



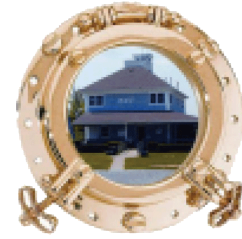
BROCKPORT YACHT CLUB

PORTHOLE

The Official Newsletter of the Brockport Yacht Club

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COMMODORE'S CORNER



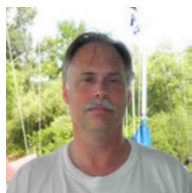
The signs of spring are in the air. The last of the lake ice cleared out over the weekend and we can now enjoy light into the evening. With launch 2 months away, I'm looking

forward to BYC becoming an active boatyard again especially on the weekends. The lake levels for the spring look promising so far. At the moment flooding doesn't seem like it will be in our future this year. So what's left to get in our way, well we are still dealing with COVID for now. We will keep our COVID rules in place for the time being but I'm hopeful we will be in a much better place by the end of May or June. I'm looking forward to going back to in person club meetings and restarting the holiday parties.

See you at the club, Ken

(Ken Beghini, Commodore)

VICE COMMODORE



It is now March and this is when I start thinking about the upcoming launch. Yes, it is not until May, but I have always liked to get a jump on things. But then I remember the water is not turned on at the club yet, and the lingering snow flurries reminds me that it is still too cold to take the cover off and paint the bottom. But I do take inventory and make sure I have enough paint, rollers tape, brushes, etc. to go at a moments notice. Can you tell I am itching to get the new season going?

(Eric Grape, Vice Commodore)

REAR COMMODORE



Happy Spring to ALL!! Spring has finally arrived and launch time is fast approaching. As members begin to emerge from their winter slumber to get their boats ready, a couple of things to keep in mind:

1. WATER WILL BE TURNED ON TO THE OUTSIDE FAUCETS NO EARLIER THAN APRIL 15

Unfortunately, we still run the risk of winter storms or freezes through late March and early April. So, as in past years, we won't be turning on the water to the outside faucets until mid-April at the earliest. This is to prevent pipes or hoses from bursting. If you would like to wash your boat before then, please consider using a clean spray cannister with a wand and bringing a five gallon jug of water. Or be hardcore like Bob Spencer and jump into the freezing creek in your birthday suit with an empty pail clenched between your teeth.

2. THE MINKS IN THE SHOWER ROOM ARE GETTING A LITTLE BOLD

Our war with the minks in the shower rooms continues. We have sprayed the water heater room with a safe, biodegradable natural repellent and placed an electronic sonic emitter (fancy word for an annoying noise to animals and clubhouse drunks) in there as well as had a trap set up by Roger Koss. But I'm not sure this is deterring the nifty little critters. When you start having animals drinking beer, smoking cigars, reading racy magazines and moving in their beds to an area, it's time to up the game. Roger, get your gun.

(See picture, page 7).

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, see following)**
- ⇒ **May through October meetings are at the Club.**
- ⇒ **No meetings in November or December.**

The March membership meeting will be held via Zoom. Keep your eyes peeled for the email with the Zoom link. It's set for a 6 PM social start, meeting at 7 PM

Reservations are required for the dinner portion.

- **Appetizers @ 6:00PM,**
- **Dinner @ 7:00PM, meeting to follow.**

Email reservations prior to 6PM on the Sunday prior to the meeting

bycdinner@brockportyachtclub.org

CALENDAR

- **May 8 Boat Launch**
- **May 15 Club Opening**
- **May 30 Commodore's Review & Holiday Cocktail Party**
- **July 3 Holiday Cocktail Party**
- **Club Cruise: Begins July 31**
- **Aug TBD Kids Sunfish Classes**
- **September 5 Labor Day Holiday Cocktail Party**
- **Saturday, September 19 Annual Corn Roast**
- **October 8-9 Haul Out**
- **October 28th Corn Beef Dinner & General Meeting**
- **October 30 Club Closing**
- **Nov. TBD Commodore's Ball**

3.OUR SPACIOUS PORTA-POTTY IS ACCEPTING CUSTOMERS!

For those members with bashful bladders, just a polite reminder that, while the clubhouse bathrooms are closed currently, we do have a plastic porta-potty that is cleaned every week and available for use. The good news is that it smells cleaner than where the minks hang out. The bad news is that the minks have been eying it up lately. Also, if you could, please kindly refrain from relieving yourself outside of the porta potty on club grounds. And no writing nasty comments about the rear commodore in urine. This means YOU Rob Schaeffer. The minks and I appreciate it.

4.CONTRACTORS WILL BE ESTIMATING COSTS FOR CUPOLA ROOF REPAIR

We are currently formulating a plan to repair and renovate the cupola and seal the leaks up by it. With that said, there will be contractors coming into the club over the next month to give us an estimate and advice on what to do before we submit the plan(s) to the general membership for consideration and approval. Thanks to Kevin McCathy and Bob Bochorski for taking lead on this. And finally, to everyone's favorite club airline pilot: NO, Captain Ed Vorbach, these contractors CAN'T build a sauna room for you and your stewardess friends outside of your boat. I already asked for one by mine. :0

That's all for now. Thanks for reading.

(Rich Wiest, Rear Commodore)

FLEET CAPTAIN



With bills having gone out, there's likely to be some minor shuffling of dock assignments, although they're expected to be minimal. The rapid

warm-up in late Feb. and early March precluded raising the docks directly south of the clubhouse which, given the water level forecast for the summer, is probably not a bad thing, at least in the short term.

If you know of ANY changes, e.g. contact info., intent to launch/haul, docks, lockers, sunfish rack(s), etc, please let us know sooner rather than later.

Looking forward to a safe launch on Sat., May 8th.

(Todd Dunn, Fleet Captain)

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social Committee is ready and able to kick off this year's meetings at the club in May (with the approval of the Board) with BBQ wings and Colby's Catering. We are expecting to get back to normalcy at the club with our usual Social events.

Jack & Jeff

CONCERNS

Corporate member John Pulhamus (Dave's brother) has returned to his apartment and is recovering after being hit by a car. He is taking daily walks with the aid of a walker and has hopes to be near normal (whatever that is) by early summer.

POETRY CORNER

No submissions this month.

RAMYA

Rochester Area Model Yachting Association (RAMYA) is a group of remote control sailors sailing on the Unity Hospital Pond adjacent to Long Pond Rd. in Greece. We have an active racing program for the Dragon Force 65 and Soling yachts. The Dragon Force is approx. 26" long and the Soling 1 meter long.. Many members start with the Dragon Force 65 which kit sells for approx. \$250. The Soling can be purchased used in the range of \$400-500.

Model remote control sailing is very active around the world and can be viewed on YouTube. George Bremner and I belong to a club in Vero Beach, Florida as do many other snowbirds. RYC started sailing remote control models several years ago and have a very active fleet. It's a great way to keep the racing genes active while enjoying an inexpensive hobby with other sailing buddies.

I'd be glad to answer any questions directly. Our website is:

sites.google.com/site/ramyasailing/about-us

Frank Burst

585-766-8386

(Editor's note: this could be more fun than the boats I play with in my bathtub.)

COVID VACCINES

The NYS COVID Hotline is there to assist in scheduling shots. They are there to help. Hours of Internet frustration can melt away in minutes.

(833) 697-4829

PORTHOLE NEWS

As I take over the responsibility of editing the Porthole, I remain aware that I stand on the shoulders of relatively short giants. This should be fun.

My thanks to Dave Shantz and Dave Pulhamus for setting the groundwork.

Jim Balmer
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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!

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

Our family, Bill Stewart's, want to express our gratitude for the expressions of sympathy sent our way from the many members of the club. You lifted our hearts !

We hope your sailing season of 2021 is successful with many laughs and good spirits.

Thank you all,

Bonnie Stewart and family

THE SHIPS STORE

The BYC Ship's Store will now be in the capable hands of Gary and Judy Hartman. Items such as T-shirts, sweat shirts, hoodies, decals, hats, pins & charms etc. with the BYC logo and colors on them can be ordered by contacting gshartman@juno.com or calling 585-208-3764. We want to thank Gary and Judy for taking this BYC club function forward.

Jack & Kathy Evans

VIDEO RECOMMENDATIONS

Mind Expanding Videos:

A very detailed series of videos are being made by the Battleship New Jersey Museum, hosted by the curator Ryan Szimanski. Though the oration is a bit droll, the content is fascinating.

The ship took about 3 years from keel laying to commissioning. Just watch the electrical system one and be amazed at the myriad of routes the wiring took. I especially liked the video showing the armored cables that ran deep in the hull to protect them. Then there is the engine room, then the armaments, etc. All of the complexity of build is mind boggling and to pull it off with everything working is truly something. Watch a few and let me know what you think.

Dave Pulhamus

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

As Long as It's Fun, the Epic Voyages and Extraordinary Times of Lin and Larry Pardey

“To anyone interested in small-boat cruising and voyaging, the names Lin and Larry Pardey need no introduction. As world-girdling sailors who roamed the planet on a pair of small, engineless boats that they built themselves, the Pardeys established their hard-earned reputations by eloquently (and sometimes controversially) telling their stories through a series of best-selling books and manuals, and countless seminars and boat shows. They have been called the first couple of cruising and have remained true to their mantra: Go simple, go small, go now. And after 200,000 miles of cruising under sail, they’ve demonstrated that the dream of voyaging over the horizon is not only attainable, it’s affordable.”

(Editor’s note: This is a fun read. Unfortunately, Larry Pardey died last July)

Maiden Voyage

“Tania Aebe was an eighteen-year-old dropout and barfly. She was going nowhere until her father offered her a challenge. He would offer her either a college education or a twenty-six-foot sloop in which she had to sail around the world alone. She chose the boat and for two years it was her home, as she negotiated weather, illness, fear, and ultimately, a spiritual quest that brought her home to herself”.

MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS

Adrift

“A true story of survival, as a young couple's chance encounter leads them first to love, and then on the adventure of a lifetime as they face one of the most catastrophic hurricanes in recorded history”.

Currently on streaming Netflix.

Maiden

“In 1989 Tracy Edwards leads the first all-female crew in the Whitbread Round the World Race, a grueling yachting competition that covers 33,000 miles and lasts nine months”.

From the Membership Committee

Submitted by Bob Spencer; Membership Chair (repost)

This is the time of year when many members are considering their membership options moving forward. Below is the club policy regarding those moves. If you are choosing to resign your membership, please send an e-mail and let us know as opposed to simply not paying your dues invoice and making us chase you down.

Membership policies:

To remind members who may wish to go from Corporate Member to Senior Member, you must send either an email or hard copy mail to the membership committee requesting a change in status. Senior members may return to corporate membership if desiring to dock a boat at the club, by written request to the Membership Committee for approval.

Senior Membership:

Corporate Members who have been active members for ten years prior to the time when the sum of their years membership and age total 75, may make application to the Board of Trustees of the Club, to become Senior Members.

Senior Members may attend all regular and special meeting of the Club and vote on all matters except those pertaining to amendments of the Constitution and By-Laws, financial matters, improvements to Club property, or applications for membership.

Senior Members may not hold office or avail themselves of Club facilities maintained for the purpose of storing, launching or mooring boats.

Members wishing to resign membership shall do so by sending an email to the Membership Chairman expressing their intentions.

Please send emails to the Membership Chair Bob Spencer at robertspencer100@gmail.com.

Also, a reminder that all boats 17' and larger must carry at least Liability insurance and a full Marine insurance policy is recommended. As some of you get your GEICO marine insurance renewal bills this year, you may gasp at the 30% increase in your policy cost. Shop around. I got a much better rate for the same level of insurance from a competitor. If you are going to race your boat, always make sure that racing coverage is included in the policy.



Photo Credit: Rich Wiest

“It’s a picture of the Minks taking over the water heater room next to our showers.:) Obviously Roger Koss’s trap didn’t work.” (See Rear Commodore notes, page 1)



Submitted by Dave Manning.

From the Desk of Jeff Spring:



March came in like a lion and goes out (hopefully) like a lamb.....



Local date

TUESDAY, MAR 02

WEDNESDAY, MAR 03

Local time

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Wind direction

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Wind speed (mph)

32 31 28 21 20 18 21 28 29 29 26 24 23 21 18

Wind gusts (max mph)

38 38 33 24 21 21 25 38 40 37 31 28 26 25 24

Cloud cover

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From the inquiring mind of Bob Jones:

“Oh Boy . . . OK . . . I was wondering when the Dock "Lowering" work party would begin? Just sayin.”



Submitted by Joe Logan

FOR SAIL:

PEARSON 26 (PURSUER)

Boat is loaded and ready to race/cruise
9.9 Johnson outboard
New race sails, many cruise sails
Call for a list of all included items.

\$4,000

Kevin Reitter (585) 944-8106

1978 O'Day 30

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.

\$8,500 or BO*

Tom Guhl 746-3737

tguhl22@gmail.com

S2 6.7 (22 feet) Grand Slam.

Many sails, spinnakers, including lightly used Haarstick Pentax racing sails. Deck re-cored where needed by Great Lakes (when they were still in business). Set up for cockpit sailing with two speed winches and separate spinnaker winches, 6 Hp Tohatsu 4 stroke motor with less than 2 hours on it. Trailer has roller bunks and apparatus to raise the mast.

\$4,200 or \$3,200 without the motor

Dave Pulhamus, 352-0149

dandmother@gmail.com

Cape Dory 25 For Sale.

Replaced the Seacocks and Compass.

Rewired the entire boat.

New Tiller

Bottom completely sanded and 2-3 coats of interprotect have been applied with a top coat of ablative paint.

Depth finder and Knotmeter.

Rigging in great shape. Some new.

Whale Gusher Pump added to cockpit

Sails included are: 2 mains, genoa and storm jib.

Steel Cradle Included

Great Condition. Stable Boat.

V-Berth

2 Side Berths

Cushions

3 ft draft

\$5000

Call Celeste Blair: 585-754-6289

cblair2@rochester.rr.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

dkavanagh@gmail.com

Inflatable boat: Older with two chambers and OB motor mount. \$40 Contact Dave Pulhamus

dandmother@gmail.com



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



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.

Pearson 26 Rudder: \$25

Contact Dave Pulhamus



If your ad is no longer viable, please let me know so that it can be removed. Thanks.

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: Gary Hartman, 585-208-3764

gshartman@juno.com

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, pavilion, gazebo, clubhouse and the grounds.**
- **Restroom usage includes cleaning up after yourself. There are supplies. At a minimum:**
 - ◆ **Clean the toilet seat after use**
 - ◆ **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.**

The NYS COVID Hotline is available to assist in scheduling vaccines.

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