



March 2020



Flag Officers

Commodore -Carl Lis
Past Commodore – Bob Price
Vice Commodore – Dennis Wolfe
Rear Commodore – Carlton Hamann
Secretary – Gregory Kowal
Treasurer - Carl Waclawski

Commitee Chairs

Education – Alan Freville
Facilities – Dan Cassidy
House Coordinator – Michele Bernatz
Membership – Jay Bishop
Race and Recreation – Tom Safford
Social – Jim Christy and George Burns III

Appointed

Carl Bjurlin-*Dock Master*
Larry Van Deusen-*Web Master*
Chris Piede-*Newsletter*

News from the Editor

It is often said that the month of March is “in like a lion and out like a lamb.” This makes me think how it can hold true for a summer day on Lake Erie. Lake Erie’s waves can turn very quickly from a calm, easy day, to a white knuckles on the helm afternoon, and back to a calm evening. I tell many friends who would like to make plans to go out in advance that we will have to “wait and see” first. Hopefully the month will end with seasonal spring weather preludeing a fun filled summer on good old Lake Erie!

Message from the Commodore

No report/message this month.

Secretary

Minutes not approved due to lack of a quorum.

Treasurer

Balance much better than last season this time. Roof cost will be covered by the assessment. Financially we are in good shape! (Fingers crossed we don't have any unforeseen costs.) Membership to Yachting Club of America and ILYA Interlake Yachting Association was paid. State Sales Tax was paid in full. Boat US was contacted inquiring about a corporate membership but they did away with that program. If you want to join, you will have to do so on own.

Non-paid members second notice will go out soon. Penalty for yearly dues is \$50 Assessment penalty is \$20.

*“The cure for
anvthina is
saltwater – sweat,
tears, or the sea.”
— Isak Dinesen*

"To desire nothing beyond what you have is surely happiness. Aboard a boat, it is frequently possible to achieve just that. That is why sailing is a way of life, one of the finest of lives."

— Carleton Mitchell

Membership

Waiting List Communications (0 spots available to make 100):

None (Awaiting in person interviews with Kirk Frey and Joe Worzcak in April)

Status Change Requests:

None

Resignations(5)

Bill Paige (slip holder)	Denise Miles
Gary Klaybor	John Geiben
Susan McClelland	
Darlene Letersky - inactive status	

Membership Applications:

William Rickard	-Pete Fote/Jim Christy Sponsors
Nathan Slate	-Dennis Wolfe and Another needed (contact Jay B)

2020 Probation to Senior Member Considerations

Lamparelli Michael	Probationary	2018031
Burns, III George	Probationary	2018032

Will have to wait approval to senior status until next month. Upcoming members awaiting senior status as follows:

MarasJerry	Probationary	2018041 (April)
White Cliff	Probationary	2018043 (April)
Piede Chris	Probationary	2018051 (May)
Wolfe Allan	Probationary	2018061 (June)



Although empty and cold now, these docks will be full of boats again in a few months!

Education

Education –George Burns attended the certification course last week in Mayville. He discussed the process and his paperwork is being processed to be an instructor. It was discussed the course will be offered this summer over a few nights. All must have proof of passing this course by 2025. Talk with George if you have any questions.

Boat US offers an online class that you can take at your leisure for no cost. After completion you are also given a link to the DMV to have the proof included on your drivers license. [BoatUS link](#)

Sailing classes will be given the first week after July 4th, details to follow.



Race and Recreation

Sailboat Racing Series: In general, every Sunday at 9:50AM will be a sailboat race for the 2020 season (May 31st to Sept. 13th approximately). Every Wednesday at 6PM will be a sailboat race practice event for the 2020 season. However, the sailboat races that are a part of the trophy series will be on the following dates:

Memorial Day Race: June 14th (alt date on June 21st)

Independence Day Race: June 28th (alt date on July 26th)

Labor Day Race: August 23rd (alt date on August 30th)

Commodore's Race (TBD ...

Sunday after the Commodore's Party) Ladies Champagne Race:

August 9th (alt date Aug 16th)



Other races: Race World Offshore in Dunkirk: July 10th-12th
 Lake Erie Challenge: July 18th-19th – DYC will host the Buffalo racers overnight (possibly participate) Sailing Class Race (TBD)

Recreation Events: *(currently under construction)* Boat to Barcelona for Lunch - TBD
 Beach party at St. Columbans on route 5 - TBD
 Sunset raft up - TBD Cider beach swim - TBD
 DYC raft up for music at the pier – TBD
 Scavenger hunt for lake trash (then make up a tall tale on how it got there.) - TBD Pin tail derby - TBD

Dockmaster

No report given.

Facilities

Roof replacement bid was orally approved.
 Authorization was given to start work when weather breaks. Roof cost is \$11,400.

Social

Finances and expenses were discussed by George as he wanted to get his new duties in order. Annual big parties were discussed to be continued this year. Firm dates and parties will be scheduled soon. Please contact George if you like to help 679-5055. Should be a fun social season!

Old Business/New Business

If you have trouble receiving newsletter contact LarryVanDeusen. Of course if you are reading this then you are most likely not having trouble!

If any information on contact for Paul Letersky is known please contact Jay Bishop. Thank you!

Unfinished business:
Tabled parking discussion.

We were saddened to learn that former member Doug Newman had passed away recently, at his winter home in Florida. A good member, his service as Treasurer was highly valued. Our sympathy goes out to his family- wife- Suzanne, his two children, and brother Russell & Susan. Memorial services in Western New York will be held later this year. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to Roswell Park. –submitted by Nancy Steffan

Paddler Traci Martrin will be coming into Dunkirk harbor this week. She has rheumatoid arthritis and is going to paddle all five great lakes for a total of 4,137 miles!

Pretty cool nautical event! Follow her progress online! <https://www.justaroundthepointe.com/>



Dunkirk got pretty icy down at Wright Park last month. Here are a few photos from your editor of his son, Anthony. Fortunately the Yacht Club didn't receive this much ice!



Next Board Meeting

April Date TBD at the Knight of Columbus