



BROCKPORT YACHT CLUB

PORTHOLE

The Official Newsletter of the Brockport Yacht Club

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COMMODORE'S CORNER



It looks like ski season out there but in another month or so it will be time to start working on the boats again. I've been looking for a good off season deal on

VC-17 paint but no luck so far.

In the meantime, the e-board has been working diligently to plan out the season and prepare the budget. On the sailing side I'm excited to see a renewed interest in the sunfish program for both the kids and adults. This year we should have a full calendar of racing events with sunfish, our regular Wednesday night series, the holiday series, and a new Friday night casual race series as well.

Prior to 2017, we would have over 20 boats racing on a Wednesday night. I'm hoping we can rebuild the program this year and get back to this level of participation (or even more). I remember when BYC could do an awards sweep at the Hospice Regatta because of our strong club race program.

On the social side, we have a full season of parties and events planned.....still wondering about that pirate's day. Although March in western NY can be tough, the warmer weather and start of the boating season is just around the corner.

See you this Thursday at the February meeting

Ken Beghini, Commodore

VICE COMMODORE



There are quite a few Committees that are part of BYC. If you be interested in helping out on any of these, please feel free to contact myself or the lead (name in parentheses).

- Race (Bill Topping)
- Long Term Planning (John Stevens)
- Social (Jack Evans)
- Club Boats (John Saucke)
- Audit (Ray Gauthier)

Eric Grape, Vice Commodore

REAR COMMODORE



By the time you read this, we will have less than a month of winter left. That means that working on our boats will be just around the corner. Between now and then you will hopefully have had a chance to check on your jack-stands, chains and tarps. With all of the heavy snow we've received, some of the framing for your tarps (if not the tarps themselves) may not be doing the job you expect them to do. Just a reminder: the bathrooms are still closed and refuse pickup starts again in April. Also, it's pretty wet down at the club, so boots are recommended.

Finally, thanks to Tanja Anselm-Cooke (daughter of Senior Member Rolf Anselm) for donating his sailing books to the club library. I will be putting some on the Free Table in the near future for anyone who wants to sharpen up their sailing skills/acumen. Stay warm!

Rich Wiest, Rear Commodore

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 prior to 6PM on the Sunday prior to the meeting

bycdinner@brockportyachtclub.org

CALENDAR

- **May 7 Launch**
- **May 14 Club Opening**
- **May 28 Dock Sale**
- **May 29 Holiday Party - Memorial Day**
- **July 3 Holiday Party - 4th of July**
- **1st Week August – Club Cruise**
- **August 6 BYC Pirates Day**
- **August 13 Land Yacht Party and Pig Roast**
- **TBD August Kid's Sunfish Sailing**
- **September 4 Holiday Party – Labor Day**
- **September 17 Corn Roast**
- **- Saturday October 7 - 8 Haul Out**
- **November 5 Club Closing**
- **TBD Commodore's Ball**

FLEET CAPTAIN



No February report.

(Todd Dunn, Fleet Captain)

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

It's still winter but it's always great to get together monthly at Foster's Restaurant for dinner, conversation and a few beers. The February meeting will be on the 24th with the same agenda. Please email Jude Eichas at

bycdinner@brockportyachtclub.org by Sunday Feb 20th for deletions or additions to the Permanent List.

Jack & Jeff

SHIP'S STORE

The ship's store is now on Facebook where you can see the items we have in stock. There's a link in the member's area on the BYC website.

<https://brockportyachtclub.org/new-members-area/member-resources/> or on FB you can look for "Brockport Yacht Club Items" or use the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/Brockport-Yacht-Club-Items-101515035471908>

Happy shopping and contact me via FB messenger or send an email to me with your size and color and quantity at:

gshartman@juno.com

(Gary Hartman, Ship's Store)

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!

PORTHOLE NEWS

This issue is dedicated to Glen Brower for all his amazing artistry and continuing hard work. If we had to pay him, we probably couldn't afford him.

On behalf of the club, thank you Glen.

J. Balmer, editor

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.

Brianna's Law: Required Boating Safety Certification

Below are the requirements to operate a boat with a motor (any kind of motor) in New York State. The course is easy to find online and many places offer it for free or cheap online or in person.

You have to be at least 10 years old to operate a motorboat in New York or 14 to operate a personal watercraft, such as a Jet Ski.

Below is a table showing when you must have it. Note that in 2025, the table goes away as everyone must have one. Most insurance companies will give you a discount on your boat insurance if you prove you have had the course. I

Under NYS law, known as Brianna's Law, all motor boat operators:

Born on or after Jan. 1, 1993 will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2020.

Born on or after Jan. 1, 1988 will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2022.

Born on or after Jan. 1, 1983 will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2023.

Born on or after Jan. 1, 1978 will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2024.

All motor boat operators regardless of age will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2025.

You can have this license added to your NYS Driver's License when you renew.

Submitted by Dick Olson

More from the troubled mind of Dave Pulhamus:

Here are some witticisms from the Times of Wayne County This issue deals with "Stupid".

- 1) I'm pretty sure if I smacked the stupid out of you there wouldn't be anything left!!!
 - 2) We live in an era of smart phones and stupid people.
 - 3) Goods friends don't let you do stupid things alone.
 - 4) Definition of Stupid: Knowing the truth, seeing the truth, but still believing the lies.
 - 5) To be old and wise, you must first have to be young and stupid.
 - 6) And finally, from my friend Bob Swaisgood: Stupid should hurt!
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The Night Sky

Some summer evening, you may find yourself out on the lake, or you may be sitting on our beach, watching the last embers of a dying bonfire. Take a moment to look up and gaze into the void. It's out there, but you won't see it. No matter where you are, no matter what time of year, it will be there, unseen, and always in the night sky.

On Christmas morning of 2021, the James Webb Space Telescope was launched from French Guiana. The JWST is in a special, stable orbit almost one million miles away from the earth. It will explore the universe mainly in the infrared (heat) spectra. It will be looking at light that has traveled more than 13 billion years to reach us. It is said to be 100 times more powerful than Hubble.

The mirror is 21 feet across and is comprised of 18 gold plated beryllium mirror segments. A 5-layer sunshield is designed to block heat from the sun, earth and even the moon. In order to detect and resolve the faintest light from the most distant stars, the telescope needs to be kept cold. Very cold. The operating temperature is below -370° F with some instruments maintained much colder. At these temperatures, the gases in the air we breathe would be frozen solid (oxygen freezes at -362°F).

The project was first conceived in 1996 as the Next Generation Space Telescope. It was initially scheduled to launch in 2007 but the project was plagued with delays and cost overruns. Since launch, however, hundreds of complex, sequential steps have been performed and, so far, there have been no failures. Everything is working perfectly.

The first fuzzy images have already arrived and are being used to assess the alignment of the mirror segments. Commissioning will take months but we look forward to sharp, stunning images by early summer. We will soon know much more of our night sky.

May you have fair winds and clear skies at night.

Submitted by Jim Balmer

Words of wisdom from Matt Keane:

"If there's more than one, it's a pile."

Possible Future Club Boat



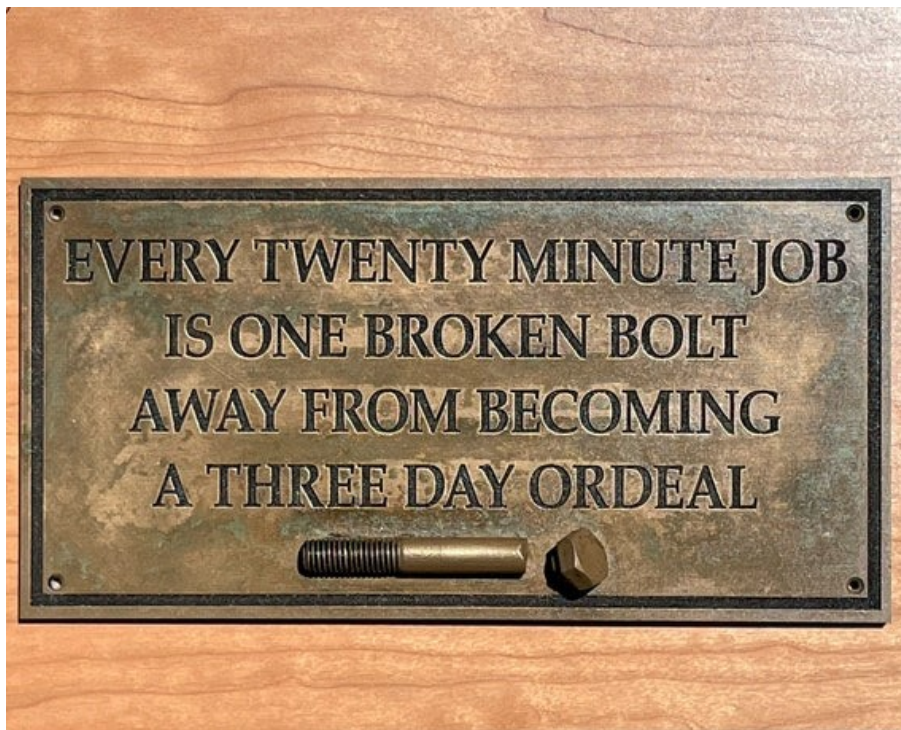
Submitted by Bob Spencer

From the desk of Jeff Spring

Background (email from Rich Wiest):

It has been brought to my attention that someone has hit the front gate at the club recently. (Probably those freakin' minks living under our club.:o They become nasty drivers when they're drunk) I asked "Iron Glen" Brower to take a look at it and he went down to the club this morning and evaluated it. Bottom line: the gate still works and can be locked but will have to be re-adjusted when weather allows. Glen seems to think that this can be done by loosening some bolts and pounding on some metal. So we'll try to do this as soon as weather allows or sooner if someone is itching for a mid-winter project.:) Thanks to Glen for the evaluation.

Jeff Springs response:



FOR SAIL:

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

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

dandmother@gmail.com



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



26' Pearson Shirleyday

One owner boat

New sail, used two seasons

Fully battened Mainsail, Roller

Furling Jib

VC17 Bottom

\$4000

Contact Les Ulp (585) 415-9588

2 5- GAL Diesel fuel cans. Like new. \$15.00 each.

Call Dave Schantz 723-0760



Inflatable boat and 8 Hp Mercury tiller shift outboard motor.

Boat has floorboards and cover. Manuals for both.

\$800

Contact Dave Pulhamus

dandmother@gmail.com



Pearson 26 Rudder: \$25

Contact Dave Pulhamus



Spinnaker Pole for 26 ft boat.

\$120 or make offer.

Send text to 585 727-5680 for more info.

FOR SALE (new listing)

CONTINGENCY (Name of boat, not type of contract!)

1992 Catalina 28, Wing Keel 3' 10" Draft

Lots of "stuff"

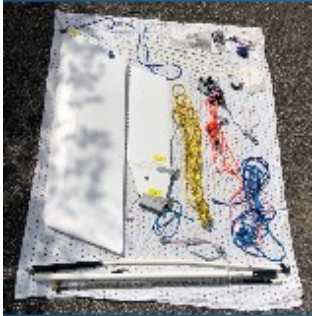
Contact Dick Olson for details - rolsonesq@gmail.com

\$22,000.00

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

2005 Laser Sailboat For Sale

Full & Radial Rig
Race Ready
Dolly & Trailer
\$5,500



2005 Laser haul # 183726 in mint condition. One owner took immense pride in the upkeep of the boat. Stored indoors for winter. Minimal use due to chronic illness. Standard & radial rig, 2 full rig sails (1 race ready with numbers) and 1 radial sail, high performance lines, rooster anti-tangle mainsheet, blade bag, blades in excellent condition, top cover and bottom cover (covers are worn), dolly with spare wheel, and trailer. The trailer needs new wiring. Reach out with questions.

Contact Jason Evans at 585-857-0837 or jtevans16@gmail.com



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
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