



BROCKPORT YACHT CLUB

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



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COMMODORE'S CORNER



Greetings,

Here we are and the end of August is near. Let's hope for great weather to finish off the summer. In reflection I think we all collectively did an awesome job renewing the club property. It looks fabulous and we should be proud of our accomplishments.

I'll be off until after Labor Day for another furlough. (Thank you Covid 19) I expect to be doing some more electric work along with the plumbing for the guest dock. Any one interested in jumping in feel free. Hope to see you all at the club.

John Saucke, Commodore)

VICE COMMODORE



I would like to send out a Thank you to one of our senior members who made an anonymous \$1000 donation to the club. It's much appreciated especially with all the projects we have been working on this year. I would also like thank Trish Brantingham for organizing the BYC cruise. We had a great time on the US side of the Lake this year. The Pleasant Beach Hotel in Fairhaven was definitely a highlight of the trip. The grounds are beautiful with a terrific restaurant on a porch overlooking the Bay. Within walking distance there is a cidery and cookie shop. We saved the winery which is a short dingy ride across the bay for a visit next time.

(See pages 3& 4 for Trip Pics.)

(Ken Beghini, Vice Commodore)

REAR COMMODORE



It has been with great pleasure that I have seen many of you down at the club enjoying your boat and the facilities this year. BYC certainly has been a welcome getaway during this Covid-19 pandemic, and I am grateful for all that the club offers. It is not perfect, but the quirks that are part of BYC make it the great place that it is.

As usual, there are always things to do. The shower project is nearing completion. Both showers are operating. The last phases of the project are adding an inlet drain and perhaps painting the floor of the one shower, along with replacing the ceiling tiles. The plan is to have that all completed by the end of the month. Unfortunately, there has been no significant progress on the hole on the ground, as I have yet to be able to coordinate a time with George Moore. It seems like the last couple of times I have tried, it picks that day to rain and the hole fills up with water. But I hope to be able to get to that soon. Also, the rotted wood in the cupola is in urgent need of replacement. It is bad enough that I am concerned about leaks into the second floor ceiling. I am still looking for volunteers for that effort.

(Eric Grape, Rear Commodore)

(Fifteen pages in this issue!)

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 16 Boat Launch
- May 23 Club Opening
- Commodore's Review & Holiday Cocktail Party Cancelled
- July 5 Holiday Cocktail Party
- Club Cruise: Begins the Last Saturday of July
- Aug TBD Kids Sunfish Classes
- Saturday, September 12 Annual Corn Roast
- October 9-10 Haul Out
- October 29th Corn Beef Dinner & General Meeting
- Nov 7 Club Closing
- Nov. TBD Commodore's Ball

FLEET CAPTAIN:



It's hard to believe that we're into our fourth month of sailing at the club. With that said, it's great to see so many of our BYC family using our new and improved facilities. Thanks to all of our BYC family members who have been observing club protocol and closing the gate after entering/leaving the club grounds. This has resulted in a dramatic drop in uninvited visitors coming into our club. And thanks to Katie Evans for reminding me that we're really more of a "family" at BYC than just a collection of members. I couldn't agree more.

With that said, as family we need to be mindful of any of our "toys" that we leave out that others may trip over. Please, if you use kayaks or sunfish, please store them in the appropriate place after using them. That means using the sunfish and kayak racks on the beach. That means that any sunfish boats on trailers need to be stored by the racks out of the parking lot. If you've paid the club drysail fee and would like to utilize the parking lot for your sunfish boat and trailer, then that's fine. Speaking of sunfish boats, I would like to start cleaning out the racks and lockers on the beach of unnecessary or abandoned sunfish boats and equipment. Some of these boats have been sitting on the racks unused for years (decades?). That would explain the "Hippies for Nixon" bumper stickers on some of them. (Must be Saucke's boat:0) Once we do that, it will be easier for people to park their small trailers on the sand and out of the parking lot.

Finally, thanks to Bob Bochorski and Co. for cutting back the trees on the east side of the beach. It has now created more room and looks great. Just a quick reminder; we will be hauling boats out in early October, so you may want to start checking out your stands and cradles and make sure they're in shape for the haul-out. And FINALLY; my wife hit a rock with her powerboat out on the lake west of the Charlotte pier. When she took her boat in to get it evaluated, a mechanic told her about a great app that you can install on your phone which will tell you where almost every underwater hazard is located on Lake Ontario. The app is called "Navionics". Also, there is a great weather app that Apple has recently purchased and made available to the public. It's called "Dark Sky" and alerts you to when rain will be falling on you within minutes as well as gives you great map graphics.

That's it for now. See you at the August

meeting.

(Rich Wiest, Fleet Captain)

AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE VIA ZOOM:

Details to come later.

FROM THE SURVEYOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

By Bob Spencer

Nothing to report this month, too.

THANK YOU!!

A BIG Thank you to an unsung hero (Who will compose the ballad?) John Saucke, yes, our Commodore, has been working tirelessly to finish up the work on the visitor's dock and the gas tank. So, when you see him, vigorously shake his hand!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

The Social Committee is anxiously awaiting the time when we can get together to BBQ those delicious chicken wings with Troy's Secret Sauce. Meanwhile, the members are generating many empty bottles & cans. Thanks to Jeff Spring for returning them. The money is going back to the Social Committee budget for future events. Please remember to empty cans & bottles before placing them into the receptacle.

Jack & Jeff

TUESDAY BREAKFAST:

The Grey Sailor's Breakfast at the Hilton Diner has resumed, with all of the necessary precautions in place. Please come for great camaraderie and great food!

NOTICE:

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

Submitted by: Burt Ringelstein

BREAKING NEWS!!

Sorry. Nobody sent in any.

EDITOR'S NOTE ON EMAILS:

If you are having trouble receiving BYC emails and have roadrunner, consider setting up a gmail account. It seems there is an issue with roadrunner. Club emails may be in your spam folder.

BYC cruisers at Oak Park Marina, Sodus Bay



The next one deserves its own page.

Sunset at Pleasant Beach Hotel, Fairhaven



Thanks to Ken Beghini for submitting these awesome shots of life on the Lake!. Ed.

Club Cruise: Version 2020

Go East, Young/Old Sailor, Go EAST

The BYC Club Cruise went east this year – Canada is closed to visitors and some of our usual haunts to the west were closed as well. But that gave us the incentive to try some different spots. There were nine boats that did the first week and four of those continued for a second week. In addition, a couple of boats planned to go only as far as the first stop at Rochester Yacht Club – for some it was a great way to put a toe in the water of cruising.

Trish Brantingham was the cruise coordinator and did a wonderful job of getting slips at the appropriate harbors. There were fewer stops at reciprocal yacht clubs and more commercial marinas than in some past years – in addition to just being open, the selection criteria included availability of a swimming pool (Rochester and Oak Park in Sodus Bay), restaurant accessibility (some folks cooked on their boats most of the time but others enjoyed exploring local restaurants about half the time) and general setting. It's always tempting to say we'll just go where the wind takes us but securing docks for nine boats without advance notice is problematic and it's entirely likely that we could spend a week just sailing back and forth between BYC and Rochester as the wind shifts. So, we make a plan and adjust a bit for bad weather.

We had excellent sailing wind/weather from BYC to Rochester and again the next day from Rochester to Sodus Bay, where we stayed for two nights. The only serious rain of the trip was the following day for the fortunately short sail from Sodus to Fairhaven (Little Sodus Bay). Fairhaven Yacht Club was closed to visitors but everyone raved about our stay at Pleasant Beach Hotel and Marina – lovely setting, phenomenal hospitality, and for those who did the second week, a great restaurant. The restaurant was closed for the first two days we were there and the owners welcomed us to gather on the porch overlooking the bay, which we had all to ourselves. From Fairhaven, half the boats turned west back to BYC while four boats went east/north. There was a loooonng 50-mile day to Sacket's Harbor, where we stayed at Navy Point Marina for a couple of days and explored on foot and by kayak. Some of us had never been to Chaumont before and looked forward to staying at Crescent Yacht Club. They were short-staffed, making communication difficult so we thought we'd have to give it up. But a chance encounter with a CYC member at Navy Point led to a connection with an officer of the club who personally scouted out four slips for us, marked the docks so we got into the right ones, and sent pictures. That night we were treated to an outstanding fireworks display – the conclusion to a wedding reception taking place at the club. After another long trek back to Fairhaven, a day of rest, and a hop over to Sodus, we enjoyed a great sail from Sodus to Rochester and some sailing on our final day into BYC. Altogether, we experienced the common cruising mix of 1/3 sailing, 1/3 motor sailing, and 1/3 motoring.

The weather was fine, the sailing excellent, and the sailors congenial – a formula for a very successful cruise. Consider coming along next year!

Submitted by Gary Hartman

(Pictures on next page)



FOR SAIL:

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

FREE SUNFISH: Not for Sale, but, **FREE** sunfish available: Green Turtle. Needs some TLC and is a bit heavy, maybe water logged and needs to be dried out. Contact Joe Buzzard, of DeJaVu fame.

FOR SALE: Good condition 14lb galvanized Delta Plow anchor – make me an offer to get it out of the garage. Price new local \$135.

Garmin 441 S depth finder/GPS with transom mount transducer. Unit comes with Lake Ontario - Montreal map. It is an older unit; works fine, and was replaced with a newer Garmin. Can provide powered up demonstration. Asking \$50. Information about this unit can be found here:

<https://buy.garmin.com/en-US/US/p/28755>

Dave Wright – 392-3183 (home) or 260-7854 (cell)



Jack Stands: Five (5) stand, 4 pad tops and one “V” shaped one for bow. Height range of 38 to 48 inches. \$175. Dave Pulhamus dandmother@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

Inflatable boat: Older with two chambers and OB motor mount. \$40 Contact Dave Pulhamus dandmother@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 just for The asking! Just ask.

Think of all the glory you could be basking in!

Contact Dave Pulhamus



Ship's Store

Clothing

Hats \$20.00

Hoodies \$20.00

Sweatshirts \$16.00

Tee Shirts

Long sleeve \$10.00

Short sleeve \$8.00

Decals

Boat \$5.00

Auto \$1.00

Burgee \$24.00

Cup Koozie \$1.00

Charms/Lapel Pins \$12.00

Contact: Jack Evans, 455-5701 or

jackevans@rochester.rr.com



"Has anyone seen out Bla Bla Tree?"



Never too early to start raking! Ray Gauthier and Ernie DiNatale raking the basin of those choking weeds on Aug 18. Thanks!

With the encouragement of some intrepid on-lookers, Mike Koelema put the scientific method to good use last month. Not one to be bogged down by long-held traditional dogma, Mike adventured to test his bold new hypothesis, "Forestay's are not strictly necessary for enjoyment of sailing". After carefully conducted and well documented testing, Mike was, ultimately forced to reject the null hypothesis, and succumb to centuries of tradition, ..." Andy Ruestow



You've been waiting all month for this... The Jeff Spring Corner! *From the Desk of Jeff Spring.*



THANK YOU TO ALL THE B C GUYS AND GALS WHO Poured CONCRETE AND CUT/SCREWED DOWN DOCK BOARDS, PAINTED SOFFITS, PORCH RAILS AND SIDING, WELDED EVERY PIECE OF METAL THAT COULD BE WELDED, WATERED LAWNS AND PRAYED FOR RAIN, CUT PAVERS AND GOT THE PUMPOUT STATION SETUP, MADE COVERS FOR THE DRAINAGE BARRELS, INSTALLED A NEW AND A REWORKED GRILL, WORKED ON THE SHOWERS AND ON THE DOCK ELECTRIC/WATER/GAS, AND FIXED THE CRANE AND A MAST WINDEX....ETC, ETC, ETC THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

More by: Jeff Spring



EDITOR’S TRUE POOP DECK:

The benefits of a local vendor sure are good to have, and should be appreciated. My Genoa’s UV protection became un-attached. This caused the UV protection fabric to become a pillow while sailing. Certainly changed sail shape and dynamics. Off to Barker to visit Martin at his loft, *Sommerset Sails*.

He met us (Bob Burkhardt and I) at the door, took the sail, and said to wait while he fixed it. It would have been nice to have a cup of brew at the local coffee shop, but that has closed. Probably due to the pandemic. Too bad.

After a short bit, Martin came out with the sail and we chatted a bit. He is very busy making sails for boaters all over the world.

I asked how much the fix was and he said it was a warranty job. The sail was five years old. He then said his sails have a lifetime warranty.

We took the sail to BYC, put it on the boat, went for a short sail. All was good with it.

Nice to have a local vendor care about his products and customers.

Dave

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

— Mark Twain



It’s been so long since some of these sunfish have been used that trees are growing up next to them.



Work pic sent in by Rich Wiest that was inadvertently left out of July's issue.



The E-Boards adopted practices to be followed when at the Club.

List of General Practices regarding Covid-19

If you are not feeling well, stay away from the club at least 14 days.

If you have been around someone who you may believe has contracted Covid, stay away from the club for at least 14 days.

If you have been overseas in the last 14 days, stay away from the club.

Have your own face covering/PPE/mask on your person at all times at the club. If you can't maintain social distancing of 6 feet, put it on. This is applicable to all areas of the club, including boats, pavillion, gazebo, clubhouse and the grounds.

Restroom usage includes cleaning up after yourself. There are supplies. At a minimum, it means:

Clean the toilet seat after

Flush until the bowl is clean

Put the lid down

Wash your hands thoroughly with soap

Use the hand sanitizer

The conventional race season is postponed until July 1st and will be revisited then.

The committee boat is not to be used for racing. No flags, trophies or scoring of formal races until then. The Commodore Review and Memorial Day Race events are cancelled.

General membership meetings will be held by ZOOM until the social distancing guidelines are removed.

The club will not supply food and drink. Personal food and drink can be served/eaten at the club as long as these general practices are followed.

If you use kitchen items or the picnic tables, thoroughly clean them before and immediately after use. Wash your hands thoroughly beforehand. Throw out all trash, leave nothing behind.

If you are uncomfortable with not being able to follow any of these general practices, stay away from the club.