

Birds and Worms

P.O. Box 17193 694 Seneca Road Rochester, NY 14617

Newport Yacht Club – October 2015

Upcoming Events	
10/23	NYC General Membership Mtg – Lightning Fleet
10/24	Fall Work Party
11/14	Cups & Flags

Commodore – Paul Riordan

This is my last note to you as commodore of our Club and it has been my great pleasure to have been of service to you all, but particularly to have worked with so many outstanding people on your Board of Director's. They performed professionally and exceptionally well for you during my three year tenure and, frankly, made the job a lot easier than I ever thought it would be.

So Board, thank you all very much!

We have our annual meeting coming up on October 23rd at which we will be electing a new Board to serve you and the Club in the coming year. Please try to make the meeting to meet your new Board and come to dinner first, hosted by the Lightning fleet. The fun starts at 6:00 pm on Friday 10/23/15 and the meeting will start promptly at 7:30 pm.

The following morning, we have our fall work party. This is a critical effort as we will be pulling the race boats and the Laser docks. Besides those tasks there are a lot of jobs from raking leaves, trimming trees, cleaning the clubhouse,

storing the outdoor furniture and overall just getting the Club ready for the winter. Remember, this a work "day", not a work "couple of hours". So please plan on a 6 to 7 hour commitment. The Club provides coffee, juice and donuts in the morning and lunch to sustain you in the afternoon.

One of my goals as commodore was to attempt to hold the line on expenses while continuing to provide a great place to race, sail, swim, fish, bring friends, entertain, have dinner....well you get the idea. In that regard, a special note of recognition goes to my Vice Commodore, John Dentinger, who worked tirelessly coming up with ideas to trim costs in the clubhouse and executing them quickly and efficiently, to John Weisenthal for running with the project renovating our signature "Doherty" lighthouse, to Eric Schoenhardt for his leadership in renovating both the east and west docks and all of you who helped, to Morgan Smith and Don Taylor for reroofing the shed on the north side of the Club, to Phil Morse for keeping our finicky, temperamental motors operating through a combination of grit and

determination, to John Boettcher and Andy Smith for fixing stuff when no one was looking and, finally, to all of you who volunteered for race committee which yielded, by far, the greatest savings to our “bottom line”.

In that same vein, the Board has approved, for the first time, winter storage of boats in our parking lot. This will be done for a fee and a couple of members have availed themselves of this opportunity. So if you see a couple of boats in the lot this winter, don't freak out! This has been approved as a way to raise a little cash to defray costs at the Club.

Well it's time to sign off and I would be remiss to conclude my remarks without thanking my wife, Dorothy, for her support these last three years. She was always ready with a suggestion to improve things at the Club, always willing to volunteer and always understanding of the time commitment necessary to make it all happen. As the saying goes, “behind every man of accomplishment, there's a woman rolling her eyes”! Thanks sweetheart!

Fleet Reports

Cruising Fleet – Ann Teese

As our sailing season wraps up and we move on to winter storage, we can look back at a colorful summer.

There was increased participation of Cruisers in the Thursday and Sunday racing. Way to go Cruisers!

Five boats sailed to Pultneyville for the Pultneyville Yacht Club Roast in August.

Four Moonlight Sails were acknowledged: Two with potlucks and small flotillas at either end of July. The August one turned out to be a potluck

only with three attending, but with no wind, no boats ventured out. For September, one boat sailed for the night prior to the Blood Moon. We look forward to the General Membership Dinner, the Fall Work Party and the Cups and Flags.

Laser Fleet – Connie Purdum

Say it isn't true! Is it really that time of year again? The leaves are changing and the Bay shores will soon be bursting with color. It's a beautiful time of year but also a sad time, because it means we have to say goodbye to summer and another year of sailing will be behind us. I guess I must have been having a lot of fun because this summer sure seems to have gone by awfully fast.

This was my first summer sailing a Laser and it was as much fun as I thought it would be. People say that the Laser is a physical boat and in my limited experience it definitely is. But boy is it exhilarating! When that puff of wind catches your sail and the boat takes off almost instantaneously, what a rush. I know I have a lot more to learn, but sailing a Laser is thrilling and I can't wait until my next ride.

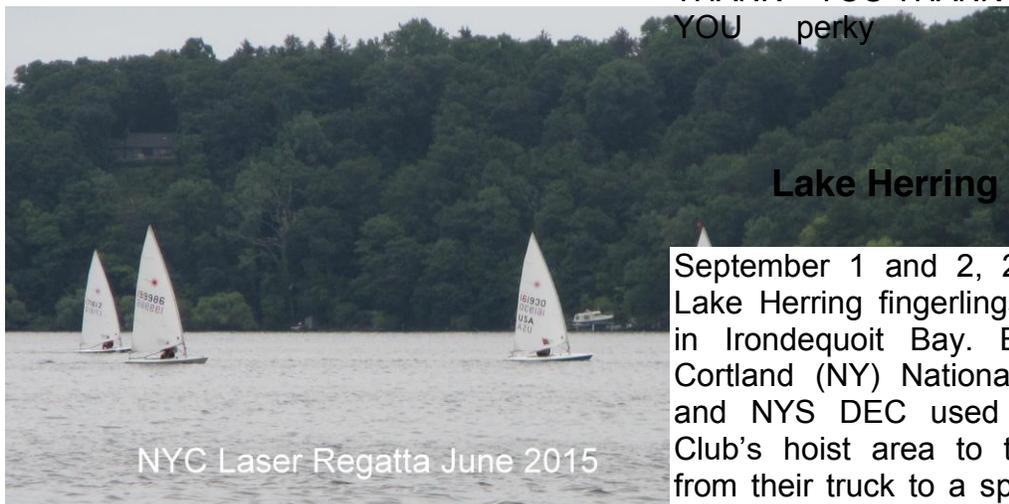
I want to thank Kenny for his constant support in helping me to take over the duties as the Laser Fleet Captain, especially in light of his full plate of responsibilities as the Race Chair. I'd also like to recognize Kenny for the terrific job he did as Race Chair and to Phil for the seemingly herculean job of keeping all the race committee boats running. Because of their efforts, and all the race committee staff and volunteers, we had a very full summer of racing with nice participation from all the various fleets.

Also I just want to mention that due to the fine early spring repair work of the Laser ramps they seemed to have held

up pretty well through the season, and unbelievably so given the brutal pounding they take. Thanks to the John B., for leading the major construction repairs and to the many Laser fleet volunteers who helped out in the effort this past spring.

I'm also happy to report that the Laser fleet seems to be growing. In addition to myself we had a couple of other new members join the Laser ranks this year with the prospect of one or two more for next year that we know of. It probably goes without saying, but if any other club members or anyone you know is interested in trying out sailing a Laser, just let one of the Laser fleet members know and we would be happy to do whatever we can to get you out on one.

I hope you all had a fun and fulfilling season of sailing. I know I am already looking forward to next year.



Thank you from Perky!

Hi! this past Sunday, after racing, I decided to head out to sail on the lake one last time. BIG mistake, was not properly dressed, as the lake had turned over and the water temp was 46 degrees!! to make long story short, I ended up having to be towed back to

the club. As I approached the club I could see members and guest headed my way.

I just wanted to see if you could write a thank you note to all the folks that helped me out of the "pool". they sent me to the shower, I was cold. they all pulled the boat out, folded my sails and put everything away for me, covered my boat.

WOW, what a great club we have! the members really stepped up to help! just goes to show us how lucky we are to have a club like ours. with the members that are willing to help, work, and contribute their time to improve, maintain, and support our club and facilities. am not able to remember all the folks that helped, but they know

I am not able to remember all the folks that helped, but they know who they are. THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU perky

Lake Herring Release

September 1 and 2, 2015 about 70K Lake Herring fingerlings were released in Irondequoit Bay. Employees from Cortland (NY) National Fish Hatchery and NYS DEC used Newport Yacht Club's hoist area to transfer the fish from their truck to a specially equipped stocking boat. There were five equally sized batches added to the Bay each day. They released them just below the surface over ten deep sections of the Bay, all north of the 104 Bridge.

The process for growing the fish began in November, 2014. They caught adult Lake Herring in [Chaumont-Bay](#), artificially inseminated the eggs, and raised the Lake Herring at the Cortland Hatchery. Before release the fingerlings

are treated with a fluorescing tagging material to identify them in the future. Typical success rates, egg to live fish for release is 5%. This year they achieved 45%. They use statistical techniques to optimize how they care for the fish that helps the survival rate.

Some fish caught by an Oswego based study were from early Irondequoit Bay releases.

