

Birds & Worms News

the newsletter of the Newport Yacht Club, Rochester NY



Same View NYC Clubhouse Renovation before (almost) and after (JB photo)

What's Up?

7/24 – General Membership Meeting (7:30) with dinner hosted by Laser Fleet (6:00)

8/22-23 - Snipe regatta

9/7 – Brown Jug Regatta (RCC's turn to host)

Editor's Comments – J. Boettcher

I know that by now the clubhouse renovation is old news but I couldn't resist using these before and after shots I had for the front page of this newsletter. To all the workers who made this happen, give yourself a pat on the back. Well done!

Maybe being editor allows me to comment on some topics from time to time. These seem particularly timely and make common sense to me. I'd be glad to hear any comments you might have.

Dogs - If you bring one to the club, it should be leashed or under tight control. If a member or visitor should get bit, it would be terrible. Furthermore, the club assets would be at risk in litigation. If your dog leaves a "present", it is your job to clean up. No dogs are allowed in the clubhouse. "Why?" you ask. I came early for a Board meeting on Monday 6/1 and found a "present" in the middle of the clubhouse floor.

Courtesy for Regattas – NYC hosts three regattas each year. During the early part of each day, there is a lot of activity getting boats launched and the parking lot is a really busy, congested place. I would suggest that members not involved in the regatta refrain from coming down at this time. Late morning and after should be no problem.

See you at the General Membership Meeting on July 24th. Don't forget the dinner.

Since the Last Newsletter – J. Boettcher

We had a general membership meeting on Friday April 24th. It was preceded by a wonderful lasagna dinner hosted by the Snipe Fleet. Commodore Cindy McReynolds was in Wisconsin attending a family funeral and Vice Commodore Andy Smith chaired the meeting. This was the first meeting held in the newly remodeled clubhouse and the membership was very impressed with the results. The remodeling was the subject of several reports during the meeting. Treasurer Don Curran reported that \$4,400 had been spent on the project. Eric Schoenhardt, project leader, estimated the value of the work done at \$30,000 and credited the high level of participation of the members for the project success. Jobs to be done at the spring work party the next day were discussed by several officers. The fleets reviewed recent activities and promoted upcoming regattas and events. Howard Stickney reported that NYC is full with regard to slips for cruising boats.

The docks and haulouts are pretty well populated and the sailing season is in full swing. We've had two regattas and Thursday Night Sailing is underway. Read about these items and more in the pages that follow.

Vice Commodore News

Andy Smith sent this photo. Poor choice of a nesting spot. I don't think this had a happy ending even with Andy fencing off the area.



Mallard Duck nest adjacent West Dock (AS photo)

Membership Committee Report – J. Boettcher

I don't have any new members to introduce to you in this newsletter but there are a number of candidates that have been approved by the Board and await member approval at the July meeting.

We note the resignation in good standing of George Hock. George was a member and active Snipe sailor for many years. I believe he had high certification for

running and judging races. I recall him being one of the judges at the Lightning Youth Worlds at NYC in 2002.

Rick Zuegel died in May. Rick had resigned from the Club several years ago but was a member for years before that. He was Commodore when I joined the Club in 1982. Rick was an excellent photographer and provided the several award winning, action photos of Lightning racing on the walls of the clubhouse.

Laser News

Eleven competitors participated in the June 13th regatta. The day was slightly overcast but the wind was reasonably steady on the Bay at 8-12 knots from the north. PRO Peter Allen assisted by Peggy Crevey ran the races from the Doc Mac and made several course and line adjustments to keep the racing fair. Six races were held with one of these being a throw out. The results have a lot of deja vu in them. NYC sailor Mark Sertl took first place for the second year in a row and Jamie Moran took second for the third consecutive year. Third place went to Laser District Secretary Chas Williamson. Complete race results at the end of this newsletter.



One of the starts at Laser Regatta 6/13 (RS photo)

Following racing, the competitors enjoyed a light lunch followed by the awards ceremony. On shore staff consisted of Fleet Captain Dean Clayton, assisted by Julie Clayton, Bob Shanebrook, and John Boettcher.

Lightning News

There have been a number of changes in the fleet. In a big loss Howard Stickney decided to stop sailing. His boat is up for sale. Chris and Jodi Reynolds resigned and their boat was purchased by John Atkins who also moved to Howard's haulout. John's boat was purchased by Logan McReynolds making the McReynolds clan a two Lightning family.

Both days of the Lightning regatta (6/6-7) were sailed on the Bay with Peter Allen acting as PRO. Twenty one boats competed in moderate to light wind. Ched Proctor won the regatta (9 pts) with Dan Thompson (18) and NYC's Dan Pope (19) being very close for second and third, respectively. Detailed race results are appended to the end of this newsletter.



Leeward mark action at the June Lightning Regatta (RS photo)
Phil Lange was regatta chairman. Dinner on Saturday was provided by Stickey Lips.

Snipe Stuff – Tom Lee

The Snipers concluded the off season with a Potluck Brunch hosted by Ted and Barb Horvath. The food, conversation and beverages were wonderful. A highlight was having a new potential member, Stan Marshall, introduced to the group. He has a good deal of experience sailing and boating in a variety of craft, including Snipes. Stan is intending to crew for Tom Lee beginning June 14th. He is hoping to familiarize himself with the variety of craft sailed at NYC, prior to making a purchase.

The Spring Series of 2009 has concluded with Norm Dahl as the champ. Norm scored 1603.67 points followed by Ted Horvath with 1577.33 and Rick Trausch with 1474.

Big Snipe Regatta This August - Norm Dahl

Newport will host two simultaneous Snipe regattas on August 22-23. In addition to the Briody Memorial, which draws boats from Canada and Ohio, we will host the US District I Championship, which draws from Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Maryland. Our regatta comes just a week after the North Americans at Erie, PA, so some skippers will leave their boats in our parking lot and return for the Districts/ Briody. Best guess for turnout is around 25, a big change from our usual 10-12 boats.

Peter Allen will be the Principal Race Officer and Rosemary Dahl will be in charge of the food. Volunteers are hereby solicited to help them and for other tasks (photography, parking, hoist operation, registration, scoring, protests, security, etc.). Also, some of the hot-shot visiting skippers may need local crew. Contact Regatta Chair Norm Dahl.

New Fleet at NYC - Lynn Bluett

We have four Catalina 22s at NYC. There used to be a local Catalina 22 fleet, but it became inactive about 2 years ago. The last fleet captain worked at Xerox in the building next to mine. When I heard he was moving to California in January I contacted him and he gave me all of the information he had, including the original charter for the fleet. I am already a member of the National Catalina 22 association. I contacted the National Association and told them I was interested in re-activating the fleet. I am now listed as the fleet captain for local Fleet 141. All four boats at NYC are members of the fleet. We had our organizational meeting in May. Ed Bell, Rob and Eugenie Rebres and Denise and I were the only attendees. Just as the meeting was ending, Jack Finear arrived. We are currently discussing what activity we will have in August. A person that has her C22 at Maier's Marina at the north end of the Bay is interested in joining the fleet. It is a small fleet, but we are hopeful that it will gain interest. We hope to keep it located at NYC.

TNS Update

Thursday Night Sailing started on June 11th. No racing results to share but Sally Atkins provided this really nice photo.



TNS Racing with GB Heron in foreground (SA photo)

NYC Regatta History – Lori Foster

Over the years Newport Yacht Club has hosted many regattas for the Lightning, Snipe and Laser fleets. The

majority of these regattas are for those sailors in the district of said fleet. NYC has also had the honors of hosting major national and international regattas.

There are several factors that are taken into account when considering hosting a regatta. Some of the questions asked by the hosting club are: can the facility handle the volume of participants, is there Board support, is the Club membership interested in volunteering for the event, are our race committee boats reliable and can the event be made affordable to competitors? Some of the selection committee considerations are: is the racing venue (Lake Ontario or Irondequoit Bay) appropriate, are the weather conditions sufficient, can after racing events be hosted at the club or nearby facilities, and is the sponsoring club reliable to host the event?

These hosting honors are awarded one to two years before the regatta, allowing sufficient time to organize.

Listed below are some recent major regattas hosted by Newport Yacht Club.

- 1990 Women's, Junior's and Masters National Lightning Regatta
- 1995 Sears Cup Area B trials in Lightnings
- 1998 Empire State Games competition in Lasers
- 2002 Lightning Youth World Championships
- 2009 Snipe District 1 Championship in conjunction with the Briody Memorial (now in its 72+ year!)

Newsletter Contributions

Thanks to Bob Shanebrook, Sally Akins and Andy Smith for the photos in this newsletter. Eva Smith is responsible for turning the draft of the newsletter into proper English. John Boettcher is the editor. Next issue will be in August of 2009. Send contributions to J. Boettcher.

Results from June 13 Laser Regatta (Dean Clayton, Feet Captain)

Thanks to everyone for a successful regatta.

We got in six races with eleven boats competing.

The racers in order were:

1	Mark Sertl 80447, 1st Master	8.5 / 9 pts	3rd, 2nd, 2nd, 1st, 3rd, 1st
2	Jamie Moran "1"	9.25 / 10 pts	1st, 1st, 1st 3rd 4th 4th
3	Chas. Williamson 173173	12.75 / 13 pts	6th, 3rd, 5th, 2nd, 1st, 2nd
4	AJ Murphy "22" 1st Junior	18 pts	4th, 4th, 3rd, 8th, 2nd, 5th
5	Rich Wait 171002	24 pts	2nd, 8th, 6th, 5th, 5th, 6th
6	Eric Magnuson 172181	29 pts	5th, 5th, 9th, 4th, 8th, 7th
7	Brent Gillette 156632	30 pts	7th, 6th, 4th, 7th, 6th, 9th
8	Peter Bushnell 176989	31 pts	9th, 7th, 8th, 6th, 7th, 3rd
9	Luke Miller 159063 2nd Junior	44 pts	8th, 9th, 10th, 9th, 10th, 8th
10	Thomas Shaw 14	46 pts	11th, 10th, 7th, 10th, 9th, 10th
11	Joseph Miller 73 73	54 pts	10th, 11th, 11th, 11th, 11th, 11th

Lightning Regatta Results (Phil Lange, Regatta Chair)

**Celebration of Spring
Newport Yacht Club - Fleet 77**

June 6-7, 2009

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Lightning

Entries **21**

Place	#				Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Total
1	14821	Ched Proctor	Jay Muelier	James Barnash	1	1	4	2	1	9
2	15406	Dan Thompson	James Landi	Austin Kank	5	3	2	5	3	18
3	15250	Dan Pope	Jonathan Pope	J.J. Pope	4	2	3	4	6	19
4	15164	Jed Dodge	Bill Dodge	Sarah Costich	2	7	5	6	2	22
5	14298	Mark Sertl	Katja Sertl	Nick Sertl	6	6	7	1	4	24
6	15205	Bob Wardwell	Mike Healey	Ainsley Thomson	3	4	1	13	5	26
7	15255	Richard Hallagan	Kathy Wild	Rick TenEyck	7	5	6	10	7	35
8	15279	Bob King	Justin Demore	Marcus Costich	12	10	9	3	8	42
9	14968	Mark Fleckenstein	Rebecca	Deborah Arehart	8	14	11	9	11	53
10	15272	Mark Grinder	Kelly Papke	Jeff Kuhn	17	9	10	8	13	57
11	14849	Clay Murphy	John Steiner	Eric Magnuson	10	13	14	11	9	57
12	15276	Philip Lange	Lori Foster	Alister Thomson	11	8	15	12	12	58
13	15121X	Logan McReynolds	John Kislinger	Billy Stuart	13	11	8	15	14	61
14	14321	Jack Jones	Barbara Hill	John Germain	18	15	12	7	10	62
15	14949	Landy Atkinson	Jillian Stokes	Gordon Wright	9	18	16	18	15	76
16	15246	Grahm Leonard	Ben Leonard	Ryan Revilock	14	16	13	16	17	76
17	15165	Alan McReynolds	Eric Shoenhart	Cindy McReynolds	15	12	18	17	19	81
18	15121	John Atkins	Kenny Sourspring	Dave Maier	16	17	17	19	16	85
19	12008	Travis Odenbach	Sara Elvy	Matt Richter	20	20	21	14	18	93
20	14580	Larissa Cox	Steve Cox		19	21	19	21	20	100
21	14799	Jesse Miller	Virginia Miller	Mary Lou Carlucci	21	19	20	20	21	101

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