

# BUCKEYE LAKE YACHT CLUB

## The Log

December 2018 - Volume 100, Issue 3

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Piano Bar  
Christmas Sing Along**  
Friday, December 7  
*David Hogrefe*

**BLYC Children's  
Christmas Party**  
Sunday, December 9  
*Hosted by the BLYC Auxiliary*

**Adult Christmas Party**  
Saturday, December 15  
*Jazz Gallery*

**Thirsty Thursday  
Ugly Sweater Party**  
Thursday, December 20  
*AJ Angelo*

**Lakeside Trio**  
Saturday, December 22

**New Year's Eve Party**  
Monday, December 31  
*Jimmy Harris Band*

**Supper Club**  
Friday, January 4  
*Dave Bott*

**Supper Club & Magic**  
Friday, January 11  
*Lakeside Trio  
Magician David Newell*

**Speaker Series**  
Thursdays Starting January 17

**Parrot Head Party**  
Saturday, January 19  
*Cat & Howard*

**Buckeye Lake Winterfest**  
Saturday, January 26



COMMODORE  
DONALD DICK

#### Happy Holidays!

This time of year, our thoughts turn to family and friends and all that we have to be thankful for. Peggy and I would like to wish all of our yacht club family a safe and happy season! We hope that you will also take some time to celebrate with your BLYC family as well. Some of the most enjoyable parties of the year happen this month and Governor Hamilton has a jam-packed schedule of fun times lined up for us!

We are so fortunate to have this great club and to be able to enjoy our times on our lake. This season of the year is also a time to think about those not as fortunate. Over the years, the Good Neighbor Christmas Party has been a wonderful outreach for our Club and, under the leadership of P/C Joe and Joni Campbell, it continues to be so. (This is the 17<sup>th</sup> year for the party!) In addition to your donations, your time is needed too — shopping for the kids, volunteering

at the party, etc. Contact Joe & Joni if you can help.

As you will read in other Governor's articles, your board has been hard at work preparing for the upcoming 2019 season. We've got a lot of projects on our plate and I encourage all members to give their input, feedback, and, most importantly, their time and talents to help their club. BLYC is unique among clubs that offer the services we do in that membership volunteerism is a significant part of what we do and it helps to keep our club affordable. If you can help out either with your time and talents or by donation, I encourage you to get involved and keep our Club the outstanding lake destination that it is.

Wishing you and yours a peaceful, safe, and warm Holiday season.

#### See you at the Club!

Commodore Don Dick

### MEMBERSHIP

- Governor Brian Thom

Please join me in welcoming our newest members of BLYC...

**Brian Sayre**

**Mark Zawislak**

**David Ferguson**

**Cheryl & Keifer Boggess**

**Brad Walters**

**William Collinson**

Remember — don't keep the Club a secret! Let your friends and family in on the fun and invite them to consider the advantages of membership.

Brian Thom  
Membership

## ENTERTAINMENT

- Governor Jeff Hamilton

The Holiday season is upon us and the fun continues at your Buckeye Lake Yacht Club. Hopefully, you are in the Holiday spirit and ready for some great times at the Club.

I know we all get busy during the Holiday season, but it is nice to come to the club and enjoy a nice dinner and listen to some wonderful music. December continues to be a month full of Holiday events that you do not want to miss. **David Hogrefe** will be tickling the ivories and entertaining you on December 7<sup>th</sup> for a **Piano Bar** night. Get ready to sing because he will have lots of music to play and have us sing-a-long with him. On December 9<sup>th</sup> is the annual **Children's Christmas party** sponsored by the Auxiliary. This is always a wonderful event for the children and grandchildren of the Club members. Be sure to make your reservations with Julie Bruckelmeyer. **The Adult Christmas Party** will be on December 15<sup>th</sup> and **Jazz Gallery** will be performing. You can check them out on their website at [www.jazzgalleryproject.com](http://www.jazzgalleryproject.com) or on Facebook at Jazz Gallery Project. On December 16<sup>th</sup>, is the **Good Neighbor Christmas party**. This is an annual event for the children of Buckeye Lake and always leaves you feeling warm inside. **AJ Angelo** will be entertaining us on a special edition of **Thirsty Thursday** on December 20<sup>th</sup>. We will have our annual **Ugly Sweater Party** and AJ will be doing a Christmas sing-a-long. **Lakeside Trio** will be warming our hearts on December 22<sup>nd</sup> with a Christmas sing-a-long. To close out the year, we will have our **New Year's Eve party** with the **Jimmy Harris Band** on December 31<sup>st</sup>. As always, be sure to make reservations for any events.

Just when you think it is going to quiet down, January revs up to be another fun month of events at the Club. Starting on January 6<sup>th</sup>, Euchre Sundays begin at 1:30 pm. On January 11<sup>th</sup>, we will have **Supper Club** with Lakeside Trio. In addition, we are having something exciting. We will have **David Newell** who is an accomplished Magician. He will be going around and doing card tricks during dinner and then he will entertain us with a magic show. If you don't know David, he is the grandson of P/C Don Harris and the nephew of P/C Steve Harris. You do not want to miss this show! On January 17<sup>th</sup>, the **Speaker Series** begins and will continue through March on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm. We will have our annual **Parrot Head Party** on January 19<sup>th</sup> and we will end the month with **Buckeye Lake Winterfest**.

Be sure to come out to the Club and warm up by the fireplace and have some fun this winter. Please remember to make your reservations either by using the online feature through the website or by calling the Club directly.

I want to wish you a very joyous Holiday season.

**See You at the Club!**

Jeff Hamilton  
Entertainment

## BAR & KITCHEN

- Vice Commodore Mark Pyle

As we move into the Holiday season, the kitchen staff is working to deliver interesting and tasty weekly specials and continues to tweak the new winter menu items introduced with positive reviews in November. Our bartenders will be spreading holiday cheer with seasonal drinks of the week and the dining room staff stands ready to make your Holiday experience relaxing and enjoyable. December is always a busy month at the Club with the adult and children's Christmas parties, annual Christmas sing-along, the always touching Good Neighbor Children's lunch, a number of private holiday events, all capped off by the exciting and elegant New Year's Eve dinner-dance.

Please check the monthly calendar and make your reservations early so we can be sure to have the service level ready to provide you an enjoyable experience. The dining room operates with a reduced staff this time of year and your reservations allow our kitchen and dining room managers to plan appropriate staffing and menu requirements to deliver a positive Club visit for all members. Members planning on attending the annual Christmas buffet and children's party on December 9<sup>th</sup>, please be prepared to provide the name, age and gender of the children who will be attending when you make your reservations so the team organizing the event can plan accordingly.

Make your reservations soon and have a peaceful Christmas holiday season!

Mark Pyle  
Bar & Kitchen



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## **BLYC CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Sunday, December 9  
1:00 - 2:30 pm**

Bring your Children & Grandchildren to the Annual Children's Christmas Party hosted by the BLYC Auxiliary.

**Call the Club to make your  
reservation today!**

Please include the name, age, and gender of each child so that Santa can get to work.

If you plan to enjoy brunch prior to the start of the party, please include this detail when making your reservation for the children

### **AUXILIARY**

**Ho, Ho, Ho!**

**Time for the Holidays at BLYC!**

The Auxiliary is planning for your enjoyment and fun! Our meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup> comes at a perfect time for you to relax with your friends before the crush of last minute preparations for the Holidays! This time is for you — everyone is invited! Please join us for the evening. If possible, RSVP to blycauxiliary@gmail.com However, don't let this stop you from coming last minute! And bring a friend, spouse, partner, or bar buddy!

***December 13, 2019 Auxiliary Gathering***

6:00 PM Dinner and Beverages – Chef Josh will surprise us with his choice for the evening.

6:30 PM Meeting during dinner

7:00 PM Craft for you to enjoy making! This is the Auxiliary gift to you at no cost!

***See you there!***

**ANNUAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUES DRAWING**

You'll find a form in this Log about the Annual Membership Dues Drawing. This is a fundraiser for the Auxiliary that helps us support our favorite Junior Sailors and community projects from net profits. It also offers you the opportunity to enter a drawing for \$35 to have your 2019 membership dues paid. So... take a chance, or two, or three, or more (\$35 each)

to win! Information is available in this publication, from an Auxiliary officer, or Chris at the Gob's Mess bar. Applications are due by December 28<sup>th</sup> with drawing at New Year's Eve Party. You do not need to be present to win!

**SHOWCASE SALES!!**

Our new selections are selling fast! In fact, you will need to order any of the new arrivals by December 7<sup>th</sup> to be ready by the Holidays. If the showcase is moved for the entryway construction, please contact Claudia Belt (Cmbheronbay@hotmail.com) for your last minute shopping!

**NEW STAIRWAY FROM PARKING LOT!**

We're very excited about the new stairway leading from the parking lot to the top of the dam. The summer fundraiser auction helped the Auxiliary fund the project that you have been requesting for some time. You can see your dollars at work! Join us in thanking Charlie Campbell for supervising the project from start to finish!

**THANK YOU...** for your donations of candy for Buckeye Lake Trunk or Treat and food for area food pantries surrounding Buckeye Lake in November. The Auxiliary will join many of you who are supporting the Good Neighbor Christmas Party. Thank you to the Good Neighbor Committee for providing this community service again this year!

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Your Auxiliary Officer Team:**

President Susan Hite, Vice President Sue Derlis,  
Secretary Claudia Belt, Treasurer Stephanie Dodd

### **ONLINE RESERVATIONS**

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# SPECIAL THIRSTY THURSDAY WITH AJ ANGELO Thursday, December 20 Wear Your Ugly Sweaters!

## HOUSE & GROUNDS

- Governor Charlie Campbell

The grand finale, as lamented by Governor Kasich, is over and the new dam is in full protective mode. It is 40 feet deep with a cap designed for walking and biking. Sorry, no cars or anything with a motor. Now that the dam project is complete, it is time for major work on the BLYC seawall, Eastport docks, entrance gate, entrance steps, pool and, and, and.

The seawall project, BLYC Phase I of IV, was delayed due to the Army Corps of Engineers ensuring it would be done correctly. We now have their permit and one from ODNR. Consequently, construction will start as soon as our builder, Cottage Construction Maintenance Company, can traverse from ODNR's Fairfield Beach location to the BLYC. Yes, across the water as we are not allowed to have anything cross the dam that would, could, weigh more than a standard car. Most seawall work will be done from barges. Phase I will be around our pool area. Mentioning the pool — a new chlorine injection system and plumbing configuration will be completed by opening on Memorial Day weekend 2019.

Eastport dock additions are being made and will be installed for use in 2019. The current steps leading to the club from the parking lot are, to say the least, crumbling and somewhat difficult to navigate. Thanks to the BLYC auxiliary and gracious donation by Commodore Dick, construction could be completed even by the time you read this.

The entrance to the club must be protected! The BLYC Board of Governors and Trustees are diligently looking into a new, but keeping with history, entrance gate. For all who remember the old entrance gate we are replicating it in all its grandeur. The old gate is no longer usable however it served as the exact blueprint for our new one.

Inside the club is not being left out of improvements. Immediately after we enjoy Winterfest on Saturday January 26<sup>th</sup>, we will close the club for the following 4 days to refinish the wooden floors.

Construction on our foyer, BLYC double door entrance, is being renovated thanks to a generous donation.

As governor of house and grounds I can go on and on about repairs, new construction, etc etc. I can expound on the many amenities offered by paying our annual dues and great kitchen/bar offerings. But it's Thanksgiving time and no one deserves more thanks than our members and staff who make our club what it is. So the next time you cross the bridge to this Buckeye Lake icon, give thanks to those who graciously give of time, effort and donations to keep it. I can not overstate the importance of donations to the club. There are items we need but due to seawall, docks, pool and club repairs, etc. the purchase of small items becomes difficult. A donation of any amount from many makes for a lot of small items purchased. Currently we are in need of donations to help with:

- **Bike Rack** — Since the dam is complete, the new blacktop cap is perfect for walking or biking. The

club needs a bike rack for those members who are biking and stop by the club for a snack or refreshing dip in the pool. Along with the rack we will also need to install a concrete pad to place it on.

- **Outside comfortable chairs** — The chairs around our patio out front are old and worn. All our broken chairs have been taken apart for repairing others. We could use 10 + new chairs.

The 8 bike rack is \$800 including pad which the club staff will pour. A chair is \$340. Give a little or give a lot it is appreciated and surely makes the club & club membership better. Donations of any amount are welcome and will be used towards these projects. Thank you for your interest.

Things are always changing at BLYC. This "Old House" needs constant upkeep and repair. Just this past week, the ropes on the flagpole broke. They will be repaired and replaced in the spring, but in the meantime, we are temporarily flying the American flag from the front porch. As previously mentioned, we will be doing construction in the entry way soon — maybe even before you receive this issue of the *Log*. Please pardon our dust.

Also keep in mind that the new bridge tends to be slippery when wet. This is even more true during the winter months. Chuck and Trent do a great job keeping it clear, but caution is still advised.

**Until next time be safe!**

Charlie Campbell  
House & Grounds

## RACE & REGATTA

- Governor Dave Paligo

Thanksgiving is checked off the calendar, it's early December, many are decorating their homes and Christmas trees... Our thoughts are on friends, family, the Christmas spirit and welcoming in the New Year. My Board responsibility next year is "Race & Regatta," but there is much more to this package than sailing and racing. If there's one thing that we learned from seasons past, it's that we must plan early as the club's schedule and members' calendars fill up fast. So now is the time to prepare for the upcoming boating, sailing and racing season.

Some of our goals for 2019 are:

- Introduce more members to the fun of sailing and racing.
- ODNR sponsored Boaters Safety Class
- Electronic registration and scorekeeping for sailing & boating events
- US Sailing One-Day Race Management Seminar
- Race Committee 101 - how to conduct a race with multiple starts, classes/fleets
- Rules of Sailing class/seminar – understanding Part 2 rules 10, 11, 12, 13, 18 & 19
- Pray for Wind Tar Social
- Sail-On-Sunday (SOS) series
- Thursday evening Family Fun sails
- Promote pontoon boat fun events
- Antique Classic Boat Regatta
- Long Distance Races: Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day
- Snowball Regatta
- BLYC Tropical Trophy and Awards party

Plans are still very preliminary and subject to change, but we want to get you, our membership, engaged and involved early. Look for more details in future issues of the *Log*.

Dave Paligo  
Race & Regatta

## DOCKS & RENTALS

- Rear Commodore Bruce Ames

There is not much news to report this month about our docks at the Club. As stated in prior months we are under contract to extend the docks at Eastport. Hopefully we will have these docks ready by Memorial Day as well as the seawall around the pool. Cottage Maintenance has the contract for both projects and will be giving BLYC priority in their scheduling. I will keep you posted.

We are still not sure what will happen with the docks in Area 300 but we hope to have an answer by mid to late December.

Bruce Ames  
Docks & Rentals

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES DRAWING

### *The Auxiliary wants to pay your 2019 BLYC Dues!*

*For a donation of \$35 per entry, members will be entered into a drawing to be held during the New Year's Eve celebration at the Club December 31<sup>st</sup>. You need not be present to win.*

*To participate in the drawing, just fill out the form below and mail it to the Club.*

*Forms are also available at the BLYC bar.  
Questions? email us at [blycauxiliary@gmail.com](mailto:blycauxiliary@gmail.com)*

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*Vegetarian Option:*

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ENTREE

**Surf & Turf**

Roasted Pork Tenderloin, Dried Cherry Demiglace  
Garlic Butter Shrimp, Jicama Slaw  
Roasted Fingerlings, Compressed Asparagus

*Vegetarian Option:*

**Mushroom and Corn Risotto with  
Crostini**

DESSERT

**Cheesecake**

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## JUNIOR TRAINING

- Governor Mike Bruckelmeyer

**Thank You!** The BLYC Juniors would like to thank Chuck and Trent for their efforts building a storage rack for our new 420 Racing boats! The boats are safe and sound in their storage unit and thanks to these two hard workers, up off the ground. Be sure to show your appreciation next time you see them around the Club. A "Thank You" also goes out to our House and Grounds Governor, Charlie Campbell.

**Calling All Elves!!!!** The BLYC Auxiliary is looking for help with the Children's Christmas Party on December 9 and I know the Juniors have helped in the past. If you are able to assist Santa and his helpers on that day please contact me and I will give your info to the Jolly Elf himself.

Planning for the upcoming sailing season is underway and more details will follow in upcoming Logs. Watch for details on the following events;

**February** — ODN Powerboat License Class.

**May** — Seafood Boil Fund Raiser

**June** — Travelers Series Regatta - NEW

Sailing Camps

Dive In Movies

**July** — Scuba Diving

Junior Bay Week

High School Sailing is fast becoming a popular sport and many of the I-LYA Member Clubs have teams. I am looking into the requirements and possibility of forming a team on Buckeye Lake. This could be a great way to offer sailing to youth who might otherwise not have the opportunity. This effort is in its infancy and any input or suggestions are greatly appreciated.

With the gift giving season right around the corner you may be wondering what to buy that special boater in your life. I would like to suggest one of the Junior Training commemorative Brick Pavers for you to give. A great gift for the person that has everything! The purchase could be tax deductible. Please see me or the Yacht Club's website, Junior Tab, for an order form and instructions.

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## COMMUNICATIONS

- Governor Barb Hein

This year is coming to an end and we have a lot of exciting events coming this next year. I am still getting my feet wet and do extend an invite to all members if they want me to share something in this article —I am happy to do so. I am making preparations for a new directory, both in print and online. I will share more details soon. When you take that excellent photo at the club send it to me and then you can be in print, as I can not capture all moments that create wonderful memories. I look forward to seeing you at the club. [blychein@gmail.com](mailto:blychein@gmail.com)

Barb Hein  
Communications

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time of the year!

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

As promised in November, the finance committee has completed the 2018-2019 budget to be presented at the December regular board meeting for discussion and approval and then promptly sent off to the Trustees for final approval in time for the annual bills to be sent out in 2019. We do not take lightly the impact on members when recommending dues and fee increases and continue to seek ways to contain rising costs to minimize increases. In that light, the finance committee has recommended a \$100 increase in dues and fees for 2019, composed of \$50 in regular dues and \$50 in capital improvement fees. We are also recommending smaller increases for the distaff and non-resident member categories of \$60 and \$80, respectively.

We've identified utilities, property taxes, employee benefits, and repairs as the major expenses that have increased significantly since the last increase in member dues several years ago. In addition, there are annual state-mandated increases in the minimum wage along with upward pressure on labor rates in our market area. We also have aging infrastructure that is in need of continuous replacements and upgrades and increasing the capital improvement fee will allow us to make the required upgrades to the pool equipment, phase I sea wall replacement on the west portion of the island, expansion of Eastport docks, and a number of smaller dollar projects like rocking chairs and bike racks. While we obtained the SBA loan a couple years ago, the capital needs for the next five years far exceed that level and we will be exploring other means of financing the projects. If anyone is interested in donating to provide funding for some of the smaller projects please see Governor Campbell or Finance Committee members to discuss how you can help. As for dock fees, we are still working with ODNR and third parties to determine the number of docks which will be available for rent in 2019. When the uncertainties have been resolved we will be in a position to communicate the results of the discussion and dock fees for 2019. We hope to complete our discussions before the end of January 2019.

BLYC Finance Committee  
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# LOOKING AFT

- P/C Steve Harris, BLYC Historian

## Team Racing, Match Racing, & The Rusty Rudder...

This fall, I had the opportunity to serve as the Principal Race Officer for the US Team Racing Championships for the Himan Trophy sailed in Cleveland's inner harbor. To say the least, it was an privilege. It was also an opportunity that made me quite apprehensive. One of the "marquee" events in the U.S., I was more than a little bit nervous about how it was going to work. Team racing is (was) not a discipline with which I had a lot of previous experience and this was the "big one." It was a phenomenal event! I had a great crew, The Foundry was an amazing host, and the weather was (mostly) favorable. We ran 178 races in three days!

Most of us are at least somewhat familiar with "typical" sailboat racing — all of the boats line up for the start, sail the course, and the finishes are recorded. Sometimes fleets are just a few boats in size, sometimes they may number up to one hundred. Team racing is quite different. In most sailboat racing, one's goal is simply to finish first — to sail better and smarter than the competition. In team racing, however, teams of three boats sail head to head and the goal is to have a better combined score than one's competition. With six boats in total (2 teams), a finish of 2-3-5, for example, gives a team a win over their competition (1-4-6). Tactics, strategy, and a keen understanding of the right-of-way rules are key. The races are usually only 6-10 minutes long over a relatively short course with multiple turning marks. These boats will often tack (change direction) upwards of 2 dozen times in a race in an attempt to exercise right-of-way over the competition. It's not about winning the race, it's about making sure that the competition loses! At the Hinman, we had 18 teams racing in a complex round-robin elimination series. After 3 days & 177 races, it all came down to one final race to determine the winner. Another, similar, discipline is match racing. For those who follow the America's Cup, you may be familiar. In match racing, two teams of one boat each race head to head. Just like in team racing, tactics and strategy are as (maybe more) important than sailing

skill. While both match and team racing are seeing an increase in interest lately, it isn't something that is normally seen at the club-level. Well... not usually.

So... you may ask, "What does this have to do with BLYC history?" In 1851, the schooner *America*, representing New York Yacht Club, sailed to England to participate in a regatta at which they dominated in the "All Nations Race" winning the 100-Guinea Cup — an 8 pound sterling silver ewer. NYYC, seeing an opportunity to promote international competition in sailing, re-christened it "America's Cup" and extended the challenged to all nations to compete head to head with them to take it back. For 132 years, the US never lost... until 1983 when *Australia II* came back from a 2-0 deficit to win four of the next five races beating the U.S. entry *Liberty* and breaking the longest winning streak in the history of international sports.

After losing the Cup, the United States, embarrassed by the defeat, redoubled its efforts to win the "Auld Mug" back. The whole country got into the excitement as Dennis Connor and his *Stars & Stripes* syndicate from San Diego Yacht Club defeated a record 13 challengers in the Louis Vitton Cup to win the right to challenge Australia and take the cup back — which they did in 1987.

Around that same time, an unusual "artifact" was discovered buried on Watkins Island. In 1992, then BLYC Governor, Frank Foster, IV wrote about it in his April Log article...

*As the hole was being dug for the new BLYC swimming pool, an old item was turned up from the ground. It was a disgustingly old rustry thing that my father salvaged. 1987 was also the year that Dennis Connor won the America's Cup back from the Australians after losing it to them in 1983. This event (Dennis Connor's win, not finding the rusty thing) stimulated a great interest in sailboat racing and match racing in particular.*

*Since the America's Cup was on every sailor's mind and since we had an old rusty thing, it was decided among the racing members of the Cruising Fleet that we would have our own America's Cup and name it after an old rusty thing salvaged from the depths of Buckeye Lake. Hence, the "Rusty Rudder" was born.*

*It was an ugly thing being buried for God knows how long. The crustiest old sailors became nauseous and young children were brought to tears upon a mere glance at it. We welded a metal rod to it which was stuck in a piece of driftwood and nestled in the bushes that are on the way out to the race shack.*

*Since we were pioneering new territory at Buckeye Lake, we proceeded with caution. Our goal was to make the Rusty Rudder as prestigious and dramatic as the America's Cup. There were a few small things we were forced to change. Instead of \$3,000,000 yachts, we decided upon \$10,000 MacGregor 25 sailboats. Instead of inviting the whole world to compete, we decided to keep it a little more local and exclusive and include only BLYC members. Instead of having 5 different series of races lasting 5 months, we decided to do it all in one weekend.*

*A weekend in May 1987 was chosen and after a double elimination series of about 4 boats, Tom Eisert as skipper and Ryan Eisert as crew emerged as the first ever victors of the coveted Rusty Rudder. After it was all over, we looked back on what we had built and were quite proud.*

"Team Foster" — Frank, III and Frank IV — would go on to win the Rusty Rudder the next three years. It appears that the event died out in the early 1990s.

I recall the Rusty Rudder being rediscovered in 2005 when we redid all of the plantings in front of the Clubhouse. This time, it had been buried for years under overgrown bushes instead of Buckeye Lake muck. For awhile, it was still on display in the flowerbed although attempts to revive the event were unsuccessful. What's become of this unique piece of history today is unknown. I hope that it wasn't haphazardly discarded by someone who didn't appreciate both its historic and humorous value. Too often, that is sadly the case with such things. The last few years have been tough on sailing at Buckeye Lake, but under the leadership of Governor Paligo, I think we'll have a good 2019 season and hopefully reinvigorate some of the fun and camaraderie that BLYC members enjoyed in the past.

*Want to learn more about sailing? Join us for the Speaker Series on February 21<sup>st</sup>, when I will present "Sailing for the non-Sailor," an introduction to the sport.*

- SGH

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# Adult Christmas Party

Saturday, December 15

with

## Jazz Gallery

### Plated Salad

Mixed Greens, Candied Walnuts  
Tomato, Cranberries, Onion  
Bleu Cheese tossed in  
Walnut Vinaigrette

### Dinner Buffet

Roasted Turkey Breast w/ Natural jus  
Roasted Pork Loin w/ Glazed Apples  
Vegetarian Baked Ziti  
Mashed Potatoes  
Broccoli/Carrots  
Apple Pie

**\$21/person**

(tax & tip not included)

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