

THE LIGHTHOUSE

May 2024

Niagara River
Yacht Club

Report from the Commodore

Judith Boerdner

As our Boating Season draws nearer, it's truly uplifting to witness the activity around the club. The collective efforts of our members during the work parties, both on the grounds and docks, as well as the inside clean-up, demonstrates our members in action, and it's a wonderful sight!

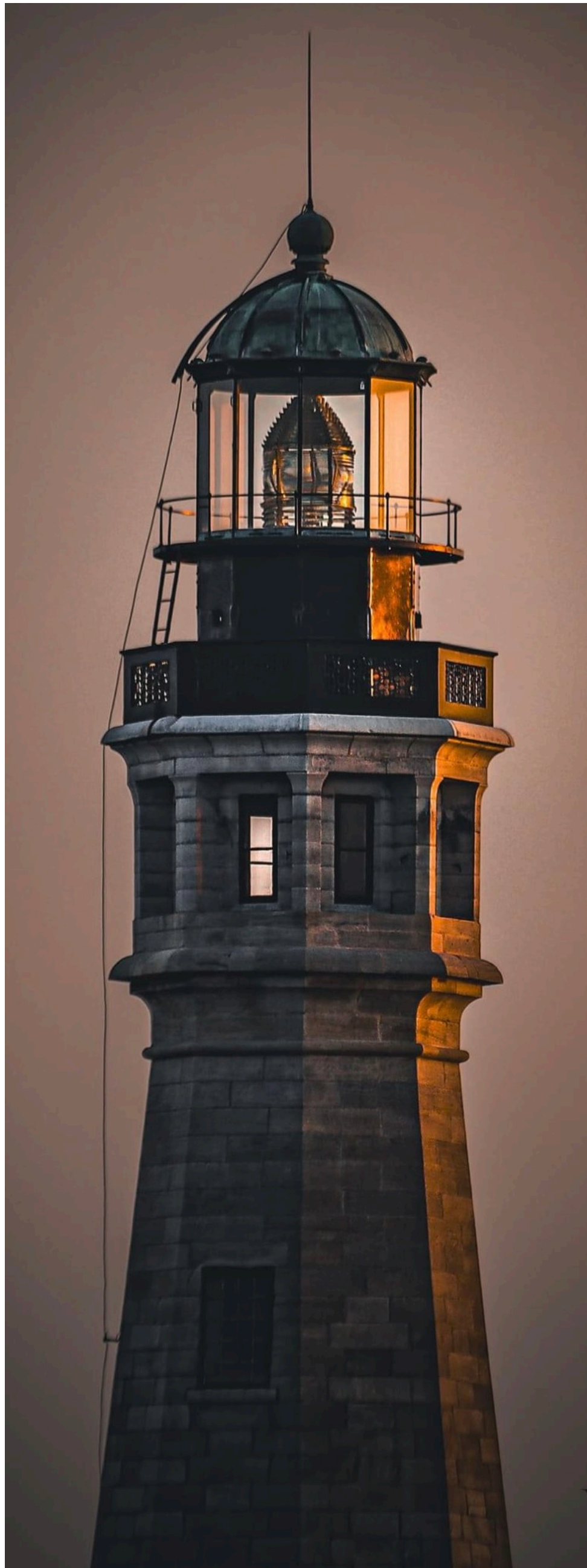
As we approach the club's opening, I urge you to mark your calendars for June 1st, 2024, to join in the celebration alongside fellow members.

A heartfelt appreciation goes out to the 10 women (and 3 men) who lent their helping hands during our clubhouse "clean-out party." Together, we sifted through years of accumulated items, donating what we no longer needed or had in excess to assist our neighbors in need within the community.

Regarding inquiries about the Memorial Garden plans, it currently remains a cherished vision—a meaningful endeavor to honor, respect, and express gratitude to our past members for their unwavering years of service and dedication. Inspired by Linda Witt's passion for gardening, this idea has blossomed into a tribute to all our departed members, whose love for NYRC, dedication, and support have shaped our club's journey. We invite any member with suggestions or that would like to help or contribute to reach out; our aim is for this garden to flourish and evolve throughout the seasons to come.

I'll be away on a family vacation during the upcoming meeting, however, do not hesitate to reach out to me for any problems or concerns; and I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events.

Judi



BUFFALO LIGHTHOUSE
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Club Events & Important Dates

Memorial Garden Planning Meeting	May 1st 6:30 pm
Club Meeting	May 1st 7:30 pm
Installation of Mains	May 4th 7:30 am
The Kentucky Derby Party	May 4th 5 pm
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 Vice Commodore

Mark Knerr

Thank you so much for all the help with the **Shoreline Work Repair Party** last month. We had 14 members come out. I am extremely grateful for all the help!

I will be looking for 1 or 2 volunteers to help with staining the outside tables. It looks like we will only need one coat this year. Please contact me if you are willing to assist.

I am happy to announce that our new club cleaning service will start the beginning of this month. This will be a 12 month contract, which at that time, the board will revisit whether or not we want to renew the contract.

Thank you for all the help getting the club ready for the upcoming season.

Report from the Harbor Master

Frank Rocco

May has arrived and it is "Game Time!" With everyone's help, we will be a few weeks away from having the marina ready for boats.

The Dock Work Parties are scheduled for **May 4th at 7:30am** and **May 18th at 7:30am**. This is a great opportunity to get out in the fresh air and hang out with your fellow club members as well as helping to get the docks ready for the season. Last year, we had great turnouts which made it an easy task. Please plan on attending both work dates, all are invited, bring a friend, relative or co-worker.

We have a few rentable boat and jet ski docks available. If you know someone who is looking, please have them contact me for more information.

Report from the Rear Commodore

Paul Varga

Three applications have been posted during the month of April to review and we will be voting at May's General Meeting.

Gregory and Liana Sauers, Duane and Shirley Santos, and Jason and Stephanie Marshall.

It's great to see our membership grow.

Applications are online.

Report from the Fleet Captain

Lori Willison

Hi All,

Kentucky Derby Party is a few days away!! Get your tickets by contacting Jamie Castellani (jwillison117@gmail.com) or Heather Cooper (hrgibbs@buffalo.edu). Tickets will also be available at the May's General Meeting.

June 1st is the **2024 Official Club Opening Party**. Details will be shared at the May General Meeting.

News & Links

[NRYC Kentucky Derby Party](#)

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[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.

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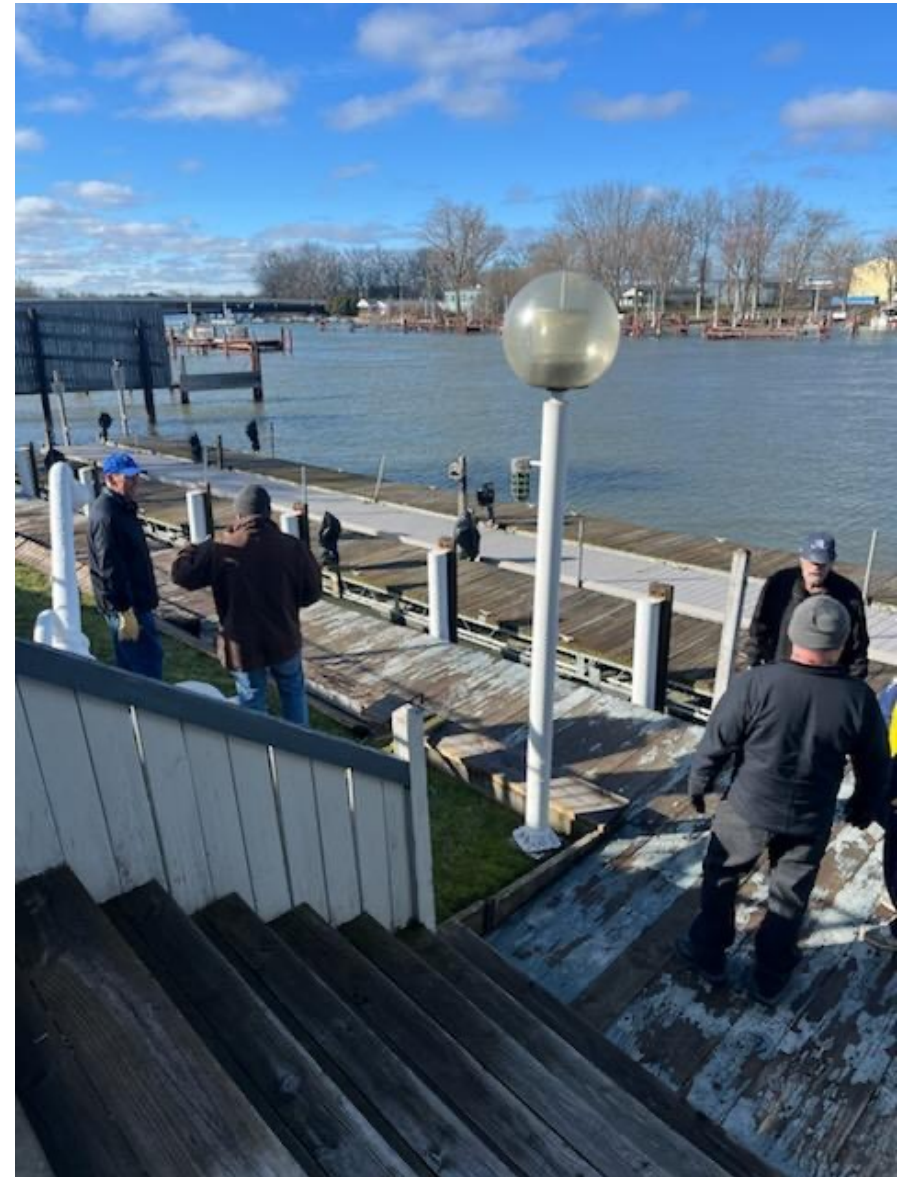
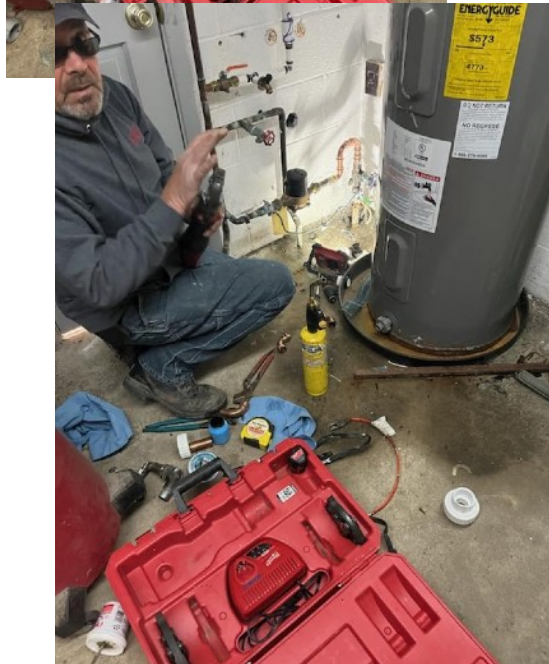
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NRYC Happenings...

April 6, 2024 - Shoreline Repair Work



NRYC MEMORIAL GARDEN MEETING

Please join us *before* our May Meeting to plan our NRYC Memorial Garden on May 1st at 6:30pm.

We need everyone who is interested in planning, building and maintaining our garden! If you can't make the meeting and you are interested in helping, please contact Susan Pyne.

Our goal is to start this project before the Club Opening on June 1st.



**MOTHER'S DAY
MAY 12, 2024**

APRIL 13, 2024 OPERATION ORGANIZE THE CLUB

Special thank you to everyone that helped at our Clean-Up & Organize the Club Party.

NRYC merchandise is ordered through Vintage Buffalo Inc. You can bring in your own shirt or other items to have customized with the NRYC Logo. Orders are usually fulfilled in a timely manner.

2024
Tonawandas Gateway Harbor
Catholic Health Kenmore Mercy Hospital

Wednesday Night Concert Series

June 12th 6pm the Release 8pm CODA <i>LEP ZEPPELIN</i>	July 31st 6pm XOXO 8pm Nerds Gone Wild
June 19th 6pm Rusty Nickel 8pm Face to Face <i>WILLY ZEPPELIN</i>	August 7th <i>Biker Night</i> 6pm Dave Viterna Band 8pm Thurman Brother's <i>Allman Brothers</i>
June 26th 6pm Learning to Fly <i>Tom Petty</i> 8pm Hip Experience <i>Tragically Hip</i>	August 14th 6pm Mo Porter 8pm Boys of Summer
*No concerts July 3rd holiday break	
July 10th 6pm Uncovered 8pm Analog Kids <i>RUSH</i>	August 21st 6pm Dave Constantino 8pm Hair Nation
*No concerts July 17 - canal fest	
July 24th 6pm Dark Water 8pm Kiss This <i>KISS</i>	August 28th 6pm Boogie Monsters 8pm Hit n Run

All Concerts are Free. The Gates open at 5pm. Lawn Chairs are welcome only on the grass. All North Tonawanda parks are Smoke Free. Please No Smoking or Vaping in the park.
No outside food or beverages will be allowed to enter the concerts.

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Bob Blawie 2024



**MEMORIAL DAY
MAY 27, 2024**

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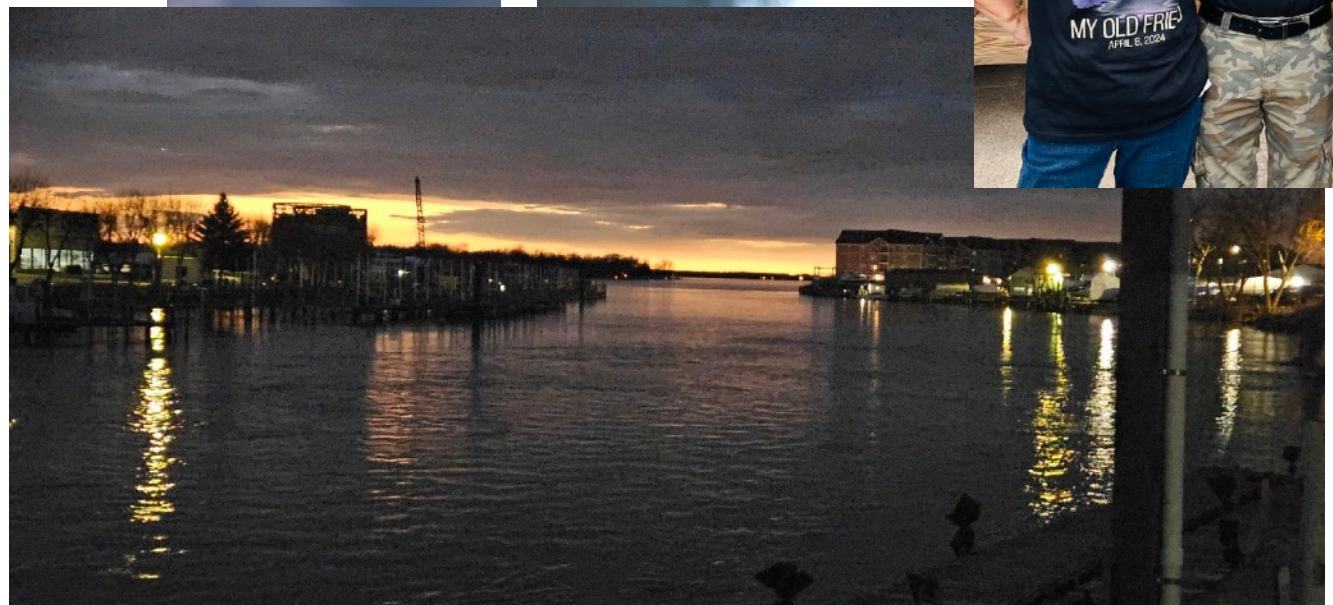
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NRYC Happenings...

April 8, 2024 - Solar Eclipse Party



3:11 PM



3:20 PM



3:20 PM



3:23 PM



3:28 PM



Lake Erie's Fury



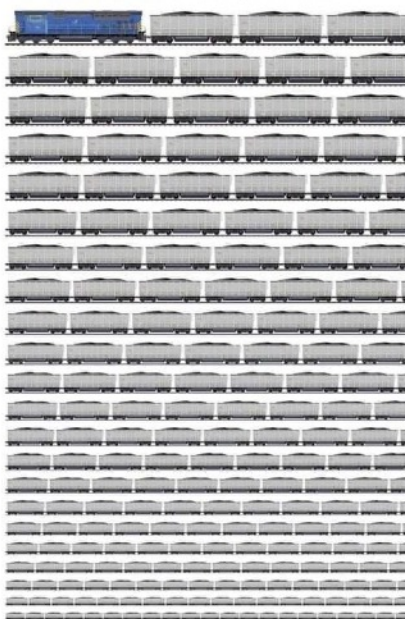
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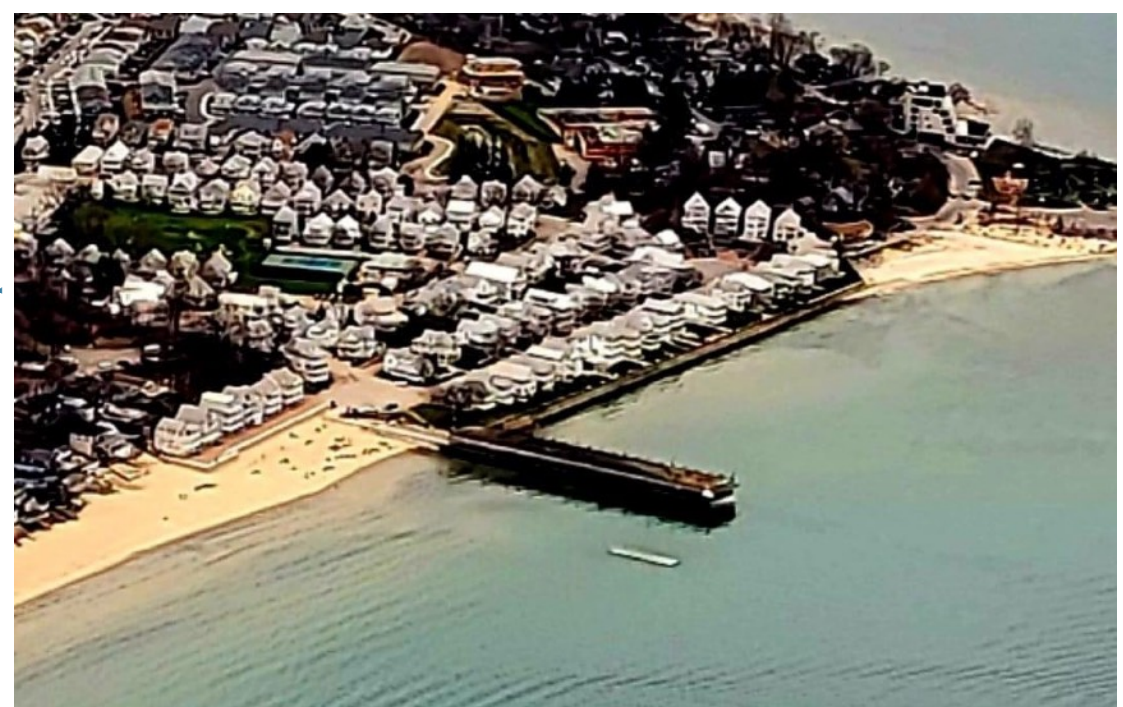
ON MARCH 28, THE TUG BREAKER II WAS SPOTTED TOWING A SECTION OF THE ICE BOOM UP THE BUFFALO RIVER TRAILED BY ITS PARTNER, JONCAIRE II.



MIDWESTERN REGIONAL CLIMATE CENTER'S GREAT LAKES CLIMATE REPORT. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST WINTER.



CRYSTAL BEACH IN 1975 & 2024



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2024 NRYC Officers

Commodore	Judith Boerdner
Vice-Commodore	Mark Knerr
Rear Commodore	Paul Varga
Fleet Captain	Lori Willison
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Dave Wilbur	Brian Willison

Bar Committee

Scott Brown, Committee Chair/ABC Officer

Webmaster

Brian Willison

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.

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](#)