



BROCKPORT YACHT CLUB

PORTHOLE

The Official Newsletter of the Brockport Yacht Club

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COMMODORE'S CORNER



I'm ready to get the boats back in the water and get down to the club again. I was able to get my cover off a couple weekends ago but

the weather hasn't cooperated so my progress on getting the boat ready has stalled out. I'm hoping to get a coat of wax on the boat this weekend and figure out what the new fire extinguisher regulations mean to me. I found a flow chart from US Boats that explains it in a way I can understand (see page 3). Be sure to check on those flares too.

See you at the club,

Ken Beghini, Commodore

Editors Note: See flowchart, page 3.

VICE COMMODORE



There is lots of activity going on at the club as everyone prepares for launch. May 7th will be here before we know it.

The race committee held a meeting to discuss the upcoming season. There is a lot planned! There will be the usual Wednesday and Holiday series. On top of that, a return of the Single-Handed, Couples and Ladies Day Skippers races are now on the schedule for Sundays later in the year. Further, once the weather gets warmer, Sunday Sunfish and Friday pot luck races are planned. Look on the website for dates. I encourage everyone to come down and participate.

The Long Term committee has drafted a sampling plan for dredging the basin. The

DEC needs to agree on the number of samples. BYC is proposing 2, they DEC will most likely want more, maybe 6. All of the samples need to come back decontaminated. If they do not, then the process for eliminating the spoils becomes more complicated and more expensive.

Much thanks to Paul Ward and Bob Burkhardt for their work on the Bobby G. She has been repainted and looks fantastic. The Committee boat is also in the water now. Thanks to John Saucke, Jason Evans and Kevin Reitter for getting her launched.

Finally, thank you for wishing me safe travels on my upcoming work trip to Australia. I hope to be back at BYC for the last part of the season. I will try and get some time out on the water while I am there.

Eric Grape, Vice Commodore

REAR COMMODORE



Boating season is rapidly coming upon us.

Thanks to all who have been getting a jump on getting the clubhouse ready by helping out with the plumbing, lawn, fireplace and a myriad of other tasks for the club opening on May 14. I will be sending out a job list within the next week for members to review and tell me what jobs they would like to do. . New and exciting jobs have been added to this year's list, to include: moving the swing sets, emptying the sandbags located on the beach, re-leveling the pavestone walkway around the basin and some "secret surprises". Just a reminder; the bathrooms are now open and hot water has been re-

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**
- **October 7 - 8 Haul Out**
- **November 5 Club Closing**
- **TBD Commodore's Ball**

stored to the clubhouse. We still are dealing with a few leaks on the outside hoses to the docks and made good progress in fixing most of them. Hopefully we'll have them all fixed within the next few days. Finally, to ensure we do not have to return to draconian measures, please make sure you take the necessary Covid-19 precautions by staying away from members if you're sick and sanitizing your hands and areas that you inhabit around the clubhouse on a consistent basis. The e-board is taking the approach that we are all adults and can police ourselves without needing rules or strict measures. See you down at the club.

Rich Wiest, Rear Commodore

FLEET CAPTAIN



Launch is scheduled for Sat., May 7th. The 1st crane pick is set for 7:30 a.m. If you're launching a boat, please plan to start at 7:00 a.m. and help out until all boats are in the water. Please park out adjacent to the Parkway. Assignments for the day will be shared in an email, which will go out shortly.

The plan for coffee breaks and lunch is to hold them outside rather than upstairs in the clubhouse. Hopefully, the weather will be conducive to that.

Thanks to all those who helped out at the work party on April 16. We were able to fish some of the temporary poles (used for anchoring fender boards) out of areas around the creek-side docks. Paul Ward and Bob Burkhardt took the lead in repairing the "dance floor" dock area, while miscellaneous dock issues around the basin were also fixed. The basin docks near Joe Amorese/Mike Koelema took a good beating when the ice broke up. See photo, page 4. Some of the poles were straightened, but a crew will probably be needed at Club Opening on May 14th to help in raising some cross boards supporting the stringers below the decking.

(Todd Dunn, Fleet Captain)

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The April meeting will be at Foster's Restaurant on April 28th. This is the last of the winter meetings there with the next one at the club. Please contact Jude Eichas at bycdinner@brockportyachtclub.org by April 24th if you want to reserve a dinner and not on the Permanent List or if you need to cancel your reservation from the Permanent List. We are all looking forward to meetings at the club.
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 Bob Burkhardt. He has worked year after year with countless days of dedication to the club. It seems that he's always there, working on pretty much anything that's needed.

On behalf of the club, thank you Bob.

J. Balmer, editor

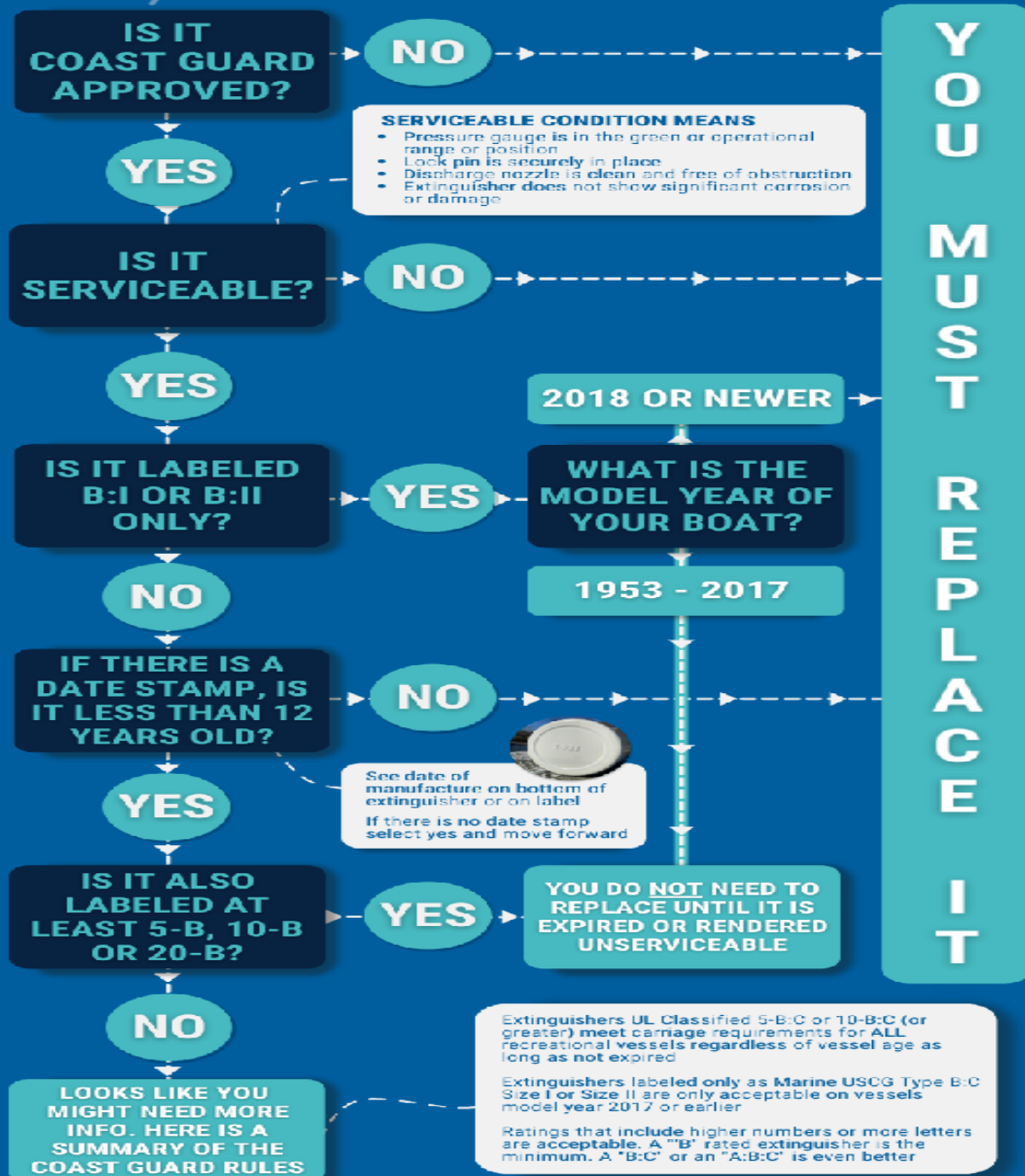
SUNFISH PROGRAM

I would like to remind everyone that has a sunfish or thinks they may have a sunfish to get down to the club and identify what is theirs.

In a separate note, kids sunfish program will be August 12 & 13th this year ... more info to come.

Jason Evans, Sunfish Program

DO I NEED TO PURCHASE A NEW FIRE EXTINGUISHER?



Attachment to Commodore's report
(see text, page 1)



Attachment to Fleet Captain's report
(see text, page 2)

DOCK SALE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

It's going to be an 'Old Fashioned Dock Sale' Memorial Day weekend Saturday thru Monday on the West Porch of the club. Bring your slightly used nautical items that you don't use anymore that might be just what someone else is looking for. Instructions will be posted and Tags will be available to price your items. Haggling with the seller is encouraged. Talk to Jack Evans with any questions.

See Jack Evans with questions.



Paul Ward and Bob Burkhardt give the Bobby G a fresh new look.



The artistry of John Sauke, jack of all trades. If we had to pay him, we couldn't afford him!

Doodlebug Sanding Tool Modification

What do you get when you combine a 3M doodlebug pad holder, a sheet of sandpaper, and some duct tape (double sided preferred!)? A handy sanding tool for those hard to reach places!

When I purchased our current boat, John Saucke suggested purchasing a 3M doodlebug pad holder (and pads) to assist with cleanup chores in the fall. I followed his sage advice – and have been quite pleased with how easy cleanup has become. This spring, knowing I have to do some sanding before applying bottom paint, I thought about how I could use my fall cleanup tool for paint preparation.

In a moment of inspiration, I folded a sheet of sandpaper over the pad last used in the fall to clean the boat. I observed that a sheet of sandpaper would fit (when folded) quite nicely over the used pad. I used some heavy duty scissors to trim the excess pad so that the pad did not extend beyond the pad holder. I then applied some double-sided duct tape (note – if you ever find this stuff – grab it, it's awesome!) to the top side of the pad holder. I centered the pad holder on the sheet of sandpaper and traced the outline of the holder onto the sandpaper, using scissors to notch out the corners. I then folded the sandpaper over the pad holder and onto the double sided tape, wrapping the pad holder as you would wrap a present. Surprisingly, the double sided duct tape held the sandpaper in place! I finished the wrap with a couple pieces of regular duct tape to hold it in place.

Once finished, I had a cushioned sanding pad that I can screw onto a broom handle or other extension to extend my reach. Having the used pad between the holder and sandpaper provides a cushion – so that even when pushing hard, the sandpaper doesn't dig in. Initial testing went quite well. I sanded for a couple hours, and the paper shows no sign of tearing.

Perhaps you aren't as tall as you once were, or getting to those low spots a bit more difficult – this handy tool might be the answer for you. For those interested, here's a link where you can find double sided duct tape:

Links

3M doodlebug pad holder: https://www.3m.com/3M/en_US/p/d/b00028045/

Double sided tape: <https://www.lowes.com/pd/Shurtape-1-88-in-x-12-Yard-S-Blue-Heavy-Duty-Duct-Tape/3014450>



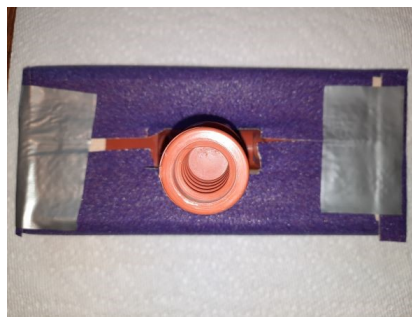
Pad holder and pad before trimming



Trimmed pad with double sided tape applied top side



Sandpaper with corners notched out



Completed sanding tool

Submitted by Dave Wright

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

Submitted by Dick Olson (repost)

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.

BoatUS: New U.S. Coast Guard Fire Extinguisher Regulation Effective April 20

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 15, 2022 – A rite of passage for every boater is the annual spring commissioning. Newly added to the boat owners to-do list this spring will be to check all disposable (non-rechargeable) fire extinguisher dates of manufacture, as well as the label for their U.S. Coast Guard classification.

That's because a new U.S. Coast Guard regulation beginning April 20 for disposable fire extinguishers mandates a 12-year expiration date from the date of manufacture. Boaters can find the manufacture date stamped into the bottom of the bottle or near the UL label. This may be two or four digits — if it is two, as in 08, that means 2008. Additionally, while the new regulation does not change the type (U.S. Coast Guard-rated) or quantity or requirement for USCG approved fire extinguishers aboard, it does specify the minimum Underwriter Laboratory (UL) classification of extinguishers to be carried aboard certain vessels — depending on the boat's model year.

This is the result of phasing out older “B-I” and “B-II” labels for newer “5-B” “10-B” and “20-B” extinguisher classifications. The number in this new rating refers to the size in square feet of the potential fire the device is suitable to extinguish and not the exact weight of the dry chemical inside the bottle.

Vessels on the water today that are less than 26 feet and model year 2017 or older may continue to carry older, dated or undated “B-I” or “B-II” disposable extinguishers. However, when they are no longer serviceable or have reached 12 years of age since manufacture, they must be replaced with newer class “5-B” or greater extinguishers. Boats less than 26 feet and 2018 model year or newer must carry unexpired “5-B” “10-B” or “20-B” fire extinguishers. Having older “B-I” and “B-II” types do not meet the new carriage requirements.

Many retailers today offer “10-B” class fire extinguishers, which may be a good choice as they exceed U.S. Coast Guard minimum carriage requirements for boats under 26 feet, while at the same time giving boaters more extinguishing coverage. For boats 26 feet or greater, however, having one “10-B” aboard does not equal two 5-Bs. Only a “20-B” classification meets the requirement to carry two “5-B” extinguishers. For a look at how many and what type of fire extinguishers are needed aboard all recreational boats up to 65 feet, go to BoatUS.org/Fire-Extinguishers.

BoatUS strongly recommends going beyond the regulation's minimum requirements. The results from a Foundation-sponsored boat burn showed that one extinguisher may give very little time to make an emergency call or potentially prepare to abandon your vessel.

BoatUS also notes that most U.S. Coast Guard disposables on the market today carry at least a dual B:C rating, able to douse both liquids and electrical fires, and some boat owners wisely prefer triple rated A:B:C extinguishers, adding a third protection for combustible fires.

To be serviceable, a portable extinguisher must have a pressure gauge indicating an operable range, lock pin firmly installed, clean discharge nozzle, and no significant corrosion or damage. Some more recently manufactured portable fire extinguishers aboard boats today may carry both old and new labeling, for example, having simultaneous “B-I” and “5-B” classifications.

There are no changes to rechargeable or fixed-mount (i.e., engine room) extinguisher regulations. They continue to require regular maintenance and servicing, typically done annually by a technician.

“This new U.S. Coast Guard expiration date regulation aligns with the 12-years recommended by the National Fire Protection Association,” said BoatUS Foundation Assistant Director of Boating Safety Ted Sensenbrenner. “We expect that the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and United States Power Squadrons vessel safety check program will soon include this new regulation as part of their free, no-penalty vessel exams. Because this change affects a critical piece of safety equipment aboard your boat, we also expect the U.S. Coast Guard will initially focus on education. You may want to start checking extinguishers now while your boat may be ashore this winter.”

Sensenbrenner adds, “Also take a look now to ensure your fire extinguishers are readily accessible. You can buy only the bracket if you don't have one and mount your extinguishers where they need to be — at points of egress, at the helm, and near the engine and fuel supply. Burying them in the bottom of a compartment ensures they will be hard to reach when you need them the most. Familiarizing yourself with the PASS method (Pull, Aim, Squeeze, and Sweep) will prepare you for fighting a small fire aboard.”

For more information on the new requirement, as well as frequently asked questions and an infographic, go to www.uscgboating.org.

Members Contact List

The Porthole staff is starting to compile a list of names to serve as a reference for questions that may arise among the general membership. This is a list of names only, contact data may be found on the BYC website. If you are considered a point-person for club activities and/or projects, please submit your name to the Porthole.

- Membership: Bob Spencer
- Social Committee: Jack Evans and Jeff Spring
- Docks and lockers: Todd Dunn
- Sunfish: Jason Evans
- Porthole: Jim Balmer

From the desk of Jeff Spring



Bought this Sailboat in Florida for a great price! Anyone know a good fiberglass guy to fix a pesky leak?



Lake Ontario To Be Filled In?

Dave Schantz brought this to my attention. There is a plan afoot to fill in the lake. For details, search YouTube for the video "[Fill In Lake Ontario](#)". This is outrageous and needs to be stopped!

People remember the adage that "Lightning never strikes the same place twice". What they do not read, or remember, is the second part of the sentence:

"Lightning never strikes the same place twice because that place no longer exists."

That should keep you awake at night!

Submitted by Dave Pulhamus

WANT TO FEEL OLD?

Bonanza premiered 62 yrs ago.

The Beatles split 52 yrs ago.

Laugh-In premiered nearly 54 yrs ago.

The Wizard of Oz is 82 yrs old.

Elvis is dead 44 yrs. He'd be 84 today.

The Thriller video is 38 yrs old.

Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin dead 51 yrs.

John Lennon dead 41 yrs.

Mickey Mantle retired 53 yrs ago.

Back To The Future is 37 yrs old.

Saturday Night Fever is 44 yrs old.

The Ed Sullivan Show ended 49 yrs ago.

The Brady Bunch premiered 52 years ago.

The triplets on My Three Sons are 52.

Tabatha from Bewitched is 57.

The Corvette turned 68 this year'

The Mustang is 57.

Want to feel even older? This list is a year old.

Submitted by J. Balmer



The New Zealand Rain Poem.

(stolen from the Internet by J. Balmer)



Submitted anonymously

Editors note: I struggled whether to include this but it did, after all, mention boats.

I always see more people walking into Walmart than out of Walmart. But the meat is cheap so I don't ask questions.

Oldtimers9.com

My wife and I are sitting on the couch watching tv and I hear a text, realizing I left my phone in the kitchen, I get up, go to the kitchen to check it...

and its a text from my wife:

Please bring the chips on your way back

Submitted by J. Balmer

Items For Sail

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Please note: If your ad is no longer viable, please notify the editor so that it can be removed.

2 each 5- GAL Diesel fuel cans.

Like new. \$12.50 each.
Call Dave Schantz 723-0760



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



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



Spinnaker Pole for 26 ft boat.

\$120 or make offer.
Send text to 585 727-5680 for more info.

Pearson 26 Rudder: \$25

Contact Dave Pulhamus



Items For Sail

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For sail: 1975 Sabre 28 MK I with Atomic 4



More pictures can be viewed here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/hbuZc1m3aiymG5J29>

More pictures coming soon!

- Fresh Water, Always used on Lake Ontario
- Factory 3' 10" shoal draft
- Interior cushions all replaced 2005, Blue Sunbrella fabric
- Wheel steering
- Harken Roller Furling
- New Quantum mainsail in 2016
- 2008 Haarstick 150% Genoa, serviced 2016
- Older Haarstick 130% jib
- 2007 Dodger
- White Cockpit cushions
- Depth, speed, and wind gauges
- New 12 gallon waste tank and lines 2013
- New 2013 VHF radio
- New Moyer Marine Water pump and quick change impeller 2014
- Rebuilt oil pump, new plug wires, and coil 2015
- New Moyer Marine oil regulator 2010
- New engine temp & oil pressure gauges 2010
- Racor water separator
- Bottom redone 2009
- VC-17 antifouling paint annual application
- Original Sales Brochure <http://www.sabreyachts.com/pdf/S28-Series-1.pdf>

Asking \$8,000

Available to view by appointment

Currently at Brockport Yacht Club, will be launched May 2022

Contact: Mike Koelemay 585-738-4484 or koelemay@gmail.com

Foul Weather Jacket and Bib overalls.

Like New. \$110.00 both or Jacket \$75 Overalls \$45

Contact Dave Schantz 723-0760



Items For Sail

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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 jtevens16@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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