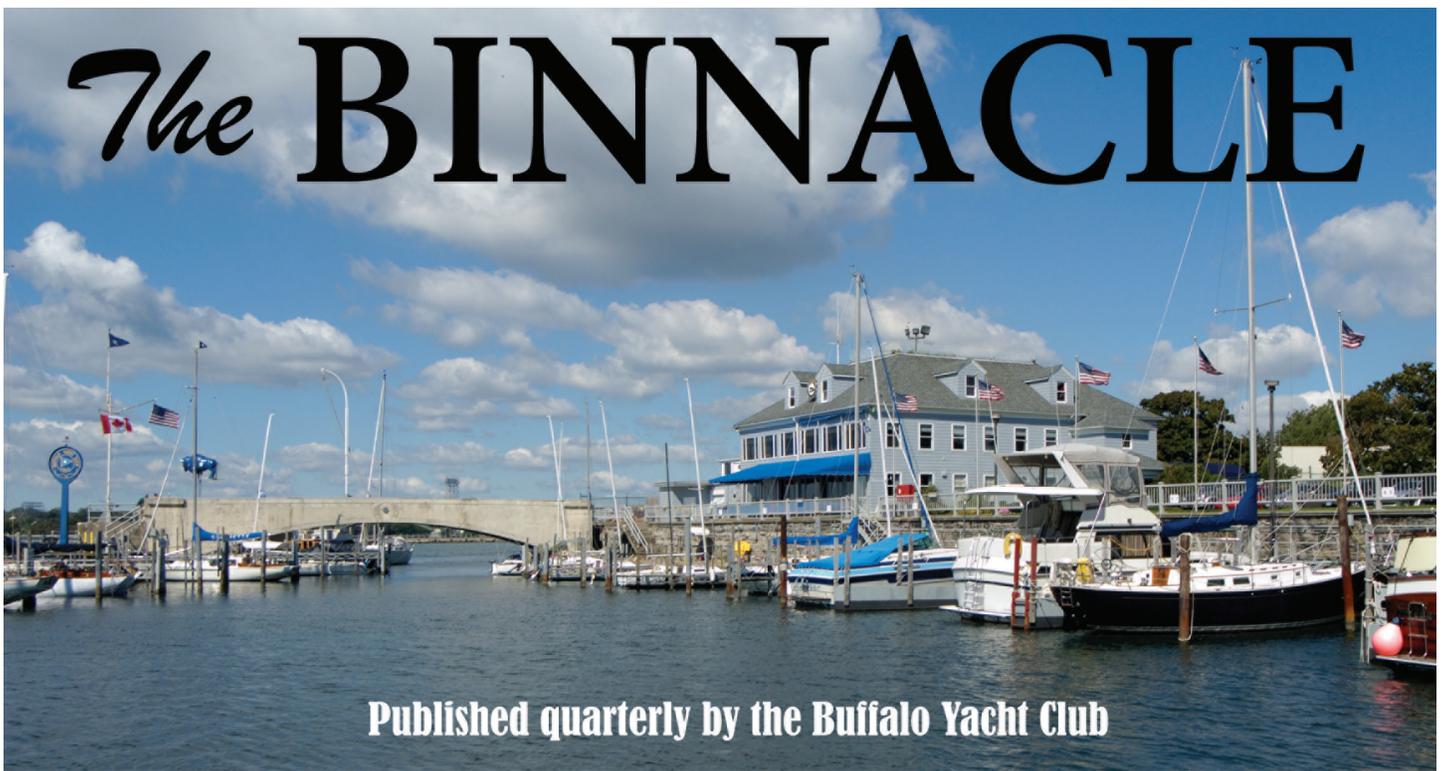


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Commodore's comments

From the Commodore
It has been a great summer and it was a busy time at the Buffalo Yacht Club. Adult Sailing, Junior Sailing, Regattas, Race Nights, Reverse PHRF Races, First Fridays, Parties at Point Albino and in Buffalo, and other well attended club functions. High School Sailing has started and you can see the students on the water in front of the club, weather permitting from 3:30 to 7:00.

I have been eating at the Poets Table most Fridays, the members at the table are mostly retired older sailors. We have a no cell-phone policy in the dining room but there is a high use of phones at the Poets Table. It is not what you think. When someone tells a tale that cannot be believed or information is needed, out come the cellphones to verify or find the information.



Raw Bar Regatta winning crew, sailing Chris Doyle's Jug 41

Come sit with us on Friday or sit at the Sailors table if you are in the mood to enjoy other members company. The food at the club is better than ever. We have had a good year for member banquets and member sponsored banquets. This income subsidizes member dues. Please use the Valet if this makes parking inconvenient for you.

When I retired I thought I would have a lot of free time and boy, was I wrong. Between messing around in boats and being Commodore my days and weeks are full. The staff here at the Club work hard to ensure this is a place that you want to frequent, so come on down, and use your club!

Charlie O.



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- October
 - 5 - First Friday
 - 11 - Paint Night
 - 20 - Porter Work Party
 - 19 - Sweetest Day/Wine
- Pairing Dinner
 - 27 - Pt. Abino Work Party
 - 28 - Family Halloween Party
- November
 - 2 - First Friday
 - 10 - Trophy Night
 - 15 - Annual Meeting & Election
 - 17 - Friendsgiving
 - 22 - Thanksgiving Buffet (Office Closed)
 - 26 - Clubhouse Decorating Party
- December
 - 1 - Commodore's Ball
 - 7 - Tree Raising First Friday
 - 16 - Kid's Party
 - 24 - Christmas Eve
 - 25 - Christmas Day - Closed
 - 31- New Year's Even Dinner

MEMBERSHIP

The following new members joined the Buffalo Yacht Club since the last issue of the BINNACLE: Active: Patrick Neill & Jessica Nyrop; Social: JP & Ulla Bak; Catherine & David Pera; Pt. Abino: Lee & Charmaine Smith; Intermediate: Jennifer Klock-Henry & Michael Henry, Keith Szczygiel & Erin Carmina, Kenneth Bienko II, Colin Tedesco & Christina Bumbalo; Crew: l'Jaz Eberhardt; Junior: James G. Weimer, Maura Seitz.

Reinstatements accepted from: Social: Carol Ferguson.

Change of classification accepted from: Active to Retired Active: Doug Bienko; Retired Active to Social: Fred Cooley; Social to Active: Tom Hauser; Social to Non-Resident: Martin Brown.

Resignations accepted with regret from: Social: Dr. Albert Olszowka, Janet MacDonald, Kurt Venator; Crew: Alexander Zhitelzeyf; Junior: Charles Carver.

We mourn the death of: Rodney Gartner.



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Vice Commodore comments

Sadly, the boating season is coming to an end. The good news is that the Fall brings some spectacular weather. The clubhouse management and staff, along with the House and Entertainment Committees, are continually hard at work trying to provide our members with a great experience. If you haven't been down in the evenings, you need to come down and watch the High School and College sailors race about in the clubs recently purchased Flying Juniors (FJ's). Whether sitting outside on one of our decks or sitting inside with one of our panoramic views, they are a lot of fun to watch. Especially, when they race each other on Friday evenings. They will be sailing in to November. Please come down, enjoy the Fall weather and watch the races followed by our spectacular sunsets. One thing you may notice is that we're adding advertising emails, again. I know many members have expressed a dislike of these emails. Unfortunately, without the advertising, it seems that our business suffers. On the flip side, we also get comments from members saying they weren't aware of specials or events. Thank you in advance for your patience, as we try to find the right balance between keeping you informed and not being overwhelming.

Speaking of communications, I want to remind everyone that we are working on having a social media presence on Facebook and Instagram. In a recent effort to bring members in to this part of our communications, we recently had Jeff Kress of Buffalo Branded come in and speak to members about what these media resources are and how to access and use them. Essentially, it was Facebook and Instagram 101. If you would be interested in our running a similar or repeat event, please let the office know. If there is enough interest, we will schedule another session. Please check us out, if you are on social media. It's a great place to see comments and photos of current events, as opposed to waiting for the Compass and Binnacle.

One of the recent items posted on social media was a short video of the Canadian Snowbirds, Canada's military precision flight team, showing off their flying skills. I was lucky enough to be at the club on September 19th while they were flying and we certainly had a front row seat. What an awesome sight! These people are really good. I hope you were lucky enough to see them.

Continuing on the theme of entertainment at the club, Mary Theresa Seitz has written an article in this issue of the Binnacle summarizing the efforts of the Entertainment Committee and the upcoming events they have planned. Please be sure to read about what is coming up. Also, keep an eye on the club calendar, website, social media, and newsletters for more details on upcoming events.

Please come in often and bring your friends and family. I know you have a lot of options in Buffalo, but this is your club and the views are unparalleled. Let's make this your "go to" spot.

Michael Barry

Entertainment

As Summer rolls into Fall, the Entertainment Committee is planning some really fun events for the members of the Buffalo Yacht Club. Our first upcoming event will be the "Sweetest Day Weekend Event" set to take place on Friday October 19th at 6:00 PM. This will be an evening of live music, wine pairing with small plates, desserts and truffles. Christine and Chef Kadrian have put together a fantastic menu, sure to please, along with various wines and champagne. We are looking forward to trying something new and we hope to see you there.

The Children's Halloween Party is set to take place on Sunday October 28th with many surprises in store for this annual event.

Our new event this fall season will be "Friendsgiving". This is set to take place on Friday November 16th at 6:00 PM. We hope it's a chance for members to get together to celebrate thanksgiving with all of our friends at the Buffalo Yacht Club. We have a wonderful evening planned.

Please keep an eye out for the club calendar, website, newsletters and emails about details regarding upcoming events. Please come often and bring your friends and family. We'd love our club to be your "go to" spot to socialize and to enjoy our fabulous food and of course our view.

The Entertainment Committee

Previous page photos thanks to Jason Dziadzio. left: Point Abino raftup. right: going for a swim in Abino.

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Rear Commodore Comments

So ends another premiere summer season of pure Point Abino bliss. This summer has certainly been the year to take advantage of all the Point has to offer in the line of summer fun! Always remember, your BYC membership entitles you to visit the Point anytime embracing our summer station with all its boundless qualities. All this enjoyment would not be possible if it were not for Captain Ruth commanding the helm and her leadership of her dedicated staff who all work so hard making this special place enjoyable for all of us. Our thanks to Ruth and her staff for another great year! I also extend my appreciation to all the Point Abino Committee members for their enthusiasm and commitment, always having the foresight to build the qualities and experience at Point Abino for all of us to enjoy. Thank you to all!

If 2018 is any indication we will continue to see growth in 2019 of new faces, new venues and continual improvements at the Point. All these improvements bring new interest to the Point.

This year is marked for having installed a new 30' "U" which quickly filled. Next year we will see a new "U" dock bringing us additional slips to the north side of the basin. The "T" docks continue to be very popular as we see a trend for new members to be requesting dockage of boats 30' and under. We are in the process of improving the concrete decking for safety, of both the pool and hot tub areas. Consideration of a possible Town Hall Meeting during the winter to voice concerns and ways of improving for years to come. This year saw new venues such as hosting one leg of the Erie/Dover race at the Point. The Smokin' Buddha Food Truck event which encouraged us to form a committee to broaden and heighten this event and to consider such future events at the Point. A Pickle Ball Court was added, conceived out of an area not utilized. There are still seasonal responsibilities that need to be attended to making this the perfect opportunity of getting involved with your club. The BYC work party's are just one more way to develop and maintain your commitment to your club. You'll make new friends but more importantly you'll increase the value of your membership. As always I look forward to seeing you at the club.

James Kulwicky



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Fleet Captain Comments

Lake Erie high water levels over the past several years necessitated that we address several docks that spent a substantial amount of time under water. The Porter Basin now has four new floating fingers from Kropf and one Pt Abino retro floating finger which should alleviate that problem.

The four fingers in front of the Club House are attached to the cement slab which will have an elevated platform installed so that the docks can be reached from the stairs without getting your feet wet during periods of high water.

In addition to these new docks, we have added a kayak launch just south of the bridge. It is hoped that this will be of use to current members, but also attract new members that would be interested in basing their kayaks out of our Porter Ave Clubhouse. We are anticipating adding some kayak storage racks next spring after the raised platform is installed on the cement pad.

This season, we had four members not launch their boats, for various reasons, which combined with 2 "open" slip, gave us 6 slips to use for our 3 slip homers and guests throughout the season. That certainly made slip assigning for guests a lot easier.

At this writing, the Basin is thinning out as boats get hauled for the season. The Porter Basin work party is set for October 20th

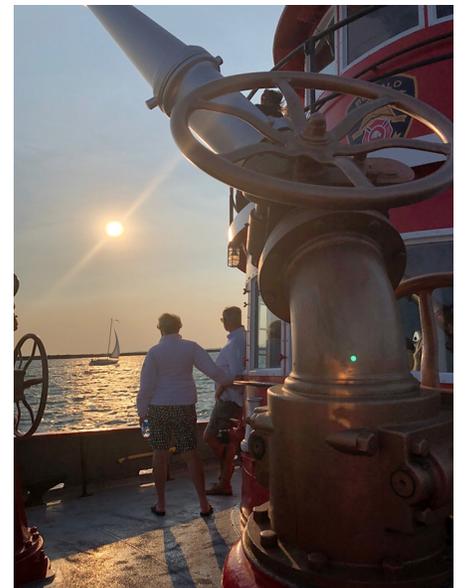
Stephen Munschauer



Mike Sheid checks out the newly installed floating dock



Clockwise from above left: New kayak launch, any member may use. New floating docks for out front, elevated walkway coming next year. Doug and Ken Bienko Sr. along with George Freiberg installing the new yolk for the long fixed dock pictured top. another view of the floaters.



Buffalo Yacht Club Burgee flies aboard Fireboat Edward M. Cotter. The photos above and left are of the second cruise aboard the National Historic Landmark vessel. Good time had by all. Thanks to Mike and Sandi Sendor for the photos.



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Mayor's Cup photos thanks to Dave Nieman. Main and Jib first was Luna Moth, Joe Roetter, followed by Pisces Jeffrey Burghardt second and Quintessence Andrew Dunbar third. Spinnaker fleet winner was Mike Barry on Vinyasa, with Damn Yankee Ted Johnson second and Amazing Potato Eric Cristensen third. Queen City M and J winner was Quintessence second Luna Moth, and Diane Quart aboard Sea Star third. Spinnaker Poison Ivy II Sandy Kondziela first, Adam Masters Black Sheep second, and Jim Kulwicky on Storm Warning third

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Flyovers then and now, we were surprised to see the Canadian armed forces "Snowbirds" on a recent Wednesday Night. At left is a photo from the Binnacle July '85. Thanks to Bob Miller for the throwback photo, and Karen Drew for top left opposite page.



Dramatic "Fly-Over" climaxes flag-raising ceremony at the BYC's 50th Commodore's Breakfast and start of its 125th boating season. See pages 6 and 7 for more pictures.





Left: High school sailing in the canal out in front of the Club. Above Ted Johnson helps out a fellow sailor with a tow. Thanks to Tom Lewin for these photos, and also on page 4.

BYC'er spins world's largest bowl.

Joe Gelsomino, BYC member and owner of the Woodworker's Club-house spent some time in an unusual way this summer, building and then spinning a world record 15 foot bowl on a custom built lathe. He had the help of friends including fellow BYC members Dick Hamm, Tom Tepas, and Doug Bienenko using 25 gallons of epoxy to glue together over 84 2"X12" by 16' timbers cut to size, over two weeks at the Erie County Fairgrounds in Hamburg. It was then mounted on the custom lathe, and for a week spun at 32 RPM (rim velocity 55MPH!!) to smooth the bowl to its finish seen here. Total weight of 7000 pounds. Some hobby Joe!



Below:bowl on lathe Right: Cayson helps out Joe Far right: Tom Tepas mixes Epoxy



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Top left second place in the Raw Bar Regatta Raised J Johan Koppernaes and crew. Left is third place skipper from Eudaimonia Mark Stuhlmiller with Regatta Chair Dave Krystaf. Above a couple of shots from Tom Lewin's Catch 22. Big shout out to him and the rest of the volunteers who make our club regattas run smoothly, as well as the club staff who make them taste so good. Winner photo front page.

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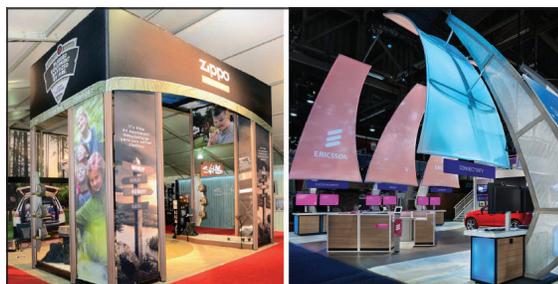
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