

# THE LIGHTHOUSE

March 2024

Niagara River  
Yacht Club



BUFFALO LIGHTHOUSE FEBRUARY 14TH

## Report from the Commodore

Judith Boerdner

Greetings NRYC Members,

I hope everyone is enjoying the spring-like weather. The news of minimal ice on the lake only adds to the excitement, hinting that perhaps the Groundhog's prediction of an early spring was indeed spot on.

Behind the scenes, our board convened in February to plan and prepare a balanced budget. The details of this budget will be presented at our upcoming **March Membership Meeting**. Your presence and input at the monthly meetings are invaluable as we collectively chart our course for the months ahead.

A friendly reminder to all our members: active participation is not only encouraged but vital to the vitality of our Club. As per our membership requirements, attending five membership meetings and two events is essential. With this in mind, I urge you to mark your calendars and plan to join us for the **March 6th Meeting at 7:30 pm**.

On a related note, we are still in search of a Secretary who can lend their presence to our meetings and record our discussions. If you would like to help; please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

See everyone on **March 6th**.

## Club Events & Important Dates

Signed Contracts & Dock Deposits Due	March 1st
Club Meeting	March 6th 7:30pm
Shoreline Deck Repairs	March/April TBD
Dock Payments Due in Full	April 1st
Club Meeting	April 3rd 7:30pm
Club Meeting	May 1st 7:30pm
Installation of Mains	May 4th 7:30am
The Kentucky Derby Party	May 4th TBD
Crane Day	May 18th 7:30am

## 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 Vice Commodore

Mark Knerr

Hello Fellow Club Members

I hope everyone had a great February.

As our boating season draws near, we will have the usual projects in addition to some new ones.

The **first project** will be replacing any damaged or unsafe boards on the main dock. I would like to complete this prior to the docks going in. I am aiming for the last weekend in March or first weekend in April weather permitting. An email will be sent once I have a better handle on the weather. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you  
Mark



## Report from the Bar

Scott Brown

Thanks to several generous donations, we now have new stereo equipment purchased and installed.

Even through it's the dead of winter along with a couple of parties and happy hours, the Bar is doing well. FYI, the coolers under the liquor have died. The pop and water are in the small fridge and everything else was moved to the kitchen. I am looking into suitable options for the pop and mixers as I suspect the coolers will be cost prohibitive to repair due to their age.

## Report from the Harbor Master

Frank Rocco

March is here and spring is around the corner!

All dock contracts have been sent out. If you have not received yours or feel that there is a mistake on your contract, please contact me.

We have a few docks available, so if you know anyone that is looking for a place to keep their boat this year, please have them contact me.

As the days get longer and boating weather nears, we have started making plans to get the Marina and Club ready for the upcoming season. **The Spring Work Party** dates to install the docks are **May 4th** and **May 18th**. Please plan on attending and helping out. As we get closer to these dates, I will inspect the docks, and if needed, ask for a crew of volunteers to help out with any needed repairs or updates.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the first general meeting of the year!

## Report from the Fleet Captain

Lori Willison

There are lots of fun events planned for this year!

Our first event will be on **May 4th**. The **Kentucky Derby**. Hopefully, you all have been planning some festive outfits! Our co-chairpersons will be Jamie Castellani and Heather Cooper! They will have all the information soon, so stay tuned.

If anyone has any contacts for musician/bands that might be willing to play for some of our events, please give me their contact info.

Don't forget to check the website if you're looking to rent the club to see if your date is available.

See you at the member's meeting!

## News & Links

**[NRYC Kentucky Derby Party](#)**

[Click Here](#)

**[NRYC Event Contact Information](#)**

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**[National Weather Service](#)**

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**[Marine Forecast](#)**

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MARCH 17, 2024

## Report from the Rear Commodore

Paul Varga

We are hoping to have additional members to be voted on.

Applications are online.



MARCH 31, 2024

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## Lake Erie's Fury



**FEBRUARY 8, 2024, THE BREAKER II WAS ON THE NIAGARA RIVER IN THE THE CITY OF TONAWANDA. ITS MAIN JOB IS TO PLACE AND RETRIEVE THE ICE BOOM. ITS OTHER JOB IS TO CRUISE DOWN THE MIGHTY NIAGARA RIVER TO NIAGARA FALLS MAKING SURE THERE ARE NO ICE JAMS CAUSING PROBLEMS. ALONG THE WAY, IT DEPLOYED TEMPERATURE SENSORS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE RIVER IN FOUR DIFFERENT LOCATIONS.**  
PHOTO BY WNY PHOTOGRAPHY

**[Read more about The Breaker II](#)**  
[Click Here](#)

**BUFFALO USCG 15 FOOT ICE RESCUE SKIFFS. THEY ARE USED FOR HANDLING SHORT-HALL ICE RESCUES WITHIN CLOSE PORTS AND WATERWAYS.**



**FEBRUARY 9, 2024  
DOCKS FLOATED DOWN THE NIAGARA RIVER TO THE BRINK OF THE FALLS**  
PHOTO CREDIT: ERNESTLLOYD716



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## Lake Erie's Fury



EDWARD M. COTTER  
PHOTO BY SCOTT BALZER



JANUARY  
23, 2024  
COTTER  
ON THE  
BUFFALO  
RIVER  
BREAKING  
ICE



EDWARD M. COTTER  
ON A FOGGY NIGHT IN JANUARY 2024

ICE BOOM IS SCHEDULED TO BE  
REMOVED FEBRUARY 27, 2024  
WEATHER DEPENDENT. IF THIS OCCURS  
IT WILL BE THE EARLIEST REMOVAL OF  
THE ICE BOOM ON RECORD.

Ice Boom Removal International  
Joint Commission  
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## Niagara River Yacht Club

### 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	Vacant

### Niagara River Yacht Club

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 716.693.2882  
[www.niagarariveryachtclub.org](http://www.niagarariveryachtclub.org)

Facebook  
 Click [here](#)

### Board of Directors

PC Chuck Gilinger	Scott Brown
Mike Meyers	Dan Rizzo
Paul Vance	Carol Varga

### Marina Management

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

### Webmaster

Brian Willison

### Operation Clean House

3/10 - 3/16  
 Tom Kraft  
 Larry LeBlanc  
 Dave Leible

3/17 - 3/23  
 Dan & Nancy Rizzo/  
 Jim & Brenda Knox

3/24 - 3/30  
 Lisa Dubois/  
 Rodney & Courtney Rogers

3/31 - 4/06  
 Ray & Carole Niesser/  
 Tim & Brenda Walck

### 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/](http://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](#)  
[National yacht club reciprocal agreements](#)