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Commodore Ted Johnson's comments:

The basin repairs are almost complete with the east stairway the south docks and the dock by the bridge to finish. Hopefully that work will be complete in the next couple of weeks. The staff has been working hard to keep the facility looking good and we are still tweaking and there is always room for improvements. If you have some suggestions, please let me know. All kudos goes to the staff and the board Members, complaints come to me. We want to constantly improve your member experience.

There are several projects in the works in Buffalo and the Point.



One of the things I am hoping we can roll out this summer is more use of the upper deck. We have procured some new tablecloths for the round tables and we will be installing a new bar door so the outside bar can be functional. Look for this bar to be open on Fridays and Saturdays during the summer. Some light entertainment is also in the plans. At the Point a group of members are working on a new deck on the north dock. If you want to be involved, please contact PC Tony Dailey.

We have done a lot of events at the club lately and this makes a big impact on our profit and loss for the dining room. We really need to

increase our business in the dining room. We are rolling out the summer menu and this week the new wine list is out. We were a little short staffed for the last 3 weeks in the kitchen while one of our line cooks was off. Thank you for your patience, rest assured we are back up to full speed.

The Interclub Cruise just concluded here is Buffalo and we had a packed house on Tuesday night. Kudos goes to the staff for feeding everyone and a big thank you to PC Jim Kulwicki for running the party. The Bone Shakers were quite a hit. The awards went off without a hitch,

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Congratulations to Tom Lewin for winning his fleet and placing 2nd Overall.

Following the Tuesday awards we had a day off before a great Gimme Buffet party on Friday night. I don't know about the rest of you but I need some rest before the 4th. The Sail Roswell event looks like a sell out and a great event. We will follow up with a full report on that in the next Binnacle.

On the cover: PC's hand salute to Commodore Johnson and his bridge and board at the Commodore's breakfast.

Upcoming events

Entertainment Calendar 2023

Tango Tuesdays Learning to Tango at the Buffalo Yacht Club – continues through August 2023
Cotter Fireboat Cruise and Dinner – Thursday July 6, 2023
Sail For Roswell – Friday and Saturday July 7 – 8, 2023 Regatta and Gala
Summer Events
Smokin' Budda – July 29, 2023 – Pt. Abino
Queen City Regatta – August 12 – 13, 2023
Cigar Night – Monday September 11, 2023
Oktoberfest featuring The Auslanders – Saturday September 30, 2023

Membership

The following new members joined the Buffalo Yacht Club since the last issue of the BINNACLE:
Active: David Bauer
Social: Joe Donavan

Change of classification accepted from:
Active to Retired Active: William Bredenburg
Active to Non-Resident: Barry Winnick
Crew to Intermediate: Connor Godfrey, Brian Markarian

Resignations accepted with regret from:
Social: Newell Nussbaumer, William J. Lewis, Carm and Richard Daeing

We mourn the deaths of: Barbara Hyde

Speaking of safety, please pay attention to what you are storing, and where - recently had a visit by the Buffalo Fire Department due to a member boat filled with smoke: quick action by Bill Bredenburg to move his boat, and Matt Fronczak to move Tom Lewins Sledgehammer, isolated the smoking boat, and upon BFD's firefighter getting onboard the boat did discover a tray with rags that had teak oil residue smoking due to spontaneous combustion. When the firefighter found and brought it out of the boat, the whole thing burst into flames. Please dispose of oily rags safely, dispose the rags in an airtight, non-combustible metal container. The metal container should be filled with a solution of water and an oil breakdown detergent. It is then safe to throw out. And locker rules state the "storage of gasoline, paints, or other highly flammable material is prohibited". This would apply to oil filled rags, please be cognizant of the danger



Above: photo showing your editor's shore power plug, I was investigating why my batteries were not charging and found that a weak connection in this end had been loose, and the bad connection had caused the burning of the plastic. Please inspect your cords!



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Vice Commodore Peter Johnson's comments:

WOW, where does the time go. As I sit here writing this, I realize the 1st series of racing is complete and the days are getting shorter. The good news is the best part of summer is in front of us. If you have not been to the club recently, what are you waiting for?! Come take advantage of the extended kitchen hours.

Chef Jack has a new summer menu that is sure to have something for everyone. A new expanded wine list with a greater selection and LOWER prices was approved by the house committee and board. Thank you to all that helped with the selection of the new wines.

Our latest improvement to the clubhouse will be a doorway between the upstairs bar and the patio. This will allow the bartender to walk outside to the upper patio bar and serve you your favorite beverages. I can't think of a better place to watch the sunset with the best view in WNY. We have other projects in the planning stages that will go to enhance your visit to your club.

I would like to welcome Barb Glover to the club as our new dining/banquet manager. If you are planning a party Barb is ready to assist in making your event perfect. Lastly, I would like to thank the entire staff for all the hard work they put in.

Mayor's Cup / Queen City Regatta

Saturday, August 12, 2023:

Course Race in Point Abino

6:00 pm: steak roast at Pt. Abino
 \$30 pre sale (US Dollars)
 \$40 at the door (US Dollars)

7:00 pm: Awards Presentation

Live Music by The Athertones to follow

Sunday, August 13, 2023:

Mayor's Cup Race – Abino Bay to Buffalo Harbor

More information & registration link can be found in the YACHTING tab on the BYC Website.

Early registration (without late fee) through July 31st.



Above: Jim and Sandy Kondziela receive the prestigious "Jim Rhoads Lake Erie Interclub Award" The award shall be presented from time to time to that participant in the Lake Erie Interclub Cruise who most exemplifies the personage that, through his dedication to the sport of sailing, encourages and develops the Corinthian spirit of yachting. Congratulations!

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Rear Commodore Jonathan Johnson's comments:

Summer is finally here, and I hope everyone is finally getting to enjoy our wonderful club. I can't wait to get back to Buffalo and out on my boat. There is still some work to be completed at the Buffalo Basin, but everyone has been working tirelessly to get ready for the season, with Commodore Johnson leading the way, Vice Commodore Johnson keeping the dining room humming, Fleet Captain Atkinson performing her duties as Fleet Captain as well as acting as a volunteer human resource director and Secretary Reynolds making sure everything is in order. And once again, special praise has to be given to Treasurer Osinski and Past Commodore Bienko for their continued work on getting the Club's financials in order.

My job has been made easier because of the tireless work of Ruth Sparks, Point Abino Director. Ruth has been working hard over the last several months getting Point Abino ready for the season. The first thing you have probably noticed is that we have a new guard coyote helping to keep away the geese. It worked at the Buffalo Basin, although it did attract the attention of the coast guard who called to tell us we had a dog on one of the floating docks.

With all the upgrades to the pool heaters, we needed an upgraded

gas meter to allow for the increased flow. We appreciate that everyone was patient as we rotated heaters until the new meter was installed. The upgraded gas meter was installed on Monday June 26th. All heaters in the pools are now operational and seem to be operating properly.

You will also have noticed a new fence around the Shore head (installed by the Point Abino staff) and the Shore head plumbing, which has been acting up, has also been repaired.

Thanks to the Henslers, the gardens are looking beautiful. Inside, you will find a new washing machine, a repaired dishwasher and Ruth is working on upgrading the kitchenware. The Wi-Fi coverage issues are being addressed and we are trying to improve its coverage by upgrading the equipment.

Lastly, the Board has approved the purchase of a new vehicle for Ruth and her staff to use in the maintenance and repair of the grounds. We are working on completing the lease/purchase and having it on the premises soon.

Come to the Club to see all the new improvements and enjoy dining with the best view in Buffalo.



Above and next page: smiles abound at the Commodore's breakfast. Beautiful sunny day, good food, great company, welcomes the official start of the season.

Save the Date!
 The Smokin' Buddha Food Truck is Coming to
 The Buffalo Yacht Club - Point Abino Station
 On Saturday, July 29, 2023
 Buffet Style Dinner Starts at 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.



Appetizers: Crab Puffs, Antejito, Gyoza (pork), Samosa

Entrées: Chicken Chimmi Changa, Pad Thai Shrimp, Butter Chicken with Rice, Salad

Cost \$35.00 per person - member charge or cash at door (must have reservations)

Live Band: Patsy and the Muscle

Deadline For Reservations is July 19. Reservations are a must.

Reservations: Please make reservations in the Club Calendar Or contact Ruth Sparks at pointabinostation@buffaloyachtclub.org




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Fleet Captain Donna Atkinson's comments:

The opening ceremony for the Buffalo Yacht Club held on Sunday, May 21st turned out to be a slightly windy, but pleasant and sunny day. Weather, we certainly deserved. Most importantly, after a long rough winter, the Basin looked fantastic and was ready for the season. A couple of required storm damage repairs remain incomplete, but are being addressed. A new set of stairs on the North wall are on order. New Kropf docks, for those that required complete replacement, are scheduled for delivery in mid-July. Due to the temporary loss of eight docks, we were fortunate to have the ability to accommodate members with dockage at Erie Basin Marina. The concrete pad along the wall near the Clubhouse needs repair. We are currently awaiting a quote which will be submitted to our insurance company. Due to fluctuating water

levels, this restoration will need to be scheduled in the fall. And, the Kayak docks are scheduled for installation and will be in place prior to the end of June. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who assisted with the massive clean-up and restoration of the Basin that was required due to the December storm. Without the Basin committee, and the many BYC volunteers (too many to mention for this article) our on-time opening would not have occurred. Thank you, thank you, and thank you all! The next item on the Basin agenda is to determine a plan for improved dock storage over the winter. Many members have questioned the possibility of removing the docks from the basin. Due to the weight of the docks and other challenges that would need to be met, we do not believe this is feasible. However, with

that said, we are going to review all possible options. It is my plan to have a final resolution to this matter in place and communicated to all members prior to October 1st or earlier. It has been a long and unusual winter in Buffalo. I wish you fair winds and following seas this season, and a wonderful summer on the water! See you in the basin!



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Guest Columnist Kevin Arnold

Congratulations to Kevin and Karen Jordan on the recommissioning of their new boat, Now It's a Game! Friends and family were on hand at the yacht club last month for the official renaming ceremony, where a great time was had by all.

As any sailor knows, the recommissioning of a vessel is serious business and I can attest to the validity of this superstition first hand. Last summer, we postponed our own renaming ceremony only to suffer mechanical problems, a dinged prop, and other headaches all season! You can bet that we completed the ceremony this year as soon as the boat went in the water, before leaving the dock, and have been blessed with much better luck so far.

Fortunately, the gods of wind and sea were forgiving enough to permit Kevin safe passage from RCR to the Buffalo basin so that everyone could celebrate this hallowed occasion together. Present were Kevin and Karen's daughter, Chelsey, as well as Marlene Bienko and Laurie Kennedy. The Osinski family arrived later on, as did Eric Christensen, who happened to be coming into the marina and stopped by to witness the proceedings.

Past Commodore Doug Bienko donned Dr. Merrily Kuhn's cap and gown to preside as master of ceremonies. I manned the ship's bell while David Kirzenstein had the honor of dropping a token into the lake bearing the old name of the boat-that-shall-no-longer-be-named. Captain Kevin Jordan did a fantastic job pouring champagne into the water, faithfully completing all requisite pours with the judicious use of just one bottle of bubbly.

After many prayers to Poseidon and the respective gods of the four winds, I am pleased to say that the ceremony went off without a hitch and that Kevin and Karen Jordan are now the proud owners of Now It's a Game, a beautiful Hunter 380. Congratulations and may the wind be always at your back!



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Introducing Jennifer Baumer- Our Newest Team Member!

It is with great pleasure that I introduce Jennifer Baumer as the newest addition to our Buffalo Yacht Club family. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to her as she joins us in her new role as Marketing and Membership Manager.

Jennifer brings a wealth of Customer relations and Management experience. She will be responsible for developing and implementing marketing strategies to promote the Buffalo Yacht Club, as well as enhancing and managing programs for our current membership base. She is excited about the opportunity to create engagement initiatives to increase member satisfaction and increase our Active and Social membership.

We are confident that Jennifer will make significant contributions to our Club. Please extend a warm welcome to Jennifer and offer your support as she settles into her new role.

If you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to her. I am certain she will appreciate your guidance and insights as she familiarizes herself with our club's operations and procedures. Once again, let us extend our warmest welcome to Jennifer Baumer.

Welcome Aboard!

Roy Spring BYC Porter Avenue Maintenance Manager!

I am pleased to introduce you to Roy Spring, the newest member of the Buffalo Yacht Club Maintenance Team. Roy will replace Joel Wagner who resigned his employment. As a vital part of our organization, Roy will work to provide the smooth operation and upkeep of our Porter Avenue facility, allowing all members to enjoy the best possible yachting experience.

Roy has a wide variety of experience in Maintenance management. Additionally, he has boating and marina experience, with his very first job as Maintenance Manager at Glen Heaven Marina. He holds an ASA-105 certification with extended years of boating experience, Roy was a resident of Irondequoit Bay off Lake Ontario for many years.

Vince Terranova will report directly to Roy.

Please be sure to extend a warm welcome to Roy and congratulate him on his new role with the Buffalo Yacht Club.

Salvatore DePasquale, General Manager



Photos this page and middle left: Gimmie Buffett party, great time!



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Mike DeHart was kind enough to share photos from the Club outing on the Edward M. Cotter. Top Left is his group, top Right the BYC burgee is in place, we had a bit of weather that day, but were able to flow water and have a good time. Please consider sharing photos of club functions with me, I would be happy to use them and of course credit you. Thanks again Mike.



Top Left; Sheets And Giggles crew Class C and Overall winners from left: Andrew Vallee, Scott Persall, skipper John Vallee, and Steve Shaw. Well done gentlemen!

Left: Sledgehammer crew, first in class A, and second overall. Bottom left and above: club and basin were hopping the last day of regatta for awards.

Other club competitors did well as usual, Commodore Johnson on Damn Yankee one point behind Sledge for class A second, Mike Barry fifth in Class A. In a tough class C Aurora with Sara Creenan and Jen Clock were fifth, Intuition with Clark and Leah Trow seventh, and Polestar with Adam Croglia ninth. Chris Ham on Mad Max was second in Class D, followed by Bill Bredenburg fourth on Ketch Me Knot. Sturdy Girl with the Konziela's tenth.



Summer camp well underway, these two pages show the smiles of some happy campers. Leah and her staff are doing a wonderful job judging by the photos. Thanks Leah for the share!

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