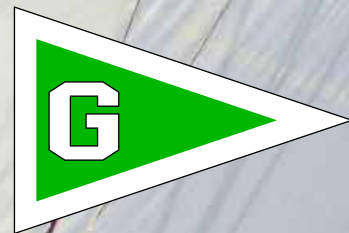


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COMMODORE'S

Corner



I think summer is finally here and it's great to go to the Club and see all of our members working on projects here and there or sitting on the porch laughing at stories and enjoying each other's company.

As a participant in our racing program, I want to thank Kevin Reilly for all his work coordinating the details to get our 2026 program up and running. So far it has been wonderful and it's great to see over thirty boats on the Bob Macintyre High Point Award list!

I would be remiss if I also didn't thank our Committee Boat crews. To take time away from their friends and family to go out there every week and set up our races

is just fantastic.

And that leads me to my final thoughts and a request to all of our members. We are a member driven Club. All of the work, improvements, events, help, cooking, cleaning and more is done by us. We don't have hired help, there isn't a cleaning service or restaurant staff that provide snacks or beverages for the folks on the porch. The members do all of it. We depend on those with specialized skills to come in when a door is broken or an electrical fixture fails. When I come in from a sail, it's comforting to know that someone will be there to lend a hand as I dock. I'm never embarrassed to bring a friend down to the Club because I know the grounds will be well kept and the Clubhouse will be clean and inviting.

But NONE of that gets done unless WE DO IT! We all know that there are a handful of members that will gladly and willingly do whatever is needed. They are there almost every day, helping others, offering a smile and a great tip or story.

I ask all of you to look at your schedule this summer. Do you have just an hour here and there? Check our Sign-in Genius, see what's open and go down to the Club and lend a hand! If you don't think you have the skills, that's ok. We have plenty of members that are eager to teach and pass on their knowledge.

The old adage; learn one, do one, teach one is the best way to pass on our Club's institutional knowledge. So I put it to all of you, don't wait to fill your hours at the haul-out and launch time, come on down and lend a hand. That's what the Genesee Yacht Club has always been about and that's why I am so proud to be a member!

Tuesday Race Parking Rules in Effect



Member Parking any time

Non-member Parking Tuesday Races

NEVER

With our Tuesday Race Program in full force, parking at the Club is going to be full. Please review the map below. Voyager Boat Sales has graciously approved the use of their boat yard for all of our non-member crew. It is the green outlined area 'behind' or to the east of the Club.

Once parked, crew can walk across the back yard directly into the Club property. Please remind them to keep their speed at or below 5mph while in the yard.

DO NOT PARK IN THE READ AREA. This is an active yard with many cars and equipment moving back and forth.

Keeping the Fleet in Sight - Vice Commodore Report

Bob Blakley



Jobs are posted on the GYC website under Volunteer Jobs Listing. Thanks to all who have signed up including Bill Bibbens for Ice, Chris Toole for the repairs to the GYC Sign, John Cushman for checking out the flood pumps. We need everyone to help keep the club running – please sign up!

We continue to monitor the Lake Ontario water levels which are at 247.34 ft as of June 5, well below our trigger point of 247.80 ft based on the GYC Flood plan of 3/15/2018. The lake levels, while high, are not considered to be a risk of flooding based on what we see.

From the Stern: Keeping Things Level - Rear Commodore Report

Kevin Reilly



The PYC to GYC race is on June 20th, coinciding with the Summer Solstice Celebration and Rochester Harbor Fest. PYC will be hosting a Commodore's Summer Solstice Cocktail Party on Friday night at Pultneyville for racers, crew, friends and family. Let's get a lot of GYC racers for this. Please let me know (and copy Jim Marone) if you plan on racing.

The Chris Mancini Memorial Regatta will be held on September 19th, coinciding with a regular Saturday Fall Series. Registration and more information will be coming soon.

As always, we need volunteers for ALL of our races and after race events. Saturday Race Committee: We need experienced crew as well as other volunteers to drive or assist setting marks.

If we have enough volunteers, we can have a two-boat race committee, but that certainly hasn't been the case in the past. In addition, we need race committee members for our Saturday race program. If you have any interest in learning how to run and setup a race, please reach out to me!

Tuesday Post-Race Cook and Cleanup: Each participating boat is expected to sign up for one Tuesday, 2-3 people is sufficient. Chy DeMetsenaere has volunteered to procure food and do basic setup, start grills, etc., when they're here. You don't have to worry about being the first boat back.

Emergency Action Plan cards have been prepared by Doc Sullivan and available to each boat in the club. These cards give careful instructions about how to handle an emergency on the water and locations in the river to meet an ambulance.

You can also go our GYC's website and SignUpGenius to see all of the various jobs that need to be filled.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.SignUpSearch&eid=0FC1C9D7F8C9F663&cs=09B5BADE8FC48B627B07640E5BC09BCD&sortby=l.title>

Click here for the 2026 Notice Of Rules:

<https://geneseeyc.org/wp-content/uploads/Documents/Racing/2026-Notice-of-Race.pdf>

Click here to fill out the Club's Intent to Race Online Form.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSedR2eidRai1hWG-PE7_6uXFacszbG-7PkEzjCGcDJZL8zgpA/viewform

There are many events and races that are coming up here at GYC as well as many of our sister Clubs along the Lake shore. Please take a look in this month's newsletter for details!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GYC

Next Meeting We Vote On
Kimberly Schickler

There is NO MEETING IN JULY!!!!

June 19	Racers Sail to PYC
June 20	PYC to GYC Race
	<i>Party on the Porch</i>
	<i>Sunset Sail</i>
	<i>Harborfest Light Parade</i>
July 9	Executive Board Meeting
July 17	WSI Porch Party
July 18	WSI Race

Check our newsletter for Sister Club Events

Would you like to add something to the GYC Newsletter?
Contact Christopher Toole at
Toolenaround16@gmail.com



Porch Ballot results:

In the May membership meeting Kevin Dudarchik presented a motion to approve spending no more than \$60,000 for a North Porch addition to the GYC Clubhouse. After discussion it was determined that a paper ballot would be required to approve this capital improvement

Per ARTICLE IX - ACTIONS REQUIRING MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL

The following actions shall require two-thirds (2/3) approval of the total membership of the Club: Capital improvements exceeding 50 percent of the current annual budget; Any action requiring two-thirds (2/3) approval shall be submitted to the membership for voting by written ballot for return by a specified date. Any ballot not so returned may be voted by the executive board acting as a board if such ballot so states on its face.

A ballot was posted on the GYC members only page as well as a link in a follow-up email announcing the vote. Printed ballots were made available to those who asked. The return date was identified on the ballot as May 28, 2026. The ballot also identified the unreturned ballots would be voted by the Executive Board

We received 63 returned ballots at 82.5% approved, 12.5% not approved, and 4.7% abstain. 62 ballots were not returned and voted on by the Executive Board. The Executive Board voted on the unreturned ballots using the same ratio as the returned ballots as per the ballot instructions in accordance with *Article IX, Section B of the Constitution* and clearly stated in the ballot instructions.

That brings the final ballot accounting to 103 total to approve, 19 total to not approve and 3 total to abstain.

Motion is approved.

NEW INFORMATION!



If people want to email work hours, please send them to
Ann Bibbens
(annbibbens@gmail.com)

Be sure to beat the October 31st deadline!!!



2026 EXECUTIVE BOARD

COMMODORE Joel Doyle

VICE-COMMODORE Bob Blakley

REAR-COMMODORE Kevin Reilly

SECRETARY Peggy Braitch

TREASURER Robert Gibson

PAST-COMMODORE Kevin Dudarchik

MEMBER at LARGE Joe Wycallis (2027)

MEMBER at LARGE Frank Woods (2027)

MEMBER at LARGE Terry Pitt (2026)

MEMBER at LARGE Nick Lang (2026)



Lake Ontario Water Level

- Thursday, June 11, 2026 - 247.28ft
- Mid July long term average - 246.82 - 247.67
- Deep water temperature - 62° F

Would you like more information?

Go to the International Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Board's websight for more!

<https://ijc.org/en/loslrb/watershed/water-levels>

Thank you Rich Allen for this tip!!!!

TowBoatUS Rochester and Captain Grant Langheinrich stand by to provide assistance in the Rochester boating area 24/7.

Need a tow in the Rochester area?

Call

Oneida Marine Group, Inc.
Rochester, NY (585) 797-9847



TowBoatU.S.



Easy Link to GYC Work Needs

We've made the link to our volunteer work needs easier
(thanks Ken Patterson and Rich Allen).

Simply go to the GYC website
(www.geneseeyc.com)

If you are using a computer, the heading

Volunteer Work Needs is in bold on the right.

If you are using a phone, scroll down to the same link

This will take you to **SignUpGenius** and on that page you will see a listing of all the available jobs.

Start planning your volunteer schedule for our 2026 season!!!!

Reminder—

If you are joining or renewing BoatUS membership, our cooperating Group ID number is:

GA80272Y





Just Catching Up on our New Member Pictures



GYC Provisional Membership Approved

No Approvals for June

Active Membership Approved

Eric Lintz

Spousal Membership Packet Awarded

No Awards for June



Remember...we're always watching you!

New Sailor Night

Don't forget GYC's New Sailor Night! Starting in June, GYC members volunteer to take out people with little or no experience in sailboats. Folks get to enjoy a perfect evening cruise off the coast of Lake Ontario, taking the helm, trimming sails and more. Mixed in here and there the Club will try to offer friendly pizza races for a little more realism!

If you're looking for more information on joining New Sailor Night, stop by and sign up, seats are limited!

<https://www.meetup.com/new-sailors-night-meetup/>



Looks like a family of eight is getting ready to board Free Spirit for New Sailor Night!

They always said Jerry Fisher had the patience of Job....We shall see!!!!

The Genessee River is Getting Some Action

If you've been keeping up on social media, you may have noticed posts under the various groups that keep track of events on the Lake and the area around Charlotte.

The Lettie G. Howard is scheduled to return to Rochester, NY from June 19th to June 21st. They are scheduling four sailing tours each day starting around noon. You can go on their website at <https://lettieg.org/> for more information and booking instructions.

You have also noticed that a large cruise ship has begun docking by the old Ferry station. The American Patriot is part of American Cruise Lines and this particular cruise runs from Oswego, up the Seaway to Ogdensburg back through Rochester on its way to Buffalo before reversing the cruise on the way. That means we see the American Patriot twice a week over the summer sailing season!

Stay tuned for more visits from tall ships, great musical events in the beach area and more. We have a wonderful port area and it is nice to see people and businesses begin to take advantage of our hidden gem.



<https://lettieg.org/>



www.americancruiselines.com



The Charlotte-Genessee Lighthouse is open for tours Friday, Saturday & Sunday from 1pm to 5pm

For more info:

<https://geneseeighthouse.org/>



More Racing Pictures Courtesy of our Race Committee Boat Crews



We have developed a simple form to use to request either summer or winter storage of your boat at GYC. Last fall we ended up with 65 boats stored at GYC over the winter and potentially 8 for this summer. I have sent the form out to those affected.

All GYC members looking to store their boats at the Club will need to fill out this form in order to comply with our By-Laws. In addition, it will make it easier for those involved with tracking this activity, to send out invoices.

There will be a supply of these on the bulletin board, but the hope is most members will printout the form located in the members only section of our website. We are working on creating a Google form that will help make this easier in the future.

Thanks,
Bob Blakley



*Genesee Yacht Club
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Rochester, New York, 14612*

GYC On-site Boat Storage Request Form

Complete and email to Vice Commodore, additional blank sheets on bulletin board

Summer Storage: _____ Winter Storage: _____

Boat Owner

Name	
Email address	
Cell phone	

Boat

Boat name		
Make and model		
LOA, ft		
Beam, ft		
Boat is on a	<input type="checkbox"/> trailer	<input type="checkbox"/> cradle
Mast is:	<input type="checkbox"/> up	<input type="checkbox"/> down
Spring launch by:	<input type="checkbox"/> GYC	<input type="checkbox"/> other
Fall Haul by:	<input type="checkbox"/> GYC	<input type="checkbox"/> other



LAND LEASE Boats stored on Club property (1/2 year) winter (or summer by written request) Initial two consecutive years: \$1.20 / sq ft Over 2 years: \$2.40 / sq ft (By Executive Board approval)

Year-round land lease of boats and unused cradles and trailers is allowed for one year only. Additional lease time is allowed only by the permission of the Executive Board on a yearly basis.

Winter boat storage is from October 1 to May 31 and summer boat storage from May 1 to October 31. Boats stored on the premises after June 31 will be billed summer storage and after Nov 31 billed winter storage.

Updated: 6/16/2026





A great shot of our C&C 29 One Design Division.

From left to right:

First Today (Tom Beach), Sting (Joel Doyle) & Silent Partner 2 (Dale Van Vechten). Missing from the shot is Aloha (Joe Buzzard)...who no doubt was WAY in front!!!!



OUR COMMODORE'S SUNSET CORNER

Commodore Joel Doyle just loves a great sunset picture and we're going to dedicate a special corner each month to showcase some of his favorites!

Do you have a favorite sunset picture and want to share with the Commodore?

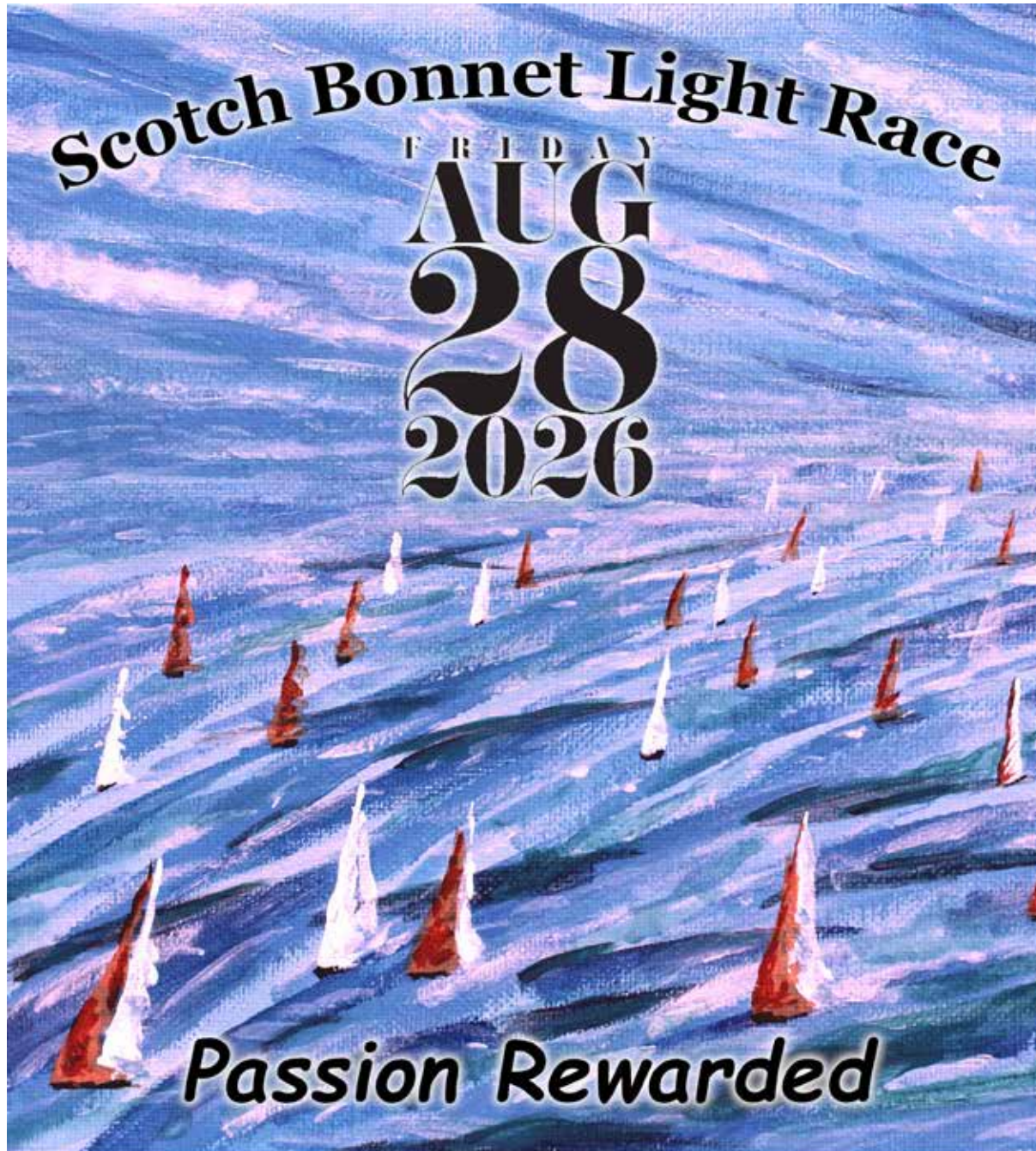
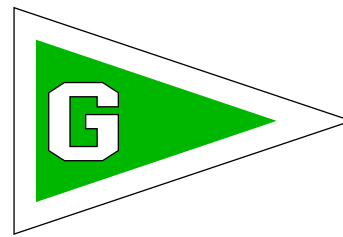
Send it in, we know how much he loves them!



SBLR Registration Open

Click here to register for the 2026 SBLR!!!!

<https://www.scotchbonnetrace.com/Registration.html>



The Scotch Bonnet Light Race registration is open and is accepting entries now! The SBLR is proud to announce they will be selling all of the race gear online and they will be providing a link shortly. Please check the GYC website for updated info on this.

On the next few pages are an article that was published in Catalina Yachts 'The Mainsheet' about the SBLR.

John Cake is making a direct request to everyone who has raced the SBLR in the past. Join us again, we all have friends that would love to brag to their co-workers that they raced 100 miles across Lake Ontario and back. Help make their dreams a reality and lets flood this year's race with GYC boats!

It Has Never Been Easier to Race the SBLR

Sailing inherently takes place in local weather. Because sailboats are also inherently slow, and almost always slower than the wind they are trying to use to get somewhere Predicting the weather is of great interest to sailors.

You will find if you ask any sailor what's the first thing they do every morning when their boat is in the water, they will tell you, "I check the weather, I click on the morning news or click on my favorite app".

Weather prediction through mathematical modeling was developed in the 1940s. The first computer application was used by the ENIAC computer in 1950. Filling an 1,800 square foot office space, it weighed almost 30 tons and was powered by 17,468 vacuum tubes, 70,000 resistors, and 10,000 capacitors. When they hit the switch, the ENIAC was capable of performing 5,000 mathematical calculations per second!

A 24-hour prediction could be calculated in about 24 hours. Maybe not very useful in this day of AI enhanced forecasts, routing suggestions and more. It's hard to think that in the 1950's and 60's there weren't satellites sending down pictures of clouds or reporting barometric pressures or wind speeds. By the middle of 1960, TIROS was able to send thousands of pictures showing the real value in looking at cloud cover and cloud formations and they were the father of modern weather forecasting!

By 1971, when the Scotch Bonnet Light Race was first run, the science of weather prediction had improved.

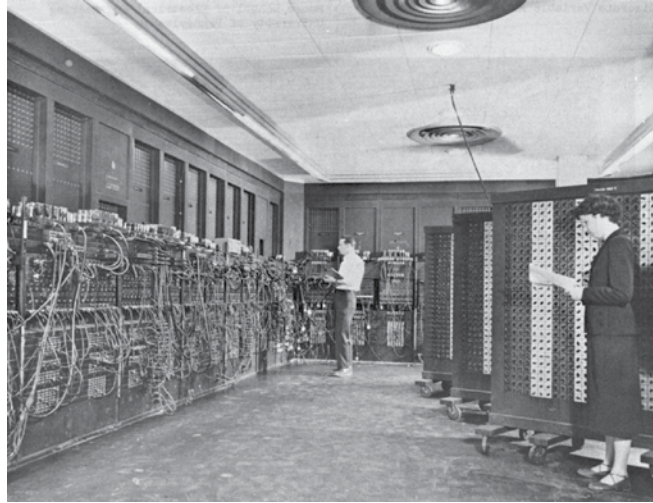
Forecast models based on atmospheric dynamics with corrections for near ground level enabled predictions for individual locations. For the SBLR racer this was accessible largely through local TV, radio broadcast services

and print media. The reliability was questionable, especially at any specific location and access to current information was limited to broadcast times. The Weather Channel debuted in 1980 with 24-hour weather information. Like all dedicated single-subject cable channel options, the Weather Channel created the demand for accurate and detailed weather reporting and then supplied it. This was a huge improvement in access for the public. Apple developed the Weather APP for iPhones in 2007 allowing fully obsessive weather watching from your back pocket. In development now are AI models. These are not based

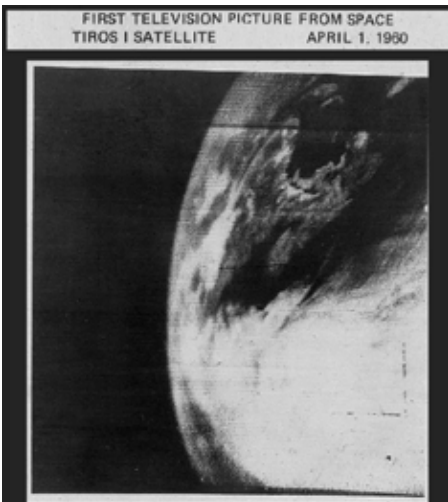
on calculations of the physics of the atmosphere but on machine learning processes. Kind of like my grandfather!

So that's what we have now. Weather at your fingertip. Want to really get into the rabbit hole? There are apps that report winds all over Lake Ontario, there are apps that will create a route for you based on the weather and wind for the time you are sailing. Many are free and are a great help for the new and the experienced sailors.

It has never been easier or safer to enter the Scotch Bonnet Light Race. Take the challenge. It will be a story you can tell your grandchildren. Better yet, take them with you. **Registration is open.**



ENIAC at Ballistic Research Laboratory in Aberdeen Proving Grounds, MD



Scotch Bonnet Light Race

By Chris Toole, *Toole'n Around*, Catalina 380 1997

It is probably a given that every yacht club on every lake or coastal area in North America has at least one iconic annual race that highlights the beauty and wonder of the waters they hail from. In Rochester, NY the Genesee Yacht Club on the Genesee River hosted their 51st annual Scotch Bonnet Light Race (SBLR) this past August, 2022. An open invitation race, the SBLR provides an 80 mile overnight race for sailboats of all sizes and style that takes you from the southern coast of Lake Ontario directly north to a very small granite island protecting the shores of Price Edward, Ontario in Canada.

The Heritage Lighthouse on Scotch Bonnet Island was built in 1856 to warn ships of the dangerous shoals surrounding the island and was just west of the 'graveyard of Lake Ontario' that stretches from the northern shores of Lake Ontario to the entrance of the St. Lawrence Seaway on the eastern edge of the Lake.

This was my 11th race in the SBLR and my 2nd attempt with my 'new' 1997 Catalina 380. The previous nine races were in our 1977 Catalina 30 and our crew won two first places and three third place finishes. Not bad for a non-racer!

In 2021, the 50th anniversary of the race encountered challenging winds and waves. With winds over 18 knots and waves over 5' at the start of the race, it

went downhill from there. Only nine of the twenty-eight boats were able to finish the race as the winds increased throughout the night. Right from the start, our boat, the "Toole'n Around" with a crew of just two was over matched. We planned to keep the jib rolled up till we got within a minute or so of the start, but the winds were so heavy that weather helm forced us to pull out the jib early. Certainly, a warning of things to come!

In addition, when we pulled the motor out of gear, the screw that holds the shifter onto the shaft sheared off. Not a big deal as we were easily able to shut the engine off and I had managed to get the engine into neutral before breaking the shifter. But with that failure, we lost our engine. We were able to start the race with



Scotch Bonnet Island



Chris (Captain), Matt, Steve and Brian

no issues and made our path directly north. The winds were brutal and I was forced to literally stand on the side of the stern seat behind the wheel enduring a 25-30 degree heel. As night fell, the winds did not let up and the fetch from the west brought the waves up over 6'. By 10pm, my crewmate whispered, softly I might add that if we ran into trouble, we didn't have an engine as a backup. With that comment, we decided to come about and head home.

Apparent wind made its appearance on the way back and we sailed the 15 miles back to Rochester in 25+ knot winds and 8-10' seas. The crazy part was that we had to sail directly into the Genesee River without an engine. Soon the entry lights to the port came into view and like a Navy pilot, we sailed that baby right down the middle of the river. Here it was, almost midnight on a Friday night in August. There was no wind inland, the bars were all in full party mode, bands were playing, people were laughing and having a great time and there we were. Sailing down the river, transitioning from 10' waves just five minutes ago, to a calm river cruise. It was a surreal moment that we will never forget. We sailed the final distance down the river to our dock and were actually able to sail right into our spot. Full disclosure, I have a bit of mud at the end of my dock, so mother Earth helped us a bit, none the worse for the wear.

It was a humble end to the 2021 race. I was so excited all year to experience this race in a true cruiser and I couldn't wait. To think that I was sidelined by bunch of air and water was just so frustrating. In the end, my lack of experience with my new boat did me in. So, this spring, I began working towards getting to know my Catalina 380.

I was fortunate enough to have retired this year; we were able to take her out all summer. I challenged myself in fair and rough weather. Plotting courses that required tacking, routing to overcome wind changes, and added more crew. 2022 was going to be our year and we were excited to see what we could do.

The race provides a handicap through the PHRF system and our boat was given a rating of 165 for Lake Ontario. Unfortunately, we were going to be the fastest boat in our six boat division, with the next slowest boat rated at 214. All this meant was that we would need to beat our competitors by about an hour according to our pre-race calculations.

This year's race had 24 boats divided equally between a Genoa Only division and a Spinnaker division (that required an extra 20-mile leg). We were the only Catalina and we were also the second largest boat in the race. The Genesee Yacht Club was also able to option sponsorship to install YB Tracking for the race. This added an exciting angle to the race as friends and supporters were able to watch it unfold all night. For those of us in the race, some were fortunate enough to have access to tracking as we got close to Canada.



Catalina 380 making time

Three experienced sailors and one highly motivated and competitive athlete were ready. Winds were from the west at 15 knots and we decided not to reef. The 380 can easily handle these winds and for whatever reason, the 100 miles or so of sea fetch hadn't whipped up the waves and they were actually very manageable.

As we headed north into the open Lake, the waves built to about 5' and the winds remained steady at 15 or so knots. Going down below was an exercise in futility. Even though we tried to stow all of the loose items and gear, the floor was littered with paper, knapsacks, coolers, snacks and more. It became laughable seeing just how uncoordinated and clumsy we all were when we went below. We learned after the fact that many of the crews in other boats were overwhelmed with sea sickness and I am thankful none of us came close to that. I attribute that to the wider and heavier beam of the Catalina 380 that allowed us to plow through many of the waves we were crashing into. An asset that was going to come back to haunt us.

With night closing in around us, we dimmed our cockpit instruments, turned on running lights and double checked the AIS and VHF radio. Lake Ontario has a heavy freighter

SCOTCH BONNET LIGHT RACE

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route to the north and we were headed right through it and wanted to be sure we'd be safe. What is startling is just how far you need to go at night to be truly away from land. Lake Ontario is only 40 miles across from Rochester to the Heritage Lighthouse and while the horizon is only about 13 miles away, you never lose sight of the lights on either side.



Matt Westphal at the helm

As we got closer to Canada, those lights begin to overwhelm the senses. White land lights stretched over a mile or so, look like they are together and only yards away. Red blinking lights, white blinking lights, the stars and more create a cacophony of light noise that is hard to interpret.

As we trekked towards Canada, we continued to head northwest. Were we going the right way? Should we continue on our 7 knot speed over ground course or should we tack back east and stay on the rhumb line towards the island. If only I'd studied velocity made good more! Around midnight, the winds started to track around to the north and picked up. We could no longer hold our course and weather helm was going to be our ruin. We had too much sail up and we needed to reef. Yes, we violated the first rule of open water sailing. Reef BEFORE you need to.

That is, unless you're in a race and you don't want to give up even one tenth of knot per hour. Well, after an exciting

and exhausting 15 minutes of easing the main halyard, pulling in the first reef, unjamming a winch that didn't have a working stripper ring we were on our way. We had reduced heeling to a manageable 20-25 degrees and we hadn't lost an ounce of speed.

By sunrise we were about 15 miles from the island, but we were in a position to turn directly east and shoot straight to our goal with a perfect close reach. Sailing at its best! Of course, we all assumed that we were in last place. But hey, we were still racing with 50 miles to go. I was also able to get cell phone internet service and lo and behold we were actually in a great position. In fact, at one point, we were leading the whole race! Our mistake was not tacking back east. We didn't do that because I feared a tack would cause us to lose ground back south. That's inexperience in off shore racing. What we did see was that a Sabre 28 was directly east of the island the same distance we were in the west. While their boat was slower on paper, she was rigged for racing and her skipper was one steely eyed sailor man.

We had started the race at 7:30pm and we turned the Scotch Bonnet Light Island around 8:30am. Up till then, the Catalina 380 took the winds and waves like a champ and while her crew might have suffered some bruises throughout the night, the 380 just laughed. Right up until the winds dropped from 20 knots to 2 knots. Clearly 2 knots of wind are going to be hard pressed to push a 20,000 pound boat. By 6:00pm we were still 26 miles away from Rochester. Yes, that meant for the last 10 hours we only made about 14 miles! I think the dead bugs in the Lake were going faster than us.

Fortunately, race rules allowed us to start our engine and motor home. Honestly, it was a beautiful ride. The Lake was flat calm, we were the only boat in all directions with the exception so a few freighters that passed by. We enjoyed a second wonderful sunset and finally motored into the Genesee River around 10pm. Just 27 hours had elapsed and we had the most wonderful race ever. We were part of a 24 boat start, experiencing a perfect sunset with warm winds and the kind of waves that make for great sailing pictures. The night was for the most part cloudless and provided an extraordinary view of the night sky, including the Milky Way, meteor showers and a passing of the International Space Station. While we were forced to abandon the race due to time limits, it gave us the chance to motor across the Lake at a nice comfortable speed that provided a second sunset and a perfect view of Lake Ontario.

Yes, every yacht club has their own special times and my crew and I were fortunate enough to enjoy one of Lake Ontario's few long distance races.



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Chris Toole (front), (left to right) Matt Westphal, Steve Riorden, Brian Logan

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Led this year by the tall ship
LETTIE G. HOWARD

A FAVORITE HARBORFEST FEATURE

The Boat Parade of Lights is a featured and favorite element of the annual Harborfest at Rochester's Ontario Beach Park and Port of Rochester. This special parade launches the boating season and encourages safe boating!

This year's theme: America's 250th Birthday

The parade is open to all boaters. No fee or registration is required, but boaters must pre-register no later than June 15, and prominently display assigned number on starboard of vessel to qualify for prizes!

Register at ontariobeachentertainment.org/harborfest (or scan the QR code on this flyer).

Compete for prizes by decorating your boat as a "float" - with lights, flags, streamers, costumed crew, etc. Spectators view the parade from the Ontario Beach Park pier!

PRIZES

- First Prize / Boats over 25': \$200
- First Prize / Boats under 25': \$200
- Second Prize / Boats over 25': \$100
- Second Prize / Boats under 25': \$100
- Best of Theme: Wegmans Gift Cards

HOW IT WORKS

Participating vessels monitor VHF Marine Channel 98 during the event for instructions and judging details. Boaters without radios can call 585-798-9879 for instructions and updates.

All vessels must exit the Genesee River into Lake Ontario and muster in the area east of the Summerville Pier no later than 8:45 p.m.

At approximately 9 p.m., the parade will proceed southbound into the river - following the Lettie G. Howard and using the Red-Right-Return rules, and proceed to the Port of Rochester boat launch. They will then loop around and return northbound to the end of the pier; then return southbound close to and past the Port building for review and judging.

Boats can continue to loop until 10 p.m. Winners will be announced on the Ontario Beach Park Program Committee website and Facebook, and notified by e-mail.



Learn more about
HARBORFEST
and other annual
lakeshore events:
ontariobeachentertainment.org





AUGUST 28 - 30, 2026 - LYRA ANNUAL REGATTA



Saturday June 26th - Sunday June 28th, 2026

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026



WITH A WOMAN AT THE HELM...ALL SAILORS
ARE WELCOME!

FLEET OFFERINGS
INCLUDE:

- GENOA ONLY •
- SPINNAKER •
- FUN FLEET •



GENESEE YACHT CLUB

10 Marina Drive, Rochester NY

DETAILS AND REGISTRATION AT [GENESEEEYC.ORG/RACING](https://www.geneseeyc.org/racing)

Racing Begins at 9am; Awards picnic to follow.



Help us reach our Goal,

30 Boats On the Line!



EVERY BOAT BRINGS
COUNTLESS NEW BEGINNINGS



WSI RegattaLet's Get 30 Boats to Race!

One of the first BIG regattas of the GYC sailing season is just around the corner. It looks like the Committee for the WSI is pulling out all the stops for one heck of an event and party!

Now is the time to recruit those woman sailors in your life, give them your boat for the day, help out as crew and have one of the best days of summer on the WSI!

Click here to join the Women's Sailing Invitation Regatta on July 18th

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=31429



Women Skippers
INVITATIONAL REGATTA

MARGARITAVILLE BAR MENU

MARGARITAS
— traditional style!

DARK AND STORMY'S

BEER

SOFT DRINKS
Stay Hydrated & Sail On!

It's 5 o'clock Somewhere!



Women Skippers
INVITATIONAL REGATTA

A SWEET FINISH TO A PERFECT DAY!

9-CONE-CONE
ICE CREAM
HONORING FIRST RESPONDERS

12 DELICIOUS FLAVORS!

9-Cone-Cone is a family owned Ice Cream business in Irondequoit that was created in honor of all First Responders!

Their truck will be on site at the GYC and will be bringing 12 flavors of ice cream for our enjoyment.

This special offering is being sponsored by **Howard Hanna Real Estate** and is included in the price of your dinner ticket!

YUM!!



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MARGARITAVILLE - THEMED - PICNIC MENU

MARGARITAVILLE-INSPIRED COLD SHRIMP SKEWERS
Grilled, tequila-lime marinated shrimp chilled and served with fresh lime and cilantro

MARGARITAVILLE-INSPIRED COLD CHICKEN WRAP
Grilled chicken, black beans, corn, red onion, and Monterey Jack cheese, tossed in a creamy avocado-lime or salsa-ranch dressing

VEGGIE WRAPS

GRAIN SALAD — QUINOA TABOULEH SALAD

FRUIT SALAD
PINEAPPLE/MANGO to keep to tropical theme with other seasonal fruits

GREEN/VEGGIE SALAD
TROPICAL INSPIRED VINAIGRETTE

Good Food, Good Friends, Good Winds!



Women Skippers Invitational Regatta 2026

Saturday, July 18, 2026

The countdown is on for one of Genesee Yacht Club's most anticipated summer traditions—the Women Skippers Invitational (WSI) Regatta! Whether you're a seasoned racer, first-time helmsperson, experienced crew member, or simply looking to join in the fun, we invite you to be part of this exciting day on the water and at the picnic celebration to follow.

Help Us Reach Our Goal: 30 Boats on the Line!

This year we're setting an ambitious goal of **30 Boats on The Line**, and we need your help to get there. Watch for our WSI Regatta Meter around the club and add your name to the growing fleet. **Every boat brings countless new beginnings.**

Registration is Open!

Registration is quick, easy, and **FREE**.

Sign up today:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=31429

You can also find registration information on the Racing Page of the GYC website.

Need Crew? Need a Boat? We've Got You Covered!

One of the things that makes WSI so special is that everyone can participate.

- Have a boat but need additional crew members?
- Want to skipper but don't have access to a boat?
- Looking for an opportunity to crew and learn?

Our **Crew, Skipper & Boat Match-Maker** tool helps connect sailors of all experience levels, sign up today!

Visit: <https://geneseeyc.org/racing>

No matter your experience level, we'll help find a place for you on the water.

The Racing is Just the Beginning!

After the racing concludes, please join us for the WSI Picnic and Party featuring great food, friends, music, ice cream, and plenty of stories to share.

Special Advance Meal Ticket Offer

Take advantage of our advance-purchase Meal Ticket package for only **\$25!**

Your ticket includes:

- ✓ Farmhouse Table catered meal
- ✓ A treat from the popular 9 Cone Cone Ice Cream Truck
- ✓ One complimentary drink ticket

This incredible value is available for a limited time, so don't wait to reserve yours.

Pre-purchase your Meal Ticket here: <https://square.link/u/tliZpSoj>

Meal tickets will also be available for purchase during Tuesday Night Racing and at select GYC events leading up to the regatta.

Order Your WSI Merchandise Today

Show your WSI spirit and arrive race-ready by **ordering from our online merchandise store here:**

Visit: wsipresale.itemorder.com

Choose from a variety of styles, colors, and apparel options, including T-shirts and other WSI favorites. Ordering in advance ensures your merchandise will be ready for Regatta Day.

In addition, we'll have:

- Baseball Caps
- Bucket Hats
- Tote Bags

available for purchase on-site during the event.

Volunteers Needed!

The Women Skippers Invitational is made possible by an amazing team of volunteers, and we still have opportunities available.

Whether you can help for an hour or more, there are jobs for everyone—including registration support, hospitality, race committee assistance, setup, cleanup, merchandise sales, and more.

Please visit the **WSI Sign Up Genius through the GYC website** and consider lending a hand. Your support helps make this event enjoyable for everyone!

Join Us!

The Women Skippers Invitational is more than a regatta—it's an opportunity to build confidence, create friendships, share knowledge, and celebrate sailing.

Register your boat. Invite another woman skipper. Bring a new crew member. Volunteer to support the event.

Together, let's make 2026 our biggest and best Women Skippers Invitational yet—and put **30 boats on the line!**

See you on the water on July 18th!

June GYC General Membership Meeting Minutes

Genesee Yacht Club General Membership Meeting

June 4, 2026

This meeting was held in person at the club and in hybrid fashion with Microsoft Teams

Commodore Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Guests: Kimberly Schickler, Geoff Sharples, Bruce Volveda, Wayne Williams

Secretary's Report – Peggy Braitsch

The May 7 meeting minutes were published online and sent to the members via email. They were posted on the bulletin board. Burt Ringelstein made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Joel Doyle. The minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report – Bob Gibson

1. Not a lot of income and expenses are on track with previous years
2. No big tax preparation and payment surprises
3. GYC is “getting current with NYS for taxes” and this will be resolved in the next few weeks

Rear Commodore's Report – Kevin Reilly

1. The PYC -> GYC race is on June 20th, coinciding with the Summer Solstice Celebration and Rochester Harbor Fest. PYC will be hosting a Commodore's Summer Solstice Cocktail Party on Friday night at Pultneyville that racers, crew, friends and family are invited to attend. Let's get a lot of GYC racers for this. Please let me know (and copy Jim Marone) if you plan on racing.
2. The Chris Mancini Memorial Regatta will be held on September 19th, coinciding with a regular Saturday Fall Series. Registration and more information will be coming soon.
3. Volunteers - SignUpGenius:
 - a. Saturday Race Committee: We need PROs as well as other volunteers to drive or assist setting marks. If we have enough volunteers, we can have a two-boat race committee, but that certainly hasn't been the case in the past.
 - b. Tuesday Post-Race Cook and Cleanup: Each participating boat is expected to sign up for one Tuesday, 2-3 people is sufficient. Chy DeMetsenaere has volunteered to procure food and do basic setup, start grills, etc., when they're here. You don't have to worry about being the first boat back.
4. Emergency Action Plan cards have been prepared by Doc Sullivan and available to each boat in the club. These cards give careful instructions about how to handle an emergency on the water and locations in the river to meet an ambulance.

Vice Commodore's Report – Bob Blakely

1. Maintenance:

The Following Pages are not for Public Distribution

Jobs are posted on the GYC website under Volunteer Jobs Listing. Thanks to all who have signed up including Bill Bibbens for Ice, Chris O'Toole for the repairs to the GYC Sign, John Cushman for checking out the flood pumps. We need everyone to help keep the club running – please sign up!

2. Lake Levels:

We continue to monitor the Lake Ontario water levels which are at 247.34 ft as of June 5, well below our trigger point of 247.80 ft based on the GYC Flood plan of 3/15/2018. The lake levels, while high, are not considered to be a risk of flooding based on what we see.

Commodore's Report – Joel Doyle

Porch Ballot results:

In the May membership meeting Kevin Dudarchik presented a motion to approve spending no more than \$60,000 for a North Porch addition to the GYC Clubhouse. After discussion it was determined that a paper ballot would be required to approve this capital improvement

As per ARTICLE IX - ACTIONS REQUIRING MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL

The following actions shall require two-thirds (2/3) approval of the total membership of the Club: Capital improvements exceeding 50 percent of the current annual budget; Any action requiring two-thirds (2/3) approval shall be submitted to the membership for voting by written ballot for return by a specified date. ***Any ballot not so returned may be voted by the executive board acting as a board if such ballot so states on its face.***

A ballot was posted on the GYC members only page as well as a link in a follow-up email announcing the vote. Printed ballots were made available to those who asked. The return date was identified on the ballot as May 28, 2026. The ballot also identified the unreturned ballots would be voted by the Executive Board

We received 63 returned ballots at 82.5% approved, 12.5% not approved, and 4.7% abstain. 62 ballots were not returned and voted on by the Executive Board. The Executive Board voted on the unreturned ballots using the same ratio as the returned ballots as per the ballot instructions in accordance with Article IX, section B of the Constitution and clearly stated in the ballot instructions.

That brings the final ballot accounting to 103 total to approved, 19 total to not approved and 3 total to abstain. Motion is approved.

Oven repair: New thermostat needed. Scheduled for Wednesday the 10th of June...again!

Reminder, no meeting in July

Committee Reports

No reports from the following committees:

Community Sailing, Constitution and By Laws, Cruising, Dredging, Equipment, Garden, GYC History, House, Junior Sailing, Launch, Legal, Lyra, New Sailors, Reciprocal, Webmaster, Ship's Store

Committee Boats – Nick Lang/Matt Sanderson

The anchor road on the Coleman is being repaired. Both boats need cleaning.

Health and Safety

This chair is currently vacant. It was previously occupied by Mary Ewbanks. The responsibilities of the Health and Safety Chair:

1. Ensure First Aid supplies are current and in date
2. Perform annual AED check (I usually did this in April)
3. Ensure AED battery and pads are in date and replace as needed
4. Ensure NARCAN is in date and replace if needed
5. Provide access to club for Fire Extinguisher check (Monroe Extinguisher Company)

Hospice: Kathy Gamet

For up to the date information, the Hospice Race Facebook page is updated. There is still a need for volunteers to sell tickets at WSI.

Kitchen – Paul Pytlak

Please keep the kitchen clean. There is an ant problem.

Keep refrigerator and freezer use to a minimum since we need room for Tuesday picnic food and events

Membership – Craig Roth

Eric Lintz will be voted on for Active membership under new business.

Kimberly Schickler has completed 3 meetings and will be voted on for Provisional membership in August.

There was a Moment of Silence for Joyce Peters and Marianne Pecoraro.

Rich Allen's mother passed, and Rich was sent a card.

OOD – Officer of the Day

Jeanne Heil has taken the position of OOD. Joel will bring her up to speed.

SBLR – John Cake

Volunteers are needed. Sign up Genius is up and running.

Merchandise will go on sale on-line.

\$15 picnic tickets will be available at meetings and registration. Day-of tickets will be \$20

ONLY 4 BOATS ARE REGISTERED.

Social – Pat Pytlak

Pat thanked Julie Blakley and her team for the Commodore’s reception and John Cushman and his team for the Memorial Day Picnic.

John Anderson presented a detailed explanation of the rules regarding events where we have a liquor license and alcohol is for sale. IF THERE IS ALCOHOL FOR SALE ON THE GYC PREMISES, YOU MAY NOT DRINK YOUR OWN ALCOHOL ANYWHERE ON GYC PROPERTY, INCLUDING YOUR OWN BOAT.

Up-coming events are posted in the house, online and in the newsletter.

Woman Skipper Invitational-Julie Traulsen

Pre-sale tickets will provide a free drink ticket with purchase.

Registration is up and free. Merch is on sale- online.

The Pizza Race in July 16 is a practice race for the WSI.

Larry Sill will be giving a talk on Rule 18, “Rounding the Mark.”

Goal is to have 30 boats.

Yard: Doug Story

Sign up to mow the lawn.

Doug needs help with watering. If you are at the club, start the sprinklers and keep them going.

Old Business - None

New Business

1. Joanne Mudge resigned from the Executive Board and Joe Wycallis has accepted the nomination to finish the 2026/2027 term at the May EB meeting.

Craig Roth moved to take a vote for Joe Wycallis to finish Joanne’s term, Terry Allen seconded. Joe Wycallis was approved as an at-large member of the Executive Board.

2. Kathy Roth has submitted the following idea to the membership:
A proposal for purchasing and dedicating porch chairs in honor of or in memorial of someone. Gerald Fischer said the chairs cost about \$100.00 for each rocker. If a plaque is

desired, the cost is about \$10.00 more. The process is as follows:

- a. Determine cost for the chair.
 - b. Donate the money for a chair to GYC officer.
 - c. Executive board to designate someone to purchase a chair so they will all be the same.
 - d. Have the plaque for the chair made, if necessary.
 - e. Place on the porch and send a notice to the person donating the chair.
3. Eric Lintz was voted on for Active Membership. Doug Story and Bill Thompson sponsored him. He was approved for Active membership.

50/50 winner – Kathy Gamet

Adjournment

Craig Roth moved to adjourn; Bob Blakley seconded – Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully,

Peggy Braitsch

Secretary



A member checking on the Club Friday, June 12th noticed a very bad smell in the kitchen.

The garbage can was full of empty hamburger and hotdog packaging. They were probably in there from the Tuesday race night dinner.

Suffice to say, the can was full of maggots.

Despite keeping the Club cool, it only takes a day or two for garbage to rot and for flies to infest it.

DO NOT leave garbage in the Club, **ALWAYS** empty and can with unused food, pop, beer, etc. When leaving the Club, **ALWAYS** check the refuse containers in the kitchen, rest rooms, entrance way and meeting hall before locking up or going home.

We are better than this and it should never have happened!

Our Ship's Store Chairman Joe Pasquarell has gone to great lengths to add some new apparel to our GYC collection, including some very nice spring/fall wear for those 'slightly' chilly days!

Stop by our online store and take a look at what we have at <https://geneseeyc.org/ship-store> for more information. You can reach Joe at giuseppe183@gmail.com for information on what we have and prices.



Store Chairman Joe Pasquarell has announced that you can now order various clothing with not only the GYC logo on them but for a small additional fee, he can have your boat's name embroidered on them!

This is a great idea for your 2026 racing crew. For more information, please reach out to Joe.