

Birds & Worms News

the newsletter of the Newport Yacht Club, Rochester NY



Start of one of the races in the Briody Regatta (Bob Shanebrook photo)

What's Up?

10/26 – General Membership Meeting (7:30) with pizza dinner with salad & dessert potluck (6:00) (Laser Fleet)
10/27 - Fall Work Party (9:00)
11/10 – Cups and Flags Party (6:30 NYC)

Since the Last Newsletter – J. Boettcher

Almost the end of the sailing season. I will have to miss

the race last day. It has been a wonderful summer in terms of weather – not much rain but also not much wind. After we recovered from the couple of thefts of gas and cans from the dock area, we discovered that our website was no longer functioning. Equally, and perhaps more importantly, the e-mail distribution lists were not working. You may have noticed that electronic communication from the Club has been light the last few

months. Landy Atkinson has been struggling with these problems and a solution should be available in the near future.

The big news is that we are getting a new septic system. Our proximity to the water makes this a fairly expensive proposition. Guess who is going to pay for this? The article by Ed Bell gives the details but my summary is **pay \$230 by the end of the year or \$55 for the next five years**. This plan was approved at the July meeting. Thanks to our Vice Commodore, Lynn Bluett, who has been the point man on this. Also at the July meeting, we welcomed eight new members (details below).

The summer work party took on the job of painting the porch. Rather than wait for the paint to gather on him slowly, the crew chief and spray operator Eric



Schoenhardt proceeded to cover himself in the first few moments. Thanks to the rest of the crew who had to cover everything with plastic, touch up, and put everything back together. Looks great, don't you think? I mean the porch, not Eric.

The Snipe regatta was a success with nice winds for both days. The winds were not so cooperative at the beginning of the Brown Jug but our hosts at the Rochester Canoe Club gave us a good time anyway. See summaries below along with a neat article by Peter Allen about his new boat.

Mark your calendar for the October meeting, fall work party and, of course, the Cups and Flags in November. See you there.

Assessment: Septic System Replacement – Ed Bell, chairman, Capital Planning Committee

As you know, replacement of the septic system was approved at the July membership meeting. At the same meeting, a proposal to finance the cost of the system was also approved. The replacement will be paid by borrowing from the general fund. This will be repaid by a **membership assessment of \$55 per year for the next five years (total, \$275)**. This includes interest to cover the loss of interest income by withdrawing from the general fund. Members **may pay the entire amount this year, without interest, \$230 by December 31st**. The rationale is that payments this year will decrease borrowing from the general fund and mitigate the loss of interest income. Members must take the initiative to pay by December 31st – the assistant treasurer will not bill for this. If it is not paid before January 1, the member will be liable for the full assessment of \$275, regardless of when it is paid. This information is being mailed to all members this month and a reminder will be sent at the beginning of December. There will be no exceptions to the proposal that was approved by the membership. Beginning in 2008, the assistant treasurer will bill the \$55 per year assessment. Send your payment now!! **Make all payments to Newport Yacht Club and send to NYC Asst. Treasurer, P.O. Box 17193, Rochester, NY 14617.**

Long Range Planning Committee Report – Lori Foster (chair)

The Long Range Planning and Special Projects Committee met in September with Lori Foster as the new chair, replacing Ed Bell who stepped down this past spring after serving for 4 years. (Thanks, Ed!)

The LRP-SP Committee will continue to explore the needs of NYC centering on protecting its assets and enhancing its use. The committee is comprised of several members who have committed to attendance at meetings and task reporting. "This Committee has a 'can do' attitude with a 'thinking out-of-the-box' approach", says Lori. Some of the items that have been in the works for the past several years may come to fruition in the near future. The committee agrees that we all have to remember that some areas of the club have been neglected for so many years that there is an unavoidable expense associated with maintenance and updating. "We will work closely with Finance and the Capital Planning Committees to solve these areas of need," Lori said. She adds "I invite any member to contact me with any of their greatest concern about NYC before the GM in October (LF348@yahoo.com)."

Thanks!

Rear Commodore Report – Steve Leach

Mark these upcoming important dates. **Saturday, October 27, 2007** (9am) is the **Fall Work Party**. It's hard to believe it's that time already. Thanks in advance for your help! **Saturday, November 10, 2007** (6:30pm) **Cups and Flags Banquet** at Newport YC. Save the date for this annual NYC tradition – good food, good fun, good friends. See flier attached for details.

Please note that the boat hoist will be taken down for the season on Saturday, December 1st to prevent potential problems with ice damage.

Harbor Observations – Peter Allen (9/18 email)

Are you using the Doc Mac? If so, please don't cross the dock lines on the bow. Just put each bow line on its respective cleat. Crossing the bow lines induces chaff and will lead to eventual and needless breaking of these lines. The northern bow line already shows signs of wear. If you supervise any of our race committee staff, please tell them not to cross the bow lines.

What is it so hard for some of our members to remember to tumble the combination on the lock to the Lightning dock gates? Please, take an extra ten seconds, as soon as you open the lock, and tumble the combination so we aren't leaving an invitation to the public to trespass.

Membership Committee Report – J. Boettcher

After a few meetings with no new members joining the club, our July meeting was a very welcome change. We added eight new members to the roles. Thanks to all who talked up the club to these folks getting them to join and also to those who were so welcoming to the visitors that they felt they simply must join. You make the job of membership chair pretty easy, thanks. Check out their photos on the club bulletin board and make them feel at home. Below is a little background on our new members.

Chris Reynolds sails a Lightning with his brother David. Their father Carl introduced them to the boat in the mid 80's when he was an NYC member. Chris has big boat crewing experience at RYC and Buffalo and is a licensed sailing instructor who taught at Camp Cory and the Nyack Boat Club. He is a physician at Rochester General and lives in Pittsford with his wife Jodi.

Morgan Smith has crewed for Eric Schoenhardt on the "Dutchman" for the last three years. He works for Eastman Kodak as an engineer. Morgan lives in the City with his wife Lynae.

Paul Elli is another acquaintance of Eric S. and has been sailing since 1972. His boat experience includes

cruising and racing a number of different boats including helping his brother Mark race a Lightning at NYC a few years back. He currently has a Grampian 26 and is looking to buy a Lightning. Paul works for Turner Construction and lives in Irondequoit with his wife Michelle.

Jack Finear is a control engineer with Meikle Automation and lives in Gates. He enjoys a number of outdoor activities and had some experience with sailing as a kid. He bought a daysailer (O'Day 15) last year and shadowed the NYC racing fleet hoping to pick up the finer points of sailing. He hopes his NYC membership will teach him how to sail better and even race his boat along with developing new friends.

Matt Lawless and wife Cheryl Evans live in Irondequoit. He works in customer service for Gorbels Inc. Matt has been interested in sailing for many years with experience sailing & racing J-24s, Lightnings, Lasers, and Solings. He comes to us with a Laser and hopes to introduce his kids to sailing.

Welcome back Kathleen Callon. Kathy was a member just a few years ago. She comes back with a Bristol 22 Caravel. She grew up sailing with her family. Kathy is transportation director for the East Irondequoit CSD and lives in Irondequoit.

Mike Flowerday is self-employed attorney-teacher and lives in Irondequoit. He has been sailing a number of small craft since 1976. He hopes NYC will provide a place for he and his children ages 21 and 13 to sail and associate with others who also love the water and sailing. He currently has a Sunfish.

Logan McReynolds is joining as an associate member. He is the son of Cindy and Alan and grew up sailing at NYC in Optimists and Lightnings. He has crewed for a number of NYC Lightning sailors and now regularly beats a number of them. He joins without a boat. Logan is a student and currently works at Pittsford Lumber. He lives with his parents in Fairport.

Korkosz Team Wins the 2007 Briody Memorial Snipe Regatta – N. Dahl (Snipe Fleet captain and regatta chair)

Newport Yacht Club of Rochester, NY, hosted the Briody Memorial Snipe Regatta on August 18-19. John and Adrienne Korkosz won with an overwhelming performance, winning four of the six races. Their throw-out was a second. They even had time during one race to tend to a family of mice that had taken residence in their centerboard trunk.

Chris and Don Hains finished second, followed by Ray Schmit and Wendy Frank. Two local boats finished in the money, Charlie Courtsal and Dean Clayton in fourth and Norm Dahl and Virginia Cumine in fifth. We had eleven boats in all: five locals, one from Schenectady, two Canadians, and one each from Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania. The PA sailors, Todd and Bob McBride, were first-timers at this regatta and had a great time.

Our wind was near perfect. Saturday we sailed four races in a 13-15 mph NNW wind. On the runs, some skippers sought a streak along the west shore and others rode puffs across the bay and then headed south. Sunday a strong eleven o'clock thermal blotted out the initial weak southeasterly.

Peter Allen did a masterful job as principal race officer, with assistance from Peggy Crevey, Steve Leach, Chris Ramsey, and four of the regular race staff. Rosemary Dahl took charge of the dinner and lunches, again with lots of help. Paul Riordan and wife Dorothy wrangled the beer and soda. Bill Vaughn did breakfasts and scoring. Adrienne Korkosz and Matt Disch brought the trophies. Phil Morse and Eva Smith did registration and Lori Korkosz and Bob Shanebrook took photos.

Onondaga Lake Snipe sailors Bud and Ellen Booth visited us Saturday and sent greetings to all the old gang. Jon Pegis and wife Dawn passed through town the following week and added their greetings. Jon was active at Newport in the 70s and 80s.

TNS Wrap-up – Sally Atkins

Three months of Thursday Night sailing seem to have flown by. It was certainly another successful season of



Mike Trenkler racing in a dying breeze on the Lake

sailing and companionship and a wonderful opportunity to get to know club members. Weather did not always cooperate for the best sailing, but we did get to the lake once and enjoyed some pleasant sailing on the bay even though there were times when the clouds threatened or the wind died. The picnics went on every week and delicious offerings were enjoyed by all. Our faithful grillmaster (Ed Bell) had the count down to a science so that everyone could enjoy their meat of choice with no leftovers. Many thanks to Andy Smith (our TNS treasurer) for picking up Dinosaur BBQ as a celebration for our last night of the season - what a treat.

I do not have the results but you will find out at the Annual Cups and Flags Event. Each week there were several Lightnings, some Snipes, Lasers and cruising boats out racing and everyone seemed to have a great time. Co-chair Eva and I are most appreciative for all of you who donated your time by volunteering for the many jobs that helped make each evening a success, many of you helping **every** week. Several of you also signed up for multiple PRO responsibilities to get the races off and run well, sometimes at the expense of your own sailing opportunities. You know we couldn't have done it without all of you. Thanks also to Eric's race committee crew who were there doing an outstanding job every week. We plan to have an organizational & informational meeting in the Spring for 2008 TNS. It is hoped that some of the support roles can be rotated next year. See you then.

Lightning Fleet Report – L. Foster

This year's sailing season has gone quickly, as it always does. Many Lightnings turned out for the Spring Series and for Thursday Night Sailing . . . a few raced almost every race. We enjoyed one beautiful TNS on the Lake in July.

Several 'traveling' Lightnings supported the Central New York Lightning District regattas. In turn we had a good turn out for our annual regatta. Congratulations goes to Phil Lang for making the Blue Fleet at the North Americans held at Severn Sailing Association in Annapolis. NYC was represented at several International regattas. John Atkins, Lori Foster and Laura O'Leary (Norm Dahl's daughter who lives in Montreal) competed at the Canadian Open held at Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club (on the St. Lawrence in Montreal).

Further afield, Dick Hallagan with crew Dan Pope and Rick TenEyck and Phil Lange with crew Jonathan Lange and Allister Thompson both competed in the Lightning Worlds in Athens, Greece. They placed 6th and 31st

respectively out of 48. Dick also competed in the Worlds Masters and placed 4th out of 14.

Thanks to all who have helped with the Newport regatta and TNS.

More Snipe News

The Fleet and groupies had a croquet party at the Morses. Apparently you had to dress for this affair



judging by the attire worn by Paul Riordan and Dorothy Drahzal.

Laser Report – J. Cuddihee

The Laser fleet has sacrificed two boat racks to make way for the new septic system. One was already lost to club storage, the other was the the furthest from the water of the three along the hedge. We did save one spar box and enough other parts to rebuild one rack should we decide to. Thanks to Dean Clayton for his help with the tear down. We have the opportunity to install a multipurpose barrier to keep vehicles away from the leach field, and to serve as a "hitching rail" for those of us with launching dollies!

Congratulations to Steve Leach for winning the Brown Jug this Labor Day! It had been ten years since a Laser had won. *(It was Jim C. in that Laser. - editor)*

Brown Jug Race - 9/3/07

31 boats in 8 classes participated in this year's "jug". We started in a light and shifty west wind which made the race committee commit to only one lap. Midway through the start categories a nice thermal came in which made the race a pretty short one.

After racing, the fleet convened at the wonderful RCC club location for yummy refreshments and the awards ceremony chaired by RCC rear commodore Kevin Lofftus. The overall winners were NYC's Steve Leach taking 1st place in a Laser and Stampe of RCC taking 2nd in a Sunfish. The Optimist and Snipe fleets had only one entry this year. In the contested fleets, Leach was 1st in Lasers (3 boats), Stampe was 1st Sunfish (9 boats), Allen was 1st Cruiser (3 boats), Serena Lofftus was 1st JY (3 boats) beating dad Kevin by inches, McReynolds was 1st Lightning (6 boats), and Stehle was 1st Thistle (7 boats).

Meet Your Race Committee – Eric Shoenhardt (Race Chair)

First article in a new series. The photo shows the crew on duty Sunday 9/30 (from left to right). David Sinnott



currently attends MCC and carries the honor of Eagle Scout. This was his first year working with us. Megan Tagliatela ('Tag' for short) is a junior at Chas. Finney. This was Megan's first year and she has two siblings and two cousins also working on the Committee. Returning for his third year is James Frutiger who was foreman for Sunday's Race. He is a senior at Brighton and has a brother who also works on the committee. Last but not least we have Dan Tagliatela who also has a

brother working Race Committee (Megan's cousin) and he is a sophomore at MCC. This is his second year on Race Committee and his second winter in Rochester in a while. He has been in Spain for several years where his parents are missionaries.

My New Boat – P. Allen

Well, since you asked . . . Several people have asked what kind of boat I have brought to Newport Yacht Club. Here's the story:

Almost 40 years ago I fell in love with the lines and concept of the Cape Cod Bull's Eye at the New York Boat Show. Since then the Bull's Eye just never quite fit my sailing plans, whether for racing or cruising. Today it does, and we bought one early this summer. It is docked in slip #10 on the east side of the east Lightning Dock.



The Bull's Eye is a 1916 Nat Herreshoff design, specifically for sailing in the breezy, choppy conditions of Buzzards Bay. Herreshoff is best known for his beautiful and fast designs which won four or five America's Cup competitions in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Known

as the "Wizard of Bristol," Nat and his brother John created the Herreshoff Manufacturing Company in Bristol Rhode Island in 1863.

Today the Herreshoff Marine Museum is across the street from the original site of that company, which closed in 1944. The museum is an amazing time capsule from the days of wooden ships and iron men. In one of the company's old manufacturing buildings across the street from the museum is the America's Cup Museum. Both are worth a visit. Plan to spend the better part of a day, especially if you appreciate find old wooden yachts.

Shortly after WWII, Cape Cod Shipbuilding Co. of Wareham, Mass., a family-owned business now operated by the third generation of Goodwins, bought the rights to several Herreshoff designs. The Herreshoff 12-1/2 was one of those designs. Adding a small cuddy cabin (open to the cockpit) to Capt. Nat's original hull created the Cape Cod Bull's Eye. The "12-1/2" refers to the waterline length; twelve feet, six inches. The Length overall is 15' 8.5". The beam is 5 feet 10 inches (fitting nicely in a Lightning slip). The displacement is 1350 pounds, of which 750 pounds is the lead keel. The rudder is attached to the trailing edge of the long keel. Draft is 2' 3". She is sloop rigged, and can carry a genoa and spinnaker. The working jib carries a half wishbone sprit which makes the sail self-tending. While the cockpit is not self-bailing, the boat does have air tanks sufficient to float it in case of a swamping.

Examples of the 12-1/2 and the Bull's Eye can be found throughout New England, where the design is a favorite among yacht club youth sailing programs, as well as meeting the needs of hundreds of families that want a safe, comfortable boat for daysailing and club racing. There are always a few used Bull's Eyes on the market, starting at around \$2,000. If anyone wants to buy one and finds one for sale without a trailer, our trailer is available all summer long. There is an active class association (see below).

We visited Cape Cod Shipbuilding in July and found a group of small buildings in support of various aspects of their operation. We saw a new Bull's Eye Hull recently removed from the mold, while the mold was being prepared for the layup of the next hull. We also saw two Bull's Eyes from the early 1950s. These were in the process of repair, refurbishment, or restoration. For more information on the Bull's Eye, go to bullseyeclass.org or capecodshipbuilding.com.

Newsletter Contributions

Thanks to Bob Shanebrook for the great photo of a start at the Snipe regatta and Dorothy Drahzal for the photo from the croquet party. Norma Platt and Ed Bell are responsible for turning the draft of the newsletter into proper English. Ed Bell also provides color copies of the

newsletter which are mailed to members not having e-mail. John Boettcher is the editor. Next issue will be in December of 2007. Send contributions to J. Boettcher.

**Commodore Cindy McReynolds
and the Officers of Newport Yacht Club
Cordially Invite You, Your Family & Crew
to the**

Cups and Flags Banquet

Saturday, November 10, 2007

6:30 PM

At the Newport Yacht Club

Featuring a wide assortment of hors d'oeuvres, desserts, the commodore's punch bowl, nonalcoholic punch bowl, and soda. (Wine and beer available for a nominal donation.)

Come and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow members. Recognition of sailing and nonsailing participation will also be part of the evening.

Price: \$15.00 per person

RSVP: to Steve Leach (Sleach4586@aol.com) or call 323-9532 no later than Tuesday, October 30th.

Advance payment appreciated. Please send checks payable to Newport Yacht Club to Steve Leach, 132 Garford Rd., Rochester, NY 14622.

Hope to see you there!