



# BROCKPORT YACHT CLUB

# PORTHOLE

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



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## COMMODORE'S CORNER



Greetings! Lots to talk about at our February meeting. The E-Board and some members attended a meeting with the town of Hamlin last night for the sewer

proposal. Long story short this will be quite an advantage to us as if and when implemented it will save us money. I sent out the 2020 budget proposal. Please review for discussion at our next meeting. Work will be starting soon at the club. Be diligent as to your surroundings when working on your boat getting it ready for the season. I expect a lot of activity this spring. Looking forward to seeing you all at the club.

John Saucke, Commodore)

## VICE COMMODORE



The upper great lakes are at record highs with Lake Ontario currently 20" over the February long term average with a level of 246.44'. The IJC forecast gives a 50%

chance of Lake Ontario peaking at 248' and a 5% chance of peaking at 249' this year. I've found the videos posted at: [www.unitedshorelineontario.ca/learn-about-plan-2014](http://www.unitedshorelineontario.ca/learn-about-plan-2014) helpful to understand the details of Plan 2014. Chart on page 7 of Forecasted levels. See you at the February meeting.

(Ken Beghini, Vice Commodore)

## REAR COMMODORE



Sometimes work takes us to strange and faraway places. I am writing to you from Brisbane, Australia. The fires I am sure you have heard about are about out

now because of six days of straight rain, which has now passed. Work has sent me here for three weeks, and as a result, I will not be present at the General Membership

meeting this month. However, I have reviewed and provided input into the Commodore's budget, and BYC remains in my thoughts. I have been able to sail some down here on a Belize 43 catamaran, and the summer weather has been great for sailing. And while a lot is different here, the sailing is pretty much the same. Some terminology differences, but everyone is very friendly, and they definitely know that getting out on the water is great!

(Eric Grape, Rear Commodore)

## FLEET CAPTAIN:



A few Work Parties and soon it will be Spring! Got one coming up on the 29th.

Check your jack stands as cycling temperatures may allow them to shift.

(Rich Wiest, Fleet Captain)

**(This month's edition has 9 pages chocked full of stuff!)**

## 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 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:**

**NOTE:** Ladies and Gentlemen, it is **IM-  
PERATIVE** that you contact us if you are on the Permanent List for a dinner, but are unable to attend. We have to contact Foster's on Mondays before the meetings so that they can prepare the correct number. We also have to pay Foster's for those members that are 'no-shows'. If you are unsure if you are on the list or not, contact Jude Eichas at [bycdinner@brockportyachtclub.org](mailto:bycdinner@brockportyachtclub.org).

The winter BYC meetings will be held at Foster's Restaurant with the next one on Thursday, February 27th. 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](mailto: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*

**WORK PARTY; NEW DATE:**

Work Party Rain Check!  
Saturday February 29th at 9am.  
We will be removing the visitor dock to make way for the concrete. Coffee, donuts, and beer afterwards.

*(Remember: If you do not attend, we talk about you.)*

**BYC SKI DAYS:**

March 6th is the next Brockport Yacht Club ski day at Hunt Hollow. Sign in on the group list at the front desk for \$30 lift tickets \$15 rentals or even \$10 for snow shoes.

Food Link has the fireplace main room on March 6th so we can meet up in the far end room. Snow conditions are holding up great and all slopes are open except Ragged Edge and the woods.

**THANK YOU:**

To ALL Club Members. Pat yourselves on the back!

## CRUSING:

### Interested in Cruising?

If you have any interest at all in knowing more about BYC cruising or want to try it, there are several contacts in the club (Gary or Judy Hartman, Larry or Trish Beneway, Ken or Tania Beghini).

Typically, there is a group that does a week or longer cruise starting the first Saturday in August. Last year we crossed the lake and spent time at Toronto's island hiking, kayaking, biking, and going into the city. After that time some people had to come home and others continued on to several ports along the west end of Lake Ontario before heading back to BYC. It's definitely a different view of the QEW / land and much less stress than driving!

But if that trip is too long or you want to start with something less ambitious for a first cruise, then why not try a weekend cruise to either Rochester Harbor or Oak Orchard? Either direction – it's about a 3 hour sail / motor. You don't need a whole lot of gear because there are places to eat at either port. It is another great way to have a fun weekend with fellow sailors and family.

We are planning to do at least one weekend cruise in addition to the longer week-plus cruise in early August. Is there some port you have always wanted to visit? Maybe this is the year! Contact one of the members below to share your ideas and make sure you are included when planning begins later this spring.

Gary or Judy Hartman

Ken or Tania Beghini

Larry or Trish Beneway

## AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT:

A winter Sport to try: Curling.

*Submitted by Gary Hartman*



### BYC Curling Outing:

February 8 was a day several BYC members participated in a curling event at the Rochester Curling Club hosted by Judy and myself. It was 3 hours of curling time on the ice. And there were no attempts at the Dilbert award for falling – at least not that I saw. There was basic instruction on how to deliver the stone, sweeping, scoring and of course food and drink.

In curling, the winning team buys the losing team drinks. You don't have to be good to enjoy one of the pastimes of many members (just like BYC). This is a great sport myself, Judy, Tom Guhl and Barry Gombert enjoy during the winter months. There are fun leagues, competitive leagues, curl and soup leagues on Mon and Wed and on Fridays they make up teams depending on who shows up. There are lots of opportunities to get out, get some exercise and enjoy the sport that is a hidden gem in Rochester and yet very popular when the Winter Olympics come around. Heck we have a 93 year old member who plays several times a week so your never too old!

Look for another event next winter.

## Marine Insurance 2020:

By Bob Spencer

With spring on the horizon, many of us are receiving our Marine Insurance Policy renewal notices. I insure through BoatUS which uses GEICO marine insurance. What I will report on here is for the BoatUS / GEICO policy but may well be similar to other common policies.

To start with my policy price increased by about \$50 this year. That is really no surprise as the many Hurricane claims are driving everyone's insurance up. There have also been some changes to BoatUS/ GEICO coverage. They have added a Seaworthiness Clause as follows:

"YOU warrant that at the inception of the policy, your insured boat is in seaworthy condition. Violation of this warranty will void the insurance policy. YOU also warrant that the insured boat will be maintained in a seaworthy condition during the policy period shown on the declarations page. There will be no coverage for any loss, damage or expense arising out of an unseaworthy condition."

When I was in the Marine Survey business, the term "Seaworthy" was avoided due to the fact that there was no written definition for "Seaworthy". We used the term "Fit for intended use". In 2020 Seaworthy is the term in use. It should be interpreted as the boat must be well maintained by the owner. As an example, if a dry rotted hose bursts and floods the boat, there will be no coverage as the hose should have been replaced by the owner as part of the maintenance required to keep the vessel "Seaworthy". Rotted hoses are not "seaworthy".

Another example is "No coverage for Mechanical Breakdown, Overheating, Freeze up (ice) damage and wear and tear". This clause mostly pertains to engines and transmissions. If you have not replaced your water pump impeller at least every three years, the overheat damage from a failed impeller is not covered. No insurance company is buying the "I sucked up a plastic bag" story for overheat. If you have an IO outdrive, the bellows should be examined yearly for rotting and checking and should be replaced every 5-7 years or immediately if checking is found. Failure to replace IO bellows within the manufacturers recommended maintenance schedule (5-7 years) may sink your boat while at the same time void your insurance coverage. Freeze up damage is

currently an exclusion to normal coverage. If you want to insure against freeze up you can contact your insurer and purchase a Freeze up rider for your policy.

Note that all equipment such as outboard motors (theft, not mechanical breakdown), electronics, sails, etc. will be paid out at Depreciated values depending on the age of the equipment. If you want full current value for equipment replacement, you have to contact your insurer and pay for an Equipment Full Replacement rider. Electronics are not covered for breakdown, only sinking damage and lightning strike.

Personal Effects are not covered under a normal policy. If you want personal effects covered on your boat, you will need a rider to cover your desired amount. Personal effects are defined as anything not attached to or needed for the use of the boat. This includes your cell phone, computers, fishing equipment, Hand held VHF Radios and GPS units. Electronics that are mounted to the boat would be covered to the extent that coverage allows.

For our Sailing Racers GEICO/ BoatUS DOES cover sailboat racing in the standard policy to the extent that coverage applies. Read your own coverage policies to determine if Racing is covered. If not you can contact your insurer and request a Race Rider.

In summary, the day and age of letting your boat maintenance lag and hoping the insurance company will pay for the problems that causes, are over. Read your renewal documents carefully to understand what is covered and what is not covered. Remember you are purchasing catastrophic insurance not a mechanical warranty. Also note that all members with boats 17' and larger in use at BYC are required to carry at least liability insurance and a full marine insurance policy is highly recommended.



## LAKE MICHIGAN NEWS:

Submitted by Dave Wright.

Not sure if you want to share the bad news - but Lake Michigan has record high water levels in January. Here's a couple articles:

<https://www.wpr.org/lake-michigan-water-levels-set-record-high-january>

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/environment/ct-lake-michigan-water-levels-january-record-20200205-t24afriu5fbltdg4mrbs5v4tvm-story.html>

Looks like we have 2 more years of high water. Damn!

### EDITOR'S TRUE POOP DECK:

Sorry if the issue looks a bit dis-jointed, but my lack of understanding Microsoft Publisher is starting to really show. I do not get how to link pages to get the print to seamlessly wrap. So I fill it up with pictures, which speak thousands of words.

Now for some dimensional analysis, which I love:

Lake Ontario Surface area is 7,320 miles. Convert to square feet; multiply by 5,280 ft/mi twice (to square it). Next multiply by 1/12 ft (which is an inch) This is how many cubic feet of water in one inch on the Lake.

The result is 1.7 times 10 to the tenth or 17,000,000,000 (17 trillion cubic feet or 127 trillion gallons (1.27 x 10<sup>11</sup>))

Go to Lake Outflow site and get how many cubic feet a minute are being released. Saturday morning it is 363,700 cubic feet a second.

Divide the 1.7 x 10<sup>10</sup> ft<sup>3</sup> by 363,700 ft<sup>3</sup>/second and you get 46757.8 seconds. Divide by 3,600 seconds per hour and you get 12.99 hours.

That is the time to lower the lake 1 inch, if no water comes in.

Now you can keep track yourself!

Dave

*"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](mailto:jackevans@rochester.rr.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](mailto:tguhl22@gmail.com)

**FOR SAIL:**

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

**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 [jtevens16@gmail.com](mailto:jtevens16@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](mailto:dp17ward@gmail.com)

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

**Lothlorian** for sale. More info to come, but contact Devin at [devin-jay7@gmail.com](mailto:devin-jay7@gmail.com) or 585-354-7458 for more info.

**Head snow skis:** 170 shaped with bindings and poles that need a new home. No cost to you! Contact Les Ulp.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY:**

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

Think of all the glory you could be basking in!

Contact Dave Pulhamus

Another documentation picture of the moving the *Bobby G* through the ice to the open water. Those not there missed a great time! Bobby Jones is the "Ice Chopper"



Stellar upgrades to Creekside.

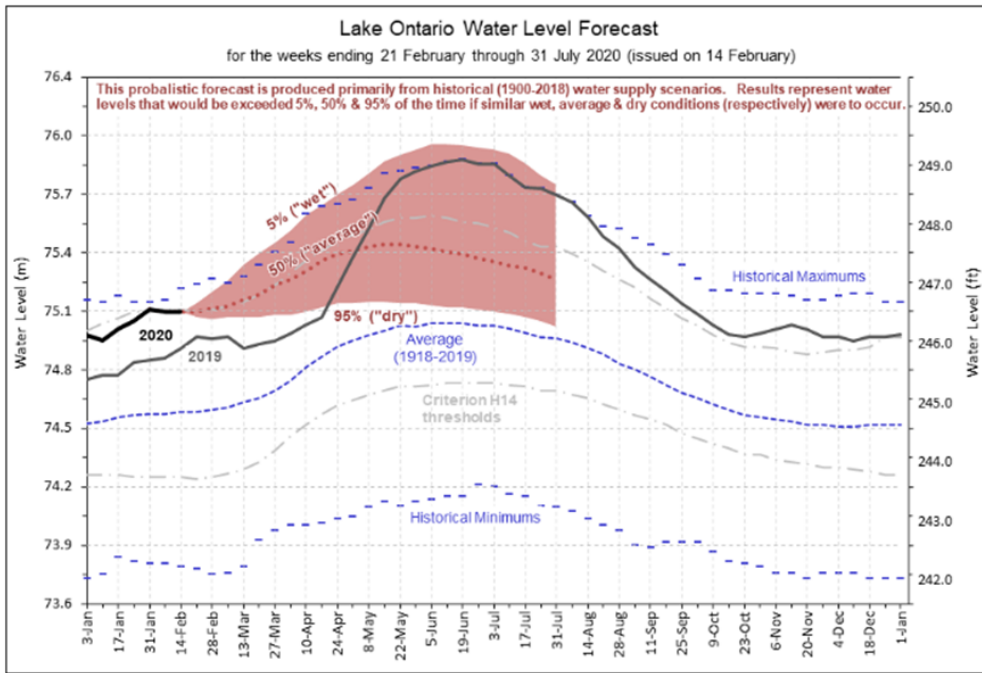


Ducks near the Beach on a February Day.

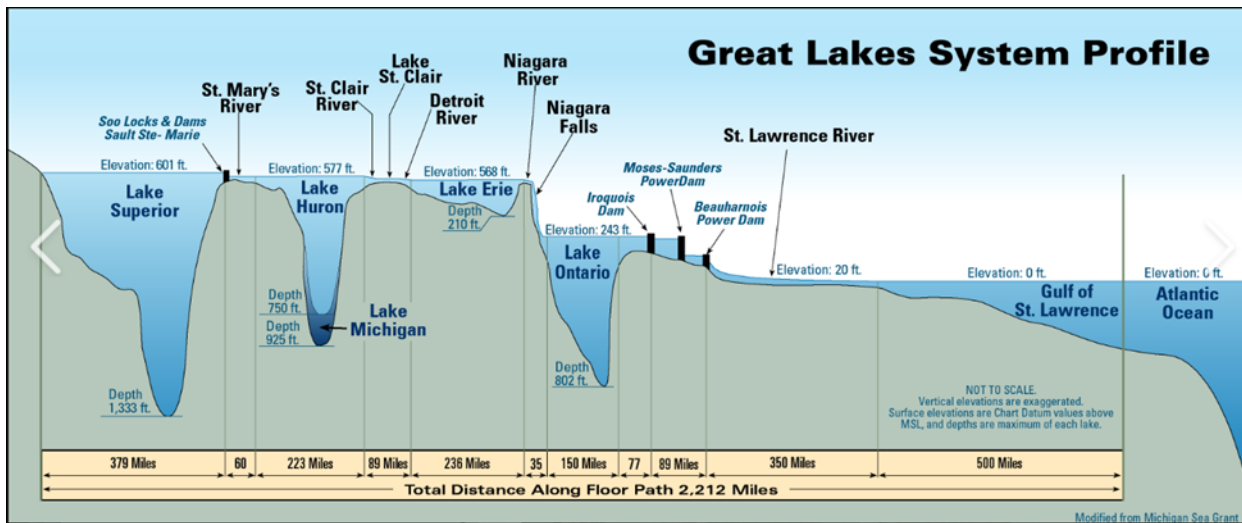


Cold Basin





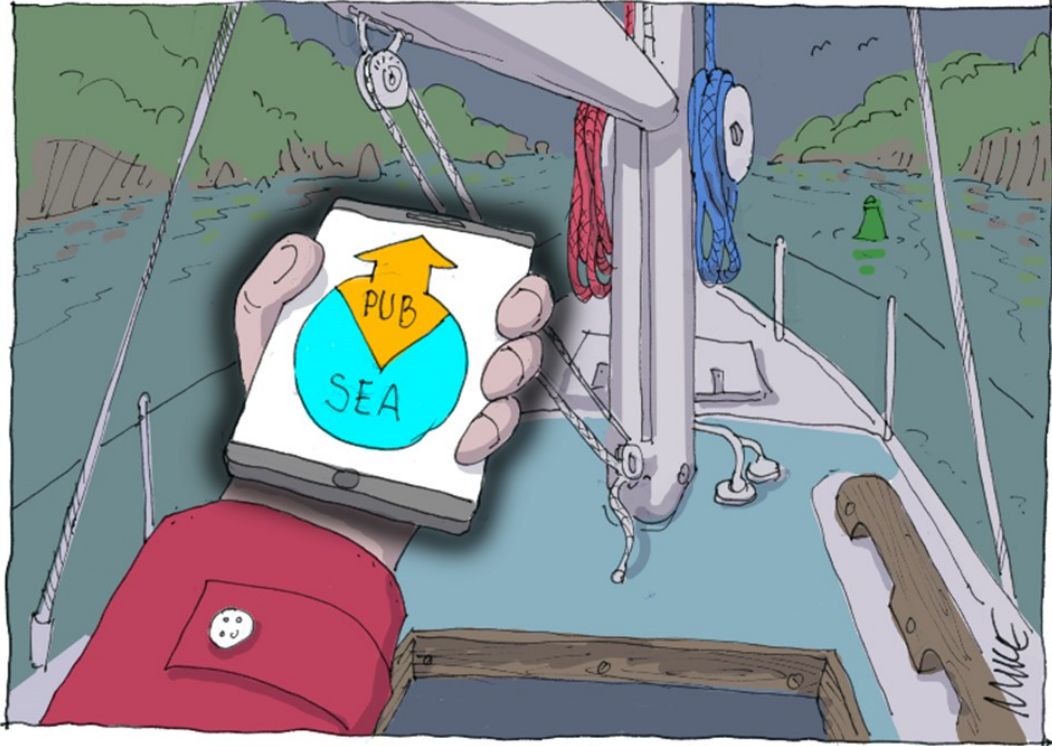
Submitted by Jeff Spring, (Yes that one. Our new Social Committee Co-chair) and Ken Beghini.



More Jeffisms.



*“You’ve been on our boat all weekend, eating, drinking and hanging out. Then it suddenly occurred to us...we have no idea who you are.”*



*Brian was very pleased that he could now navigate.*

A group of men are out sailing when they decide to see what the chef is cooking for dinner. They walk in and, being that he doesn't have a rolling pin, see him flattening biscuits with his armpit.

“That’s disgusting!” One guy says to the other.

“Yeah, well you should see how he makes donuts!”



Eric enjoying himself in much sunnier climes.  
*(Submitted by Eric Grape)*

