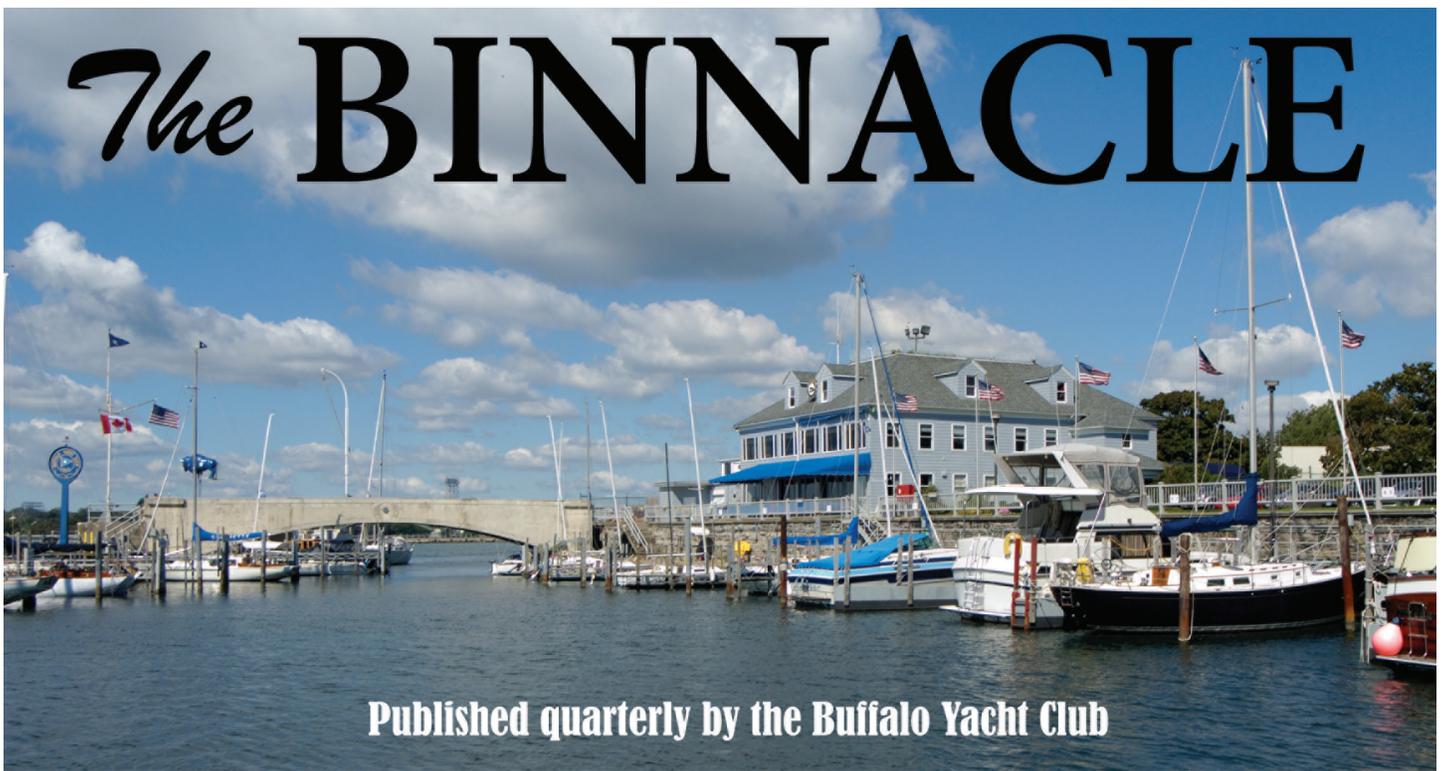


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From the Commodore

As I come into the final quarter of my term, I can't help but be thankful for the other volunteers on the Board and on the various committees. Many hands make for lighter work. While my year as Commodore has had its share of issues, the volunteers involved have kept things on track without a lot of associated drama. My thanks to all of the club's volunteers.

End of the 2019 Season:

It's always sad to see another season come to an end. Please come out and participate in the Fall Work Parties for both facilities. The Porter Work Party is on October 26th. The Point Abino Dock Party is December 14th. As I said earlier, many hands make for lighter work.

Volunteers Needed:

We all get 24 hours in our day, 7 days



a week. It's then a matter of what takes priority in our lives. For me, the Buffalo Yacht Club provides enough fun for my family that it deserves some of my time. For anyone else who feels the same, there are various ways of volunteering with various levels of time required. The Board of Directors is probably the most obvious and most time consuming. If you're looking for something less time consuming, consider one of our committees. Please remember that any member, regardless of membership class, can serve on our committees.

We have quite a few committees and we renew the committee members annually at calendar year end. We have the following committees:

- Boating Education
- Buffalo Basin
- Entertainment
- Finance
- Future Planning
- House (relates to Buffalo clubhouse)
- Membership & Marketing
- Point Abino
- Regatta

For those who may not be aware,

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COMMODORE — continued from front page there is a separate Board of Directors for the BYC Foundation. While the larger BYC is a 501(c)7, the BYC Foundation is a 501(c)3. This allows the Foundation to accept charitable donations and then use those donations to help fund anything that helps promote boating. For example, The BYC Foundation provided the seed money for the Tall Ships event. That money allowed the Tall Ships Committee to apply as a Port of Call which they eventually won. The Foundation also owns the boats used by BYC's Boating Education. This includes the dinghies used by the kids, the J/22's used by both kids and adults, and the power boats used

by the coaches. Please consider contributing to the Foundation. Many members sign up for monthly contributions in amounts as little as \$5 per month. If you would like to contribute on a monthly basis or a one-time contribution, contact the office.

If you enjoy the club as much as my family and I do, please consider getting involved at whatever level you fit in to your priorities. If you would like to serve on the Board or a committee, please call the front office and let them know. They will then pass that on to the appropriate decision makers.

Annual Membership Meeting, November 21, 2019:

Whether you have a vote, or not, you are encouraged to attend this meeting and hear status reports from the Board and Committee's.

Our annual meeting is coming up in November. New Board members will be elected and some existing Board members will roll off. Thanks to the Nominating Committee, chaired by PC Manny Gambacorta, for working on all the logistics surrounding the Election.

There will be some Motions for spending at this November's meeting, as well as a Motion to pass the Membership Dues levels for the coming year. Any spending in excess of \$30,000 requires membership approval. We have such items. First, we are looking to replace the last remaining fixed docks in the Porter basin at a cost of around \$110,000. Those are the ones inside the outer wall. We are also looking to replace the chairs in the dining room at a cost of about \$60,000. It's taken some time and effort, but the House Committee has finally chosen a specific chair. The existing chairs are about 25 years old and starting to break on a more frequent basis. They really are ready to be replaced.

We are also looking at a reorganization of the current Membership Categories. We currently have twelve membership classes. Many are delineated only by age. Our hope is to consolidate these classes to reduce our offerings and also create a smoother transition of dues changes as our members

progress through the age brackets. While I don't expect to have a Motion ready for November, I do hope to have an update on that effort.

Boating Education Update:

Speaking of Boating Education, my daughter Caitlin sailed in the summer Jr. Sailing and is now sailing in the Fall session of the High School sailing. She's having a great time! As a parent, I highly recommend the BYC program. As Commodore, I see the more of the behind the scenes work than the average parent and I've been very impressed with our new head coach, Leah Trow, and her staff. Jonathan Johnsen is the Director of Boating Education and hired Leah last Spring. Together, they're doing a great job. It was obvious throughout the summer that the boats were being maintained in a better fashion than in previous years. One thing I learned is that they have to purposely deflate the bow section of the coach boats to prevent damage while pulling/launching them from/to the water with the hoists. When you see the boats in When you see the boats in the parking lot with the bow section dropping, it's on purpose and not a leak. It doesn't take a long look to see that the kids are having fun and I believe the adults also had fun in the adult sailing lessons on Saturday mornings through July and August. It was a good year for the program. I know Jonathan and Leah are working on plans to improve the 2020 program even further and I can't wait to see some of those ideas in execution. If you want to see the High School sailors doing their thing, come to the club at Porter on any Friday night through September and October and watch them race in front of the club from 4pm to 7pm. It's a lot of fun to watch and, of course, the bar opens at around 5pm.

I'll see you at the club!
Michael Barry



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Vice Commodore comments

How is it possible that yet another summer season here in Western New York has come so quickly to an end? Summer may have started out on a wet cold note, but after finally kicking in Mother Nature delivered another amazing jammed packed memorable season for all our BYC family. There has been a lot of boating and sailing activities plus several social events to give all of us a reason to enjoy our Buffalo Yacht Club facilities. This year we've extended the invitation and encouraged our social members to join our boating community not only on the water through adult sailing and the Kayak launch but for all our boating events. There have been several reverse PHRF and wall parties, the Queen City/Mayor's Cup Regatta party, the Obersheimer Cup party or simply join the boating community on Tuesday's and Wednesday's for the Racers Grill. The list of social events this season was endless starting with welcoming the Captains for dinner when the tall ships arrived in the Buffalo harbor. We tried something new this year hosting a Cigar Night, Whiskey & Rum Tasting event. It was met with much enthusiasm, so we decided to have a second Cigar Night this time Bourbon's & Rum's were sampled. There have been amazing sunsets enjoyed at all the first Friday events. Other memorable moments were the Farewell to Summer Party, tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright home, Cotter Fireboat cruise & dinner,

Movie on the lawn and this year everyone was invited to our Canadian station for two great events Smokin Budha Food Truck event and a Pig Roast event. All this and I haven't even mentioned the food at the club. Our chef Dave is putting out some mighty tasty food these days. We are so fortunate to have him at our facility. You may have noticed that he has really ramped up the specials lately. This is because many of these items are going to be featured on our new menu which is to be released the first week of October.

Summer may have officially ended but there are still countless reasons to come down to the Club. Mary Theresa Seitz and the entertainment committee are pulling out all the stops encouraging your participation. First Friday's, Family Night Movie's, Farm to Table, Oktoberfest, Family Halloween Party, Trophy Night, Friendsgiving, Thanksgiving Buffet and for the holiday season we have the Club Decorating Party, Commodore's Ball, Tree Raising and Kid's Christmas Party. All these events are made possible for your enjoyment through the hard work and dedication of our entire staff pulling together to making our experiences here at our Club the best in Buffalo.

This year we conducted a satisfaction survey and overall 95% of the comments were positive illustrating our general membership finds their experiences here at their Club favorable. Yes, there were some gripes and suggestions as one would expect but I want to reassure each and every one of you that your comments have been heard and we are working towards 100% perfection. Some of your suggestions have already been implemented and addressed. Thank you to Sam, Christine and the entire staff for making it always so warm and inviting for us the members of the Buffalo Yacht Club to be here at our home away from home. Please come to your club often and share this jewel with your family and friends.

See you at your Club!

James Kulwicki

Upcoming events:

- October**
 4 - First Friday
 19 - Pt. Abino Work Party
 24 - Farm to Table Dinner
 26 - Porter Work Party
 26 - Oktoberfest
 27 - Family Halloween

- November**
 1 - First Friday
 9 - Trophy Night
 21 - Annual Meeting & Election
 22 - Friendsgiving
 28 - Thanksgiving Buffet

- December**
 2 - Clubhouse Decorating Party
 6 - First Friday
 7 - Commodore's Ball
 13 - Tree Raising
 15 - Kid's Party
 25 - Christmas Day, Clubhouse Closed
 31 - New Year's Eve Dinner



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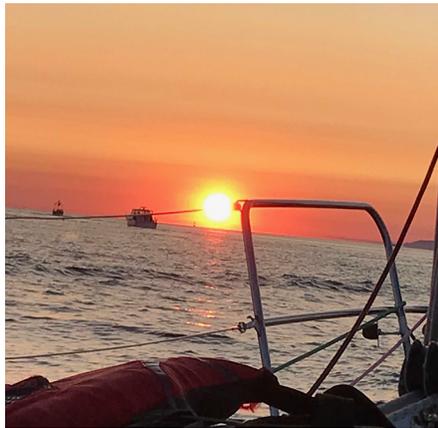
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Rear Commodore Comments

We have now reached the end of another wonderful boating season at Pt. Abino for 2019. We owe a huge thank you to Ruth and her staff for making the Point Abino Station one of the best places on Lake Erie to keep and use your boat. I have had numerous members tell me they have never seen the place look better. I've been around the Point Abino Station since the late 1960's. Boats were docked parallel to the berm, which has no sheet piling. There were no pools or north dock deck or all of the other upgrades we now take for granted. So I can personally attest that the place has never looked better. We had a few challenges to work through this year involving out pump out services. Since having discovered diesel, and other contaminants, in our septic system from the pump out system last fall, the Ministry of Environment, and other entities, has driven several changes in our pump out procedures. We now are pumping into a holding tank rather than a septic system. This results in having to monitor the volume pumped over the season and calling for trucks to empty the holding tanks. This not only adds cost, but also causes us to require a staff attendant to monitor the pumping process and log in the amounts added to the holding tanks. As a result we have had some issues setting up the scheduling of times when pump out are available,

particularly being a change in culture of the "on demand - do it yourself" of previous years before the contamination was discovered. We will continue to try to improve our scheduling and hopefully, and slowly change, the culture to coincide with that of any commercial marina. Now let's getting into the positive aspects of life at the Point. We added a new "U" of 4 new 40' floating slips on the north dock. We have many new members joining, and taking slips, as well as several shifting from Porter to Pt Abino. The weather conditions lead to a great season for sailing, boating and rafting. We had many social events including Smok'n Buddha, Mayor's Cup/Queen City Regatta, pot lucks, and the Pig Roast. I would also like to thank the Point Abino Committee for their years of service and dedications to life at the Point Abino Station. This group meets regularly and contributes time and hands on efforts, to keep things moving forward. The fall work party is scheduled for Saturday October 19th which is a great time to get together with other members. That will be followed by the work party on November 23 to disconnect the floating docks and suspend them in the middle of the basin. Stay tuned for specifics on each event. Stephen Munschauer Rear Commodore



Sunrise on the Dover from Sledge

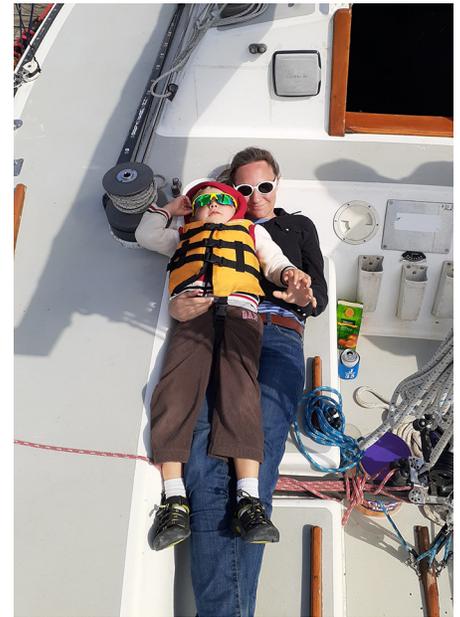
MEMBERSHIP

The following new members joined the Buffalo Yacht Club since the last issue of the BINNACLE: Social: Susie & Bill Robbins, Diana Storm & David Hallock, Thomas & Donna Bennett and William Falkner & Susan Sudlik; Crew: Ansley Kelly; Junior: Forrest Bratek, Ruby Bratek.

Reinstatements accepted from: Social: Michael Straeck; Intermediate: Joseph Celmer. Change of classification accepted from: Social to Non-Resident: Ann Lawless Howe; Active to Social: Duane Schmitt.

Resignations accepted with regret from: Active: George Bergantz; Social: John & Kathy Olenick, Fred and Valerie Cooley, and Diane Forbush; Intermediate: Alex Remmes and Robert & Kristin Armstrong; Non-Resident: Sangwani Mabhena.

We mourn the deaths of Rosalind Ryan, and 50 year member Ann Marie Chartrand



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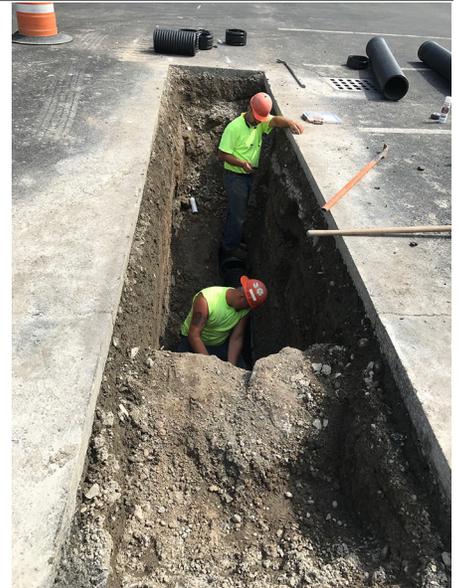


Fleet Captain Comments

Bad news first: I am not happy to report we had another pipe under the parking lot collapse, again washing soil out and causing subsidence of the parking surface. Once again member Jodi Osinski to the rescue! Union Concrete came in and fixed it with minimal disruption to the operations of the club, quickly, and leaving the basin looking better than when they started. All at a low cost. So if you see her, please let her know you appreciate her gracious help. Following that job completion, we had another contractor come in and fill the voids under the concrete slabs that had subsided, and push them back up into place, relieving trip hazards from the sinking. There is still some paving work to be done, as well as sealing and striping, but the season is past for that work. Speaking of work, I am hoping that as you get this publication that you will have received an email asking for volunteers to rehabilitate the outside south docks. They have been taken out of the water, and wood will be delivered by Friday,

so we will re deck them, and coat the bottoms of the tanks – probably extending the useable life for twenty years or so. So if you can, volunteer, we will not work you too hard, and will feed you to boot! I hear the beer will be free also.

What a season! If you did not get to the club you missed a lot – parties, great service, outstanding food, best waterfront views and sunsets in the Buffalo area. The Tall Ships event was a lot of fun, place was packed, upper deck, lower deck, outside all full. Very interesting group, the Captains and crew that attended, all I talked to were impressed with the history of the club. The regattas were well attended, Mayors Cup continues to grow, 28 boats this year, and the reverse PHRF races continue to be a lot of fun. The Entertainment Committee has a fun filled fall planned just for you, so come to your club and enjoy.



Left and top: the Union Concrete crew replacing pipe under parking lot. Above: dock ready for new deck

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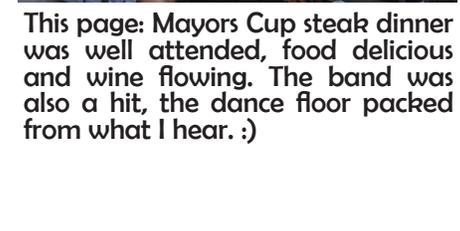
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This page: Mayors Cup steak dinner was well attended, food delicious and wine flowing. The band was also a hit, the dance floor packed from what I hear. :)

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Left page: Pig roast at Point Abino-looks tasty.
This page: Food truck Smoking Budda very well attended, and looks like a lot of fun



This page: Farewell to summer party had a nice spread for those who attended, and some high school sailing action out front. Right bottom two and opposite page shots of movie night

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Above: Captain of the Brig Niagara Christopher Cusson holds the print of the Brig Niagara at the Buffalo Yacht club when the ship visited in 1913, one hundred years after the Battle of Lake Erie. Photo taken at the July 5th dinner honoring the tall ships Captains and crew. Another photo of the Niagara top right, from The First 125 years, history and lore of the Buffalo Yacht Club by Jerry Stange.



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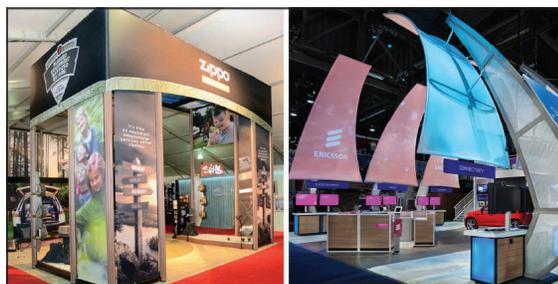
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