

September 2025

Flag Officers 2025

Past Commodore: Jay Bishop
Commodore: Tom Safford
Vice Commodore: Unfilled
Rear Commodore: George Burns
Secretary: Chris Piede
Treasurer: Carl Waclawski

Committee Chairs

Facilities: Unfilled
House: Lydia Evans
Membership: Tracy Smith-Dengler
Social: Mike Dinoto
Education: Alan Freville
Race and Recreation: John Ludwig

Appointed

Dockmaster: Brett Christy
Newsletter: Sarah Nash Wallace
Website: Larry Van Deusen

Message from the Editor – Sarah Nash Wallace

September has arrived, and summer isn't over yet!! Our area is full of events yet to enjoy! Try to take a little time soon to explore the available activities. Boating can be really beautiful in September, with calm weather, changing leaves, club activities to participate in (see our **Commodore's Notes** for upcoming events), and local lake related events to share with friends and family.

The Erie Canal is celebrating it's 200th anniversary this summer. You can visit Canalside in Buffalo and see the replica of the original **Seneca Chief canal boat** before it sets sail to New York City on it's bicentennial cruise on the Erie Canal to New York City on September 24th. There are many historical exhibits related to the Canal to absorb there as well.



Here's the Seneca Chief at dock in Canalside – a beauty!!

Message from the Commodore – Tom Safford

We had a great 30 days of Social and R&R events since the last Newsletter. Jason Schmidt and Mike Dinoto hosted a **"Touch of Maui" Hawaiian Shirt party** that was a blast. **The Labor Day Party** by Kirk Frey and Mike Dinoto was well attended and a great finish for the sailboat race that took place earlier that day.

Tom Safford, Tom Hunt and Mark Stoddard hosted the **Labor Day Sailboat Race** on August 31st with 9 boats starting and finishing. After handicaps were applied, Tom Hunt took 1st place, Rob Clark and Donna Bjurlin 2nd, Bill McCausland 3rd, and Mark Stoddard 4th place, with Tom Safford, Richard Wick, Stephanie McCann, Ken Cunningham, Jason Schmidt and lots of crew members also participating. Tom Hunt's J109 was stuck on the bottom in his slip due to low lake levels, but Mark Stoddard managed to pull him free. Both were late for the start but managed to catch up and pass most of the other participating boats. Everyone had a great time and most stayed for the Labor Day Party afterwards. (continued.....)

Message from the Commodore, continued... – Tom Safford

Our season is not over yet! Upcoming events include Friday's (Sept 12th) "**Bring your favorite dessert**" **Social**, the annual "**Clam Bake**" on Sept 13th, **DYC's Golf Tournament** followed by the **Die-Hard/Chili Cook-off** on Oct. 4th, our **Halloween Party** on Oct. 31st and the Nov. 1st Fall Banquet at Shorewood Country Club.

The Board approved upgrade to our WIFI is now complete with faster speeds (300/300bps) and coverage for all our slips. Again, the **WiFi name is DYC-MEMBERS-WiFi** and the passcode is written on our white board in the clubhouse.

Please plan on attending DYC's annual meeting on **November 1st at 1pm at the Elks Club**. We will be discussing and voting on important changes to our Bylaws and Guidelines affecting fees, hours, and our board candidates for next year. And don't forget to put on your calendar the DYC Fall Banquet at the Shorewood Country Club that night (Nov 1st).

Stay safe and I look forward to seeing everyone at the club!

Tom Safford
2025 DYC Commodore

Important Facilities Update: We are planning our clubhouse close with the following:

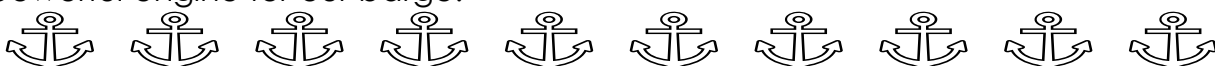
- **Boats** out by **Monday 10/13**
- **Slip Uprights** out by **Friday 10/17** – Stack your uprights on the picnic tables on West Dock, East Dock or North Dock. Remember that we fine members if our clubhouse close work party members have to remove uprights.
- **Bubblers** work party starting at **9AM on Saturday 10/18**
- **Clubhouse Close** work party starting at **9AM on Sunday 10/19**

For our remaining Infrastructure Funds, the board has approved spending ~\$9000 to purchase 8 more Electric Pedestals for next season's North Dock upgrade. These

pedestals have long lead times so we need to order them now to ensure  we will have them by Spring 2026.

The board is also considering purchasing additional bubblers and perforated tubing to create better coverage for a portion of East Dock, to see if redesigning our bubbler layout will mitigate the ice damage to our docks that we saw this last winter.

If anyone knows of someone selling a newer used outboard motor in the 10-20HP range, 4 stroke, and in excellent mechanical condition, please contact Tom Safford at tbsafford@gmail or call/text at (916) 834-1131. We need a newer, reliable and more powerful engine for our barge.



Notes from the August DYC Board Meeting:

COMMENTS from MEMBERS ATTENDING: Nancy has some nice garb she was getting rid of for anyone interested. Thanks Nancy!

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report : (Carl Waclawski) Carl went over the balance reports. School taxes were discussed. Infrastructure balance was asked about by Tom so we can budget our funds for the remainder of the year. Budget items discussed at different locations, ie tee shirts for education and rosters bill listed.

Membership: (Tracy Smith-Dengler)

New Member Applications: William Harford Sponsors: Kirk Frey Chris Piede

Waiting List to Probationary: NA

Removal from Wait List: NA

Probationary to Senior: Tim Borzilleri Mark Zafuto

Senior to Life Member: Upcoming May 2026 (4 members)

Waiting List Status: 27 on Waiting List

2025 New Member Orientation: Completed June 21 and July 27, 2025; 1 probationary member absent

Membership Status: 90 Active Members, 90 assigned slips

Membership Notes: Applicant Sponsors: Please remember to invite your candidates to DYC activities so we can get to know them before their membership starts!

Membership Planning 2025: Schedule makeup Orientation for 1 new probationary member; Digitize DYC Member Records

Facilities:

-There are members who are still lacking work hours. If people are looking for hours, we may be rebuilding East dock guest wing. Closing discussed -do bubblers and closing clubhouse at the same time.

Monday 10/13th – Boats out

Saturday 10/18th – Bubblers in

Sunday 10/19th – Close clubhouse

FYI if someone wants to replace lightbulbs on dock, about 25% out. Take a bulb with you when you buy one -Brett

Recreation and Race: (John Ludwig) season is over, sailboaters took own race over.

Social Committee Report : (Mike Dinoto) Labor day party went well made money.

Education : (Alan Freville) Club boat out and secured for winter.

Dock Master : (Brett Christy) Transients coming and going like crazy, presently up to 18 and almost \$1k with more deposits forthcoming from the safe.

Rear Commodore : (George Burns III)

Concerned with pilings. Will be back from trip tomorrow.

Commodore: (Tom Safford)

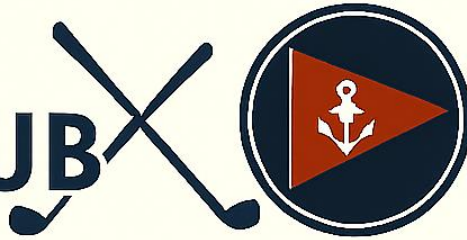
A vote to increase mandatory work hours from 10 to 15 hours per year was passed.

Slip fees will increase by 5% in 2026. Other infrastructure/facilities improvements for 2026 season will be discussed at the November annual meeting – please attend!!

Annual DYC Meeting - November 1, 2025 at 1 pm – Location: Elks Club, Dunkirk

Annual DYC Banquet – November 1 2025 cocktails 5 pm Dinner 6 pm – Shorewood CC

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

TEE OFF: 9:00 AM SHARP

DINNER: CHILI COOKOFF AT THE CLUB

Join your fellow Dunkirk Yacht Club members for a fun-filled day on the course! Chili Cookoff

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 27

Contact CHARLEY at 716-785-9492



*** DYC Merch ***



Storm Hoodie \$40

Long-Sleeve UPF 50 Fishing Shirt \$30

Polo - Mens or Womens \$30

Tote Bag \$25

Burgee \$30

Tee Shirt \$20

Bucket Hat \$30

Bucket Hat with Neck Flap \$30

Baseball Cap \$30

Large Decal \$12

Small Decal \$8

Quarter-Zip Sweatshirt \$35

DYC Crew Socks \$15



Want Merch??? Contact Jenn and Brett Christy or Tracy and Fred Smith-Dengler

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 14th 2025 – 7 pm at the DYC

******* Also available by Zoom!! *******



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