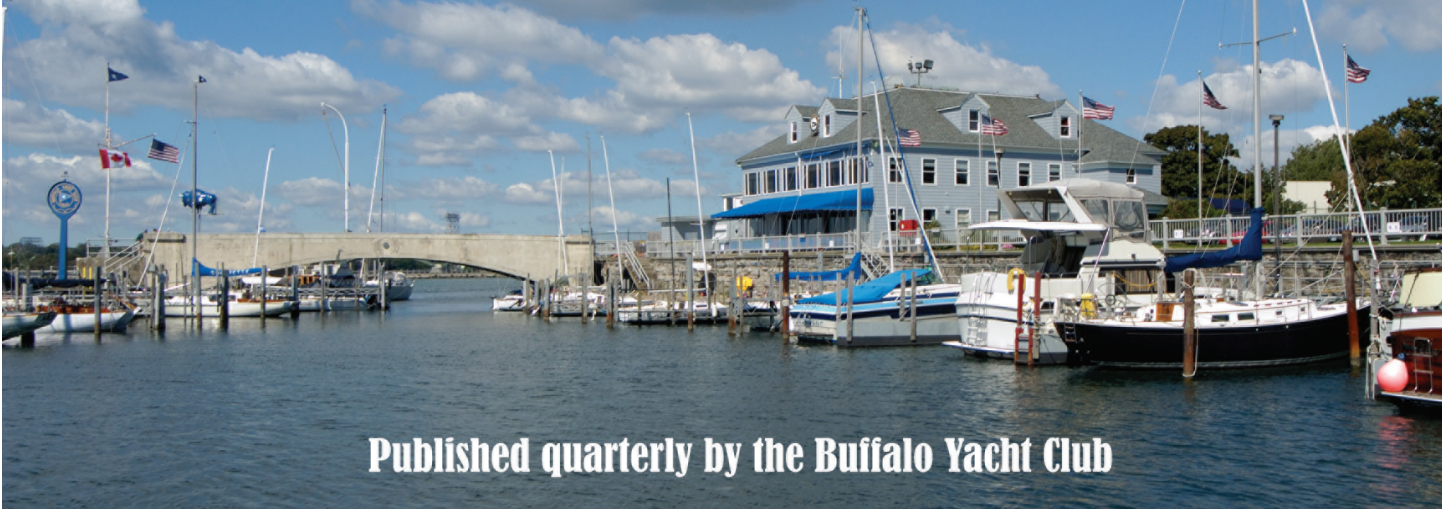


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Commodores comments

It won't be difficult to remember what the biggest story of 2020 was and how it has overshadowed just about everything else. But 2020 cannot be remembered just for the Covid-19 pandemic. There were other things that occurred at the Buffalo Yacht Club, that, in a normal year we would have no trouble recalling. Some had to do with the weather. Others affected how we got from here to there, or just what we did for fun and recreation. Here are a few contenders if you would like to change the conversation about what happened in 2020 at the BYC.

October 2019 delivered two powerful and catastrophic windstorms that have forever changed the look



of both of the BYC basins for the better. The holidays are well timed during the darkest days of the year. They boost our spirits when we need it the most and 2019 was no exception. We enjoyed a Commodore's Ball that was over the top, a memorable tree Raising Ceremony, and an abundant number of other Club activities for our members to enjoy. The New Year brought much excitement and anticipation as the new Board was installed and planning continued for both basins. In late January and early February the Clubhouse wooden floors were refinished, the employee locker/bathroom was refurbished,

and some finishing touches were added to the downstairs ladies room. The employee's back staircase was completely renovated creating a far safer workplace. Valentine's Day was celebrated over two memorable evenings with live music and a special menu.

Through the combined efforts of many volunteers the Porter Basin was whipped back into shape; the clubhouse received new awnings, a new sink and floor were installed in the downstairs bar, and new touchless faucets were installed

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throughout the building. New concrete slabs were added to the area between the locker rooms and the bridge. The Point Abino Station was put back together again in anticipation of a May reopening, and this too received needed improvements like a new day range and lights, along with a new WELCOME sign and new stone on the south berm. A new WiFi system was also installed at the Point this year. Our Canadian slip holders reported that the grounds were beautiful this year.

Back at Porter, our takeout service was ramped up and continues to be highly successful. It was a summer marked by making do and compromises we would have deemed unthinkable a year ago. Limited dining returned to the clubhouse and many of the traditional boating events took on a new look also. Both the Junior and Adult Sailing Programs saw extreme positive growth. The Porter Basin saw a fresh bustle of activity in 2020. Memorable social events were introduced, such as boat tours, virtual wine tastings and cooking classes, as well as movies on the lawn. New dining room chairs arrived and new fiber optics installed. The berm has been completely refurbished with new removable electrical towers and the much anticipated outer north docks have been delivered. New docks have been ordered for the inner basin berm wall also. Both facilities are going to look amazing in 2021! Oh yes, and we received another devastating windstorm this fall, forcing us to look into how to store those docks in the future.

This has been a year like no other, yet the BYC members have continued to support their club allowing us to achieve solid financial results. The BYC committee volunteers have once again shown their dedication and commitment to improving the club. During this extraordinary and uncertain period our staff has worked tirelessly to keep our ship solid while navigating turbulent times. Much of the Buffalo Yacht Club's success is owed to the extraordinarily capable shoulders of the 2020 board.

Such success is possible only because of their profound dedication and hard work, making the BYC the best club anyone can belong to. I extend my deepest appreciation and gratitude to them for the sacrifices and challenges that were forced upon them this year.

Now, it is time for me to step aside and serve our new Commodore and board. If we didn't have change, there would be no butterflies, thus I wish this board much success as they progress down the path of whatever the future holds, be it fair or foul. I know they'll do it together and normalcy will return. When it does, let's hang onto the feeling of how much we missed our BYC family. Remember how many people we have lost during this dreadful pandemic, and experience true gratitude that we will be celebrating in person, once again.

Stay well! Stay safe! Stay vigilant!

James Kulwicki
Commodore

Membership:

The following new members joined the Buffalo Yacht Club since the last issue of the BINNACLE:

- Active: Christopher Young & Barbara Anderson.
- Social: Colin & Annette McMahon, William Smith.
- Intermediate: Robert Heidenreich & Nicole Plachta.
- Junior: Caitlin Barry, Delia Lake.

- Change of classification accepted from:
Active to Social: Magdalena Jaworska.
- Intermediate to Active: Matt & Sara Creenan.
- Intermediate to Social: Jennifer Klock.
- Junior to Crew: Kayleigh Godfrey, Andrea Kraft, John Tomczak.
- Junior to Non-Resident: Nicole Gambacorta.

- Resignations accepted with regret from:
Active: James Grenauer.
- Social: Anne Moot, JP Bak, Diana Storm, Daniel & Laura Mietus, Dennis Herzog.
- Pt. Abino: Gary Norman.
- Military: Nicole Kelly.

We mourn the deaths of: Bette Blum.

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Vice Commodores comments

In a normal year, this is the time that I would recount all of the festive activities held at our Club. Instead we had to hold a modified Annual Meeting with limited in person capacity, along with a Zoom presentation based on Covid-19. Then, two days later, on November 19, 2020, we entered into an Orange Zone and we were forced to discontinue in person dining. What a different world.

We had to either cancel or postpone all of the social events from that point on. No Friendsgiving, Thanksgiving, or Commodore's Ball. We had a virtual Tree Raising ceremony after the Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore, with their spouses, were finished with one of the Friday night takeout dinner events.

We only did a minimal amount of Christmas decorating, since we were not able to have our usual holiday parties and events. We got creative with special Christmas and New Year's Eve take out menus, and we have postponed the Installation of Officers until the Covid restrictions ease.

Takeouts have been well received by the members and we will be putting out a menu selection for Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays for the month of January. As soon as we return to the Yellow Zone we look forward to opening the dining room again.

Stay tuned! We are in the process of acquiring a Cryovac machine. Chef Dave is anxious to begin putting together meals that can be sealed and frozen for takeout and heating at home. He is excited about the potential recipes that he will be able to offer using that new piece of equipment.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the members who so generously contributed to the Employees Holiday Fund this year. Due to the overwhelming support we received this year and to the relatively smaller staff that we have had, the employees are receiving a somewhat larger amount than in the past. The larger donations this year are in a large part because we know how especially hard this year has been for our staff.

I would like to personally thank all of the BYC staff for helping us to get through this unprecedented and difficult year. I look forward to improving in 2021, when we hope to slowly get back to normalcy at the BYC.

Best wishes for a better and happier New Year!

Stephen Munschauer
Vice Commodore



Take out Crew back at it, Left: Sam and Dave - (sounds like a band) Top: Steaks Middle: Panko fish Bottom: kitchen crew

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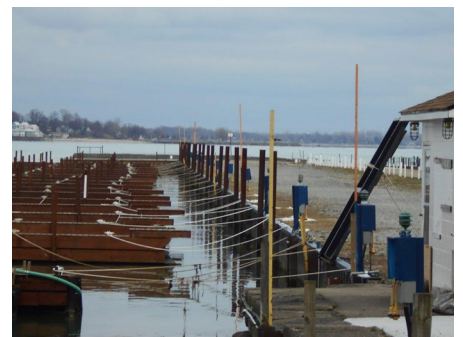
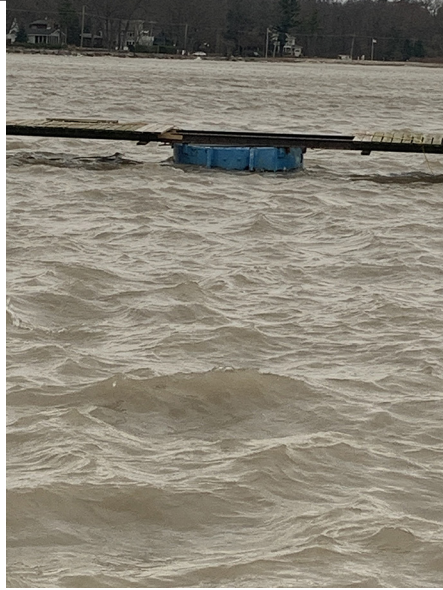
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Rear Commodore Comments

As 2020 comes to a close(!) Point Abino was shuttered by Captain Ruth last month without the usual member work party, thanks again to her and her family for picking up the slack created by the border closure. We had another high wind storm that caused some damage to the stone on the berm, as well as docks, and the pump out, see photos on this page. All relatively minor, either fixed or in process. With the Buffalo club-house closed, we are again back to take out only, Chef Dave is mixing it up with different offerings coming out all the time now. Marlene and I had a good time participating in the virtual cooking class with 37 other people, preparing Coq au vin, was pretty easy to follow, and delicious if I say so myself - although Marlene did most of the cooking. Well done Chef, looking forward to the next one. Hopefully we will be open again soon for dining, remember we have taken all precautions for your safety, including enhanced cleaning/sanitation procedures, staff training, touch less rest room fixtures and upgraded HVAC systems. Really looking forward to the end of the pandemic, its 9 months now and seems like forever. Stay safe everyone, and wishing you all a healthy and prosperous New Year.



Left Top : missing dock section, Middle: pump out cover moved, Bottom: new structure to protect from high water. Right top: raft took a little ride, Middle berm stone again washed away, Bottom:docks set for winter.

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This page: new docks arrive in the basin, all of the fingers, the walkway for the north most 3 docks (left) are now in the dry sail area for spring installation. All of the hardware and the guide posts have also been delivered, Buffalo Marine Construction has installed some of them, resume in the spring. Bottom middle: Guess

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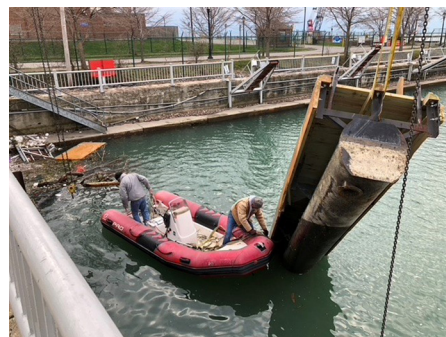
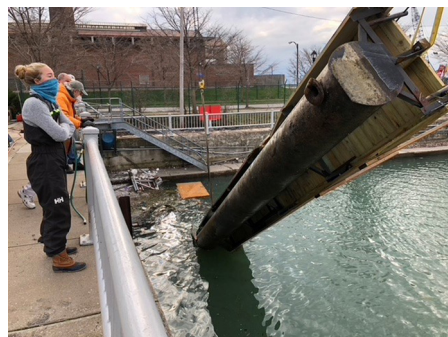
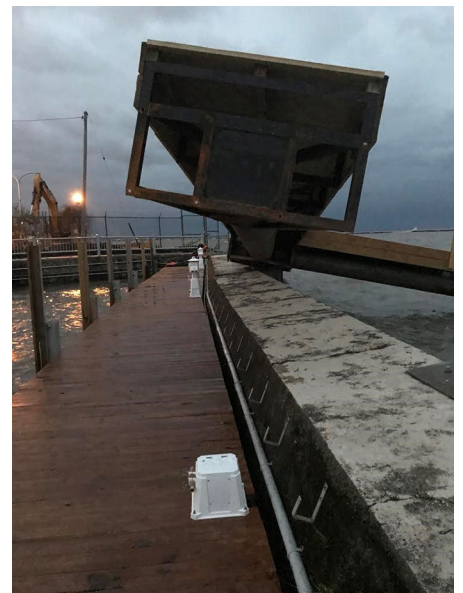
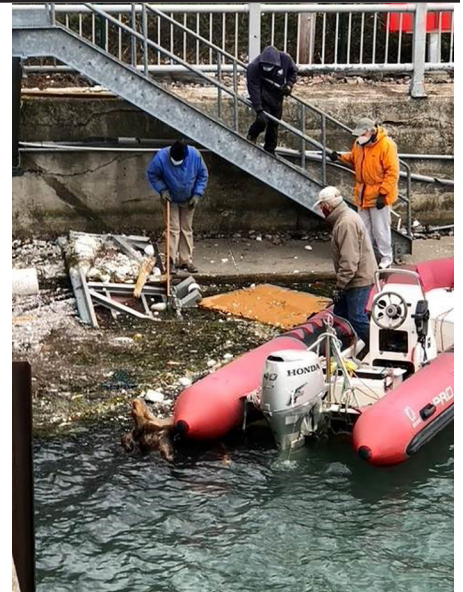
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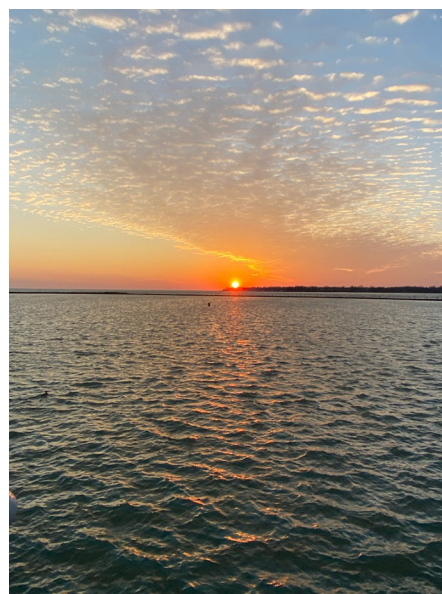
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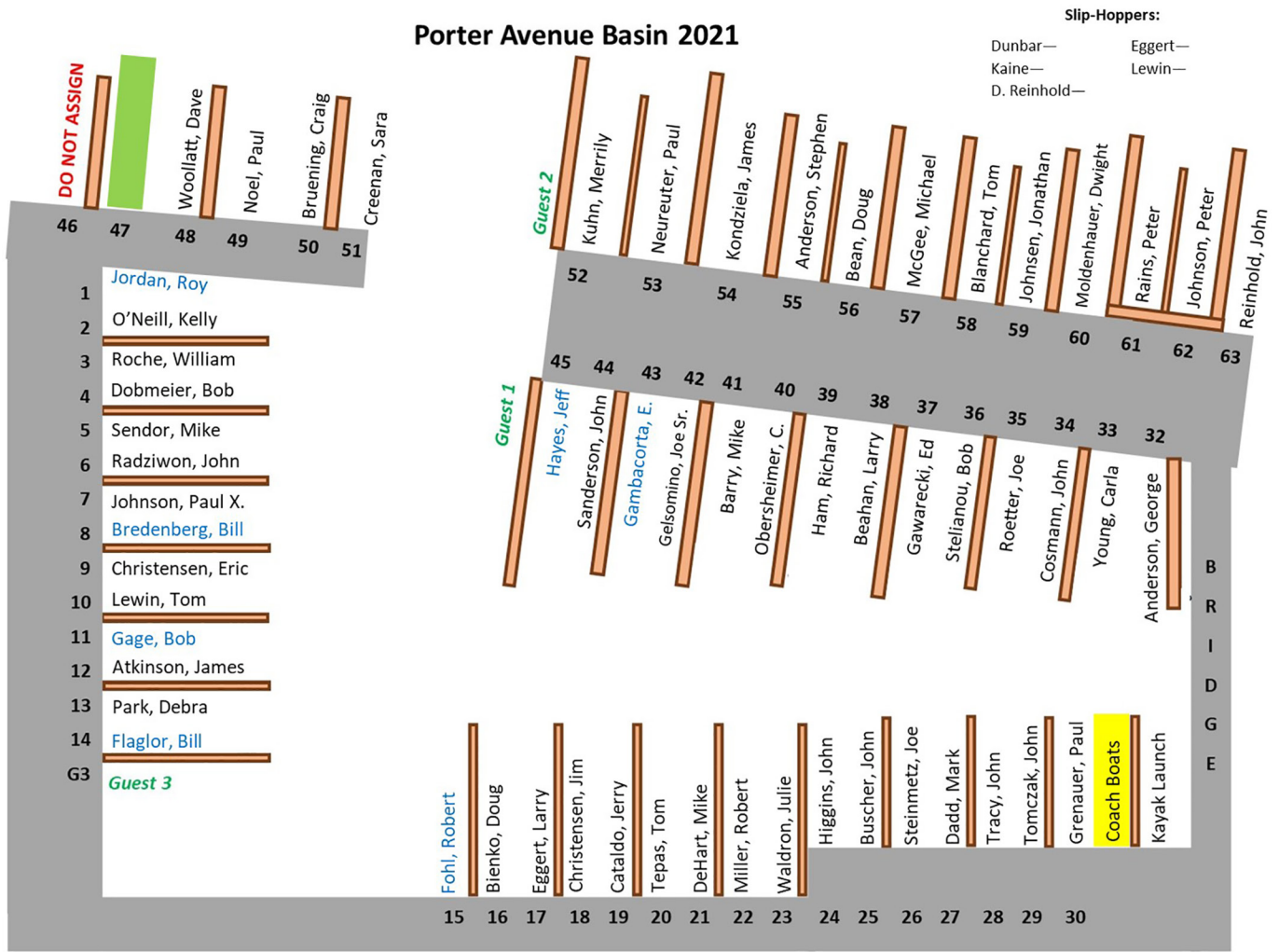
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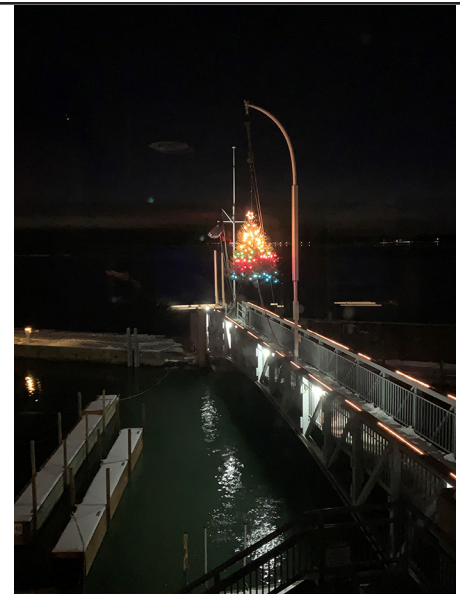
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Thanks to everyone involved. Your many hands made light work for the rest of us. We hope to be able to do it again sometime.

Our granddaughter, Stella Timms, had a great time chopping veggies and stirring the sauce. She may not have been so eager to enjoy the meal if she hadn't helped to prepare it.

We had a formal setting with candlelight.

A perfect evening!

Susan Uba (with the help of daughter Anne Timms and granddaughter Stella)



Above: a couple of throwback photos of the Snowbirds, Canada's aerobatic team showing off over the Niagara river and our club September 19, 2018. Quite the show. Below: electronic cameras sometimes puzzle me.

Opposite page: Top:tree raising ceremony this year was virtual.Middle:Flag Bridge completed the toast in person after raising the tree. Another photo on cover shows the new power pedestals lit up. Bottom: Merilee at take out.



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