

Birds and Worms

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Newport Yacht Club – July 2014

Upcoming Events	
7/25	NYC General Membership Mtg – dinner hosted by the Laser Fleet
8/16 – 17	Briody Memorial Snipe Regatta
8/9	Pultneyville Sail
9/1	Brown Jug – Newport hosting
9/21	Pirate Day

****Please note we no longer have a landline at the yacht club. There will be a cellphone left in the kitchen to be used ONLY to call 911 should an emergency occur.**

Commodore – Paul Riordan

I hope everyone had a good Spring and is enjoying our Summer. I've always felt that our area has the best summer weather and this past Independence Day weekend was a textbook example. Nice sunshine and warmth with no humidity and beautiful temperatures for sleeping.

We had a fun Independence Day Celebration at the Club on Sunday July 6th attending by a strong percentage of Club members and a number of guests. It's difficult to single out any one person for thanks because everyone who attended had a hand in making it a fun event. That being said, thanks to Jillian and Brian for the excellent grill work,

Ann Teese for getting the dozens of clams and all your other work, Eric and

Annie Schoenhardt for steaming the clams, Dorothy for your cake and decorations and your organization of the event, Perky for decorations and all around help, Barb Horvath for your desserts, kitchen clean up and other help, Don Taylor for cleanup, John Wiesenthal for you wonderful guitar playing and Delos for set up, clean up and particularly your music compiled from the 'Hit Parade' of July 4, 1964. That music really transported me to another place and time. And thanks to VC John Dentinger who helped with set up and decorations but missed the event for racing in Canada. The party was a nice opportunity to come together in a purely social context, as we so often simply wave to one another on our way to and from our boats.

Back on May 10th we also had a Club wide 'launch breakfast' of 'eggs to order', bacon and sausage, toast, cereal, pastries and fruit. The event was very well attended and even though the ice had barely melted we managed to

launch a few boats after eating. Thanks to Dorothy for cooking up all the omelets and thanks to the one member who order fried eggs so the Commodore had something to do.

We have a lot of things coming up at the Club before the end of the sailing year. The snipes will be having their regatta on August 16 and 17 and you are all invited to view the races and attend the dinner party on 8/16 and the breakfast on the morning of 8/17. There is a small fee for the dinner and breakfast and they can be attended separately. This is a stellar event attended by excellent sailors who come vast distances to challenge our men and women on our home waters. Come down our cheer on our sailors while enjoying the Club amenities. Contact Ted Horvath to volunteer to help out and for other details.

This year we are hosting the annual Brown Jug Race at NYC. This is an 'all comers' sailboat race including any sailboat housed on the bay. Our RC Don Taylor is in charge of organizing the event and could surely use your help. We normally provide heavy appetizers and beverages for about 60 to 70 people, so there's a lot of work that goes in to putting it all together. The race is set for Labor Day, 9/1/14, so if you are in town, please contact Don to see how you can help.

Our Race Committee has been doing an amazing job this year with no racing missed because of mechanical or logistical issues. Come on down and sail/race on Sundays at 1PM and Thursdays at 6PM. That's when racing starts so get there in time to be out on the water for the beginning. Don't forget that on Thursday night racing is followed up with a dinner of burgers and hots and pot luck offerings. Sailors also need crew so you can go on the club website

and connect with a skipper if you are interested.

Finally, we have a mandatory club wide meeting set for Friday July 25th with dinner at 6PM and meeting at 7:30 PM. The lasers are hosting the dinner, so it promises to be interesting. We will be electing a Nominating Committee who thereafter will be responsible for finding candidates to fill a number of Board of Director's positions for the next year and beyond. Hope to see you there.

Fleet Reports

Laser Fleet - Kenny Fourspring

The laser fleet held their annual regatta on June 14th. This year was a great turnout with fourteen boats competing. The competition was quite fierce. Doug Kaukeinen of RCC won the regatta over all. Steve Leach was the first Newport Laser sailor with a 9th place. Congratulations Steve! It was a great Westerly wind day and we had five long races sailed south of the bridge averaging around 40 minutes a piece. The laser fleet broke even this year and was able to provide the sailors with a light breakfast, on the water snacks, a pizza dinner and trophies for those who sailed at the front. I'd like to thank everyone who helped put this regatta together: John Dentinger and Charlie Maier for doing race committee. I'd also like to thank Virginia Cumine for taking photographs (see below) and helping with the race committee. Bob Shanebrook also provided each participant with a hard copy photograph. Landy Atkinson also scored the regatta for us this year. Bill Topping did an excellent job this year as PRO setting a good course, keeping the races going and timing them perfectly. Great job everyone; I heard from the participants that everyone had a ton of fun.



Laser Regatta Photographs courtesy of Virginia Cumine

Thursday Night Racing has been a lot of fun this year. Thursday Night Sailing is a lot of fun, mostly because the power boat traffic is significantly less than during Sunday racing. Attendance has been a bit lighter than we would like, so if you aren't already sailing please come down and check it out. Also after racing there is a BBQ where in which everyone brings a dish to pass. Thursday night sailing is great and I'd like to thank the harbormaster, and race committee folks for making this happen this year.

I'd also like to thank Bob Shanebrook for noticing that several of the bolts holding the ramps up were working themselves free. He identified the problem and was able to order new bolts that are drilled allowing us to place cotter pins in them to keep them from backing out. The lasers will hold a work party in the next few weeks (date to be determined) to replace the bolts needing replacement and build the final spar box that wasn't completed last year. Please let me know

if you are interested in helping with this work party.

We also have a fleet laser in which a guest can take out and go for a sail. If you or anyone is interested in sailing (for fun or try to race) the loaner please contact me and I can arrange to help get you or your guest setup with the boat. We would enjoy having new folks try out the laser.

Finally, the laser fleet is sponsoring the pot luck dinner (starting at 6PM) at the upcoming general membership committee on July 25th. Dinner will be a choice of hotdog (\$1), hamburger (\$2) or sausage patty (\$2) expertly grilled up by the Laser Fleet. Please bring a dish to pass (last name A – M) bring a dessert or (last name N – Z) bring a salad.

Snipe Fleet

Briody Memorial Snipe Regatta International Athletic Event at Newport Yacht Club

August 16-17 will see the Briody Memorial Snipe Regatta sailed at Newport Yacht Club. One of the expected competitors is from Canada and will leave the following week for the Snipe World Masters Championship in Fukuoka, Japan. He may well win the Briody and finish last in the Worlds, which would give us a clear idea of our status in the Snipe racing world. What we need is more visiting competitors who are really, really slow.

This regatta is surely one of the oldest in the country, as this is its 78th time. We are proud to host it once again, and are making a strong effort to attract visitors who are fun but slow.

We could use two or three volunteers to help run the races. Call Norm Dahl if you are available.

Cruising Fleet – Ann Teese

Moonlight Cruise was a Huge Success. Three boats with 12 people ventured out into the Bay and Lake Ontario in the shimmering moonlight Friday night. A jovial camaraderie was shared amongst Cruisers and their guests from other fleets. The group broadened their friendships as they enjoyed sailing adventures and delicious snacks. Look forward to future cruises during the full moons of each month.

Picture Day

Scheduled for this Saturday, July 19 at 1:00 PM - a time when the Cruisers photograph one another under sail. The rain date is Sunday, July 20, 1:00.

Pultneyville Sail August 9.

We will sail to Pultneyville on Saturday August 9 and join the Pultneyville Yacht Club for their Annual Pig Roast that evening, and return to Newport YC the next day. Last year the four participating boats and guests had a fabulous time. It's a great opportunity to meet people from other clubs.

Please contact Ann Teese, Cruising Fleet Captain with any questions.

The New Blue Burgee

You may have noticed the burgee hanging in the club by the beer fridge door (an appropriate placement, more later). Yup, this is recent, and there's a story behind it. I spent May 30th through June 1st in Guelph, Ontario at the Palm D'Or Snipe regatta, named by our own Norm Dahl to coincide with the name of

the regatta organizer, Harri Palm--or at least Harri claims it was Norm who coined the name. Norm denies it.

Anyway, there I was sailing in a beautiful part of the world, as you can see from the pics--the lake is about 10 minutes from downtown Guelph--and it's a nature conservancy area, so no development is allowed. The only gas motors allowed on the lake are the sailing club mark boats & committee boat. Fishermen may only use electric trolling motors, so there is NO powerboat chop.

The regatta racing was a lot of fun, as the wind was incredibly shifty and gusty, pretty much the direct opposite of our bay thermal. The lake is really small, so the courses were short, and it was lots of fun to tack to the left for more pressure, sail instead into a dead zone, and watch half the fleet pass on the other side. Or vice versa! In an eleven boat fleet, my finishes ranged from 2nd to 11th, and I eventually placed right at the halfway mark.

The best part of the trip, though, was revisiting all my Canadian pals, many of whom--scratch that--ALL of whom have made the trek to Rochester to sail the Briody in August: Harri and his wife Molly Kurvink, Julian Inglis, Gord Richards (the Briody defending champ), Marcel Schlaf (the club commodore), Ed Vanderbeek, Chris Hains, and juniors Leo & Inessa--plus Jay MacKinnon, who crewed for me in the regatta. Congrats to Fleet 877 for a great event.

The last award presentation of the regatta went to Newport YC, as Harri presented me the GCBC burgee. Wow! This gives all Newport members full reciprocal rights to the club (assuming someone tells you the gate combo), including use of the (two) porta potties, and access to the launch ramp. Don't expect to charge your iPhone, though,

as there's no electricity--oh, and bring bottled water (nope, no running water, either).

And the beer fridge location? well, Molly works for Arkell and Ed for Sleeman, two great breweries, eh? Truly, these Canadians live up to the high marks set by Rick Moranis and Dave Thomas in that 1983 Canadian film classic, *Strange Brew*. And they sail, too!



The regatta banquet, showing their kitchen facilities.



The Guelph Community Boating Club is about 1/2 mile off the highway

Photos from the 2014 Lightning Regatta - Sally Atkins



The launch ramp is just visible with a mark boat beside it.





Brown Jug



Newport Yacht Club will be hosting this year's regatta

We will be providing the after sailing refreshments.

If you would like to volunteer for race committee, please reach out to Steve Leach