position of Porthole Editor could be yours for he asking! Just ask.

Think of all the glory you could be basking in!

IJC and Board release presentation on water levels

The International Joint Commission (IJC) and the International Lake Ontario - St. Lawrence River Board (Board) have released a joint presentation on water levels in Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River.

The presentation can be found on the IJC website (www.ijc.org) and Board website (<https://ijc.org/en/loslrb>) on the main page under "Videos." They can also be viewed and downloaded at the following links:
English presentation: <https://vimeo.com/378433728>
French presentation: <https://vimeo.com/378446791>

The presentations explain how Lake Ontario outflows are regulated when inflows to the lake and St. Lawrence River are extremely high and what can reliably be done to reduce coastal damages. They also explain the IJC and the Board's role and the limits of what regulation can do in extraordinary circumstances.

Provided information

SUBURBAN NEWS

This article appeared in an issue of the Suburban News.

The web site to view what is discussed is at: <https://ijc.org/en/loslrb>

You can go directly to the video at: <https://vimeo.com/37843378>

Another interesting site is one that charts the Lake Ontario Outflow changes. It gives the outflow in units of meters cubed per second and cubic feet per second.

The address is: <https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/stationhome.html?id=9052058>

The conversion to gallons per second is:

(cubic feet/second) X (7.48 gallons/cubic foot)

Ie: 5 cuft/sec X 7.48 gal/cuft = 37.4 gallons/second

All of this helps to explain the extremely complicated, and cross connections, of Lake Ontario Water level.

Moving the Bobby G. through the ice pack in order to haul it out. Ice was 2-4 inches thick.



FEEDING FRENZY: Here's a shot from the October '19 meeting after it was announced that there were only a FEW corned beef leftover briquettes for sale...

Submitted by Todd Dunn



New Fence extension to help secure the perimeter.



Update of photos of the wall upgrade.



The access gate in the block wall.



Concrete poured into and under the steel Creekside.

