



INNER HARBOR NEWS

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**From your Commodore
Nick Battistella**

All the boats are wrapped, and the wind is driving the snow as I write this. December is in full swing, and it's a busy month at the club. Our Fish Fry is on the 1st, Children's Christmas party on the 2nd, Ugly Sweater/Tie party on the 8th, and our Adult Christmas party and trophy awards on December 16th.

Please plan to attend our December general meeting as we will be voting in our Officers and Board of Directors. Your vote is important, and I urge everyone to attend.

They told me my Commodore year will fly by, and they were right! I would like to thank my Bridge, and our Board of Directors for their hard work and dedication to our club. Thank you to our Past Commodores for their help and guidance along the way. Thank you to our Auxiliary for their unending support and generosity. A very special thank you to my wife Paula, for not only being our newsletter editor, but for helping me in many ways over the last four years.

Looking forward, my best wishes to Andy Vaillancourt as he begins his tenure as Commodore in just a few weeks. It has been an interesting, and eventful four years, and I enjoyed serving our club and our members as I moved through the chairs, and I encourage our members to do the same. Consider being on the Bridge or Board, our club needs you!

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Nick Battistella
Commodore



**From the Vice Commodore
Andy Vaillancourt**

Somehow we are now into the last month of 2023. This year really flew by. I am very excited to attend our annual Adult Christmas party and Awards ceremony. I'm sure there will be some great prizes in the annual Scrooge steal a gift game.

I want to express my gratitude to Commodore Nick Battistella. Nick, you were a very diplomatic, wise, open minded, and organized voice of the Inner Harbor Yacht Club. I have some very large shoes to fill. Congratulations on completing the four year journey and soon you will be another honored picture on the wall of past commodores.

I hope everyone can attend our final general meeting of the year on December 12th. We will be voting on the officers that will shape our club for the 2024 year. There will also be the spread of delicious cold cuts after the meeting.

Finally, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year to all of you and your families.

Sincerely,

Andy Vaillancourt
Vice Commodore

2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
P/C Kelly Brown	P/C Dan Collins
Joe Connolly	P/C Dave Herbold
John Migliore	Chris Rizzo
P/C Jeremy Schmidt	

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<http://innerharboryc.com>**



**From the Rear Commodore
Dan Hudson**

Hello December, let's get out those advent calendars and wax up your snow shovels. Looks like we have a Fish Fry tonight on the first of the month, the Children's Christmas Party tomorrow on the second, Ugly Sweater Party on the eighth and our Adult Christmas Party on the sixteenth with our annual trophy awards.

Membership is at a solid 85 members. We can always use a few more if any of you guys have other friends that would like to join us before the season starts next year, this will be a great time to start showcasing our club.

Please keep your eyes peeled and check out the flyer in next month's newsletter giving details for our January 20 Installation Dinner at our club. This is a great time to share all of your holiday stories and to start planning our 2024 crossing the lake boating trips.

Tiki Time!

Dan Hudson
Rear Commodore



**From the Fleet Captain
John Orcutt**

Good day everyone hope all is well and everyone's boat is wrapped, covered and sleeping. It's that time of year again when we forget about our boats for a few months and enjoy the holiday season with friends and family.

Coming up on December 2nd, we will have the Children's Christmas Party, and on December 8th the Ugly Sweater Party, and then on December 16th we have our Adult Christmas/Trophy Awards Party. Open bar will be from 6 to 10 and it is a free event for members only. We do ask if everyone can bring a dish to pass and we will be accepting donations of non-perishable items for our less fortunate neighbors and furry friends. So don't forget to sign up at the club if you are planning on attending this event. Hope to see everyone there.

See you around the club!

Your Fleet Captain
John Orcutt (Bubba)

2023 OFFICERS

Commodore	Nick Battistella	984-8868
Vice Commodore	Andy Vaillancourt	990-4084
Rear Commodore	Dan Hudson	587-1484
Fleet Captain	John Orcutt	435-1517
Dockmaster	Bill Vaughan	445-4917
Recording Secretary	P/C Dan Bright	628-4354
Corresponding Secretary	Dan Bundy	220-6170
Treasurer	Rick Kivler	541-7077

2023 APPOINTED OFFICERS

Steward	Bill Vaughan	445-4917
Chaplain	P/C Joe Riccio	874-6582
Assistant Chaplain	P/C Martin Siminski	352-9171
Marina Operator	Bill Vaughan	445-4917
Newsletter Editor	Paula Battistella	984-8905
Supply	P/C Joe Riccio	874-6582
	P/C Jerry Hathaway	693-1739
	Bill Wolf	688-1974



**Auxiliary News
From the President – Valerie Wells**

Season's Greetings IHYC! Holiday season is upon us, time for love, fun, laughs and memories!

We have a busy month ahead! Starting the first weekend of December we have the Fish Fry December 1st. Remember to donate your desserts they are always needed and enjoyed. Tara did start a new app to sign up for making donations of desserts, it is posted on our Facebook page. Thank you to all the ladies who are always generous and donate, for the good of the club. Then right on to our annual Children's Christmas Party Dec 2nd. Santa will be watching all the little boys and girls of IHYC! Who will be on the naughty list? Magician Ted will be there at noon and Santa to follow. Pizza and ice cream will be provided and many seasonal treats brought by our members.

The Ugly Sweater Party is coming up on December 8th, be sure to be creative. Stop by the club to have some holiday cheer and vote for best ugliest sweater! The annual Christmas and Trophy Awards Party is Dec 16th @ 6pm. Remember to bring canned goods for the local food pantry. Looking forward to seeing everyone and enjoying holiday spirits!

The IHYC Auxiliary Christmas Dinner Meeting is Dec 19th @ 6pm. We will be having our traditional dinner with open bar! This is for members only and the cost will be \$20 per person. We will be doing the white elephant gift exchange. If you want to participate bring a \$25 gift. After our dinner we will have our meeting and vote on the upcoming years elected officers! Come and enjoy good food, drinks, laughs, and vote ladies!

Many thanks go out to the ladies and to the Commodore that helped Deck the halls! It looks great and it is greatly appreciated.

Wow we will conclude our year with lots of great memories! Great year Commodore Nick Battistella! Five more months and boats are in the water!

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! See you at the club!

Valerie Wells
2023 Auxiliary President

2023 AUXILIARY OFFICERS		
President	Valerie Wells	560-2111
Vice President	Tara Hudson	812-9524
Recording Secretary	Elley Widmer/ Theresa Schmitt	908-6100
Corresponding Secretary	Nancy Myszka	877-0131
Treasurer	Phyllis Kivler	541-7007
Fleet Mate	Connie White	
Chaplain	Mary Riccio	830-4904

Member Birthdays:

- Michael Cox—December 10th
- Jamin Butcher—December 14th
- Chris Hirster—December 15th
- Chris Fronczak—December 19th
- Michael Matlock Jr—December 19th
- Gerald Graves—December 31st



Auxiliary Birthdays:

- Shirley Sontag—December 7th
- Patti Stelter—December 28th
- Robin Schmitt—December 27th

Kelly Brown joined the ranks at the Top of the Hill! Thanks to all who came out to Celebrate and Surprise him!



Get Well and Good Welfare—Chaplains Report
Special prayers and get well wishes go out to the following members:



Tim Gemsheim, Debbie Gemsheim, Bob Carroll, Debbie Connolly, Denise McGee, Arlene Hathaway, Courtney Carey, and Arlene Manth.

Condolences to the Roland family on the loss of their brother Rod.

Please notify our Chaplain, Joe Riccio if anyone needs mentioning in this article. Thanks in advance.

2023 AUXILIARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kathy Batcho	Paula Battistella
Jill Collins	Marlene Weiss

Fish Fry—December 1st!!
Bring your
friends & family!

Team 4 is up in December



The IHYC Auxiliary wish to thank the members who bring desserts for the monthly Fish Fry.

The Fish Fry Committee NEEDS You:
 If you are interested in joining a team, please contact Tim Gemsheim at 716-903-1355. This is a fun way to get your hours in and it includes your meal and drinks while working!

FISH FRY TEAM 1
JANUARY, MAY, SEPTEMBER
FRED MARKS – FRYER
JAMIE SCHMITT – MIDDLE FRYER
JEREMY SCHMITT – BROIL
ROBIN SCHMITT – PLATE
N/A - FINAL PREP
TOM LATKO—DISHWASHER
DAVE HERBOLD – SERVE/BUS
AARON MENTH - SERVE/BUS
KIRK RYDYSKI – SERVE/BUS
KATHY BATCHO—SERVE/BUS
PETER LAVIS - SERVE/BUS
** PATRICK MCMANN—FF PREPARATION
MIKE WHITE—CASHIER

FISH FRY TEAM 2
FEBRUARY, JUNE, OCTOBER
JOE CONNOLLY – FRYER
DAN HUDSON – MIDDLE FRYER
* AL KING – BROIL
JAY GORMELY — PLATE
PAULA BATTISTELLA - FINAL PREP
PAUL PRYTULA – DISHWASHER
NICK BATTISTELLA - SERVE/BUS
ANGELA STRANAHAN – SERVE/BUS
TARA HUDSON—SERVE/BUS
ROBIN PRYTULA—SERVE/BUS
OPEN - SERVE/BUS
** FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE—FF PREPARATION
JOHN MIGLIORE—CASHIER

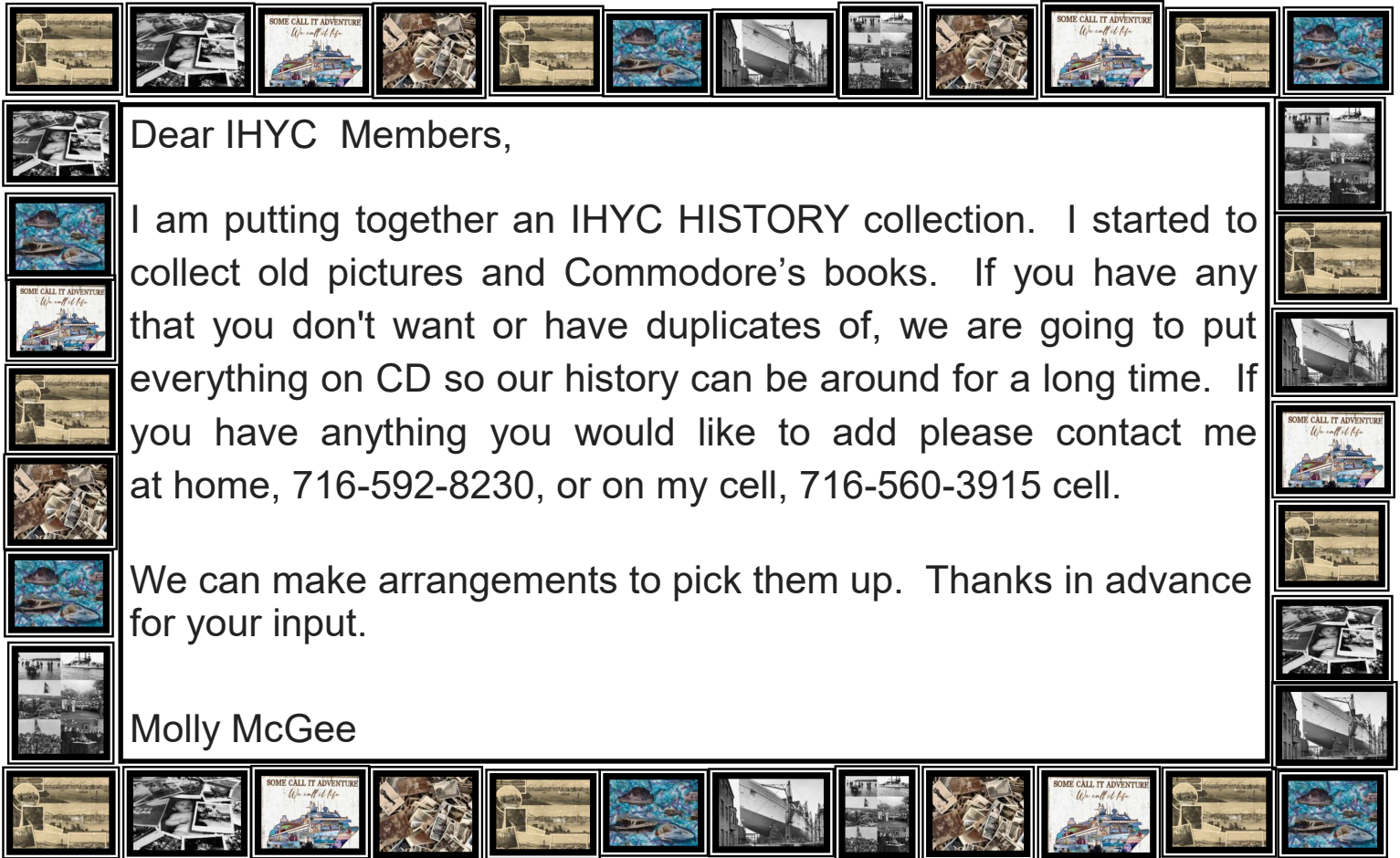
FISH FRY TEAM 3
MARCH, JULY, NOVEMBER
NEIL DURFEY - FRYER
DICK WATSON - MIDDLE FRYER
JIM ORTIZ - BROIL
PHYLLIS KIVLER - PLATE
DARRYL & PATTY STELTER - FINAL PREP
JOE STALLONE - DISHWASHER
ANN CARROLL - SERVE/BUS
BOB CARROLL - SERVE/BUS
OPEN - SERVE/BUS
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** FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE—FF PREPARATION
DAN COLLINS —CASHIER

FISH FRY TEAM 4
APRIL, AUGUST, DECEMBER
* JAMIN BUTCHER - FRYER
SCOTT BUTCHER - MIDDLE FRYER
CHRIS RIZZO - BROIL
ANDY VAILLANCOURT - PLATE
PAM THURSTON—FINAL PREP
TOM FENDRICK, NATE SMIT H—DISHWASHER
AMANDA BUTCHER - SERVE/BUS
DEANNA BUTCHER—SERVE/BUS
DAN WILSON—SERVE/BUS
LEXI WILSON—SERVE/BUS
KARLEE SMITH —SERVE/BUS
** JERRY GRAVES—FF PREPARATION
JOE RANK — CASHIER

*** Team Captain**

**** For your convenience, FF PREP can be accomplished on Thursday or Friday before Fish Fry.**

For questions regarding the bar or kitchen, contact Bill Vaughan (716-445-4917) or Tim Gemsheim (716-903-1355).



Dear IHYC Members,

I am putting together an IHYC HISTORY collection. I started to collect old pictures and Commodore's books. If you have any that you don't want or have duplicates of, we are going to put everything on CD so our history can be around for a long time. If you have anything you would like to add please contact me at home, 716-592-8230, or on my cell, 716-560-3915 cell.

We can make arrangements to pick them up. Thanks in advance for your input.

Molly McGee

IHYC member plastic id cards are available to order:

If you would like yours customized, for example, a picture of your boat in the background instead of the standard version which is free, it will only cost \$20 to cover supplies and labor. I am donating 50% of proceeds to club.

Please submit your image picture to info@migzmediagroup.com

In subject line put Attn: John and your full name.



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DECEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Bar Night Dan Bundy  TEAM 4	2 Kid's Christmas Party
3	4	5 8:00pm Board Meeting	6	7	8 Ugly Sweater Party	9
10	11	12 8:00pm General Meeting	13	14	15 Bar Night PC D Collins	16 6:00 pm Adult Christmas Party
17	18	19 Auxiliary Christmas Party and Meeting	20	21	22 Bar Night Joe Connolly	23
24 <hr/> 31 New Years Eve	25 Ho Ho Ho Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29 Bar Night PC D Herbold	30



**INNER HARBOR YACHT CLUB'S
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
AND TROPHY AWARDS**

Saturday, December 16, 2023 @6pm

Open bar until 10pm

Please bring a dish to pass

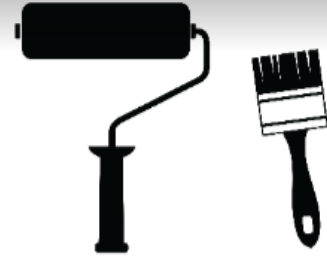
Please bring canned goods for the less fortunate
And for our furry friends

Also bring cash for Scrooge's Steal A Gift and a 50/50

Business casual attire is required



WORKINGMAN'S LIST



- FISH FRY TEAMS still have a few spots to fill
CHAIRPERSON – Tim Gemsheim (716) 903-1355
- Clean garage
- Pick up pine cones and random trash with bucket and grabbers
- Salt/shovel as needed at entry doors

IF YOU SHOW UP, WERE SIGNED UP, AND THE TASK IS ALREADY COMPLETED YOU WILL GET CREDIT. WE WILL STILL FIND SOMETHING FOR YOU TO DO. THANK YOU!

WORKINGMAN'S CHAIRPERSON: R/C DAN HUDSON

716-587-1484, Dhudson970@yahoo.com

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