



**Buffalo Yacht Club  
Point Abino Station  
VISITOR Information, Summer 2011  
Thank You For Visiting Us!**

**Key Employees and Telephone Extension Numbers:**

Pt. Abino Program Director	- Ruth Sparks	-	905-651-7957
Pt. Abino Facilities Manager	- Chris Rosettani	-	905-651-1957
BYC Accounting Manager	- Joette Baumgarten	-	716-883-5900 x 5
BYC Operations Manager	- Tearria Wright	-	716-883-5900 x 1

**Who's in Charge of What?**

Facilities issues, i.e., cleaning, items needing repair/replacement, issues with buildings, the pool, tennis courts, grounds, grill, etc. – Chris Rosettani.

Program issues, i.e., pool and tennis use schedules, junior sailing questions and schedules, events and schedules – Ruth Sparks.

Billing and fees – Joette Baumgarten.

Slip use, overall club schedules, travel to/from Canada questions, transient use – Tearria Wright.

Slip assignments; Basin Rules – Mark Stuhlmiller, Fleet Captain.

Pt. Abino Operations – Ted Johnson, Rear Commodore.

**Basin Rules**

Basin Rules are promulgated by the Fleet Captain, and are published on the Club's website at [www.buffaloyachtclub.org](http://www.buffaloyachtclub.org) . Printed copies of the rules are available upon request to Tearria Wright at [office@buffaloyachtclub.org](mailto:office@buffaloyachtclub.org), or 716-883-5900, extension 1.

**Are there any rules or best practices regarding tying up at the docks?**

At the finger docks, you should tie up to the metal poles or framework. On the main North Dock, tie up to the metal framework underneath the dock – not to the water pipes. Use of rubber “snubbers” on your lines is recommended to ease the strain on the finger docks during heavy weather. If the slip next to you is empty, you should run a line from your stern to the metal pole at the end of the finger dock across from you to keep the docks stable in case of heavy weather.

## **Pets**

Pets at Point Abino must be on a leash, and owners are responsible for cleaning up after the pet.

## **Kitchen Use Protocol**

The kitchen building actually contains three separate, fully-equipped kitchens. You may use any of the equipment at any time, with the expectation that you will clean up after yourself and leave the kitchen clean and ready for use by others. Instructions for use of the industrial dishwasher are posted in the kitchen. Food stored in the refrigerators should be labeled with your name and date.

## **Locks**

Doors do not have to be kept locked during the day, but if you are the last one leaving a building at night, please lock the door behind you. If you need access to a locked building please inquire of any staff member or Club member.

## **Quiet Hours**

For the benefit of members staying on their yachts overnight, it is requested that all members conduct themselves in a quiet manner in the vicinity of the basins after 11:00 PM Sunday through Thursday nights and after 1:00 AM Friday and Saturday nights.

## **Alcohol Consumption**

In the spirit of collegiality, good fellowship, and to promote general safety, visitors are responsible for controlling their consumption of alcohol in and around the basin, and to monitor other visitors in that same regard.

## **Are there rules for pool and tennis court use?**

Members may use the pool according to the published Pool Rules, which are printed at the end of this booklet, and posted in the Big House at the Point and by the pool. Please be sure to sign in before going into the pool enclosure. The pool lock code is 5231. There has never been a need for published tennis court use rules.

## **How do I purchase ice?**

Visitors may purchase bags of ice from the locked ice machine on the east side of the shore head building. You may ask any staff member or Club member for the lock code. Bags are \$2.50 each (Canadian or U.S. currency). Please be sure to secure the lock when you finish. Thank you!

### **Why are empty slips roped off?**

If a slip is empty we try to connect the finger docks to maintain stability of the docks in the event of heavy weather. If you come into the Basin and find your slip roped off, please proceed to the pump out dock and tie up, and then open up your slip. When you leave the Basin, it is good practice to reverse this procedure, thus leaving the finger docks stabilized after you leave.

### **Pump Out**

The pump out is available for your use during the season for a charge of \$10 per use. Boats are not to be tied to the pump out dock other than to use the equipment. Please wash off the dock and fittings when you are finished using the equipment. Payment should be placed in the box on the side of the shorehead building. Thank you!

### **Trailer Storage**

In other than designated areas, Club property must not be used for storing boats, trailers, or gear of any kind. No boats, trailers, or gear may be stored without the express permission of the Board of Directors.

### **Are guests and visitors allowed to use the pool and kitchen facilities?**

Yes. Visitor docking rules and information are posted in the information center on the shore head building. After you sign the forms and leave payment in the locked box, you are free to use our facilities. The pool entry code is 5231.

### **WiFi**

You should be able to connect to the Club's wireless router, which is located on top of the range light at the west end of the basin. No password is necessary. If you are having trouble connecting, let Tearria or Ruth know.

### **Laundry Room**

All members and visitors may use the laundry room facilities, which are located in a room between the Big House and the house containing the ladies' showers and the Junior Sailing classroom. Bring your own laundry supplies, and please keep the room tidy for others.

### **Garbage and Waste Disposal**

Slip areas are to be kept clear of refuse and surplus gear. No loose or bagged garbage is to be deposited by any means in the slip space. All garbage is to be taken to the provided containers. Heads must not be discharged in the basins, mooring fields or dry-slip areas.

## **Bertie Boat Club**

Our neighbor to the south, Bertie Boat Club, has their kitchen open for breakfast on weekend mornings. They welcome our patronage.

## **Sunday Morning Worship Services**

Many of our members attend Sunday morning services at the Holloway Bay Memorial Chapel, right across Pt. Abino Road to the south. The Chapel is non-denominational and invites celebrants from many different churches to hold services throughout the Summer. A schedule of celebrants, dates and times is usually posted on the shore head building.

## **Other Interesting Facts and Observations**

- There is a family of minks living in the rocks at the pump-out end of the basin.
- There is a family of raccoons living in the rocks by the shore head – keep an eye out at night.
- There are skunks wandering around at night – keep a wary eye out, especially if you are walking a dog.
- The swallows will leave in mid- to late-August to head for Mexico, after making a mess of your boat all season. After they leave the mosquitoes will increase.
- There is a large snapping turtle living in the basin.

### **POOL RULES**

### **POOL CODE IS 5231**

1. Entry into, and use of, the pool area is limited to:
  - a. BYC members and their guests; guests must be escorted at all times – members are responsible for the actions of their guests;
  - b. Passengers of a non-BYC vessel utilizing a transient overnight slip (Visitors);
  - c. Junior Sailing and Day Camp students on weekdays under the supervision of their respective instructors.
2. Pool hours and usage schedule will be as follows:
  - a. Family pool hours are 7:30AM to 9:30 PM;
  - b. Adult (over 18 years of age) pool hours are anytime;

- c. Day Camp and Swimming Class students on weekdays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon and 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM;
  - d. Junior Sailing students' weekday use shall be limited to 3:30 to 4:30PM under their instructor's supervision.
- 3. The last ten minutes of each hour will be an Adult Swim period, during which time no one under the age of 18 may swim. This allows for the younger guests to take a mandatory rest period each hour, and allows adults some quiet swim time. Instructors are responsible for calling Adult Swim periods for the last ten minutes of each hour.**
- 4. All persons shall sign the log maintained at the gate before entering the pool area.
  - 5. All persons shall shower before entering the water.
  - 6. Children under 12 years of age must be supervised by a parent or their agent who must be at least 16 years of age.
  - 7. Persons with open wounds, bandages, blisters or any symptoms of a respiratory or communicable disease will be prohibited from entering the pool.
  - 8. No glass containers are allowed inside the fenced pool area.
  - 9. No pets are allowed inside the fenced pool area.
  - 10. No diving is allowed from the poolside into the shallow areas of the pool.
  - 11. Running, pushing, wrestling, dunking, splashing, standing or sitting on shoulders, throwing of others in the pool or other actions causing disturbance will not be allowed. Use of profane language will not be tolerated within the pool area. Spouting of water or similar unhygienic actions will not be permitted.
  - 12. There shall be no diapered babies in the adult pool. Diapered babies with tight fitting pants are allowed in the wading pool.
  - 13. BYC assumes no responsibility for any accidents or injury in connection with the use of the pool, and is held harmless from any action occurring within the pool area. All persons using the pool do so at their own risk.
  - 14. The pool may be closed, or its use limited, at any time because of weather, operational difficulties, overcrowding, or at the BYC staff's discretion: in cases of lightning, the pool will remain closed for one-half hour after the last sighted lightning.

15. Persons failing to follow these rules will be asked to leave and may ultimately, at the discretion of the Rear Commodore, have their pool privileges suspended.
16. These rules, as approved and issued by the Rear Commodore effective May 2011, shall remain in effect until subsequently revised. Questions, comments and suggested revisions should be directed in writing to the Rear Commodore.

### Directory

Police, Fire, Ambulance	911
Niagara Health System	
Douglas Memorial Hospital, Fort Erie	905-378-4647
Port Colborne General, Port Colborne	905-378-4647
Taxi	
5-0 Taxi, Fort Erie	905-994-8294
Car Rental	
Enterprise	905-994-9400
Discount	905-991-9777



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