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What's Up?

- 8/9 – Moonlight Sail (contact Ray Wartinger)
- 8/14 – Last of Thursday Night Racing (back to Sunday at 11:00)
- 8/23,24 – Briody Regatta for Snipes (contact Norm Dahl)
- 9/1 – Brown Jug at RCC (1 pm start). Fleet racing at 11:00.
- 9/7 – Fleet racing changes to 1 pm on Sundays.

Since Last Newsletter

J. Boettcher, editor

I hope everyone is enjoying the heart of the sailing season as much as me. I haven't done quite as much sailing as I'd hoped because

of a little house painting project. Weather-wise, the summer has been pretty nice so far.

In the past two months, the Club has had a Laser Regatta, an Open House and started an experiment with racing on Thursday nights. All of these are the subject of articles in this newsletter. This doesn't leave much for me to say.

There was a General Membership meeting on 7/25 which was preceded by a BYO dinner hosted by the Cruising Fleet. Sharing food continues to popular with the membership. Highlights of the meeting were the approval of three membership applications and a Nominating Committee to come up with a slate of officers for next year. For more about the new members, see article following. The next day there was a summer work party. More about this follows.

Brown Jug Race (9/1)

The Brown Jug Race will be held on September 1st at 1:00. This will be the 51st running of this race. Hosting of the event alternates between NYC and the Rochester Canoe Club. This year it is RCC's turn. The event is open to all sailboats on the Bay with separate starts given to different classes of boats. Cruising boats are welcome. No spinnakers are allowed. Last year, nearly 50 boats participated. Following racing, refreshments are offered by the hosting club and those of RCC have traditionally been outstanding. Come on down and join in the fun.

Open House Report

There was wonderful weather for the Sunday June 22nd Open House.

About a dozen visitors sampled the atmosphere around the Club and interacted with members. Hamburgers and hot dogs along with soft drinks were provided by the Club. Members brought dishes to pass. All had a good time.



Commodore's Comments

J. Cuddihee

The first summer work party was a real winner!

A modest but energetic group of twenty turned out to accomplish a yeoman's job at our first mid summer work party. I didn't see everything that was going on, but for starters:

"Gardens" were weeded and trimmed. The hedge was trimmed of two years growth. The pine tree was trimmed away from the house. Vines and broken trees were removed from the sandbank area.

The clubhouse windows were washed. Part of the blue trim was repainted. A second coat of stain was applied to the south side. Critter access routes to the clubhouse were blocked.



The light in the sail locker room was moved and guarded. The wiring in

the snack bar was repaired. Some black chairs were refinished.

The lighting dock numbers were refreshed. Three benches were repainted. The light house was repainted. The shed was given a second coat of stain.

A temporary shed was built into a Laser rack for storage of gas grills lawnmowers and gas. Somebody came back Sunday to paint it.

Phew, great job by all! No doubt that we need the mid-year work party. Thank to Al McReynolds for championing the idea.



Vice Commodore Summary

V. Cumine

The water in the club was tested by the NY Health Dept. There appears to be a high (but not dangerous) level of lead so the water should be run for 5 minutes prior to drinking.

Many thanks to all those members who worked so hard on Saturday July 26th at the Summer Work Party: cleaning, painting, weeding, repairing, building, and climbing. The clubhouse and grounds look great. The food and company were excellent. Keep up the good work. It is really rewarding to see everything looking so neat & in good repair. Lots of talent and energy expended

Junior Sailing Camp

Sterling Bush came back all the way from Amherst MA to teach a sailing school for some of our member's children the week of July 21. The class had 5 pupils: Ryan Atkinson, Gail and Scott Crum, Brendan Courtsal and Jonah Swizter (non-member). They learned to sail in Optimist

dinghies and Lasers. The weather of the week taxed Sterling's repertoire of rainy day activities. Sterling's assistants were Bob King and John Boxberger.



Membership Committee

J. Boettcher

Three new members were voted into the Club at the July 25th general membership meeting. Watch for their pictures on the Club bulletin board.

Kathleen Clack lives in Irondequoit with her two daughters. She works as transportation director for the East Irondequoit school district. She learned sailing from her father and has many fond memories of family sailing. She wishes to pass this on to her daughters. She recently bought a Bristol 25 and has already served as committee boat for the Thursday night racing.

Larry and Terry Hill have a O'Day 20 and are interested in recreational sailing and perhaps learning about racing. They have been dry sailing and come to NYC for a more convenient home for the boat. They visited the Club on Thursday night and found the members and atmosphere to their liking. They live in Rochester and Larry is an assistant professor at RIT.

Peter Zimmerman is a Laser sailor brought to us by our Commodore Jim Cuddihee. He has crewed on a variety of boats and bareboat chartered but loves sailing his laser and is looking for a place to keep it and people to sail with. Peter, wife Alexis and their son Max live in Rochester. Peter works for Xerox as a sales representative.

Thursday Night Sailing

This idea of Lightning Fleet Captain Alan McReynolds has been very successful. Lightnings have numbered 8-9 for most of the Thursday outings with Lasers and boats of the Cruising Fleet also participating. The winds have generally been very light or heavy with little in between, but the evening of July 31 was just about perfect.

Alan McReynolds has served as committee for all the races. Much thanks to the cruising boat sailors (Don Taylor, Maggie Gibbons, Kathy Clack, Ray Wartinger, and Tom Henderson) who have volunteered their boats and time thus far as race committee platforms. They all seem to have enjoyed the experience.

After racing, socialization at the Club over food and drink has been especially popular and is due to the efforts of the on-shore committee (Alan McReynolds, Cindy McReynolds, Eva Smith, Andy Smith, and Howard Stickney).



Laser Fleet Report

Jim Cuddihee

Seventeen boats participated in the June 7th Laser regatta. Races were delayed while the participants waited for winds to develop. Winds were light (3-5 knots) but generally uniform over the course. All racing was done on the Lake. Owen

McDonald won the three race regatta. Details are appended to the end of this newsletter. Thanks to John Atkins for being race chairman and helpers Norm Dahl, Alan McReynolds, and Dave Walsh. One casualty to report, while discharging his duties Dave W. broke a finger. The Fleet made a few dollars on the event.

Cruising Fleet Report

Ray Wartinger, Fleet Captain

First of all, I'd like to add my welcome to all the new members. It's nice to see so many new faces (and boats) around the club. Also, thanks to all the cruisers who've volunteered their boats for the Thursday night races. Remember, you're welcome to come out and join in the racing too. After the Lightnings are away, there's a separate handicap race held for all other class boats.

The next Moonlight Cruise is scheduled for August 9th. We will leave the dock at 7:30. Everyone is welcome. Please call me at 216-9637 or email kc2fft@arrl.net if you are planning on coming so nobody gets left behind. Bring snacks and drinks to share and hope for good weather. Last year we had two very memorable evenings on the lake, and I'm determined to get at least one in this summer.

Just a reminder to everybody using the docks: After opening the gate, please remember to scramble the combination on the padlocks. Also, if you're planning to be out on the water for more than an hour or so, it might be a good idea to lock the gate behind you.

Snipe Fleet Report

- Todd Calvin, Fleet Captain

Recently Carol Morse had a serious fall while riding a mule with friends. Apparently the animal was spooked when some deer came through the woods while on the trail. Unfortunately Carol suffered a pelvic fracture along with other injuries. This will put her out of commission for the remaining sailing season. We all want to wish Carol a speedy recovery.

All is on track for the 2003 Briody Regatta. This annual event hosted at Newport is our biggest fleet event for the season. We expect to have 12-15

boats participating from all around the region. This year's event will be held on August 23rd and 24th. Many thanks to all those who volunteer to help running the event.

In reviewing the previous Bird&Worms, I noticed that we missed posting the results of the spring race series. Norm took top honors (what a surprise) with Charlie close behind. Yours truly was somewhat absent, but I hope to change that as we progress through the summer. There have been sightings, and Norm seemed to feel that Elvis was seen more often.

Competitor	Score
Dahl	1603
Courtsal	1577.33
Morse	1465.25
Horvath	1542
Vaughn	1502.5

New Rule from NYC 7/7/03 Board Meeting

Smoking - A motion to ban smoking in the clubhouse was made and passed unanimously. The rationale behind the motion was twofold – one was fire hazard and the other the new NYS law which goes into effect July 24, 2003.

Some additional reminders

Dogs - Owners should clean up after their dogs. Dogs should not be put in the child area. Dogs should be on leashes when other people are around. Dogs should not be in the clubhouse.

Security reminders – lock gates, lock club. Turn off hoist and return key when done. The hoist was left on overnight at least once inviting some pretty destructive vandalism.

Newsletter Contributions

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NYC Laser Regatta – 7/7/03 - RESULTS

Name	Sail Number	Rig Color	Division	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Total	Division Position	Overall Position	region
MacDonald, Owen	147324	white	JR	3	2	1			6	1	1	W
Williamson, Chas.	171960	blue	M	1	6	2			9	1	2	C
Grulke, Stuart	162035	white	JR	4	4	3			11	2	3	C
Flynn, Morley	6/BER	red	JR	8	1	4			13	3	4	C
Doyle, Kevin	137090	white	M	5	3	6			14	2	5	W
Swingly, Brian	172070	blue	O	2	10	8			20	1	6	W
Faudree, Liam	171215	gray	O	7	7	10			24	2	7	C
Kepne, Matthew	162486	white	JR	6	14	5			25	4	8	W
Grinder, Mark	166901	blue	M	14	9	7			30	3	9	W
Brewster, Nick	164339	blue	M	16	5	12			33	4	10	C
McReynolds, Logan	20851	blue	JR	11	8	14			33	5	11	W
Wait, Rich	171002	white	M	9	13	11			33	5	12	W
Doyle, Jake	16845	white	JR	12	12	9			33	6	13	W
Boettcher, John	104792	yellow	M	13	11	15			39	6	14	W
Swingly, Bill	82952	blue	M	17	15	13			45	7	15	W
Mulcahy, Pat	158915	blue	O	10	dns	dns			46	3	16	C
Cuddihee, Jim	145207	white	M	15	16	16			47	8	17	W