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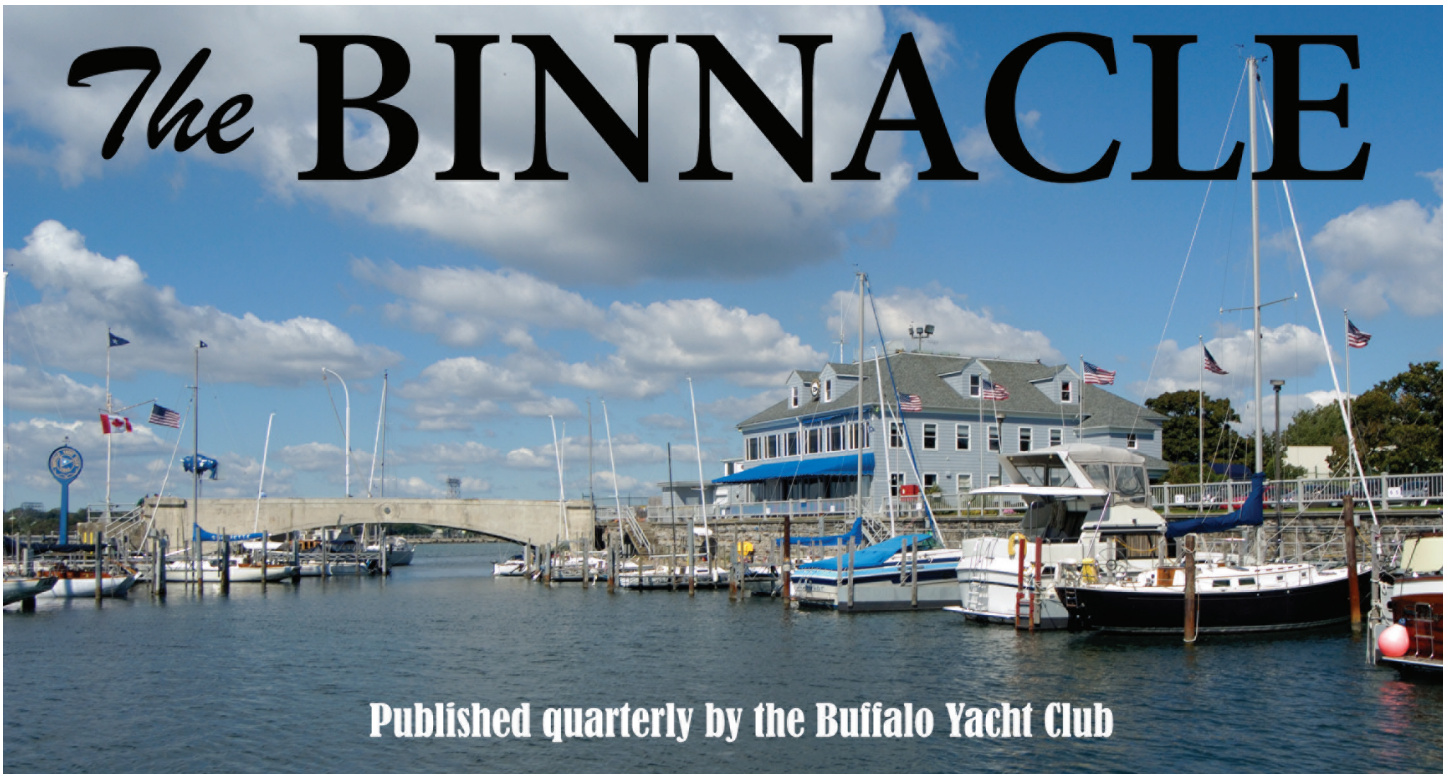

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This is your club. My highest satisfaction—and there have been many—as your commodore is seeing members pitch in to make valuable improvements to the BYC. I'm writing this a few days after the Buffalo Basin work party, when many members joined together in service to the common vision of making the Club better for all. I should also note that both basins will have each performed two work parties, so as to situate our docks maximally.

So let's pause to celebrate the Cub's DIY commitment at a time when it's vanishing elsewhere. We're all aware of our concern for the durability of our Buffalo seawall. In our off-season, Doug Bienko, with assistance from Jason Dziadzio and Charlie Obersheimer performed a herculean effort in negotiating with both the City and the State as they determined how best to assure the wall's structural integrity. Coupled with generous support from the Osiniskis and Union Concrete, they brought the project in properly and under budget. The secret? Capable people who give a damn who work for free and care about the Club. While we're on the topic of Doug (and Ken) Bienko, take a moment to appreciate the major re-tile job in two of our washrooms (It will help if you're a guy....) Doug also edited the Binnacle that you are holding in your hands.

In these days when volunteer fire departments are desperate for new recruits, when community softball and bowling leagues are folding for lack of participants, when neighbors don't know their neighbors, it is heartening to see that our spirit burns strongly.

Speaking of the Binnacle and speaking of yeoman service, this is the first edition in over twenty years not edited by Gerry Stange. In that amount of time, Gerry has covered virtually every BYC function and event, taking photos, taking notes, and generally documenting the life of the Club. Gerry has amassed o motherlode of archives and he's been an invaluable resource to the Club. This issue is dedicated to him.

We're realizing just how indispensable Jerry has been because it's going to take the establishment of a whole Publication and Communication Committee to attempt to replace him

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If you worked on your high school yearbook, if you're frustrated novelist, if you don't like fake news, then you're our person. Write an article! Participate in the verbal "look" of the Club. I'll be sending out more info.

Now for the stuff you'd expected in a commodore's article: By the time you read this, both basins will be open. Despite recent monsoons, this looks to be an early season. You know about our new Chef Carolann Wheeler and how good the food is, with new menus coming. Pretty soon you'll see new carpet and fresh paint. So get down here and start enjoying the fruits of your hard work.

SUPPORT YOUTH SAILING IN BUFFALO

As we approach the 10th Anniversary of high school and collegiate sailing in Buffalo we have a great deal to be proud of. Participation in our programs during the 2016-17 school year is at an all-time high and includes sailors from many high schools across Western New York and as well as the University at Buffalo Sailing Team. We have provided opportunities for many sailors who had never previously been on the water to learn, and in many cases, excel at the sport. Several local high schools now recognize sailing as a varsity sport. Our sailors have competed successfully on local and national platforms. They have learned a great deal about the teamwork, leadership and the Corinthian spirit that it takes to be a good sailor. Many of our former high school sailors have gone on to have successful college sailing careers and continue to actively participate in the sport.

But sailboats, especially ones in constant use, have a limited lifespan. In order to continue to run successful programs, it is necessary to maintain and replace our fleet of 18 sailboats. We have thus far received generous support in excess of $100,000 towards the $150,000 needed to fund the purchase of a new fleet for our program and we are targeting delivery of a new fleet of collegiate FJs for fall 2017. But we need your help.

We have a variety of sponsorship opportunities available for corporate and individual/ family sponsors. Some of the key initiatives in this regard include:

- Individual/ Family Sponsors. Individuals and families may support our programs by making lump sum and/or monthly contributions. Also, please consider sponsorship of our programs as part of your annual giving and in your estate planning.

- Corporate/ Organization Sponsors. Contributions from businesses and other organizations are appreciated. Please consider having your business sponsor our efforts or match your personal contribution where available.

- Recognition for Sponsors.
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- Corporate sponsors at the $1,000 level and above may also display signage at the Buffalo Yacht Club high school and collegiate regattas through the Spring 2020 High School Sailing season.

We hope that you will be a part of our continued success. Please direct questions about our sponsorship opportunities to Boating Education Director, Peter Godfrey, at 716.465.1625 or pcgsail@yahoo.com.

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Below: Comm. Park with Dwight Moldenhauer

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Vice Commodore comments

If you haven't dined at the Club in the last few months, you have not had the pleasure of tasting our new chef's talents. Carolann Wheeler came on board the BYC at the beginning of January and has been steadily improving the food that comes out of our kitchen. Her creativity and passion for perfect flavors and presentation has raised the quality substantially. Carolann was raised in Western New York and graduated with honors as the president of her class from the Pennsylvania Culinary Institute in Pittsburgh. She has worked across the country before coming home to Buffalo. You must come in and enjoy our new spring menu before we switch over to a summer menu beginning the week after Mother's Day. We are offering small plates, interesting salads and entrée size meals. Several of our entrees are also available in smaller sizes-better to try a variety of items! Wednesday and Thursday nights we are offering a special $18.60 menu for two. Those nights, you will be able to choose from two different pizzas, large enough for two to share, along with a salad for two. Smaller individual pizzas will also be available on our grill menu which can be ordered from anywhere in the club whenever the kitchen is open.

Please come and join us; we look forward to seeing you in the dining room, lower deck or on one of our beautiful patios. Fabulous food and the best view in WNY!!

We have had a personnel change in the front office also. Paul Palladino will be the new face of the BYC. He will be answering the phone, taking reservations and handle new member inquiries. Kathryn Francis will be with us until she has updated all procedures and manuals and brings the office into the 21st century. Please introduce yourself to Paul and Kathy when you're at the Club.

Come down and see the excitement of the High School Sailing Teams every week night from 4:00-7:00. During the summer there will be 420's racing every Friday night in front of the Club for your viewing pleasure. Come down and enjoy the excitement.

The clubhouse is over 100 years old, has burned, and been moved three times. While we would like to keep the charm associated with a building of that age, we realize that updates need to be made to bring it up to the standard you expect.

New paint, carpeting, chair upholstery, and landscaping is planned. If there is something you see that you think we can improve upon, please let me know. We are also looking for a donation of heavy chairs (ones that won't blow away!) for the outer dock in front of the club.

When I was young (couldn't see over the bar), I would come in with my dad and the bartender would have my Roy Rogers ready for me before I could climb up on the bar stool. Nothing has changed.

Except now, it's rum and the stool seems lower.

Employee of year Christina Schultz

Member of the year Tom Gaffney

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Rear Commodore Comments

As with most kids, my daughter Caitlin gets overly excited about Christmas and birthdays. While that level of excitement for those events has faded for me, especially birthdays, I still get overly excited at the approach of a new boating season. I'm not a skier, so I spend my winters preparing for the next boating season. Now that we're in March, it's almost here and I find myself gaining that childlike enthusiasm Caitlin has for those other dates. Both basins are officially open on May 15th. However, with the lack of ice this year, we may be opening earlier. The basins always look better with boats in the slips. I can't wait!!!

In this issue, you will find the updated Slip Priority Lists and Basin Layouts. If you think you should have received a slip renewal form and assignment for the 2017 season, but you are not on this list, please let me know immediately.

The new docks are doing exactly what we hoped by drawing in new slip holders and members. The new dock assessment expires after the May billing statements and the basin should be full for the first time in years. This means we will likely be buying more new docks, without an assessment, for the Pt. Abino basin in the upcoming years.

We are expecting the new 30' floating docks (S30-S33) and the new T-Docks to be installed in late June. Until then, we will install some of the older fixed docks to accommodate those slip holders. By the time you read this, I hope the existing floating docks should be moved from their winter locations and reconnected to their summer locations. You may notice we are also relocating the pump out station closer the actual pump on the berm. This is partly to accommodate the new T-Dock location and partly in hopes of improving the performance of the pump by reducing the length of the hose between the boat and the pump.

We are aware of some shoaling in the basin. Especially in the channel near slips S5 to S10. Unfortunately, Canadian law prevents us from dredging between March 1st and July 15th. Hence, we are planning to perform some dredging towards the end of this coming season.

Along with Ruth, the Pt. Abino committee is always very engaged in the management and planning of the Pt. Abino facilities. They are hard at work preparing for the coming season. In addition to working on the basin, the committee is also busy investigating ways to possibility lower our Canadian tax bills and they are working on the summer events calendar. New to this year's calendar are some "Member's Only" weekends. These are some of the big holiday weekends. On these dates, we will accept guest dock reservations only for vessels owned by BYC members. Of course, all members are welcome to come by car, as well, to enjoy the facilities. You'll find a copy of the latest events calendar below. If you have any ideas or questions, please contact me, Ruth or any of the committee members.

Please keep in mind the all BYC members are welcome to visit the Pt. Abino facilities and join in the fun.

The boating season is almost here and I can't wait! I hope to see you all soon.

Michael Barry
BYC Rear Commodore

2017 Events at Point Albino

May 6	Work Party
June 2-4	Buffalo Launch Club Spring Cruise
June 10	Beck Family Picnic
June 27-28	Erie/Dover
June 30 – July 5	Member's Only Weekend for Canada Day / July 4th
July 2	Jordan Party
July 4	Pot Luck Party
July 9	Full Moon
July 14-16	Sandy Beach YC Summer Cruise
August 5 – 8	Member's Only Weekend for Canadian Civic Holiday
August 7	Full Moon
August 12-13	Mayor's Cup/ Queen City
August 19	Josh Perlstein Birthday Party in Big House (5pm-10pm)
August 31 – Sept. 5	Member's Only Weekend for Labor Day weekend.
September 3	Pancake Breakfast
September 4	Fun Run with BCC. Race starts at Abino. (Running Race)
October 21	Work Party
December 9	Winterize Docks

Below:Comm. Park With Gregory DeCinque

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From Facility's committee member Doug Bienko:
Our attorney has filed a notice of claim against the Buffalo Sewer Authority and The NYS Thruway/ DOT to preserve our right to sue should our other avenues of trying to get them to fix their pipe that traverses our property fail. These efforts include lobbying, begging and so on. Really what is happening, we are trying to get one of these entities to acknowledge it is their pipe, and to commit to fixing it. The attorney working for the club is trying to do this without going to court, as we all know, there is always a risk in court.
On a positive note, I have been monitoring the wall, and it seems to be stable, not moving at all during the winter season. I have spoken to some very knowledgeable people in the construction trade who feel that the wall does not need reinforcing, but that the hydraulic pressure needs to removed, and that the wall is stable.
UPDATE: Union Concrete has given us a great price on repairing the pipe and the parking lot. The Board of Directors authorized the project, and the job is now finished. Union did a great job, Bob Hill and Jodi Osinski really did the membership a huge favor – if you see them pass along thanks! I took a lot of photos during the construction, a few are in this edition, and I will put together a short PowerPoint show for your viewing at the May meeting.

Right: leveling new pipe.
Below: placing concrete structure.
Below right: old pipe full of silt.

Porter Avenue Basin List 2017

3/5/2017

Key:

- *Guest Dock*
- Slip Hopper/Temp
- P.A. Slip Holder
- Vacant Slip

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67. Justin Sanderson
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79. B. Kolber
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83. T. Barrett
84. J. Gambacorta
85. H. Hain
86. R. Wiesen
87. G. Gasz
88. C. Hensler
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97. J. Ortman
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Point Abino Basin 2017
4/28/2017
(Diagram is NOT to scale)

Key:
Guest Dock
Slip Hopper/Temp
P.A. Slip Holder
Vacant Slip

Barge

Flaglor, Bill

G12				Bellonte, Joe	S1
				Hunt, Tim	S2
				Golden, Steve	S3
				O'Donnell, Joy	S4
G11				Godfrey, Peter	S5
				Jordan, Mike	S6
				Bourne, Malcom	S7
				Del Voth	S8
				Hain, Howard	S9
				Whistler, Kimberly	S10
G10				Skala Alla	S11
				Brannigan, Vince	S12
				Neureuter, Paul	S13
				Goodin, Barry	S14
G9				Adams, Bob	S15
				Bratek, John	S16
				Leous, Peg	S17
N20	Markarian, Jeff			Kraft, Mike	S18
N19	Aquilina, Alan			Fohl, Robert	S19
N18	Cox, Bill			Ward, Dan	S20
N17	Barrett, Irving			Manion, Karen	S21
N16	DeCinque, Greg			Vogel, Sandy	S22
N15	Zagon, Greg			Montague, John	S23
N14	Steve Molik			Dunn, Vince	S24
N13	Gage, Bob			Myers, Martin	S25
	Jason Dziadzio			Venema Kerry	S26
N11	Benatovich, Howard			Murty, Jack	S27
N10	Gambacorta, Phil			Hensler, Carl	S28
N9	Jones, Craig			Munschauer, Steve	S29
N8	Kaine, Robert				
N7	Leising, Tom			Dobmeier, Robert	S30
N6	Gambacorta, Emanuel			Gasz, Gerald	S31
N5	Rechan, Ronald			Cryan, Mark	S32
N4	Dunbar, Andrew			Wright, Jonathan	S33
N3	Hayes, Jeff				
N2	Egloff, Peter			Bergantz	~~34~~
N1	Stuhlmiller, Mark			Buchard	~~35~~
G8					36
G7					~~37~~
G6					38
G5		T16	open	open	T8	39
T24		T15	Weisen	Koessler	T7	Pump Out
T23		T14	Malof	Flaglor	T6	Pump Out
T22		T13	Tomczak	Ed Sipple	T5	
T21		T12	Bellonte	Gambacorta	T4	
T20		T11	Hayes	Open	T3	
T19		T10	Eggloff	Open	T2	
T18		T9	Ward	Open	T1	
T17			20'	25'		

Temp T- Docks Once the Floaters are installed remove these docks.

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Maybe a little early on the docks afterall. this afternoon, just before this edition goes to press

As the rite of passage unfolds from yet another mild winter to the much-anticipated season of spring, we look forward to another jam packed activity filled boating season here in Buffalo, NY. Bring it on!

Slip assignments have been finalized for both the Buffalo and Point Abino Basins. I'm grateful to Mike Barry, outgoing Fleet Captain for his guidance throughout this task. I'm pleased to report that both basins are at near to full capacity. The Membership Committee continues to request availability of docks for prospective new members.

The opening of the Buffalo Basin kicks off with the Porter Avenue Work Party scheduled for April 29th. The Point Abino Work Party is scheduled for the following Saturday, May 6th. Both start at 9:00 am. It's easy, come on down to either event and bond with fellow members and share in the fellowship of hard work made easy by many hands. There's no better way to get to know one another. The "Official Opening" of the Basin takes place at the Commodore's Breakfast, May 21st. This is one event you do not want to miss! Reservations are a must and are being accepted at both the Clubhouse and online.

Work continues to progress on the wall in the Buffalo Basin under the capable leadership of Doug Bienko and Jason Dziadzio. Through their guidance and expertise we are working towards a reasonable solution to this overwhelming situation. Thank you to both of them for overseeing this project.

The board and their committees have been planning to make 2017 the best summer ever. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Clubhouse and out on the water in just a few short weeks!

James Kulwicki
Fleet Captain

MEMBERSHIP

The following new members joined the Buffalo Yacht Club since the last issue of the BINNACLE: Active: George Bergantz; Social: Barbara O'Neill; Pt. Abino: Kerry Venema; Junior: Harris Padegs.

Changing classification were: Social to Active: Peter Rains and Jason Dziadzio; Active to Non-Resident: Cooper Lansing; Active to Social: Mark Pagano and John Cai.

Resignations accepted with regret from: Active: PC Richard Fohl, Jane Dickman; Social: Gary Alexander, John Schanzlin, Neil Goldberg, John Hellriegel, Christopher Ham, Patrick Killeen, James Schiavoni, Daniel Leary, and Suzanne Fatta; Intermediate: Scott Janowski, Laurie Collins, Michael Gibson; Crew: Meghan Jordan

We mourn the deaths of Alice Gow, Annette Cravens, Richard Moot, Patrick Cunningham, Dr. Edward Sarcione, Dr. Edwin Mirand, PC Robert Neureuter, Mary Ann Adams, Augustine Diji

Spotlight on Gerry Stange

This article salutes Gerould Stange, one of the Buffalo Yacht Club's most stalwart members. Indeed, he's a fifty year man. He's been a regular at the Friday Poet's Table, the preferred destination of bon vivants and men of letters. All who know Gerry—and that's a lot of people—know him to be a gentleman, quick with a kind word or an apt quip. Most members know Gerry through his editorship of all the Club's publications over the last twenty or thirty years. At virtually all Club functions, there was Gerry with a fancy camera and a genial way to coax the best photo out non-photogenic people (even though all members of the BYC are known to be highly attractive....). In short, Gerry made the BYC look good, both in person and in print, and he did so for years.

Many folks don't know that Gerry was an active Club CATboat sailor. Many folks do know that he was editor/historian for the 1960-1985 edition of the Club's history. Inevitably, Gerry was our Club archivist, with an immense collection of documents and photos that depict the BYC throughout years of transitions, changing styles and levels of formality.

Gerry has been active in the extended Western New York Community, as well. He has served as secretary of Heritage Magazine.

Not only is he fifty plus BYC member, he is also a fifty plus officer-member of the United States Power Squadron. One of the BYC's largest display cabinets was donated by the Buffalo Power Squadron, while Gerry was its Commander.

Gerry is stepping down as the BYC editor. It's an exhausting job and he's helping to train us to follow in his editorial footsteps. This is the first Binnacle in at least twenty years that he has not edited, and it probably shows. The Buffalo Yacht Club is grateful for his service, for his wisdom and, most of all, for his friendship

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From the Regatta Director, Doug Bienko

The regatta committee has had a couple of meetings by the time you read this, all indications are of a very robust 2017 for racing around the club:

Fleet Night is back! Dave Krystaf has agreed to chair this night of comradery and information on the club's racing season. Stay tuned for details, but the date is Friday May 12th.

Tim Hunt has been working very hard on the Great race, and the Richardson cup, June 9, 10, and 11 – and September 30 and October 1st respectively. There will be a clinic/coaching day on the 9th, with a possible general information night talk by the visiting coach, suitable for all WNY Competitive Sailors, on the 8th, stay tuned. Currently North U has mentioned David Dellenbaugh or Liz Baylis as the coach to be coming to the BYC for the Thursday Night Talk and the clinic on Friday.

The planning is well underway for the J-22 North American Championship to be held at your Yacht Club July 20, 21, 22, 23. We are hoping for 40 boats or so, should be a lot of fun, with a big party planned for Saturday night. I would like gauge interest in watching the event from the water, and members with boats for them to watch from, please let me know if you are interested in either viewing, or taking people out for a day or part of a day. I will try to match up all interested.

As usual we will be running reverse PHRF events on July 4th, Independence Day, and Labor Day, perhaps with a potluck for July 4th, if we can get Teddy to run it.

The Obersheimer Cup will be filled by Joe Gelsomino on September 16th, to begin the day of that race, always a lot of fun for the season ending tradition. Come on down, have one on Joe, and if you would like to race that day, I am sure we can get you a ride.

Trophy Night is November 11th to round out the year of racing.

From your editor: I was past deadline when I aquired the software for this endevor, so if this edition is not up to Mr Stange's standards, well, of course. I am going to try to do better in the future, but ye olde editor set the mark, and doubtful it will be matched. I am, however asking for help, so if you have some time, and a love for this publication, contact the Commodore, he will put us together.

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