

UPCOMING Events

Dine & Dance Friday, April 4 Ashly Best

Dine & Dance Friday, April 11 Just Jazz Duo

Commodores Ball Saturday, April 12 *Hip Replacements*

Membership Open House Sunday, April 13

> Dine & Dance Friday, April 18 One Guy Shy of a Band

Children's Easter Egg Hunt Satruday, April 19

> Easter Brunch Sunday, April 20

Dine & Dance Friday, April 25 Lakeside Trio

Ohio Boating Education Course Saturday, April 26 8:00 - 5:00

Spring Work Day Sunday, April 27 CLUB CLOSED



COMMODORE BILL COLLINSON

Spring is finally here. There is a warmth in the air and boaters are taking stock in what they need to do in preparation for the upcoming season.

I would like to take this opportunity to announce to you an exciting development regarding our pool area. As you know, we have had the pool since 1986 and a large number of our members have enjoyed using it over the years. Unfortunately, the old girl is feeling her age. After much deliberation and discussion, it has been determined by the Board, with the complete backing of the Trustees, to replace the pool with a pickle ball court. Because of the size of the court it will also be necessary to remove the outdoor bar. I know you will all be very excited about this change and in conclusion, I hope you all have a wonderful April 1st — April Fools Day!

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For those members who make use of the Eastport parking area and docks, the water will be turned back on by April 15th and a port-a-potty will also become available on that date. Rickie Sue Grundren, Rear Commodore and Docks and Rental Governor, is taking steps to further clean up the storage area with the removal of 6 boats that were abandoned there.

Sunday, April 27th has been designated our annual Spring Work Day. Along with the usual inside cleaning, we will be reinstalling the pool umbrella as well as all the tent covers on the pool shade structure, band tent, cook tent, and race shack. We will also be setting up the pool furniture as well as our outdoor furniture for the front patio. Please check your calendar and mark that date down to attend.

On Saturday, April 12th, the Club has scheduled the annual Commodores Ball. The time is from 7:00 to 10:00 pm and music will be provided by The Hip Replacements, which at my age is very appropriate. I look forward to seeing you all at that event.

The upcoming boating season will mark the first time in three years we have not had a major construction project going on at the club. We invite you to come on out and experience the results of three years of planning and hard work.

We continue in our efforts to improve your experience at the Club. To that end, if you recall my last article, I asked that you make dining reservations and that you order your food within the first 30 minutes of your reservation time so that we may avoid backups in the kitchen.

April marks the beginning of the busy season at the Club, and with your help, we can make it the best season ever.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Club!

Commodore Bill Collinson Commodore@buckeyelakeyc.com

ENTERTAINMENT

– Governor Dean Pickett

We made it through another Ohio winter and spring is here and the entertainment calendar will be ramping up this month for our busy season!

In March, we had three great events — our Mardi Gras and St. Patrick's Day Parties, along with the PIBYC "Cruise-In." In addition, we have wrapped up another great speaker series again coordinated and led by Past Commodore Luttenberger. Thank You David!

In April, we have the following events going on at the club.

Friday, April 4 — Dine & Dance Ashley Best — 7:00-10:00

- Friday, April 11 Dine & Dance Just Jazz (Duo) — 7:00-10:00
- Saturday, April 12 Commodores Ball Hip Replacements— 7:00-10:00
- Friday, April 18 Dine & Dance One Guy Shy of a Band — 7:00-10:00

Saturday, April 19 — Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 20 — Easter Brunch

Friday, April 25 — Dine & Dance Lakeside Trio— 7:00-10:00

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We are also beginning to plan out for the Sail-For-A-Cure event. If you are interested in either being part of the committee, donating or volunteering for the event, please let me know.

As always, you may use the calendar within the Member Portal to receive the most accurate listing of events at the club. Thank you for the feedback and email me at Entertainment@BuckeyeLakeYC.com with any special entertainment request.

> Dean Pickett Entertainment@buckeyelakeyc.com

BAR & KITCHEN

– Vice Commodore Vic Schroeder

Ahoy, esteemed members of the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club! You are cordially invited to the *Annual Commodores Ball* on April 12th, 2025 — a night steeped in tradition and celebration! This is our chance to honor our Past Commodores and salute our current leader, Bill Collinson, while enjoying great company, new friendships, and maybe a playful jab or two at the Commodore's expense.

Expect an evening of delight with a special menu and fantastic entertainment by The Hip Replacements. The dress code? Black Tie Optional — so pull out your finest and get ready to shine! Spots are limited, so make your reservation now and keep an eye on the weekly e-News for more details. We're also on the hunt for top-tier summer personnel to join our prestigious team. Know someone perfect for the job? Have them apply online or give us a call!

A quick reminder that dining reservations are a must to secure your place at the club, especially for high-demand events. If plans shift, please cancel to let others on the waiting list join the fun.

Finally, save the date for our Semiannual Meeting at 1400 hours on May 4^{th} — an essential gathering for all members.

Bon Appétit,

Vic Schroeder BarandKitchen@buckeyelakeyc.com

JUNIOR TRAINING

– Governor Bill Ghiz

Hello from Junior Training!

We hope you all are enjoying the first couple weeks of spring.

There is not much remarkable to write about this month. Planning for the season continues to go well. Our beginner classes are nearly full. So, please do not wait to sign your family members up for the beginner classes.

Thank you to all of the those who have helped us plan for the 2025 season.

Cheers to a wonderful spring!

Bill Ghiz JuniorTraining@buckeyelakeyc.com



MEMBERSHIP

– Governor Mike Perez

Spring is in the air as we head into the most exciting time of the year at the Club! Hopefully, everyone who wants to continue to be part of the BLYC family has paid their annual dues by now. Although attrition was lower this year, we now have some capacity to bring new members into the club. *Membership is open!*

At the March board meeting, we had 0 new members voted into the club.

If you know of anyone who wants to become a member of the club in 2025, have them complete an online application. Remember, only the actual member and not the first mate can sponsor a new applicant.

On Sunday, April 13th from 1:00–3:00 pm, the Club will be hosting an *Open House for Prospective Members*. There will be food, drink and lots of information about the club and how to become a member. Feel free to invite anyone who you think would be a good addition to the club. Please consider attending with them.

Is your personal information current in the member directory? If not, it can be updated through your portal. If you haven't signed up for the portal, get signed up. It is the future of the club. If you don't know how, please reach out to me.

Also, by now you should have received an electronic member survey requesting your feedback. If you haven't completed it, please do so ASAP. We want to hear what's on your mind and how we can make the club experience better for you!

See you at the Club!

Mike Perez Membership@buckeyelakeyc.com



Commodores Ball "Honoring All Commodores"



SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Cocktails ~ 5:30 pm Complimentary Champagne Cocktail in honor

of Commodore Collinson

Complimentary Hors d'Oeuvres

Fruit and Cheese, Vegetables and Dips Water Chestnuts Wrapped with Bacon Cucumber with Smoked Salmon Bruschetta, Phyllo Cups

Dinner Served ~ 6:30 pm

Served Caesar Salad

Choice of: (preordered)

New York Strip Steak

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Grilled Salmon with Fresh Fruit Relish

Zucchini, Yellow Squash, Tomato, Onion Fingerling Potatoes

Dessert & Program ~ 7:30 pm Master of Ceremonies ~ VC Vic Schroeder

> Dancing ~ 8:00 pm The Hip Replacements

Black Tie Optional Please RSVP by April 9 ~ (740) 929-9941

DOCKS & RENTALS - Rear Commodore Rickie Sue Grunden

Big News: The *Queen of the Lake II* will be docked at the Eastport docks as the new outdoor dining area for the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club! All boats docked at Eastport will be immediately moved to Watkins Island. April Fools! There is nothing like a prank in April to put a smile on our face and get ready for boating season.

The Real News: All of the boats that sailed with the *Mayflower* are gone! The next step in getting the Eastport boatyard shipshape is to clean the fence row of debris, vines, and small tree limbs and bushes that are growing through the fence. Bring your gardening tools and join us on Spring Work Day, Sunday, April 27th from 8:30 am — Noon. We will have coffee and donuts to energize you at 8:30 and pizza and beer to refresh you after we are done. As a bonus, it is a great way to meet other members.

New Gate Locks for Eastport

Boatyard: On April 1st we will have new locks installed at the gate and lakeside in the Eastport boatyard. The new combination is 5233. If you can't remember it, look at the street number hanging on the fence — it is the same as the street number. All the Village offices around the lake, all Fire Departments, and all Police Departments have been notified.

Please do not give this information to non-Club members. If you have guests boating with you, let them in or have them meet you at Watkins Island where you can get the daily guest number from the office and the bar.

Emergency Numbers: We all want a safe boating season. If an emergency arises on the docks or boats, Race and Regatta has put together an "Emergency Card" that has phone numbers and procedures on it. We have laminated the Card and posted them on the gates at the Eastport docks, Area 8 docks, and the lakeside Eastport boatyard.

Dock and Storage Rental: We have docks and storage available for the boating season. Complete the application on the website. By the way, our rentals are below market price.

Battle of the Birds: After some successes and some failures last summer, we have a new plan to relocate the seagulls from our docks to Lake Erie:

- 1. We have purchased more Dori Poles and will install them on Spring Work Day. Please volunteer to help us. No ladders involved.
- 2. All docks will be power washed by middle of May. We are going to follow that up with a vinegar spray which is supposed to wash away the pheromones that attract the birds to the docks.
- 3. We are adding hawks on a pole to the end of Area 8 and both Eastport piers. The Boatyard Bar and Grill had success with them last year.
- The squawk box on Watkins Island is in place and working. We have solar powered ones to place on Eastport and Area 8 when we power wash.
- If this is not enough, we could purchase replicas of dead seagulls and place them on the docks. We think it is gross and will not resort to this unless the birds are winning.
- 6. If all else fails, we are calling Alfred Hitchcock.

See You on the Lake!

Rickie Sue Grunden DocksandRentals@buckeyelakeyc.com

BLYC AUXILIARY

Hallelujah! Spring is here!

I am sure we are all looking forward to warm nights sitting on the front basin with our many friends here at BLYC.

April is a busy month for the Auxiliary starting with our first meeting of the year on April 10th, at 6:30 pm. We would love to have you join us, if possible. Please make a reservation so the staff can be well prepared to serve us.

The Children's Easter Egg Hunt and brunch will take place April 19th with 2 seatings beginning at 10:30 am and 12:30 pm. There will be one Egg Hunt for all children 12:00 and under promptly at noon. Please make your reservations soon as I am sure it will sell out.

We are busy planning *Hot Havana Nights*, our annual fundraiser, and will have many opportunities for sponsorships. Details coming soon...

As always, we appreciate all your support,

Michele, Jan, Cathy, Karen, Matt & Jeff

Semi-Annual MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, May 4 2:00 pm

RACE & REGATTA

– Governor Kendall Cottongim

Now that we are into April, the spillway has been closed and the lake should begin rising as Mother Nature waters our lawns and lakes. Last year was rather disappointing with the boating and sailing season being cut short but, as we know, the people of Buckeye Lake are resilient and will bounce back this year with a vengeance. Unfortunately, many of the sailing events have been placed on hold as we continue to assess the potential damage to the area around the race shack from the ice and the impact of removing the pool for pickleball courts. Below are some key dates to keep in mind assuming we can work through these issues:

April 26 — ODNR Ohio Boating Education Course

8:00 am-5:00 pm - Register Online through ODNR

April 27 — Spring Work Day

May 3— Fleet Launch Day #1

May10 — Fleet Launch Day #2

- May 16 Pray for Wind Party and Burning of the Socks Party
- May 18 Sail On Sunday Spring Series begins

The cardboard boat race will not be impacted by these concerns so get busy on designing your boats and getting your teams together. Be looking for some early entries to be on display very soon. There will be multiple categories, so competition should be fun. As always, we continue looking for volunteers for the race committee and cardboard boat committee. If you are interested in helping, please contact me at RaceandRegatta@ buckeyelakeyc.com. And remember, don't believe everything you read — especially on April Fools Day!

Cheers to Spring!



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

– Mark Thogmartin, Fleet Chaplain

Let the Cat Out of the Bag

Two possible derivations exist for the idiom "let the cat out of the bag." One involves a seller at a medieval market cheating a buyer who just purchased some piglets. A deal would be struck, then as the seller was putting the purchased number of piglets in a burlap or cloth poke (presumably with a LOT of squealing), he would deftly substitute a cat or two in the place of piglets. The buyer wouldn't discover that he had been cheated (the seller's secret wouldn't be revealed) until he arrived home and let the cat(s) and piglets out of the bag. He'd be understandably upset because cats don't make good bacon.

The other explanation has nautical roots. On a tall mast sailing ship with a military and/or explorative mission, men who were subscripted for service weren't always drafted willingly. Their understandable bitterness would be compounded by long months at sea, scanty and unappetizing rations, and severe discipline for even minor infractions. When one of these "scurvy dogs" got out of line, he'd be tied to the yard arm and lashed multiple times with a whip. These whips typically consisted of nine leather straps that had knots or even sharp objects woven into their lengths that increased the severity of the punishment. Deep "scratches" were the result of a brutal whipping, so these whips acquired the name "cat of nine tails" because the offender's back looked as if he'd been the loser in a fight with a vicious wildcat.

The whips were kept in a leather bag to protect them from becoming brittle in the salty air. If a swabbie did something worthy of a beating, or if he snitched on shipmate, the "cat" was "let out of the bag" and a cruel lashing ensued.

The gospels reveal that Jesus suffered a terrible scourging with a whip that was probably very similar to a cat of nine tails. But here's the amazing truth: even though He didn't deserve it, Jesus offered Himself willingly for this beating and the crucifixion that followed. He did it for us out of His great love. The prophet Isaiah, 700 years before Christ, somehow saw through the corridors of time and predicted the Messiah, the Suffering Servant, "…was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5, NKJV). Those words, shrouded in mystery for centuries, became clear to Christ's disciples when they experienced the glorious events accompanying His resurrection.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Governor Bob Hegedus

Happy Easter everybody!

With spring about to break out, I know the club is about to get crazy busy which means we have to watch our budget carefully! I have been approached by several members lately emphasizing the need to use our funds carefully and look for ways to improve our bottom line. So I have put on my thinking cap and wanted to share with everyone the following changes to ensure we have enough funding to make it through the season!

First off, we will begin charging members \$35 per month for the printed version of the *Log*. For those of you that want to save some money, no worries, you can still get the *Log* delivered via email for a reduced cost of only \$19.06! Secondly, for those of you that have not signed up for the portal yet we will be charging your account \$5.50 per month to cover administration costs, which will be waved if you sign up by April 1st! We also have changed the portal to accommodate more than one spouse/first mate per member, however it is capped at no more than 4! Finally, we will be charging \$9.99 per week to receive the weekly electronic newsletter, which is a bargain given the wealth of information it contains!

Thanks again for those that chose to share their thoughts with me, see you at the club on April 1st!

Bob Hegedus Communications@buckeyelakeyc.com

HOUSE & GROUNDS

– Governor Brian Thom

Happy Easter everybody!

Greetings fellow members! We have a new construction update. As you have read in my past articles, the kiddie pool has been fixed and will be open this summer. Unfortunately, we have discovered that during the repair we broke a sewer line to the club. We will have to dig up the line and replace it which means more construction mess. During this time, we will be closing all restrooms to the club and three portable toilets will be placed outside the club for use and will be cleaned daily. We apologize for this crappy inconvenience and we look to have this fixed immediately. Construction is to begin on April 1st and will last roughly six weeks.

On another note, spring cleanup day is Sunday April 27th and we are looking for volunteers to help get the club ready for summer. Donuts and pizza will be provided. We hope to see you there. I want to thank everyone so much for supporting our club and hope everyone enjoys their April Fools Day.

See you soon!

Brian Thom HouseandGrounds@buckeyelakeyc.com



Check them out online at www.buckeyelakeyc.com/gobs-mess/weekly-features

Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 19

We will have two activity sessions again this year — 10:30 & 12:30 with a MASSIVE Egg Hunt at Noon. (Both sessions include a Brunch Buffet)

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS THROUGH THE BLYC WEBSITE

BRUNCH BUFFET

ADULTS —\$19.95 AGE 11-17 —\$16.95 AGE 10 & UNDER —FREE

Scrambled Eggs Sausage Links Bacon French Toast Sticks Breakfast Potatoes

Glazed Ham Macaroni & Cheese English Muffin Pizza Fresh Green Beans Fruit Salad Table



BLYC RESERVATION POLICY OPEN DINING

Reservations are encouraged, but not required. Reservations help management assure that staffing is at an appropriate level to provide the best possible experience. If the dining area is busy, those with reservations will receive seating preference over those without. Members are always welcome. To guarantee a great evening for you and your friends a reservation is the way to go.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Reservations are a must. Our chef prepares a special menu and prepares quantities according to anticipated attendance. You may attend without a reservation, and our staff will attempt to accommodate you, seating and food quantity permitting. You may not reserve a table if you are not coming for the meal. If you plan to attend for the entertainment only, do not make a reservation. Doing so causes increased waste and expense for the club and will result in the price of the meal being charged to your account. We have no cover charge, entertainment costs are included in your dues, and members are always welcome. However, entertainment only seating is on an "as available" basis after all dining reservations have been filled.



Sunday, April 20, 2025 11:30 - 2:30 Reservations Required

Western Egg Strada Bacon, Sausage Breakfast Potatoes French Toast Sticks

Carved Breast of Turkey Roast Beef with Madiera Mushroom Sauce Baked Cod Florentine Mixed Roasted Potatoes Buttered Corn Broccoli, Cauliflower, & Carrots

> Salad Bar Fruit Bowl Pasta Salad Beets & Eggs

Dessert Buffet Cakes, Pies, Parfaits

Adults - \$29.95 Children 3-12 - \$10.95 Children under 3 - FREE

IN MEMORIAM JERRY COTTERMAN 8/9/42 - 2/27/25

LOOKING AFT - P/C Steve Harris, BLYC Historian

The BLYC Pool

I'm ready for summer! And, of course, summer at BLYC means fun times with friends at the pool. As we gear up for the 2025 season, I thought it may be nice to share a bit of the history behind this great amenity the Club offers our members... it hasn't always been this way.

Through most of BLYC's history, if one wanted to swim, they did so in the lake, just to the west of Watkins Island. In fact, since the early days, there was a "swimming beach" there. I've been told that at one time, there was even a slide into the lake. It wasn't until the late 1980's that BLYC built a swimming pool and several years more before it came to fully have the "resort atmosphere" we now enjoy.

Perusing some old files that Commodore Frank Foster gave me regarding the purchase of the Eastport property. In those files was a drawing showing proposed improvements to the property — tennis courts, a shower house facility, and, yes, a swimming pool. Now, don't be fooled — the driving factor behind the purchase wasn't recreation. It was parking!

At that time, BLYC didn't own our parking lot and, although we had a very good long-standing relationship with the owner, Alice Rosebraugh, she was getting along in years. We had been unable to purchase it from her and the future of that agreement was perhaps uncertain. A primary reason for purchasing Eastport was access and parking. It was a good "fallback plan." Well, the pool and recreational facility at Eastport never happened but, in 1986 a committee was appointed to research building a pool on Watkins Island. Commodore Don White (1986) told me some years back that it was a contentious proposal and great debate at the time. But the

be one of our greatest assets today.



Financing a project as expensive as a swimming pool isn't easy. In order to do so, the Club sought pledges for the purchase of notes by members. \$30,000 would be needed. These notes would pay a dividend of 5% simple interest and were staggered in their maturation to allow the Club time to pay them back. Approved at the Semi-Annual Meeting in May, all \$30,000 was collected by October and construction began on November 13, 1986. Much of the work was done by member volunteers and it was no easy task. The equipment used had to be brought over by bridge and concrete had to be pumped from the parking lot up and over the dam to the island. The boat hoist on the back of the island and the old playground were removed



project proceeded and it has proven to Substantially completed in March, the pool was ready to open for the

1987 season. One of the first events held at the new facility was the July meeting of the BLYC Auxiliary that summer. Of course, a pool needs restroom and shower facilities. The existing "Juniors Lounge" under the Clubhouse was eliminated and that area converted over to the

current shower rooms in the summer of 1987. In 1992, the pool deck was added and pool furniture purchased for members to sunbathe. In 1993, the pool bar and grill was opened but only on weekends.



Through the years, the pool and pool area have undergone a number of changes, additions, and improvements. For many years, as an example, there was a stately old maple tree along the west side of the Clubhouse. When the pool was constructed, this tree remained and later provided shade for the pool bar area. However, age took its toll and for the safety of both the Clubhouse and the pool, it was removed in 2002. Herb and Carolyn Caulder donated the awning over the pool bar and, in 2004, under the leadership of then Rear Commodore Mark Russell, the large umbrella was purchased and installed. Just this past year, we added the shade area on the north side of the pool. Each year seems to bring new improvements, new ideas, and new ways that we can enjoy this great feature of BLYC.

See you at the Pool this Summer!





APRIL 2025

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	Club Closed	Club Closed		Board Meeting Auxiliary Meeting	Dine & Dance Just Jazz Live Duo 7:00-10:00	Commodores Ball The Hip Replacements
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Easter Brunch Club Closes @ 4:00	Club Closed	Club Closed			Dine & Dance Lakeside Trio 7:00-10:00	Ohio Boating Education Course
Dining 9:00-7:00			Dining 5:00-9:00	Dining 5:00-9:00	Dining 5:00-9:00	Dining 11:00-9:00
27	28	29	30			
Spring Work Day CLUB CLOSED	Club Closed	Club Closed				NG SEASON!
			Dining 5:00-9:00			

SPRING **WORK DAY** SUNDAY, APRIL 27st 8:30 am until Noon

Coffee, Juice, & Donuts in the morning. Pizza & Beverages for Lunch Provided for all who help



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