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**From your Commodore
Andy Vaillancourt**

I hope everyone had a joyous and peaceful holiday season, a Merry Christmas, and a fantastic New Year's celebration. I want to thank Nick Battistella for his years of service to our club. Congratulations to Dan Hudson on moving up to Vice Commodore and to

John Orcutt on moving up to Rear Commodore. Thanks to Dan Bundy for taking on the role of Fleet Captain, and to Mike White for becoming our Corresponding Secretary. We also have a new Director on the board Neil Durfey. P/C Dave Herbold is now our Dockmaster. Please welcome our new officers to the board and bridge. Welcome back to our board of directors: P/C Dan Collins, P/C Kelly Brown, P/C Jeremy Schmitt, Chris Rizzo, John Migliore, Treasurer Rick Kivler, and Recording Secretary P/C Dan Bright. Come out and support all of our officers as we become sworn in at our Installation Dinner on January 20th, 2024.

I am honored to be Inner Harbor Yacht Club's 61st Commodore. I am looking forward to a fantastic 2024. I have learned a lot in the past three years and while doing so I have put all of my notes into google docs. This has been an attempt to make everything digital for anyone going through the chairs in the future. I encourage everyone to join a committee, a fish fry team, or to consider a larger role in the club for the good of the club. Cheers to IHYC in 2024.

Andy Vaillancourt
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	



**From the Vice Commodore
Dan Hudson**

Happy New Year to you and your family! I hope everybody had an awesome Christmas and that Santa brought you all your boat upgrades that were on your list.

But come on, where is the snow, I have to say I'm starting to miss it! Let's talk about it this Friday the 5th at our first Fish Fry of the year.

Time to shift gears as I slide into the Vice Commodore's chair, besides cleaning the latrine's first on task is running our insulation of officers cocktail party later this month on January 20th. Please sign up and come dressed to impress.

Congratulations to our newest P/C, Nick Battistella. Thank you for your service and dedication to our club as you went through the chairs and I know you will continue to bring good to the club!

Tiki Time

Dan Hudson
Vice Commodore

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



**From the Rear Commodore
John Orcutt**

Good day everyone and welcome to 2024. Hopefully, Santa was good to everyone. I want to start off by saying thank you to everyone who attended our annual awards and Christmas party this year. We had over 80 members in attendance which was a huge success. I'm sure everyone had a great time and some of you even walked away with some pretty neat gifts.

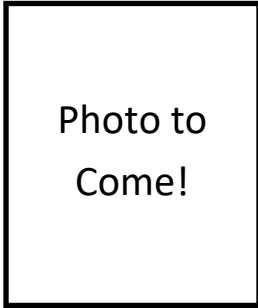
Now onto my next adventure, as your Rear Commodore, one of my duties this year will be putting together the roster book so make sure if there are any changes in your contact information or your email address that you let me know before the book goes to print. I want to remind everybody to keep track of your own working man's hours and log it in the book so you will get credit for it.

OK see you around the club and enjoy the new year.

Bubba
John Orcutt
Rear Commodore

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

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<http://innerharboryc.com>**



**From the Fleet Captain
Dan Bundy**

I hope everyone had a Great Holiday Season. I am excited to be your Fleet Captain for 2024 as I follow many legacies of Inner Harbor Yacht Club! Congratulations and thank you to Nick Battistella for committing the last 4 years on the bridge.

I joined IHYC in 2016 with a lot of unknowns about how I would fit in the club. I have come to realize the membership is good, BUT it's the people of IHYC that are AMAZING!! You can't find a group of people anywhere that are as close as all of us!

I have always been known to have a full schedule, and 2024 will be no different. My goal is to make every event I plan as Fleet Captain a success, but I will need help from the members along the way to make sure this can happen. I am asking in advance to sign up to events (they are all fun), and provide me the help and support along the way. There are 8,760 hours in a year and many of us spend a lot of that time together because we want to, not because we need to. Spending 0.1% of that time helping and supporting club events makes a huge difference. That's only 8 hours! Helping out is how I got to know everyone, and now I have lifelong friends. I want everyone from the club to have that same opportunity.

There are some great events planned for 2024, and we will have the calendar of events hard copies available in January. So first on my agenda for 2024 is not a fleet captain duty, but our annual Meat Raffle which will be held in April. There is a lot to do for preparation of this event and will begin preparing in mid-January. If you would like to be on the committee then please text/call me at (716)220-6170. GO BILLS!

Dan Bundy
Fleet Captain



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

Happy 2024 IHYC Family. Thinking about last year, we had the storm of the century, this year, green grass and no ice. Countdown to boating season has begun and I cannot believe we are in 2024, how time flies.

I need to say thank you to everyone for such a great December with our holiday parties, they were all a hit. The children’s Christmas party was fantastic. Tara Hudson did a great job organizing this. We had a great Santa, we give many thanks to him and his helpers, from wrapping and giving the presents to the little ones and making many children happy. Then our adult Christmas and trophy party was such a great time. Many, many laughs and smiles, and great prizes were won. Fleet Captain John Orcutt and his First Mate Lynn did a great job.

The auxiliary Christmas Party was also amazing for many reasons. The food and service was outstanding, and we donated a lot of food to St. Francis. Thank you to all of our fine members that put this on for us, we loved everything. We did have a great attendance and that was awesome. I hope at the next one we even have more. We did get a few new members this year and I love that. I can't wait to get to know them better.

With the New Year here, Nick Battistella is now a PC. Nick, you did a great job and I loved our Superbowl party that we really got into. Look forward to seeing Andy Vaillancourt in his role as Commodore and see what the upcoming year brings for us .

The Auxiliary had a great year with our fundraisers and events. Many thanks goes to the team I had in 2023 that supported the club and worked very hard. Our 2024 elected positions were filled by 2023 representatives and remaining spots were filled by members who are taking on new roles. The new year is going to be a very exciting year. Looking forward to all the memories that will be made. Our first event is Installation Dinner on January 20, 2024. Look forward to seeing everyone there!

We have Fish Fry coming up on Friday January 5th. Remember, the auxiliary sells desserts at these and donation of desserts is always appreciated. Thank you to everyone who does donate. We have a dessert app to sign up for donations on our Facebook page. Please contact Tara Hudson or one of our Directors to learn about this.

Wishing everyone at IHYC and their families a Happy and Blessed New Year!

Valerie Wells
2024 Auxiliary President

Member Birthdays:

- Dave Herbold—January 3rd
- Dan Bundy—January 4th
- David Cassetta—January 9th
- Dan Bright—January 10th
- Bill Vaughan—January 10th
- John Orcutt—January 28th



Auxiliary Birthdays:

- Claudia Roland—January 8th
- Phyllis Kivler—January 14th
- Kathy Brown—January 25th
- Linda Capan—January 29th

2024 AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Valerie Wells	560-2111
Vice President	Tara Hudson	812-9524
Recording Secretary	Theresa Schmitt	607-423-7105
Corresponding Secretary	Nancy Myszka	877-0131
Treasurer	Phyllis Kivler	541-7007
Fleet Mates	Lorna Jane Connelly Sarah Bragg	
Chaplain	Mary Riccio	830-4904

Get Well and Good Welfare—Chaplains Report

Special prayers and get well wishes go out to the following members:



Tim Gemsheim, Debbie Gemsheim, Debbie Connolly, Bill Wolf, Denise McGee, and Arlene Manth.

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

2024 AUXILIARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Paula Battistella	Melissa Durfey
Jill Collins	Claudia Roland

**Fish Fry—January 5th!!
Bring your
friends & family!**

Team 1 is up in January



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 RYDYNski – 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

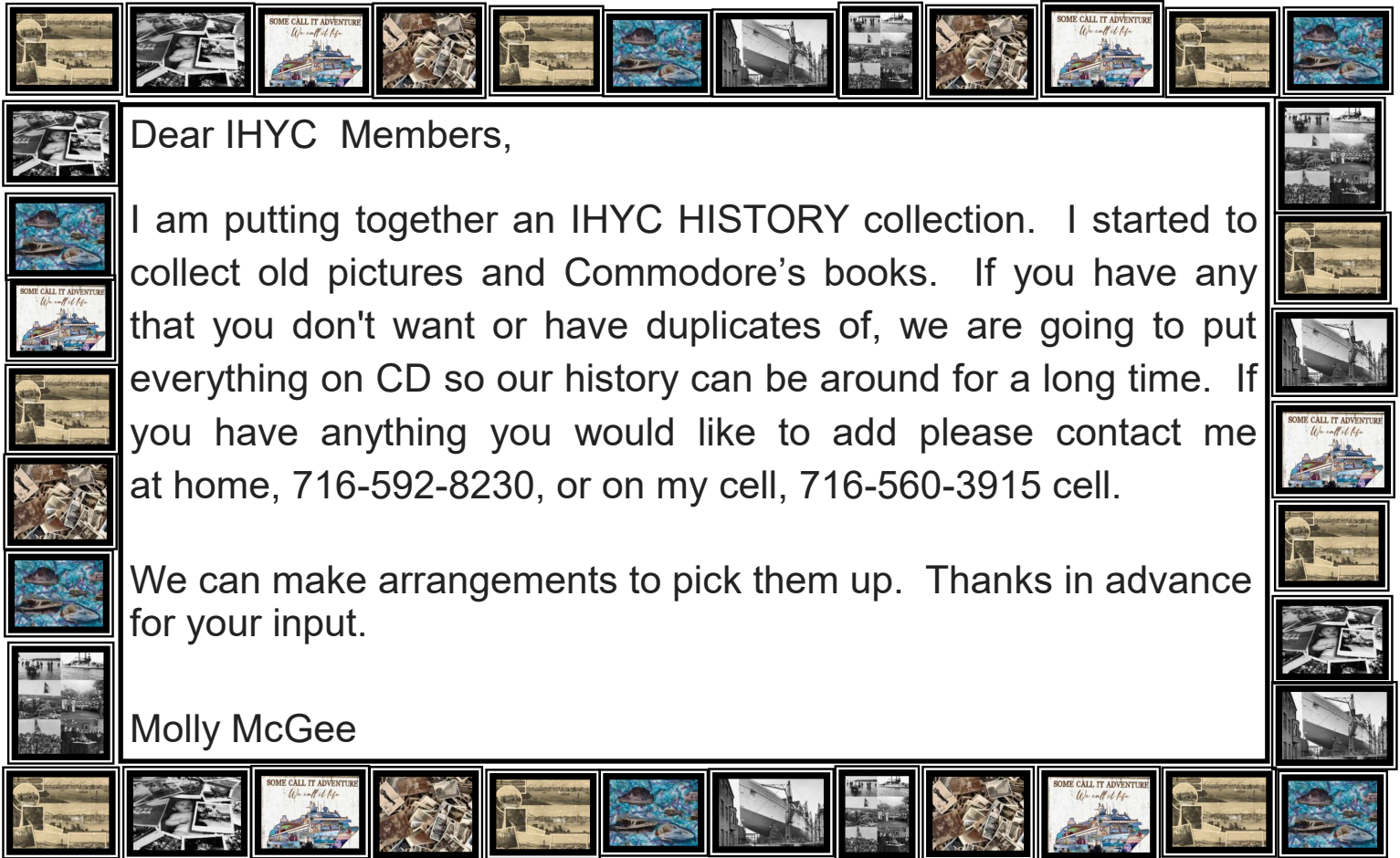
FISH FRY TEAM 3
MARCH, JULY, NOVEMBER
NEIL DURFEY - FRYER
DICK WATSON - MIDDLE FRYER
JIM ORTIZ - BROIL
PHYLLIS KIVLER - PLATE
DARRYL & PATTY STELTER - FINAL PREP
JOE STALLONE - DISHWASHER
ANN CARROLL - SERVE/BUS
BOB CARROLL - SERVE/BUS
OPEN - SERVE/BUS
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** 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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JANUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!	2 8:00pm Board Meeting	3	4	5 Bar Night PC D Herbold  TEAM 1	6
7	8	9 8:00pm General Meeting	10	11	12 Bar Night VC D Hudson	13
14	15	16 7:00pm Auxiliary Meeting	17	18	19 Bar Night J Migliore	20 6:00pm Installation Dinner
21	22	23	24	25	26 Bar Night RC J Orcutt	27
28	29	30	31			

INNER HARBOR YACHT CLUB'S
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
COCKTAIL PARTY

Saturday, January 20, 2024



5:00pm Officer's Pictures

6:00pm Cocktail Hour with Hors D'oeuvres

6:30pm Buffet:

Meat carving, Caesar salad, Pasta and Mashed potatoes

Coffee with a dessert station

7:30 pm Ceremony

Ceremony followed by entertainment

Music by Dave Stayner

Open bar until 11pm

\$50.00 Per Person

Uniforms and formal dress are in order

Reservations Due by January 9th

Contact R/C Dan Hudson (716)587-1484

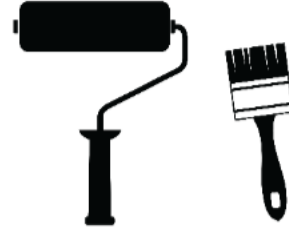
Reservation Policy Strictly in Effect

Rehearsal and set up will be on Friday, January 19th at 5pm

Please sign up at the club to help set up and clean up



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 John Orcutt
716-435-1517 jorcu05@yahoo.com
I am on facebook and messenger