

THE LIGHTHOUSE

February 2024

Niagara River
Yacht Club



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Club Events & Important Dates

Annual Renewal Fees Due	January 31st
Super Bowl Watch Party	February 11th 5:30pm
Signed Contracts & Dock Deposits Due	March 1st
Club Meeting	March 6th 7:30pm
Docks Payment in Full Due	April 1st
Club Meeting	April 3rd 7:30pm
Club Meeting	May 1st 7:30pm
The Kentucky Derby Party	May 4th TBD

Report from the Commodore

Judith Boerdner

I hope all of you are staying safe and cozy amidst the snow and wind.

While we're on a break from our regular membership meetings, the Board has been actively engaged in discussions. Our January meeting was quite productive, focusing on several key areas:

- We reviewed the Bylaws and Constitution. Any proposed revisions or amendments will be presented to the membership for consideration. We noted that according to these documents, all officers are allowed to form committees to aid in their responsibilities. Active committees include Maria Management, Audit, Security, and the Bar Committee. Other officers are encouraged to consider this option.
- Vice Commodore Mark brought forward cleaning service contracts and quotes, in response to our members' suggestion to explore professional cleaning options.
- Fleet Captain Lori introduced some exciting potential club events for us to consider.
- We looked over and approved the Slip Rental Contracts for 2024.
- The open Secretary position was also discussed. We are delighted to announce that Nicole Yim has agreed to take on this role. Nicole will form a committee to support her when she's unable to fulfill her duties due to work responsibilities or is absent from meetings.

2024 CLUB MEMBER MEETINGS 7:30PM

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

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Report from the Commodore continued

Judith Boerdner

- Membership Renewals were a topic of conversation. Please send in your dues promptly if you haven't already.
- The Board plans to convene in February, primarily focusing on the 2024 Budget.

If you have any concerns or suggestions you believe the Board should address, please submit them in writing to me.

Remember, you don't need a special event to enjoy the club. It's always open for members to book private parties or gather informally with friends.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Super Bowl Party!

Report from the Vice Commodore

Mark Knerr

Happy February Fellow Boaters!

I hope everyone made it through the January weather safe and sound. We certainly had our fair share of snow and cold.

I would like to thank Ben Cooper for repairing the drain under the sinks in the bar. Also, thank you to Mike Marano for his assistance with our water meter in the shop.

Please remember even though we are in the off season, we continue to have some traffic coming through the club and some events are booked. If you are on **Operation Clean House**, please make every effort to stop by the club and give it a once over if it is your week.

Stay safe and warm.
Mark

Report from the Rear Commodore

Paul Varga

Alan and Stacy Murzynowski were sworn into the NRYC on January 24, 2024. They were voted in as members during the December 2023 Meeting. Welcome Alan and Stacy!

Report from the Fleet Captain

Lori Willison

Remember the **Super Bowl Party** on February 11th at 5:30. Bring an appetizer/dessert to pass.

Anyone wanting to rent the club, check the website for availability. Complete the rental form located by the bar or on the website, put it in my mailbox along with the deposit. Send me an email (willisonlori@yahoo.com) so I know it's there.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...

The Kentucky Derby!! Save the date: May 4!
Details coming soon. Start getting your outfits ready!



News & Links

NRYC Event Contact Information

[Click Here](#)

National Weather Service

<https://www.weather.gov/buf/>

Marine Forecast

<https://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/data/Forecasts/FZUS51.KBUF.html>

AED Training Video

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

Report from the Treasurer

Nancy Joseph

Just a Friendly Reminder -

Annual Renewal Fees are due by January 31, 2024, per the NRYC Constitution. If you need any information on the amount etc., please call me at 716.308.0235. You may place your payment in the Treasurer's mailbox at the Club or mail to my house.

Thank you for your cooperation!
Nancy Joseph



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Report from the Harbor Master

Frank Rocco

It's already February! Winter is flying by, days are getting longer and Spring is almost in sight.

Before you know it you will be receiving, signing, and mailing back your dock contracts with eager anticipation of the upcoming boating season. **Signed Contracts and Deposits** will be due back to me by March 1, 2024, and final payments are due by April 1, 2024. If you do not receive your contract or if you think that I have made an error, please contact asap.

Work party dates are already being planned for the Spring, the dates will be posted in the club newsletter and discussed at the upcoming general meetings.

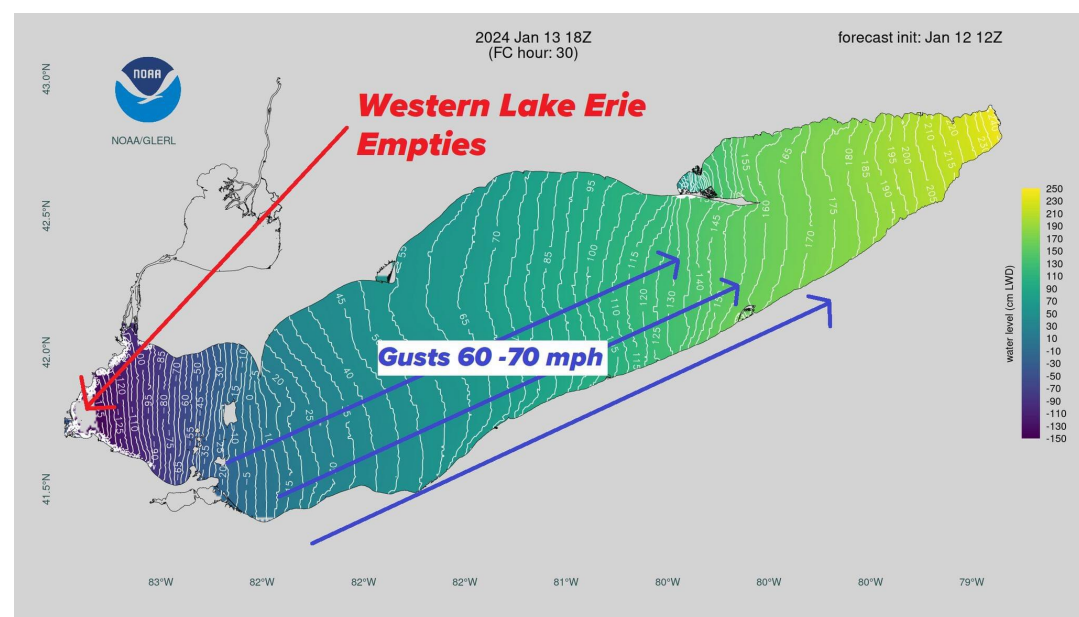
Enjoy the last few months of Western New York winter and hopefully a trip or two to the tropics.

I look forward to seeing everyone in the Spring.

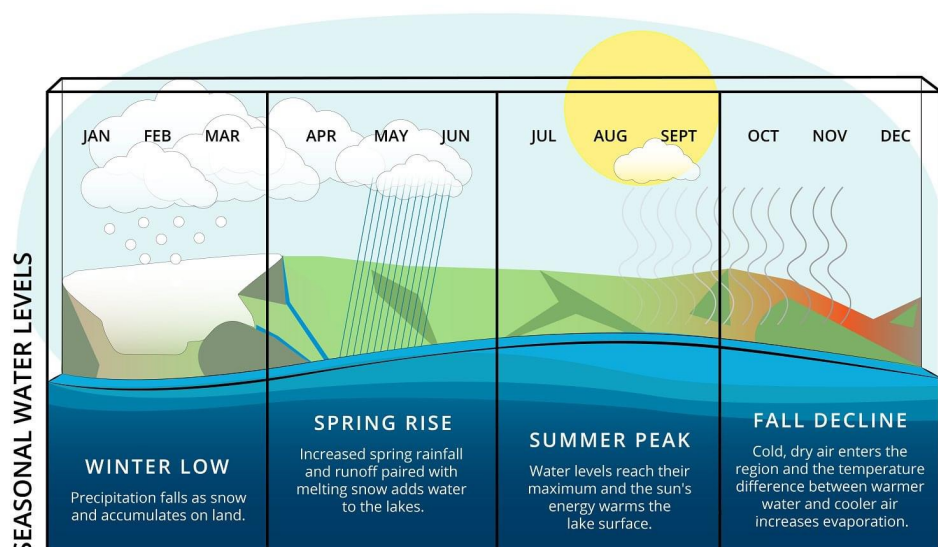
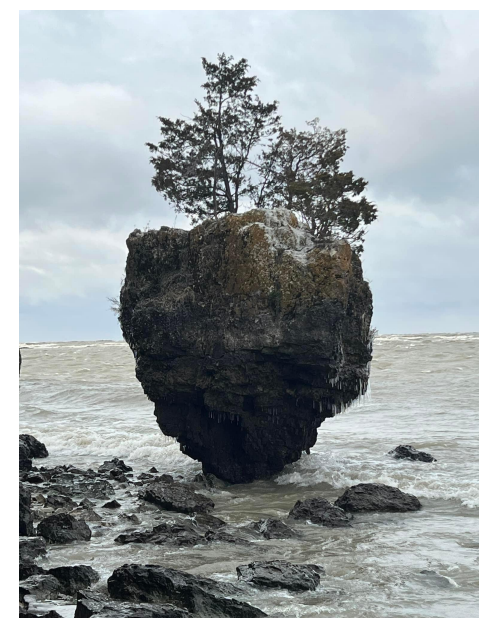


FEBRUARY 19, 2024

Lake Erie's Fury



ON JANUARY 13, 2024, A WINTER WEATHER STORM WARNING WAS IN EFFECT FOR THE WNY REGION. NOAA FORECASTED LAKE ERIE WAVE HEIGHTS FROM RIPLEY TO BUFFALO OF 14 TO 18 FEET BUILDING TO 18 TO 23 FEET, WITH WAVES OCCASIONALLY AROUND 29 FEET. THE INCREDIBLE FORCE OF THE SOUTHWEST WINDS OF 60 - 70 MPH DRAINED THE EASTERN LAKE ERIE BASIN SENDING MILLIONS OF GALLONS OF WATER TOWARD BUFFALO.



THE GREAT LAKES WATER LEVELS GO THROUGH A SEASONAL CYCLE

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2024 NRYC Officers

Commodore	Judith Boerdner
Vice-Commodore	Mark Knerr
Rear Commodore	Paul Varga
Fleet Captain	Lori Willison
Harbormaster	Frank Rocco
Treasurer	Nancy Joseph
Secretary	Nicole Yim

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Mike Meyers	Dan Rizzo
Paul Vance	Carol Varga

Marina Management

Ben Cooper	Eric Feathers
Steven Flaminio	Bob Haug
Raymond Niesser	Dan Rizzo
Dave Wilbur (2023)	Brian Willison

Webmaster

Brian Willison

Operation Clean House

2/04 - 2/10
Scott Brown & Sue Pyne/
Ben & Heather Cooper

2/11 - 2/17
Bob & Linda Drews/
Eric Feathers

2/18 - 2/24
Ron & Kathleen Forster/
Chuck & Diane Gilinger

2/25 - 3/02
Steve Flaminio/
Ken & Barb Gravelle

3/03 - 3/09
Bob & Marylou Haug/
David & Amie Haug

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 boat.us/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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[National yacht club reciprocal agreements](#)