

THE LIGHTHOUSE

December 2023

Niagara River
Yacht Club



Club Events & Important Dates

Happy Hour	December 1st
Christmas Decorating	5:30pm
Kids' Christmas Party	December 2nd 11:00am
Club Meeting	December 6th 7:30pm
Christmas Party	December 6th 8:30pm

Report from the Commodore

Chuck Gilinger

Hello NRYC Members,

Here we are going into December and Christmas is just a few weeks away. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Speaking of Thanksgiving, I am grateful for the fellowship as well as the support you have given to me as your Commodore. Can't ask for a better bunch of people to have fun and work with. I will be preceding on to be your past Commodore after this meeting and I ask you to give our next Commodore, Officers, and The Board the same support you gave me. I know you will!

This month as you know we have elections of Officers and Board Members. Remember, you must have attended at least 5 meetings in order to vote. December's Meeting counts towards that and also this is our Christmas Meeting. Our Fleet Captain will have more on festivities planned. So in light of the fact that we have business to discuss, let's also have fun.

We have invited a guest as well as his family to this meeting. His name is Bill Broeker. In 1958, he as well as other high school students from North Tonawanda were in a contest to design the burgee that graces our club. Bill won that contest. That was 65 years ago! We are fortunate to be able to have him and his family at this meeting to tell his story of this. We will be honoring and giving him some gifts of appreciation.

In closing, I say thank you again and I hope everyone has Happy Holidays with their family and friends.

Chuck

2023 CLUB MEMBER MEETINGS 7:30PM

MARCH 1ST
APRIL 5TH
MAY 3RD
JUNE 7TH
JULY 12TH*
AUGUST 2ND
SEPTEMBER 6TH
OCTOBER 4TH
NOVEMBER 1ST
DECEMBER 6TH

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Report from the Fleet Captain

Margaret Dunning

Well folks... this will be my last Fleet Captain newsletter update as I have elected not to run for the position in 2024. Rest assured; you will be in good hands!

Before I give you the details on what is coming up for the remainder of the year (and a bit of 2024), I want to take a moment to thank all the club members who come to events early to help with set up as well as all the people who stayed late to help with clean up. Thank you to all who signed up to work an event, who brought goodies for us to eat and who attended a 2023 event. Your participation is what made each and every event worth planning. I hope you enjoyed all that NRYC had to offer in 2023!

A special thank you goes out to Al Duquette who always called before a planned event and started the conversation with "Good Morning. What do you need help with?" (even if he was calling at 8pm). I also want to thank my husband, Marc Dunning, for filling in the empty event sign-up slots with a moment's notice. A big shout out also goes out to all the bartenders who got behind the bar and volunteered to serve the rest of us cold beverages without being asked.

December events start with a **Holiday Decorating Happy Hour** on Friday December 1st. The club purchased a new Christmas tree and help will be needed to deck the walls and decorate the tree. Help will also be needed to get the club get ready for the **Children's Christmas Party** scheduled for December 2nd from 11a-12:30p (More information on this event can be found on the NRYC events page).

On Wednesday, December 6th, following the club elections, we will have our **Member's Holiday Christmas Party**. Wear your ugly Christmas sweater, bring an appetizer to share, and your 1 pound wrapped present for a fun gift exchange. The gift exchange is optional. If you bring a gift, you will go home with a gift. Rules for the gift exchange will be given out at the meeting. We will also be raffling off the 2023 attendance prize. December 6th will be your last opportunity to put your name on a ticket for club participation and place it in the bucket.

That brings us to the end of the year and the beginning of a new Fleet Captain, however, last year I took the liberty of planning some events for Jan – Feb 2024. By show of hands at the December Club Meeting, I will need to know if there is an interest in having a:

- 1) **New Year's Eve Take 2 Party** on Jan 6th from 7p-11p. It will be a dress-up affair with heavy appetizers. The evening will include a count down / ball drop at 10pm with champagne. If there is an interest, I will need a planning committee and there will be a cost (TBD)
- 2) **Super Bowl Watch Party** – February 11 - our Bills vs Jets watch party was a success. Do we want to do it again for Super Bowl? Everyone brought a game day dish to share and the spread did not disappoint. We can do the same for Super Bowl or charge admission which will include pizza and wings.

Margie Dunning

Fleet Captain 2023



Report from the Rear Commodore

Paul Varga

We will be voting in two new members this month. Remember, Vintage Shirts with the NRYC Logo make great Christmas gifts.

Happy Holidays!

News & Links

Celebrate with Santa

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Members' Holiday

Christmas Party

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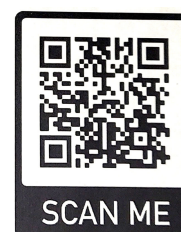
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Marine Forecast

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AED Training Video

<https://americanaed.com/dvd/frx>



Report from the Vice Commodore

Mark Knerr

It has certainly been a busy year. I have appreciated all the hard work everyone has put in this past year to help make this the best looking club on the water. There will be more projects to come in the next year.

Report from the Bar

Scott Brown

No Report

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Report from the Harbor Master

Frank Rocco

The holidays are here and the snow is starting to fly! December is better known as the Harbor Master's vacation month.

I will begin working on dock contracts for the 2024 Boating Season in January. If you know that you have had or will have a change in your vessel details or contact information, please let me know before contracts are prepared and mailed. My phone number and email address is listed in the NRYC Membership Book, feel free to call, text, or email me with changes or questions.

Stay warm and safe during our winter break and I wish all the NRYC Members and their families a Merry Christmas and a spectacular New Year!



NRYC Happenings...

NRYC Bills Watch Party- November 19, 2023



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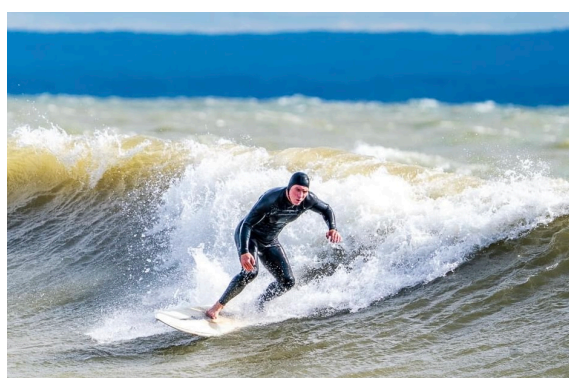
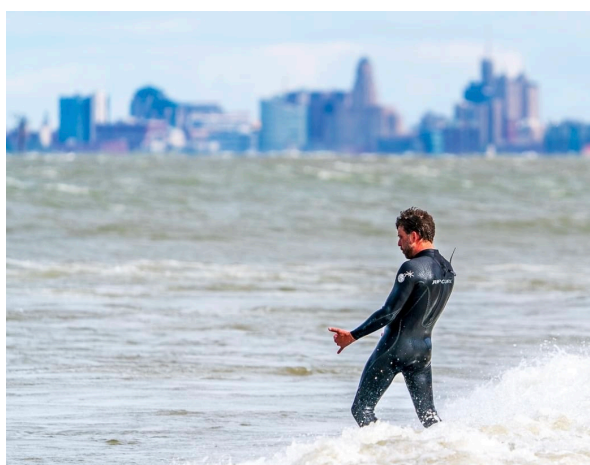


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Merry
Christmas

Lake Erie's Fury



IN OCTOBER, DOZENS OF SURFERS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE BLUSTERY FALL WEATHER OFF CRYSTAL BEACH.

COURTESY OF BRAD WOOD PHOTOGRAPHY

IN NOVEMBER, LAKE ERIE WAS ENJOYED BY SOME HYDROFOIL SURFERS.



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2023 NRYC Officers

Commodore	Chuck Gilinger
Vice-Commodore	Mark Knerr
Rear Commodore	Paul Varga
Fleet Captain	Margaret Dunning
Harbormaster	Frank Rocco
Treasurer	Nancy Joesph
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Brian Willison

Operation Clean House

12/3 - 12/09
 Jim & Vicky Duquette/
 Nick Duquette

12/10 - 12/16
 Peter & Tammy Wagner/
 Norb Witt

12/17 - 12/23
 Chris & Jamie (Wilson) Castellani/
 Eric Feathers

12/24 - 12/30
 Marc & Marge Dunning/
 Mark & Laura Knerr

12/31 - 1/06
 Kevin & Lori Haseley/
 Dereck & Holli Bock

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.
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