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# Birds & Worms News

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Competitors from around the world will be drawn to the NYC Lighthouse July 6-11, 2002

## What's Up?

Upcoming items of note:

- 6/5** - Wednesday Sailing starts (C. Courtsal, J. Atkins)
- 6/6** - Thursday Laser sailing continues (J. Cuddihee)
- 6/10** - Sea Scout sailing lessons start (A. Smith)
- 6/11** - Adult sailing lessons start (S. Bush)
- 6/22** - Lightning Lake Racing (J. Atkins)
- 6/23** - Open House I (P. Wartinger)
- 6/29, 30** - NYC Lightning Regatta (J. Atkins)
- 7/6-11** - Lightning Youth Worlds Championship (J. Atkins, R. Bush)
- 7/20** - Moonlight Sail (R. Wartinger)
- 7/26** - General Membership Meeting

## Since the Last Newsletter . . .

Thanks to the LYWC committee and especially Eva Smith for putting on the International Feast which preceded the Spring General Membership Meeting (4/26). The food was excellent with the much needed proceeds going to the LYWC. The meeting that followed was mercifully brief. Bad news from the meeting was the number of resignations received and the lack of prospective members. This creates some financial concerns which the board has to address. You members can help by talking up the Club to your friends and acquaintances, getting them to come to the Open House and on the way to becoming prospective members. The Spring Work Party (4/27) was blessed with good weather and much got done. The snack bar

siding was finished and readied for painting. (Any volunteers?) Check out the new, big letters on the East side of the Club second floor and name and fleet insignias on the north side.



A reconditioned parking lot sign was installed. Most dramatic addition was one of Dick Dougherty's lighthouses to the area adjacent the launch ramp.

Crash boats got launched and the race committee staff was given some

training. This, along with general spruce up and cleaning, really got the Club in good order for the year. Rear Commodore Alan McReynolds gives a list of accomplishments and things yet to be done elsewhere in this newsletter. Contact Alan or Vice Commodore Phil Morse if you missed the work party and want a job.



The next weekend was the Launch Party where Joanne Vaughn and helpers put on a great breakfast. About 20 or so attended. Several boats took advantage of the good weather to launch and go for a sail.



Our luck with the weather then turned bad for the next few weekends. On one of these Sundays the temperature dipped into the thirties and we actually saw a little snow. Our race chair Bill Vaughn had the wisdom to cancel sailing in anticipation of the weather and thereby saved the Club some money. The Memorial Day weekend saw the first races by the Lightnings and almost by the Snipes.

By the time you are reading this, the Laser Regatta will have come and gone and preparations will be underway for the first of the Open Houses, the Lightning Regatta and the Lightning Youth Worlds Championship. Lots of excitement in the weeks to come. Lots of help needed with all these events but especially the LYWC. See other

articles in this newsletter for what needs to be done and who to call.

## Don't Miss the Open House! June 23

Pat Wartinger (membership chair)

For a successful Open House, EVERY NYC MEMBER must invite friends and acquaintances to come visit our great sailing club!!! Word of mouth is the best advertising. I've tried ads in papers and penny savers and have had various goofs - folks wanting "free food and motorboat rides". Each NYC family should plan to race and/or offer visitors rides in their boat, bring a snack, salad or dessert - AND stay and have a great afternoon at our great NYC! We want visitors to see how exciting and how much fun things are at NYC!!! Now, even if it rains we will have great food and friends - and beer and good live music - and the beautiful waterfront! Call Pat Wartinger (216-9637) or e-mail (pwartinger@juno.com) with (1) dish you will be bringing, (2) your boat on which you would be willing to give rides and (3) give me the names of any definite guests and their boat of interest. E-mail the Open House attachment to any possible friends!!!

Thanks!

## Car Decals Available

Cars come and cars go. If your previous car had a decal but you current one does not, you can get a decal by contacting Pat Wartinger. The attractive decal gives the Club some advertising as you drive around. It is also one of the ways we can enforce "members only" parking in our lot.

## Snipe Report

C. Courtsal (Fleet captain)

The first races of the 2002 Sailing Season and the 2002 Spring Series are completed! The first sailing of the season occurred on Sunday, May 26 with Horvaths, Morses, Norm Dahl (with Jason LaPierre) and Charlie Courtsal (with Todd Calvin). With 52 degree water and a very heavy thermal, the Horvaths

and Morses did not chance it. So, no organized races occurred while Norm and Charlie went once around the course for fun.

Memorial Day was filled with beautiful sunshine and fair temps in the 70s. The thermal moderated for 4 very pleasant races. Bill Vaughn crewed for Norm Dahl while Audrey Schmidt crewed for Charlie Courtsal. Although the final race was filled with powerboat traffic, the downwind leg had some beautiful planning. (Audrey and I actually did a little to windward on the final beat. I have read about it, but never experienced it - awesome!). While the final scores are still pending, the Fleet was especially nice to their Fleet Captain as he scored 4 aces. Ted and Norm tied for second place with each having 2 second and 2 third place finishes.

There are many improvements in the Fleet this year. Ted Horvath tried out his new set of sails and was very fast. Charlie tried out his new mainsail and is convinced it is very fast. Phil Morse tried out his new winch, and his haulout was very fast. Norm has new adjustable spreaders, but no one is quite sure what effect they had on his boat speed. Also, Norm has a new trailer which he will try out on the way to Guelph, Ontario for the regatta next weekend. (I am sure it will be very fast.)

## Newport Web Site News

Todd Calvin (NYC webmaster)

Many members have taken the opportunity to look at the newly revised Newport Yacht Club web site. We have changed the look and feel of the site and hopefully made it even easier to navigate and find the information that everyone needs. Even this newsletter that you are reading is available for you to access on the web.

Each fleet now has dedicated pages for their use to post on activities and information. I encourage the fleet captains to e-mail me any material that they would like to have placed up there. If additional pages are required, they can be created.

The calendar has been posted monthly and has easy navigation to

select the month you need info on. New items include a "for sale" section. If any member wants to post anything simply click on the link to send me an e-mail with the contents of your ad. If you have a photo; that can be included, too.

There have been many good suggestions that we have incorporated on the site, and I look forward to getting even more. Please feel free to send me your comments. You can e-mail me at [tcalvin@frontiernet.net](mailto:tcalvin@frontiernet.net) and don't forget to look at the site at [NewportYC.org](http://NewportYC.org).

## Outdoor Accomplishments and Tasks

A. McReynolds (Vice Commodore)

We should pat ourselves on the back for the following list of accomplishments: put up new and refurbished signs (be sure to check out the north side of the club); spread old and new gravel around parking lot; general property maintenance (including raking, trimming, etc.); general season preparation (launch safety boat, put up hoist, turn on water at ramp, etc.); sandbagged (gravel/concrete mix) the southwest corner of the seawall; cut up metal haul-outs in parking lot; cleaned up and put out lawn furniture; temporarily fixed support for porch floor; finished siding and grading for storage room (old snack bar); fixed foundation problem; pressure washed porch; painted windows on porch, west and north sides of club; evened up decking around the hoist area; treated new picnic tables with sealer.

Now, there remains to be done; replace the concrete block caps on porch railings; open up porch deck and repair joists; fix threshold on south entry door; paint porch deck; repair, prime, and paint porch railing; pressure wash club; eliminate lawn debris; replace rotting barrier posts on west side of club; stain storage room (old snack bar); build shelving and arrange storage room (old snack bar); continue to maintain finger piers; prepare to host Brown Jug (50th anniversary). Phone or e-mail me to sign up for one of these jobs.

## Lightning Report

John Atkins (Fleet Captain)

We were finally able to get some fleet racing in over the Memorial Day weekend. My memory is fading fast but I think we had 6 boats each day with some great winds and tight racing. With four boats from the fleet attending the Keuka Champagne Regatta the next weekend, there were not enough boats to race on Sunday. But if winds were the same as they were on Keuka Lake we probably wouldn't have sailed anyway.

Has everyone joined the ILCA? If you haven't you should seriously consider joining. One item you need to be aware of is that unless you check the little box in the upper right corner that says something like "Paper Flashes" you wouldn't receive the paper copy. This is for skippers only. If you are a crew and you want paper Flashes you will need to add that to your fee (additional \$12?). Otherwise you will receive the E-Flashes, as long as you provide an e-mail address.

As Howard continually reminds me, fleet dues are due, \$18. If you don't pay the fleet dues you will not be included in the fleet racing scoring or trophies at the end of the season.

Remember that our regatta is June 29-30 and we can use all the help we can get. If you are not sailing and would like to work on the race committee contact either Bob Bush or myself. It being the Districts, we will be weighing boats, doing safety equipment checks and checking for ILCA membership. Also we are encouraging people to show up on Friday evening which will include a Hot Dog cookout with refreshments so come on down, join in and help. Help at registration, weighing, breakfast, lunches, dinner, and cleanup is also needed.

And as everyone is aware, the Youth Worlds start the following Saturday. Your help here is very much needed. Make it easy on the committee and volunteer. Don't wait for us to come and ask.

## Moonlight Sail Anyone?

R. Wartinger (Cruising Fleet Captain)

Two dates have been set for moonlight sailing: July 20th and August 17th. We've had some trouble with rain and lack of wind in past years, but the participants have still had a good time. Why don't you mark this down on your calendar and come on out? This is open to all members with a berth on one of the cruising boats being secured by bringing munchies or libations. Call or e-mail me for information.

Look for a Fleet meeting in the not too distant future.

## LYWC Day At SEABREEZE

Sterling Bush

The headlines will read. "SEABREEZE is Awash With Sailors". Many young sailors have invaded the amusement park at Seabreeze. The days are warm and people are soaring down the water slide and roller coaster, the revolving continues around the carousel and heads are jostled with the bumping of electric cars.

The LYWC has received a discount on Seabreeze tickets for Monday, July 8th. You may check with Sterling Bush for your order. The tickets are for all day at the park which includes the water slide and the picnic pavilion for a picnic dinner provided by the Lightning Youth Worlds committee. Proceeds help defer cost of LYWC. All this for \$18.00/ticket. Children under 10 yrs. old are \$10.00/ticket. CONTACT: Sterling Bush (e-mail [sterlingbush@aol.com](mailto:sterlingbush@aol.com) or phone 352-2978).

## Adult Sailing Report

Sterling Bush

This year, the adult sailing Group Lesson was advertised on WXXI television in their annual auction and fund raising drive. We are pleased to announce that two certificates were purchased by a couple and we will be having the lucky winners joining us on June 10th – June 27th, every Tuesday and Thursday evening.

Four others have prepaid for their lessons already and will be joining the group as well. There were several articles in the newspaper this year to encourage the program along. We were featured in several articles in the Democrat and Chronicle's sports section and the Thursday issue of What's Happening in Rochester magazine.

The classes will again be directed on several varieties of boats and will encourage the development of skills and confidence. We hope the club members will donate some time to help with this volunteer effort to teach people to sail.

If you have some family or friends interested in sailing instruction, please contact Sterling Bush 585-352-2978 or by e-mail: [asterlingbush@aol.com](mailto:asterlingbush@aol.com). Please ask about additional information or sign-up.

## Metamorphosis of the Club's Second Floor

Sterling Bush

The Lightning Youth Worlds committee has been spiriting an improvement effort to the second floor of the club. The recreation room is now polished up, with the walls plastered and repaired, a fresh coat of paint and lots of space for the ping-pong table with its own rack to hold the paddles and balls. Two new murals have been placed on the walls to give the room some festive color and decoration. The Northeast corner room has been transformed to a working protest room. The pale yellow walls give its own glow to the room which also has an air conditioner in the window.

Look for more changes to the hallway leading to the rooms aloft.

The holes, gouges and general plaster repairs are being fixed at press time. The two wonderful black and white pictures of sailboats are being repaired and new frames are going to adorn the photographs. They will then be hung in the newly remolded rooms for safety. Murals will again be selected to decorate the hallway halls with no protruding surfaces. This should give more room to maneuver the sails to go downstairs. Please be very gentle to our newly refurbished areas so we may enjoy it for years to come.

## Newsletter Contributions

Next newsletter will be sometime late July. Got something of Club interest? Send you contributions to J. Boettcher ([platt@eznet.net](mailto:platt@eznet.net)).