

# BIRDS & WORMS – JULY, 2011

## Upcoming Events:

July 22 - GMM 7:30; dinner by the laser fleet 6:00  
July 30 – Marine Sale 9:00 – noon  
Aug. 13 – Moonlight Sail 7:30  
Aug. 20, 21 – Snipe 75<sup>th</sup> Briody Regatta  
Sept. 18 – Adult/Junior Novice Race

## Commodore's Column – J. Boettcher

I hope everyone is enjoying the sailing season so far. May, as usual, was a disappointment as has been the weather for Thursday Night Sailing of late. We can hope for better as the season goes on. Hope to see all of you at the General Membership meeting on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Now for a few words about communication. Has this ever happened to you? You show up at the Club and no one else does. In these days of easy communication, this should not be happening. The wasted time, gas and disappointment could all be avoided by staying in touch with your “playmates”. The Snipe fleet does this really well. They either have a quorum or else no one shows. Bravo! If your fleet isn't doing this, talk with your fleet captain, or just start the process yourself. The others will appreciate it. This should work for all events, not just racing. Let others know what your intentions are and ask who else is coming.

## Greetings from the Vice Commodore! – Dorothy Drazhal

I'm thrilled to say that the clubhouse has been getting tons of use this year from members having baby and bridal showers, family gatherings of all types, book clubs, play reading clubs, sailing outings and just plain old parties. Both the winter and spring work parties were filled with members cleaning, scrubbing, fixing, organizing, cooking, washing, hammering and having great conversations while they worked. I really appreciate being a part of a club with such deep rooted volunteerism.

We as a club hosted a Valentine's Day party, a Memorial Day party and an Independence Day party and they were all terrific. It would be hard to list everyone who helped exactly without missing many, so please accept my thanks for your preparations of space and food and the clean-up as well. I will put out a special thanks to Virginia Cumine, Don Taylor and Dave Maier who are always there to pick up,

clean and substitute for me in various ways and to Bob Shanebrook and Andy Smith who also jump to pitch in without being asked to watch over things and do a chore without being asked. And of course Paul – in essence my fellow Vice Commodore.

Moving forward – we have a job that is a positive one since our own John Atkins has created new NYC logos for the outside wall of the club – they are bright red Plexiglas type that will weather well. Now we need to mount them on the wall as well as 16 new letters i.e. “Newport Yacht Club” in blue Plexiglas. Please call me if you are willing to help us get these up this summer.

Yes, we have changed the combinations to all our locks – clubhouse, grill and docks. Please call your fleet captain or me if you forget.

Another ongoing project would be to sand and re-coat all the maple wooden chairs at the club. A few members wanted to keep them in the wood finish rather than painting them black to match the others. If you are interested in helping, please call me about taking a few at a time to sand and refinish and I will supply you with the correct finish.

Lastly, I will mention that it will be appreciated if you take a moment every time you use the club to check that things look OK. If you see a dirty carpet, give it a vacuum. If the floor is dirty, take a mop to it. If you see paper towels/toilet paper racks are low or empty, please refill with those in the brown wood cabinet in the women's room. If there are none there, please call me and let me know. I try to check regularly but somehow those supplies disappear more quickly than you can imagine. This constant vigilance and help from all the members is what will keep our club as inexpensive as it is compared to many clubs and allows us all to take personal pride in its beauty.

See you out on the water!

## Rear Commodore – Dave Maier, Al McReynolds

Summer has arrived and the grounds have returned to their green color! There are some nice flowers taken care of by Eva Smith, and lawn mowing is being handled by the fleets. The feedback on the new dock locks has been well received, so we will be replacing more with a similar kind as the need arises. The new

letters and logos for the south wall were cut by John Atkins and Logan McReynolds and are just awaiting mounting. They should keep their color a lot longer and require less maintenance than the old wooden ones.

We appreciate those that have stepped up without being asked to complete certain tasks. Lights have been changed, plants watered, gas refilled, and things seem to be running smoothly. It is important to remember that good communication keeps this club running. If you see anything out of place let Al or me know what you did and we'll reimburse any out-of-pocket expenses.

We'll be adding the date of the Cups & Flags to the calendar soon. If there are any big events that could impact the attendance of multiple members we'd like to hear them so we can schedule accordingly. Enjoy the sailing,

#### **Assistant Treasurer – Jillian Dart**

As the new Assistant Treasurer, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank everyone for paying their dues on time. Currently, we only have two members who have not fully paid their 2011 dues. Per the Club's Bylaws, they will be recommended to the GMM in July for expulsion (unless their dues are paid in full).

One topic that I will be bringing up during the upcoming GMM is the provision in the Bylaws for a penalty if dues are not paid on time. Per 2.7.1 "Dues and sailing fees may be paid in one lump sum or two equal installments on or before March 1 and June 1 without penalty". Per 2.7.5 "A penalty of 25% is to be levied for late payments of any installment of Club dues by the Assistant Treasurer. The determination dates shall be the postmark on the envelope containing the payment, or when the payment is personally made to the Assistant Treasurer".

In reviewing the past records, I do not find that the provision for the penalty has been enforced regularly.

A small committee of board members will be taking a look at this provision and providing the board with several options to address this. Perhaps we simply keep it as is but start enforcing the provision. If you would like to be involved in this committee, please contact me at [jestokes@frontiernet.net](mailto:jestokes@frontiernet.net) or call me at 585-388-9502.

#### **Snipe Fleet – Tom Lee**

The 2011 Snipe Spring Series has concluded. Won by Skipper Charlie Courtsal. Phil Morse was second and Bill Vaughn third.

The Summer Championship Series is underway. Through June 26th, the competition is being led by, Skipper Rick Trauscht and crew Dan Groth with 1607.3 points. A Cinderella team in the making, all first and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes. Not a fluke, Rick and Dan were manning the second place boat in last years Fall Series, won the Most Improved Skipper Trophy in 2010 and obviously lost none of their gained skills over the winter. Skipper Bill Vaughn and crew Samir Dixit have three first place finishes and currently hold 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the standings. The third place boat is skippered by Charlie Courtsal and crewed by Dean Clayton. It has been reported that an echo was heard, the words "Hasta la vista, baby! I'll be back!", as Charlie's plane was taking off for his annual vacation.

Rick and Dan, also have a firm hold of the Special Series. So far this year, they are the top Snipers at TNS.

Ted Horvath, with Julie Clayton crewing, have first stake in the Ford Fisher Tipover Trophy, under shifty gusts, this July 3rd. Ted has not appeared on the trophy, as skipper, since 1971, that is quite a record. He did get an honorable mention, in 1994, as crew for John Dentinger. Ted will be shortening the retaining cord on his dagger board, lesson learned. I'm sure that Rick will be more than happy to pass on that accolade, so as not to enter the tie of most appearances on the trophy with myself, Norm Dahl, John Dentinger and Phil Morse, all having been awarded three times. A big sigh of relief was heard across the Bay from three of us, still hoping to avoid taking the lead, once we were reassured that the only serious bruises were to egos.

#### **Laser Fleet – Kenny Fourspring**

The laser fleet is doing well. We are a meager fleet but our hearts are strong. The laser is the type of boat that one either enjoys sailing or despises entirely. It is far from being forgiving. One wrong move downwind and the main sheet will catch a transom corner and capsize allowing your fellow lasers to beat you to the leeward mark. Others tend to master the art of laser sailing and believe it is one of the most pure boats to sail. The best part of the boat is that it is such a simple boat. A single sail, a single sailor and a single intention: to go around the race course as fast as possible. Early on in the season, we have had club race days with more than four lasers on the starting line. Most of the lasers have bought new club sails, thus far the fleet has had very competitive club races. Griffin Orr, Steve Leach, John Boettcher, Bob Shanebrook and I have been have been very close during most of the club races.

On May 28<sup>th</sup> the lawn was littered with lasers. Newport hosted the 2011 Laser Regatta. The wind initially started from the south so racing started below south of the bridge. The wind clocked around to the North and the final of five races was sailed north of the bridge in front of the club. Many thanks go to Sue Leach for organizing the food, Norma Platt for help with Registration, Bill Topping for RPO, Bob Shanebrook for taking photos and everyone else who helped put the event together. We had a great turnout of boats from our own club. Newport's own Mark Sertl took 1<sup>st</sup> Place and Steve Leach took 5<sup>th</sup> Place, followed by John Boettcher, David Maier, myself, and Matt Lawless. The loaner boat was sailed by an RIT sailor John Handle. The fleet made \$10 for the event. A quick note about the loaner laser, the laser fleet has a club laser that can be raced Thursday or Sunday nights. We are always interested in getting more lasers out to race with us. The bay water has warmed up quite recently as well, so even when one tips it is not an issue.



During the fourth of July weekend, quite a bit of sailing was done at the club. Club racing happened on Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup>. On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, two individuals, (myself and David Maier) took our lasers on a cruise out the bay onward to lake Ontario. This avoided the immense power boat traffic. The wind started from the South as we were leaving the bay and clocked around the North when we reached the Genesee River. Dave and I continued to sail south on the river well below the Pattonwood bridge. We then decided it was best to turn around before the wind died, so that we wouldn't be stuck without a paddle. As I neared the end of the channel, I realized the wind was dying, but onward we went. We made it home a little after 9 P.M. The journey back took much longer than the trip there due to the persistent, rocking, air rowing and moderate sailing. However I'll leave you with this, "the point of the journey is not to arrive and anything can happen" -Geddy Lee"

### **Cruising Fleet – Paul Riordan**

The cruising fleet got off to a relatively slow start, hampered mostly by a wet May. Boats went in late and a couple of members of the fleet are still struggling to launch. The annual "Picture Day" sail was postponed from June 25<sup>th</sup> until July 30<sup>th</sup> due to rain. The event commences at 1 pm with a fleet sail out for photographing each other's boats under full sail. Other club members are welcome and encouraged to crew. So contact me or one of the fleet members directly if you want to join in. After the sail, we will be having a BYOB cocktail hour and dinner starting at around 4 pm at the club.

With the recent dry weather more sailing is going on and the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> club wide picnic held on Sunday July 3d had a strong representation of cruisers. The snipes and lasers raced, some cruisers cruised and drinks, dinner and good fellowship followed.

A Moon light sail is promised for August 13 starting at 7pm. Interested sailors and crew should assemble on the docks and sail out.

That's about it for now. I have experienced pretty rough conditions on the lake and very shifty and gusty conditions on the bay when sailing of late, but I guess that what sailing is all about. If we want predictable, we should go bowling!"

### **Membership Committee – Andy Smith**

Shawn McDonald will soon be our newest member. This is subject to the membership vote on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. He comes to us with a Snipe (which was formerly owned by John Kislinger.) John is an Attorney who has recently relocated to the Rochester area. He has been sailing with us since his application was approved by the Board during the June meeting. Please give Shawn a warm welcome to Newport when you greet him.

### **Upcoming Newport Yacht Club Marine Garage Sale – Bill Andrews**

Members of the Newport Yacht Club would like to hold a marine garage sale on Saturday, July, 30th from 9am-Noon. All members are encouraged to show up with any and all marine related items to sell that morning. We'll have some tables set up for the event and free coffee available. Other beverages available through our usual honor system. Proceeds from sales go to the seller.

I have been intrigued with the idea of having a marine sale ever since I discovered some items in my

basement that I didn't want to donate or just throw to the curb, so I thought about us all getting together with a sale. After hearing about the idea, our Commodore encouraged me to go forward with the idea since he has been the champion for wanting this club to do more social activities. I agree, and this one sounded easy and fun at the same time. We'll see. My hope is that it will be a success and someday we can open it up to the other clubs, including our own.

No need to RSVP but if you have questions you can contact me through my email: [billandgail1976@yahoo.com](mailto:billandgail1976@yahoo.com)  
I hope to see you all there.

### Lightning Regatta

Sally Atkins has contributed these pictures of the Lightning Regatta held at NYC on June 4 & 5. Mark Sertle won the Regatta.



Dick Hallagan, Regatta Chair & Mark Sertle



At the mark



### Lightning Lab Hosted at NYC – Lori Foster

On the weekend of June 11 and 12 the Central New York Lightning District hosted a Lightning Lab at Newport Yacht Club. What is a Lab? In this case, two days of on- and off-the-water sailing instruction underwritten by the International Lightning Class Association to further the knowledge and skills of its members. CNY District Commodore Phil Lange presented the idea of the Lab to the district after several members said they wanted improve their sailing and racing skills.

First, let me say that sailing coach Nick Turney Rocks! And I think all who attended the Lab would agree. At the end of the 2-day event when he asked the group for comments, the first thing shouted was “when are you coming back!” In addition to coaching and clinics, Turney is also manger of North Sails office in Cleveland.

Nick tuned boats. He explained sail trim on land, both days on the water and after dinner with a PowerPoint presentation. He demonstrated what each control does, how much to pull it on (or let it off) and how the smallest adjustment can make a huge change. He put us through drills of tacking, gibing, how to start from a dead stop, advantages of starting on port and on starboard (“who’s the marshmallow?”), practice sailing in heavier traffic, and what to tweak (or un-tweak) as we sailed next to each other. And many, many more things.

Newer sailors learned a lot, as did seasoned sailors who were surprised how much they learned about their rig and why ‘pre-roll tacks’ aren’t fast.

Nick was easy to approach with any question and his answers were easy to understand. Nick welcomed sailors to email him with any questions at any time.

We had 10 boats registered and about 26 participants for both days. Winds were favorable and the club house offered a nice space for 'classroom' instruction, meals and general hanging out.

Congratulations to the following CNY skippers (and their crew) for taking advantage of this unique opportunity offered by the ILCA with support from CNY Lightning District and Newport Yacht Club's Fleet #77: Dave Chervenik, Dave Meier, Reynolds Hahn, Ed Seyerlein, Phil Lange, Craig Thayer, Vadim Rabovsky, Andy Smith, Nick Sertl, and Mike Trenkler. Watch out for them on the race course 'cuz they will be Red Hot!

### **NYC Second Annual Adult-Junior Novice Sailboat Race – Virginia Cumine**

It is time to begin searching for your novice crew in your collection of children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews or family friends. In hopes of sparking an interest in sailing, NYC will again host an Adult-Junior Sail on Sunday afternoon, September 18, 2011.

Last year's Snipe introduction inspired smiles, laughter and youthful interest in the sport, so we decided to open the competition to other fleets. All youths (16 or younger) received a participant ribbon & certificate. First, second & third place ribbons were awarded for each race. The 2010 overall championship went to the Green Team – Leah Cooney (Skipper - Norm Dahl).

Participants should bring:

1. Snacks for the awards ceremony
2. Team T-shirts
3. "Pirate accessories" for the competition
4. \$5 entry fee to cover expenses for prizes

If interested, please have your Fleet Captain contact: Virginia Cumine, 544-3206 or [vcumine@rochester.rr.com](mailto:vcumine@rochester.rr.com)

Online registration form is available on the NYC Member website and at the clubhouse.



Charlie Courtsel & his son Brendan – last year

### **Bob Shanebook – Author and Publisher**

Bob Shanebrook has self-published a book describing how Kodak manufactures film. Historically film manufacturing has been a carefully guarded secret.

After he retired in 2003 he feared that the great work by so many people (including many NYC past and current members) to develop the manufacturing process would not be documented. With Kodak permission he spent weeks photographing the manufacturing process then documented the details with diagrams of the process.

In 2010 he self-published a book of 165 photographs and illustrations that explains, in more detail than has ever been published, how Kodak film is made. The book presents the process in an easy to understand form. No math or chemical equations! The book is endorsed by prominent leaders in the photographic field including former Kodak management, George Eastman House curators, Library of Congress conservators and others.

He has sold over a thousand books and continues to sell books via his website: [www.makingKODAKfilm.com](http://www.makingKODAKfilm.com). Buyers in thirty countries include Kodak workers, professional photographers, libraries and museums conservators responsible for preserving historic photographs, scientists, and the general public.

### **Never Assume – Peter Allen**

Irondequoit Bay is a true wind machine. We have come to expect that sailing begins between 10:00 and 11:00 each morning, with a north wind that continues unabated until late in the afternoon. We've all seen exceptions, but the foregoing is what we have come to believe.

In mid-May I looked out early one Sunday morning and saw a fresh NE wind on the bay. I went down to the club and rigged my boat, pushed off from the dock and found a delightful, fresh breeze covering the surface of our bay. What few boats were out there with me were mostly fishermen. Although my Bullseye is a stiff little boat, it was nearly rail down most of the two hours I sailed. With only the old mainsail and the even older working jib, the Bullseye moved along very nicely. What a glorious day to be alive and out on the water!

I sailed north to the head of the bay. With the high water of the early season, I felt confident that I could easily sail east into that shallow arm of our bay where few will venture most of the season. My confidence was repaid by a wonderful sail around the East Bay. A few motor boats “waked” me, but that's all part of the game. And there were only a few of them. And none of the cruisers, who probably weren't even awake yet.

After visiting the East Bay I turned south, scooted under the Rt. 104 bridge, and enjoyed a quiet run down past the Canoe Club and Sutter's Marina. The walls of the bay tamed the NE wind, creating a nearly true north wind for my beat back to Newport. I was back in my dock before 11:00 A.M., reminded once again that we should never assume.

So Newport isn't just for racing, or just for docking one's boat. Rather it's a jumping off point for a renewal of the spirit. If you don't happen to have a window that overlooks the bay you can easily check the NOAA weather station at the north end of the Genesee River's east (Summerville) pier. The web site for that station is:

[http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station\\_page.php?station=rprn6](http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.php?station=rprn6). The mid-lake weather buoy also has its own web site:

[http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station\\_page.php?station=45012](http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.php?station=45012).

And subscribers to Time Warner Cable can always check out WTEN's channel 110 as well as The Weather Channel at channel 23.

So, I urge every member to check out the weather and take advantage of some excellent, untroubled, early morning sailing. It isn't always there, but when it is – you'll love it.

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Thanks to all who contributed articles. Pictures contributed by Sally Atkins, John Boettcher, and Virginia Cumine.