



BROCKPORT YACHT CLUB

PORTHOLE

The Official Newsletter of the Brockport Yacht Club

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COMMODORE'S CORNER



I never would have believed we would be looking at a low water year for 2021 after all the recent flooding but here we are. The IJC removed an extra 2.7 inches of water beyond what is allowed in the regulation plan over the winter to help alleviate spring flooding this year. They will now try to add this amount of water back in to the lake by reducing outflows below the regulation limits for the next 3 weeks. Hopefully this coupled the normal spring rise will put us in a better situation for launch.

At the next e-board we will discuss resuming in club meetings starting in May and also restarting the holiday parties beginning with the Memorial Day cocktail party and Commodore's review. We won't be carding at the door, but please get those vaccines!

In other news, the club received two very generous donations this month from senior members: Tom & Kim Tresohlavy and Burt & Elaine Ringelstein. Thank You. See you at the April Zoom, Ken
(Ken Beghini, Commodore)

VICE COMMODORE



Well, everyone knows the water level is low this year. The committee boat has been launched and soundings have been made to confirm it. Hopefully April showers will bring a May launch.

For those that use Facebook, there are numerous pages devoted to sailing and boating. A couple of ones that I have subscribed to are "All Things Sailing" and "DIY Sailors". And of course the Brockport Yacht Club page as well. There is

something for just about everyone on there should you care to look

REAR COMMODORE



A musing from a totally sober "Colonel of the Urinals":
It's funny how things get named. For example, we drive on a highway known as a "parkway" and yet park on pavement known as a "driveway". We also call bathrooms (of which, ours are now open down at the club) many different names. Polite people call it the "bathroom". Sailors call it the "head". And others (I'm thinking of YOU Ken Lendek:) might even call it the "latrine" due to their time in the Army. (Though from what I've been told, ex-Army Rangers don't use toilets; they usually just rip people's heads off and...well, you get the idea.:0) In fact, many people will often call the toilet the "John" or the "Crapper" and never realize that this name comes from the inventors/innovators of the modern-day porcelain toilet: "John" Harrington and Thomas "Crapper". Don't even get me started on what Civil War General Joe Hooker was known for.:)

I make this observation/musing because our upcoming open season, by any other name, is still fun time down at the club. It doesn't matter if we have boats in the water or not. It is still a chance for all of our BYC family to get together, barbeque, drink beer, sit on the porch and tell stories, have campfires on the beach and, oh yeah, SAIL. So in that respect, it doesn't matter what we call the boating season down at the yacht club or even when we officially start it; the important point is that we have a season down at the club in whatever manner fate or divine providence lets us have it.

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 (postponed, low water)**
- **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**

Right now our Fleet Captain (in consultation with the e-board) is working very hard to determine the best time to launch the boats so that everyone has the best chance to utilize their slips and . actually get out on the lake. The e-board and fleet captain are doing a lot of work taking soundings, consulting experts, etc. to figure out the best possible time to launch the boats. Our opening of the club (MY piece of this puzzle) ties in directly with when this launch date is established. I know I express the sentiments of the e-board (and your very busy Fleet Captain) when I thank you for your patience and ask for your flexibility. The club WILL open and we WILL have a "boating" season. Be assured that somehow, someway, it won't be "in name only".

(Rich Wiest, Rear Commodore)

FLEET CAPTAIN



As of this writing (4/15/21), the Ontario water level stands at 244.8 ft. With just over three weeks until launch, we're hoping for an additional foot of water, although we may be able to get boats into the basin with a bit less. Thanks to Ed Vorbach and Todd Schumacher for taking soundings in both the creek and basin on April 10th. Those water depths are written on the white board on the porch, if you're interested. If Launch is delayed, we will try to give members as much advance warning as possible. What the e-board doesn't want to do is make multiple changes to the Launch date. Crying "wolf" is in no one's interest. There has been a flurry of boat buying/selling in the last few weeks, and we're trying to accommodate as many dock change requests as possible. There, too, there is uncertainty as a few folks are hoping to unsuccessfully sell boats prior to Launch while new members are bringing in "new" boats. Please let me know ASAP if you anticipate any last-minute changes to your boat/dock situation. In closing, we can all pray for more rain. (Todd Dunn, Fleet Captain)

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

As we look forward to the BYC launch date (whenever it is) the Social Com will be supplying coffee & donuts along with lunch. We will be preparing a delicious gourmet of locally grown organic meats and vegetables. Served by friendly, hospitable Social Com. Members. Please plan on lunch with us as we look forward to the launch date. Also coffee & donuts at club opening.

ATTENTION: Anticipating dinners will be at the club starting with the May BYC meeting, we need to re-establish the "Permanent List" for dinner reservations. Please notify Jack Evans or Jeff Spring if you want to be on the Permanent List and avoid not having a dinner for you at the meeting.



Jack & Jeff

RAMYA (repost)

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. At least someone will be sailing this year.)

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

Thank you to those faithful few that help fill the pages.

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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!

THE SHIPS STORE

Look for a link to the Ship's Store soon. This may come in the form of an email and / or link to the club website.

You will be able view the products and prices of the items in the Ship's Store and then contact me about selecting a size, color and availability. This way you can shop at home (like many have done during the pandemic) and see what's available.

If you aren't buying for yourself then buy for a family member or friend or let them know what you want for your birthday or other occasion. All items ordered will be delivered to the club (sorry but this isn't Amazon Prime!).

Look forward to serving you with many great BYC products! And if you think of something that is not in the store, let me know and I will see what we can do about getting some (but remember there may be a minimum purchase quantity or amount).

Gary Hartman

Dredging Project Update

The details of the REDI Regional Dredging Project and permit were reviewed with the Design Engineer from Romboll Engineering and OGS Program Manager.

The project is to:

1. Dredge a 35'+/- wide channel from as far south as the club crane to 200' past the end of the west jetty.
2. Channel design is aligned with the range. The Engineer is agreeable to align it with the natural creek bed for reduced future silting. (The exact location of this curved route is still being discussed.) After the channel passes the end of the jetty it would follow the range as it extends into the open lake.
3. Dredge to a depth of 236.3' +0.5' (2 feet deeper than current un-silted channel bottom and would provide 9 feet of depth at 245 lake level)
4. Remove 3800 cu yds of material
5. Place material about 500' east of jetty in area extending 250' further east and 1000' north (this is currently holding up permit, DEC has concerns due to chemical contaminants, may need alternate plan)
6. Dean Marine (not the guy at Braddocks) is the dredging contractor and will be using an excavator/crane on a barge with a 200 cu yds dump barge and tug
7. Contractor would set up barges to the side of the channel to allow restricted boat traffic during operations.
8. Scheduled for mid August approximately from August 9 to 20th.

Respectfully Submitted by Matt Keene



A retired sailor's clock. We need one for the porch.

DO YOU KNOW?:

By Dave Pulhamus

Do you know the difference between a ship and a boat? The common answer is that a ship can carry a boat. (But, then what is a mobile floating dry dock termed? A super ship?)

Thanks to the wonders of YouTube, an answer steeped in physics (don't you just love it?) was found. The answer is not what I thought.

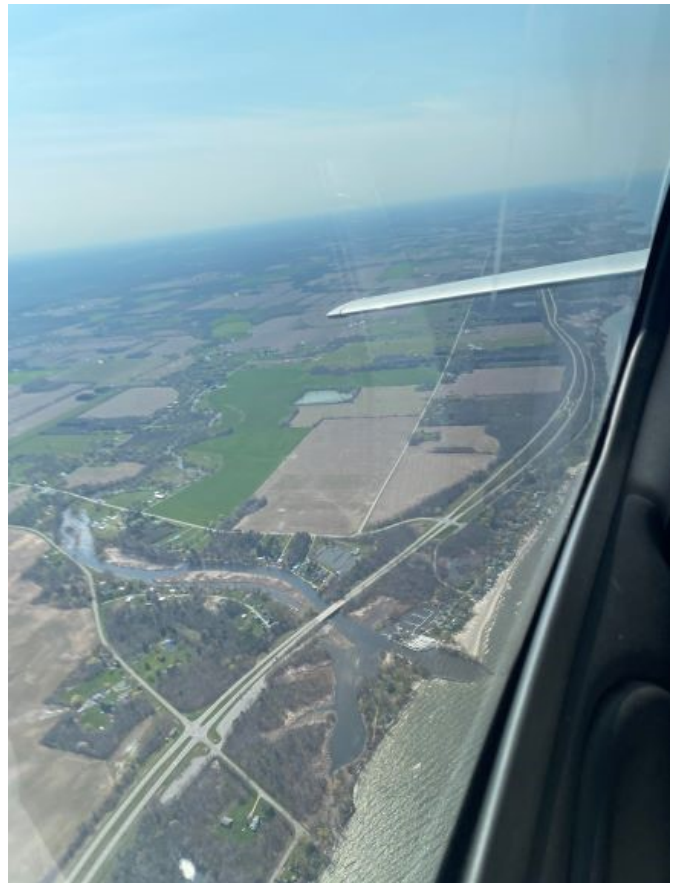
As a vessel (notice how I skirted the issue?) turns, there is a force imparted on the hull and on the rudder (or whatever causes the turn to initiate, ie. an outboard motor) by the water. The water's oppositional forces to the vessel's movement will cause the vessel to lean.

A boat will lean into the turn. The same way you would on a bicycle, motorcycle or snowmobile. The water's force on the rudder (or outboard) at the stern is greater than the water's force on the hull at the bow. Thereby imparting a lean into the turn.

A ship will lean to the outside of a turn. In this case the force of the water is less on the rudder than the water's force on the hull at the bow. This overpowering force causes the ship to lean to the outside of the turn.

An elegant explanation based on physics. Makes life simple.

Next month, if I remember, will be on: What's up with bulbous bows on ships? Yes, Physics plays a big part here, too.



Aerial photography submitted by Vladimir Poplavskiy

A Boat Explosion At BYC

Several years ago, I was moving my boat to my dock at the back of the basin. In an instant I felt a concussion as if the air around me compressed. Behind me, over the clubhouse, I could see a dark plume of smoke. Very soon after I saw John Sauke running toward his own boat. He yelled out that if I had any extinguishers aboard, I needed to grab them quickly. A BYC member had experienced a boat explosion at the gas dock.

When I arrived at the burning boat, the owner was still inside trying to extinguish the fire. I soon found myself on the transom of the boat attempting to assist (I've never been accused of being sane). When my first extinguisher ran out, I yelled that I needed another. Paul Ward handed down a very large extinguisher that was also soon depleted. In case you're wondering, we all survived. The boat, however, was a near-total loss. Most probably, the boat was started without adequate ventilation.

After the excitement died down and the adrenaline levels fell off, I asked Paul where he got the large extinguisher that he had handed me. He looked incredulous and informed me that they were hanging on posts inside the clubhouse. They are always there but I never noticed them. Through the many years and countless times that had I walked past them; I was oblivious. They were just another part of the background.

We have safety devices throughout our property that we don't need until we really need them. If you're as unaware as I once was, look around and really see. In addition to extinguishers, we have items such as throwable flotation and ladders in the basin. Make yourself aware of where they are and point them out to visitors.

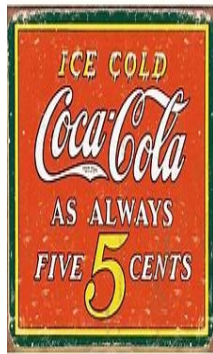
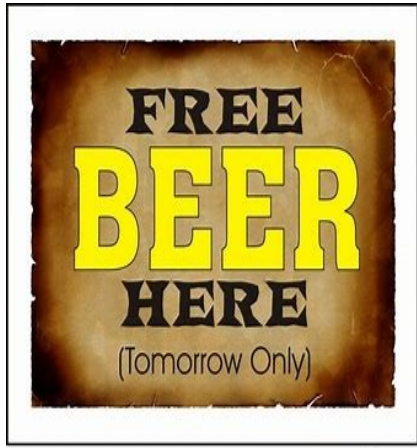
Proper Fueling Procedures (From BoatUS)

Proper fueling procedures are very important in preventing onboard fires. Gasoline vapors are heavier than air and can spread rapidly into enclosed spaces. You should check the bilges and all closed compartments for gasoline vapors. The sniff test is the most effective method for detecting fuel leaks.

The proper way to fuel your boat is as follows:

- * Secure boat to the dock
- * Switch off engine
- * Extinguish all open flames
- * Do not use electrical switches
- * No smoking
- * Ports, hatches, and doors closed
- * Make certain all passengers are ashore
- * Determine quantity of fuel required and make sure it is the proper type of fuel
- * Hold hose nozzle firmly against fill pipe opening
- * Do not overfill
- * Wipe up all spillage
- * **Open ports, hatches, and doors to ventilate**
- * **Turn blower on for four minutes minimum**
- * Do the sniff test
- * Start engine
- * Re-board passengers
- * Untie from dock and cast off

<https://www.boatus.org/study-guide/planning/fuel/>



Remember when you could buy lots of stuff for a nickel?? Well, I don't either.

So, CANS for KEGS (and other Club needs).....please put your empty cans and bottles into the appropriate bin for recycle. Now, 2200 can/bottles returns won't get you a "Lighter, stiffer, faster," Baltic Yacht BUT will get you a FREE Keg of Beer, or will be used other club needs.... THANKS to all the soda, water, and beer drinkers at BYC!!



From the Desk of Jeff Spring:

Boat Buying in the Time of Covid

By Sandy Parks · On April 9, 2021

One of the unexpected consequences of the covid pandemic has been a boom in boat sales, particularly cruising boats both new and used. So many couples and families that faced being stuck at home for weeks on end decided that the best option was to buy a boat and get out on the water together. They could stay in their own covid bubble and sail or power to new anchorages while eating aboard and relaxing in relative safety. After a year, the inventory of used boats has been picked pretty clean so you have to look long and hard to find a suitable brokerage boat that is not a total fixer-upper. As for new boats, the lead times for the most popular brands can be as much as two years, which puts a bit of a damper on the urge to buy a boat and get out on the water. Still, there are plenty of folks who are planning to buy a boat and go cruising this summer and surprisingly about a third of these buyers are getting into boating for the first time. A lot of boat buyers scan websites like Yacht World to get a handle on what's out there and available. That's a great place to start. But, in this market, I'd also suggest that buyers, particularly those new to boat ownership, engage a certified yacht broker to act as the buyer's agent. You will benefit from his or her years of experience, vast knowledge of boats in the market and will get an inside track on new listings. To find a certified professional yacht broker near you, you can log onto their association's website: www.cpyb.net. See you on the water this summer!



20-Foot Sailboat Sails Into 469-Foot Super yacht

By Sandy Parks · On April 9, 2021

(Dailymail-UK) – A family onboard their 20-foot sailboat decided to take a close look at Sailing Yacht A, anchored off Galicia, Spain. Unfortunately they sailed a bit too close and the wind and waves pushed them into the super yacht. Sorry, didn't see your 469ft super yacht!

The family hilariously sail their 20ft boat into Russian

Billionaire's £360million mega-vessel - then scrape along the side of it.

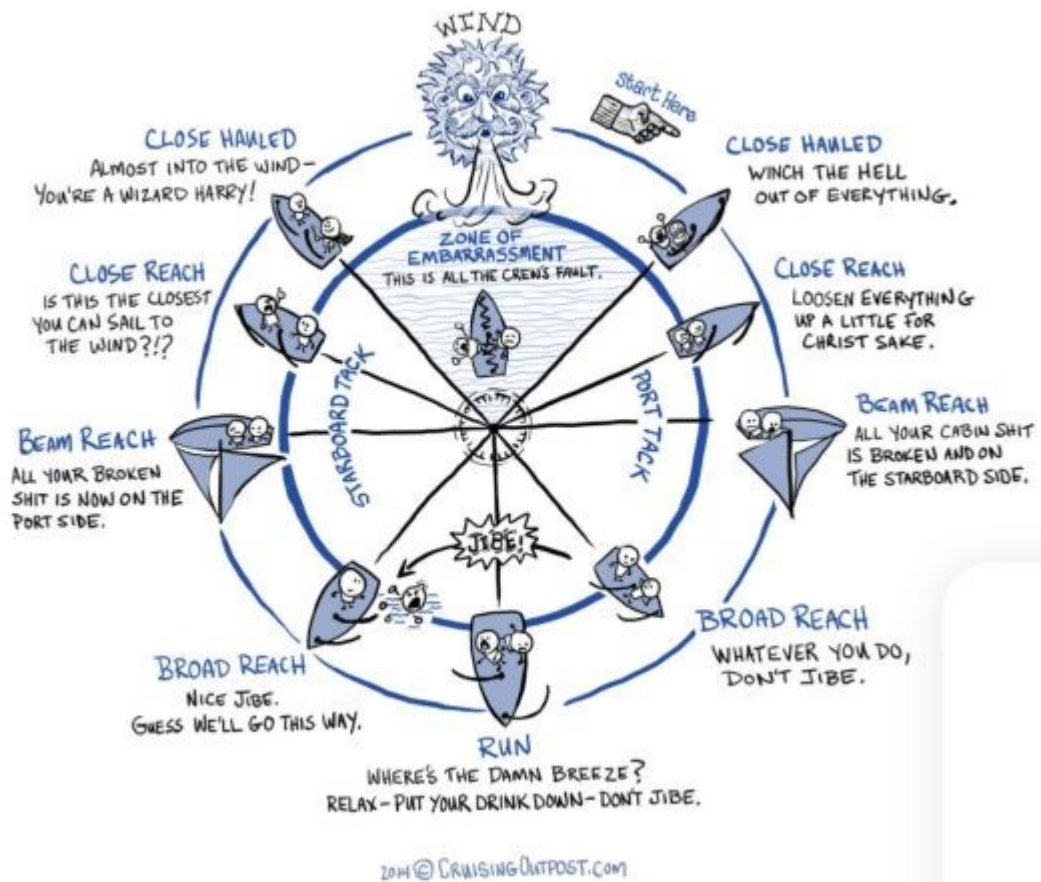
More From the Desk of Jeff Spring:



Only in California

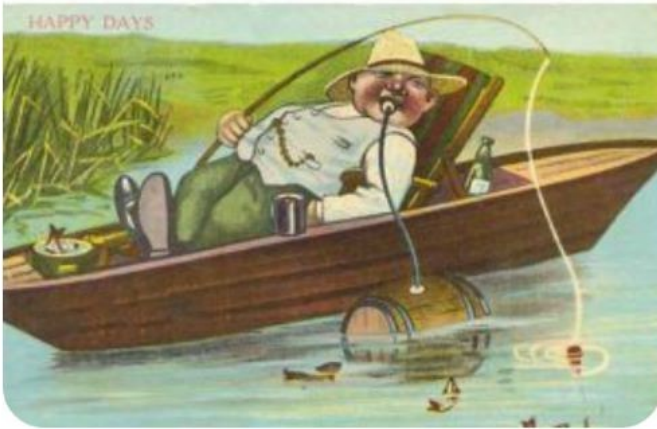


Hopefully the water rises soon...



Even more from the Desk of Jeff Spring:

**I entered my symptoms
into Web-Md and it turns out
I just need to be on a boat,
with a fishing rod,
drinking beer.**



**WHEN YOU FORGOT and LEFT
YOUR ICE COOLER AT HOME.....**

Repost (out of desperation)

From the inquiring mind of Bob Jones:

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

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.

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

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

Spinnaker Pole for 26 ft boat.

\$120 or make offer.

Send text to 585 727-5680 for more info.

155 Roller furling Genoa, Sabre 28

Haarstick 2012 - Dacron - built in fall 2012; still crisp --only used three seasons due to floods and sale of boat in 2018.

\$795

Kevin Traut 754-3168

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, may be water logged and needs to be dried out. Contact Joe Buzzard, of DeJaVu fame.

Pearson 26 Rudder: \$25

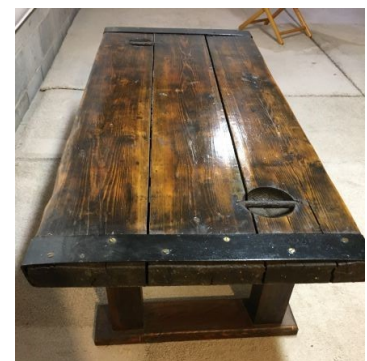
Contact Dave Pulhamus



For Sale
Original Hatch Cover Table

\$150

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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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