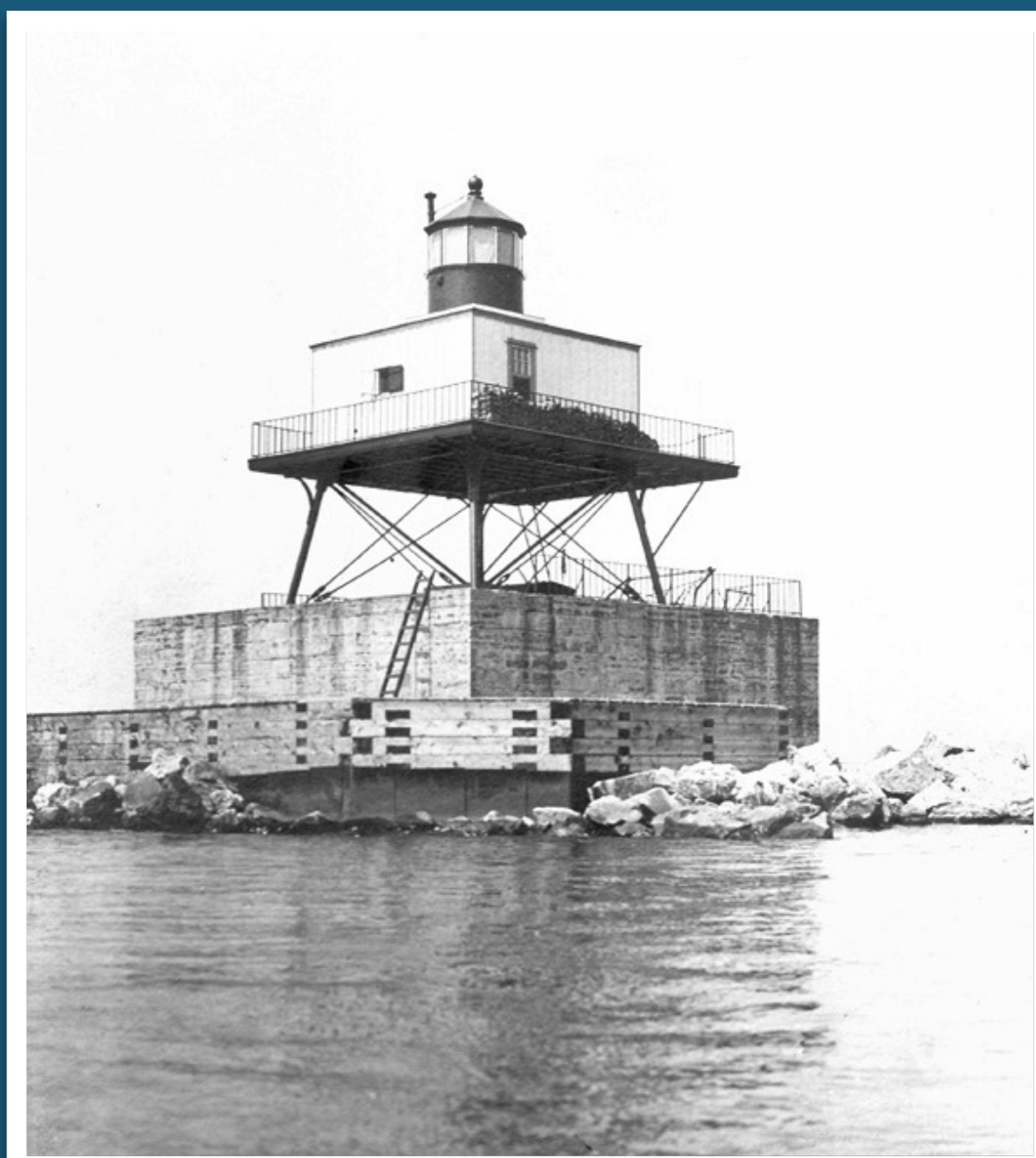


THE LIGHTHOUSE

April 2024

Niagara River
Yacht Club



BUFFALO HORSESHOE REEF LIGHTHOUSE

Report from the Commodore

Judith Boerdner

Welcome to Spring!

With the last of the snow (hopefully) melting away, it's time to set our sights on the upcoming boating season! Our Fleet Captain has planned an exciting lineup of events that promises something for every member to enjoy.

Mark your calendars for April 8th, as we anticipate a spectacular Eclipse! The waterfront has been hailed as one of the best spots to witness this celestial phenomenon. So, don't forget to grab your Eclipse glasses and join fellow members down at the club. While there won't be a formal party, our parking lot will be exclusively open to NRYC members and their guests. Plus, the bar will be stocked for those who wish to toast to the occasion!

Calling all volunteers! On April 13th, starting at 9:30 am, we're planning a clubhouse clean-up party exclusively for the ladies of NRYC. With teamwork, we can accomplish a great deal and ensure our clubhouse is in top shape for the season ahead.

Make sure to mark your calendars for our April meeting, where Kentucky Derby Tickets will be available for purchase (if you haven't already secured yours). We'll also be discussing the dock work parties and upcoming events.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon, and wishing you all a joyous Easter celebration!

Warm regards,
Judi

Club Events & Important

Dock Payments Due in Full	April 1st
Club Meeting	April 3rd 7:30 pm
Shoreline Deck Repairs Work Party	April 6th 8 am
Solar Eclipse Watch Party	April 8th 2 pm
Operation Organize The Club House	April 13th 9:30 am
Club Meeting	May 1st 7:30 pm
Installation of Mains	May 4th 7:30 am
The Kentucky Derby Party	May 4th TBD
Crane Day	May 18th 7:30 am
Opening Ceremonies/ 2024 Official Club Opening Party	June 1st TBD
Club Meeting	June 5th 7:30 pm
Club Meeting	July 2nd * 7:30 pm

Remember to stop by The Club for
FRIDAY Happy Hour

2024 CLUB MEMBER MEETINGS 7:30PM

MARCH 6TH
APRIL 3RD
MAY 1ST
JUNE 5TH
JULY 2ND*
AUGUST 7TH
SEPTEMBER 4TH
OCTOBER 2ND
NOVEMBER 6TH
DECEMBER 4TH

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Report from the Fleet Captain

Lori Willison

Hi All,

Getting all our events shored up for the year!

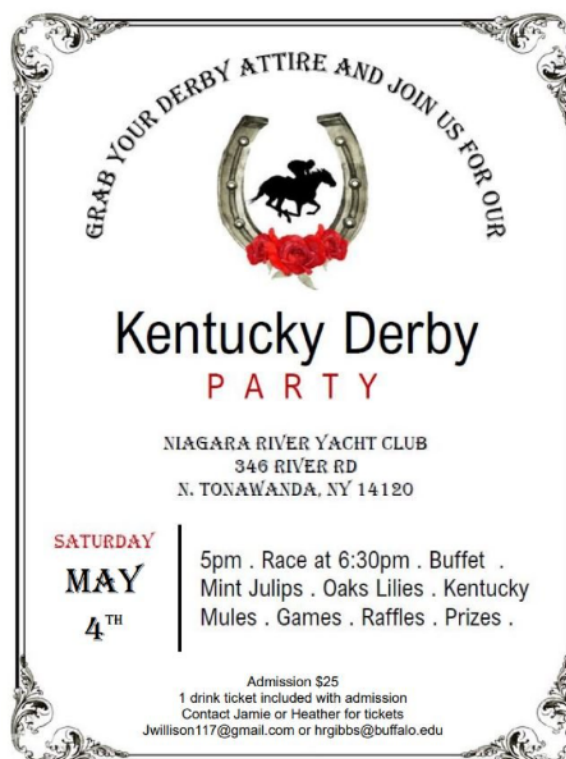
We will be having a **Solar Eclipse Watch Party** at the NRYC. If you are looking for somewhere to watch it, come join us. We will be serving up hot dogs and hamburgers while we wait for the big event. Bring your glasses. We will probably get started around 2:00.

Don't forget **Friday Happy Hours**. There is usually someone there ready to get things kicked off around 5-6:00. It is our club, so come meet up with members and make some new friends!

Don't forget about the Kentucky Derby Party!! Get your tickets by contacting Jamie Castellani (jwillison117@gmail.com) or Heather Cooper (hrgibbs@buffalo.edu). Tickets will also be available at the Member's Meeting.

Looking forward to a fun filled year!!

Lori Willison



Report from the Harbor Master

Frank Rocco

Happy Spring Everyone!

The days are getting longer and the weather is starting to get a little nicer each week. NOAA has predicted above average temperatures across the Great Lakes for the Spring months this year. That means it's time to start getting ready for another great summer and a spectacular boating season.

Dock payments for the 2024 Season are due to me by **April 1st**. If you decide that you do not need the dock assigned to you or are looking for a change, please contact me as soon as possible. I will not be at the April General Meeting, but feel free to leave your payment as well as any documents owed to me in my mailbox at the club or as always you can send them to me in the US Mail. The current Marina Dock Map is posted on the rear bulletin board. If you are interested in moving into one of the vacant slips, let me know before they are rented out to non-club boaters.

We have scheduled the **2 Dock Installation Work Parties** for the spring.

May 4th at 7:30 am - *Setting the main docks.*

May 18th at 7:30 am - *Crane Day, installing the fingers.*

Please make every attempt to attend and pitch in. Last year, we had great turnouts and the task was easy and quick for everyone. Keep an eye out for future communications regarding all upcoming events to get the club ready for the season.

News & Links

[NRYC Kentucky Derby Party](#)

[Click Here](#)

[NRYC Event Contact Information](#)

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All operators of motorized vessels, regardless of age, will need a boating safety certificate by January 1, 2025.

[NYS Boating Safety Certificate](#)

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**APRIL 8, 2024
SOLAR ECLIPSE 2024**



Report from the Vice Commodore

Mark Knerr

Hello Fellow Club Members!

Spring is here and the boating season is right around the corner.

This means it's time to start sprucing up for the upcoming season. The **First Work Party** will be **April 6th at 8:00am**. We will be working on the main dock and begin replacing the railroad ties in front of the flagpole. Weather permitting. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance,

Report from the Bar

Scott Brown

Hello from the Bar!

You will likely notice a new wine fridge to keep our white wine at the proper temperature. Bulleit Bourbon, Josh Pinot Noir, and Cavit Riesling are new additions this month.

Thanks to Paul Varga for fixing our Budweiser sign light, it really helps to have some light when you arrive after sundown.

Enjoy!

Report from the Rear Commodore

Paul Varga

We have a new couple to review and vote on to join the club. Duane and Shirley Santo. Their application will be posted on the bulletin board for the remainder of this month and April. We will hopefully vote them in at the May Meeting.



**MARCH 6, 2024
PAUL ROY WAS
SWORN IN TO
NRYC**

Operation Clean and Organize the Club

Saturday, April 13, 2024 - 9:30 am

We can't let the guys have all the fun with their work party, so we are asking all female members to mark your calendars for operation clean and organize the club.

We are looking to organize everything that is located in the kitchen, cabinets, and in the basement.

Please come and socialize while getting the club ready for another great boating season.

Contact Heather Cooper with questions(hrgibbs@buffalo.edu).

NRYC Happenings...

March 6, 2024



**ON MARCH 6, 2024, NRYC
RECOGNIZED BOB BROEKER, WHO
DESIGNED THE NRYC BURGEE IN
1958. THE BURGEE CONTINUES
TO REPRESENT OUR CLUB.**



**APRIL 22, 2024
EARTH DAY**



THE LIGHTHOUSE

Lake Erie's Fury



BUFFALO INTAKE CRIB

Buffalo Intake Crib
[Learn more here](#)



BUFFALO INTAKE CRIB

Buffalo Water Intake Building/Crib
[See more here](#)



HORSESHOE REEF LIGHTHOUSE

Horseshoe Reef Lighthouse
[Learn more here](#)

ICE BOOM REMOVAL WAS PLANNED TO BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 27TH. HOWEVER, DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS, IT WAS DELAYED. THE REMOVAL OF THE ICE BOOM WAS COMPLETED ON MARCH 14, 2024.

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2024 NRYC Officers

Commodore	Judith Boerdner
Vice-Commodore	Mark Knerr
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Operation Clean House

4/07 - 4/13
Jason & Carie Ackerman/
Mark & Laura Knerr

Saturday April 13th, 9:30 am
Operation Organize the Club

4/14 - 4/20
Marc & Marge Dunning/
Al Duquette & Irene Jaeger

4/21 - 4/27
John & Carol Preisler/
Paul & Sharon Prior

Bar Committee

Scott Brown, Committee Chair/ABC Officer

Newsletter

Christa Rocco Editor

Any member may submit an article or other information for the newsletter.

The deadline is the 25th of the month.

NRYC Merchandise

Vintage Buffalo Ink
355 Somerville Ave, Town of Tonawanda
716-835-4465
See Paul Varga for more information.

BoatUS Information

You can get a discounted Boat U.S. membership at boatus.com/membership/group/. Our group number is GA81965Y. If you're new to Boat U.S. click [here](#).



Reciprocal Yacht Clubs

You know, as a NRYC member you can take advantage of services at yacht clubs around the country. Get the Web password from Judi.
[Local yacht club reciprocal agreements](#)
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