



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, Looks like another year has gone by. This weekend will be the club closing and we will be officially closed for the season. I see many boats need covering still, including mine, so please take care when working on your boats. Especially if you're alone. Not quite 3 months from now a new Commodore will be sworn in so to speak. I hope I've done a good job for the club and I do feel confident that you're all in good hands going forward. I was a bit out of my element going through the officership (I'm used to turning wrenches), but in turn had a great group of officers and E-board to work with. I couldn't have asked for better. See you at the Meeting (on the screen that is). Hopefully next year we can be done with the Covid thing. The meetings were much livelier before then. Take care.

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VICE COMMODORE



Thank you Rich for another successful haul out! After club closing it's pretty much a wrap for the year at BYC, except for a few more sails on the Bobby G. Hopefully the pandemic winds down in time for a normal 2021 boating season with a full calendar of club social events. Unfortunately, I'm still seeing club Zoom meetings for our immediate future. With some luck it will be chicken wings on the porch for the May meeting. Take care of yourself and stay healthy this winter.

(Ken Beghini, Vice Commodore)

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REAR COMMODORE

Well, another season is coming to a close. The water will soon be turned off, the club cleaned up and everything put away for the winter. Reminder that the club closing is Saturday, October 24th from 8-12. Considering all that 2020 has forced upon us, overall I would say it was a very nice year at BYC. I am beyond pleased with the way the club has bounced back from the high waters of 2017 and 2019. Much thanks to the many, many members that put in countless hours to help out, both new and old. Without you, the club would not be what it is today.

(Eric Grape, Rear Commodore)

(Sorry. Only 11 pages this month.)

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 (On hold!)
 - 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:



As my time serving as the club fleet captain draws to a close, I'd like to thank all of you for the honor and privilege of serving you in that capacity and for your help and support over the last two years.

A lot has been accomplished over the last two years, and it would not have been possible without the capable and steady leadership or your club officers, trustees and most importantly, YOU. Your willingness to pitch in where needed, your sharing of experience and wisdom and your patience and can-do spirit in the face of our various hindrances is truly inspiring. Thank you for all you have taught me.

And thank you for another successful haul-out. Thanks especially to Lynn Keenan for his spirited guidance directing the setting of the boats (really, can you think of anyone better at doing it? I've seen sheep dogs with less bite:0), Jack Evans and Jeff Spring for their incredible lunches, Mrs. Grape for keeping Jack and Jeff in line, the "old reliables" on the straps, lines, etc., Rob Schaeffer for his web page wizardry, Bill Topping for his committee boat heroics and Mrs. Wiest for passing out water (ok, that last "thank you" was kind of lame, but it keeps me from sleeping on the couch for another night; happy wife=happy life:)

I look forward to the privilege of serving you in the future in whatever capacity I'm needed. Thank you again and see you down at the club.:)

(Rich Wiest, Fleet Captain)

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Well this wasn't a very good year to have social events at our club. The Coronavirus certainly put a damper on all our usual Social gatherings and parties at BYC. No Memorial Day celebration, No Sail By, No 4th of July etc, etc. However, we all stayed safe and we all practiced Social Distancing. The Social Committee is looking forward to 2021 and hope that all of our usual events and celebrations will occur.

Jack, Jeff and all the Social Committee Members

CONGRATULATIONS!!

To everyone on surviving the season!

CONCERNS:

John Shaw, a Senior Member has passed away.

THANK YOU!!

A heartfelt Thank You to Emily Grape, Jeff Spring and Jack Evans for the fantastic meal and coffee breaks they orchestrated for the two days of haul out. Truly masterful and appreciated!

THANK YOU to Matt Keene and Bob Spencer for retrieving the northern Green Channel Marker that unexplainably broke free and washed over to the east jetty rocks in early October. They were also able to find and retrieve the tire weight and chain resting on the bottom of Sandy Creek.

Thanks to all who helped move *Misfit* off of the sand.

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE VIA ZOOM:

Keep your eyes peeled for the email with the Zoom link.

It's set for a 6 p.m. social start, meeting at 7 p.m.

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.

BREAKING NEWS!!

Sorry. Nobody sent in any, sad to say, again.

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!

FROM THE SURVEYOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

BYC Survives 2020

By Bob Spencer

By all accounts 2020 was a challenging year for all of us. Truth be told, it wasn't as bad as 2017 when we were completely flooded and could not launch our boats at all. Still ...

2020 was a year like no other.

In March and April Lake Ontario water levels were 4" to 6" (record highs) higher than the 2019 levels for March and April, which were higher than the 100 year flood of 2017. We were flooded in 2019 until July although we did get to launch our boats. The upper Great lakes were at record highs in 2020, including Lake Erie which drains into Lake Ontario unchecked. We did not know then whether we would flood again as we did in 2019. Fortunately we did not flood, but that was not apparent until May.

The parking lot and yard was an unfinished mess from the Flood Remediation project. The new Creekside visitors dock was still just a wish on the yet-to-be completed list and paving blocks sat on pallets awaiting placement.

Along comes COVID-19, mandated shutdowns and gathering restrictions. We carefully navigated the gathering restrictions and used small (6 and under) work parties to further work on the completion of the flood project. We delayed launch for a couple of weeks into mid-May and did our best to operate launch within some semblance of COVID restrictions. Again successfully. As New York "flattened the curve" and the state started loosening gathering restrictions, we contacted the State's local restriction manager Bob Duffy and applied to begin our race program in mid-June which was granted. The race program went well albeit with a smaller fleet. Thanks Bill Topping.

With gathering restrictions eased a bit we were able to complete our Flood Remediation project. This included a new Creekside visitors dock, raising the parking lot elevation by a foot and a half in some spots, and raising the yard elevation by a foot or more. We did a final grade and seeded the yard. We laid patio block walkways and a south side patio which looks great. The difference between the grounds from spring to now is incredible. The Flood Remediation project took two and a half years and should keep us dry up to epic flood levels. While most of the club participated in Remediation work parties, we should thank Dave Manning, Larry Beneway, John Saucke, and Jeff Spring for their tenacity in making this project happen. And Thanks to all members who volunteered with the many work parties to make our Remediation Project a success.

Using an abundance of caution and paying attention to frequently changing gathering guidelines, we held our monthly General Meetings on Zoom virtually and dispensed with our usual club social parties. We are happy to say that we are unaware of any of our members having contracted COVID-19. BYC never became a hot spot.

We managed a successful haul-out in October.

As we lost corporate members to natural attrition such as members going Senior, relocations etc., we added 6 new corporate members in 2020 and still have some interested parties. Our Corporate membership numbers have stabilized at around 90 with four active Special Members. That maybe a feat in itself considering the circus that has been 2020.

Overall BYC managed to have a good year even though our social program took a heavy hit, in spite of all the challenges that 2020 threw at us. Many thanks to the Officer corps who patiently dealt with the many constantly moving obstacles and challenges of 2020. While we may have to continue to hold our Virtual General Meetings on Zoom until late spring, hopefully our summer social schedule will return to normal in 2021. I don't think any of us mind seeing 2020 in our rearview mirror, but we can feel better that we made the best of it.



"Three generations of Evans Sailors"

(Submitted Jack Evans. (Taken by???)

(The Bobby G. looking good! Ed.)

Shoreline News Update:
Submitted by Jeff Spring

NEWCO DRIVE NEWS: Demolition of Brockport Water Treatment Plant - 4th quarter 2020.

Applicant: Monroe County Water Authority
475 Norris Dr
PO Box 10999
Rochester, NY 14610 -0999

Facility: Brockport Water Treatment Plant
8100 Newco Dr
Hamlin, NY 14464

Application ID: 8-2630-00211/00005

Permit(s) Applied for: Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands

Project is Located: Hamlin, Monroe County

Project Description: The Department has made a tentative determination to issue a Freshwater Wetland Permit to the Monroe County Water Authority for the temporary disturbance of approximately 6,400 square feet (sq ft) due to **demolition of a 9,000 sq foot building, cement pads, and a water tower at the Brockport Water Treatment Plant.** The file is available for review digitally upon request.

Availability of Application Documents: Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person.

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination: Project is not subject to SEQR because it is a Type II action.

SEQR Lead Agency: None Designated **State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination:** The proposed activity is not subject to review in accordance with SHPA. The application type is exempt and/or the project involves the continuation of an existing operational activity.

Coastal Management: This project is not located in a Coastal Management area and is not subject to the Waterfront Revitalization and Coastal Resources Act.

DEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29) It has been determined that the proposed action is not subject to CP-29.

FOR SAIL:

1978 O'Day 30: 8,500 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.

COLD ONE FOR SAIL: Renegade Ice Boat. In great condition and stored indoors. \$3600 Call Tom Guhl 746-3737

Polyethylene water tank out of Pearson 26 \$10 Contact Dave Pulhamus



Looking for extra storage space? Check out www.storespace.com & enter Rochester NY 48 King St in Dwtm Rochester has climate controlled self-storage at 40-60% lower than the area's going rates! 476-3800. (Not for cars & boats)

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



Pearson 26 Rudder: \$25
Contact Dave Pulhamus



JOB OPPORTUNITY:

No Longer Available. Should have jumped at it!

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

EDITOR'S TRUE POOP DECK:

This will be sort of a *Tech Tidbit* item and suggestion.

Engine oil should be changed at the end of the boating season in both outboards (4 stroke) and inboards. During the combustion process there are many harmful compounds that will form in the oil. Some of these are acidic. You do not want these sitting in your engine's sump, just eating away at the soft Babbitt bearings and the steel of the crankshaft. Changing the oil will prevent this from occurring.

On to 2 stroke outboards. While there is not an engine oil sump that requires an oil change, there is the lower unit gearbox. This oil should be changed, also. Here the issue is water contamination. If the prop seal is worn/damaged and lets water into the gear case, bad things will happen. A simple, inexpensive device is available that makes this task much easier. It is a pump that cost \$5 and screws right onto the gear oil container. (See photo at right.) Drain the oil from the gear case, screw the plastic tip into the lower drain hole, pump until oil comes out the oil level screw hole, and viola, filled lower unit. No fuss, no mess.

Oil is cheap insurance.

As another piece of information, I attended a talk by Joe Valentine, a researcher for an oil company. His presentation of a paper to antique car restorers was on why not to add "topping oil" to gas (4 stroke engines). He simply gave all of the evidence of what deleterious events will befall those that perform this "old wives tale" myth. He went on to point out that engine manufacturers go to great lengths to keep oil OUT of the combustion chamber. So why add a problem? (I can send you a brief of the paper, if you wish.)

Dave

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

— Mark Twain

P.S. Today, the 24th, was a great time at the Club Closing. A lot was accomplished and the camaraderie could not be beat! The wings were an added bonus.





Yacht Surfing in Late October!

(Submitted by Todd Schumacher)



Here's looking forward to 2021!

Submitted by Jack Evans; Taken from the Greatest Porch in North America.

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.