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What's Up?

10/19 – Last day of racing

10/24 – GM meeting (dinner at 6:00)

10/25 – Fall work party

11/8 – Cups and Flags Banquet at NYC

Since the Last Newsletter

(J. Boettcher)

The last few weeks of Thursday night racing in August were really nice. A noteworthy Thursdays was the day of the power failure. Aside from our crew and several others not making it and the lack of power to the hoist forcing some reshuffling of crew and boats, the Lightnings still had a good turnout. Racing that night must have been one of the few things that could

go on despite the blackout. The picnic after the race was romantic with candles and flashlights providing the illumination.

Other recent events were the Moonlight Sail of the Cruising Fleet and the Snipe Fleet's Briody Regatta. See reports of both of these events in this newsletter.

The last few weeks of that month were no bargain in the weather department. I'm hoping for better conditions in the few weeks of racing that remain. I also need some warm weather to finish the house painting.

Cups and Flags Banquet – November 8th (J. Boettcher)

Make sure to mark this on your calendar. Don't have too many details but a committee has been established

and more details will be coming in other mailings. The banquet will be held at the Club and will be catered. The cost should be around \$15. Don't miss this chance to get together with fellow sailors one last time in 2003.

Brown Jug Race Report (J. Boettcher)

I have not received an official report from the Canoe Club who sponsored this year's Labor Day event, so I will have to rely on my sometimes spotty memory. The start/finish line was off the RCC facilities favoring the east side of the Bay owing to the light southwest wind. The windward mark was near the Bay Village Condominiums and the jibe mark off Glen Edith. The leeward mark was off German Village. The course was

a one-lapper this year (a fact nearly missed by the author). The wind was light and shifty in the beginning of the race but freshened for the final beat.

The Club was represented by Lightnings (10), Snipe (1), Laser (1), and cruising boats (2). RCC had a bunch of each of their fleets, and I would guess the total number of boats to be around 35. Following the race, RCC put on a good spread of refreshments to hold off troops until the awards presentation.

Dick Hallagan won the event! Logan McReynolds was the second Lightning (? overall) and the Platt/Boettcher boat was third Lightning (10th overall). Taking first in their classes were Commodore Jim Cuddihee (Laser, 4th overall) and Norm Dahl (Snipe, ? overall). I'm not sure how the Riordan/Drahzal and Bahrman cruising entries made out in the standings.

Maggie Gibbons and Don Taylor shadowed the race and took nice digital photos of the NYC entries including some great action shots. A few appear in this newsletter, and we will figure out a way to share the others with the membership.



Hallagan wins 2003 Brown Jug

Nominating Committee Report

The below slate of officers, board members and committees will be submitted for approval at the 10/24 general membership meeting:

Commodore – Eva Smith
 Vice Commodore – Virginia Cumine
 Rear Commodore – Andy Smith
 Race Chairman – NEED
 VOLUNTEER!

Harbormaster – Bob Crum
 Secretary – Cindy McReynolds
 Treasurer – Jillian Stokes
 Asst. Treasurer – Paul Riordan
 Directors at Large – John Boettcher,
 Dean Clayton, Howard Stickney

Finance Committee – Landy Atkinson, Ed Bell, George Hock
 Membership Committee – John Boettcher, Fleet Captains

Newsletter – John Boettcher, Landy Atkinson

Lightning Fleet Captain – Alan McReynolds

Snipe Fleet Captain – Ted Horvath

Cruising Fleet Captain – Ray Wartinger

Laser Fleet Captain – to be determined

Thanks to the Nominating Committee of Rosemary Dahl, Sally Atkins, Maggie Gibbons, Peggy Crevey and Pat Wartinger for all their hard work. If you are interested in the Race Chairman position please contact any of the members of the Committee or NYC Board.

Commodore's Comments (J. Cuddihee)

WOW, the Newport year is nearly over - it has gone quickly!

We have welcomed ten new members, replaced our furnace and flag pole, enhanced our Web Site, launched a Thursday night sailing program, purchased a new Race Committee boat, and enjoyed a lot of good sailing. All in all a good year thanks entirely to the effort and time people have devoted to making it happen. A nice thing about our club is that individuals can and do make a difference.

And there are five more significant opportunities to have fun this year - Two more days of Sunday Racing, A General membership meeting on Oct 24 to elect officers for next year, The Fall Work Party on Oct 26 to button the Club Up for the winter, and the Cups and Flags party on the Nov 6 dedicated to good food and the best memories of the past year. I hope to see you at all of them!

Vice Commodore Summary

(V. Cumine)

Suggestions (and offers) are being taken for Fall Work Party projects. Please let me know what project(s) you (or your group) are interested in working on. Please reserve Saturday, October 25, 2003, to attend the work party from 9 AM until afternoon. Sadly, the sailing season is coming to an end in upstate NY. This is the opportunity to winterize the clubhouse and docking areas. Any ideas can be reported to me at 544-3206 or vcumine@rochester.rr.com. Some projects listed for the summer work party were not completed. Gain some energy by partaking in a variety of breakfast foods. The early bird gets the best worm.

Proposals from commercial gutter companies are being received to replace the gutter and downspouts which, currently, are not functioning properly.

"Exciting" purchases for the clubhouse recently are a new mop & bucket and a rechargeable flashlight, plugged into an outlet in the bar area. (Hopefully, by being prepared, this will discourage more blackouts.)

According to the Treasurer's report at the September Board meeting, the Vice Commodore actual expenses are close to budget but not yet exceeding.

Membership Committee Report

(J. Boettcher)

We've had a bumper crop of new members this year and we'll be voting on the application of Ed Doyle at the upcoming general membership meeting. Usually this time of year the inquiries about membership just about dry up. Not so this year. Several individuals have expressed interest in the Club and will probably submit applications in 2004. It's nice to contemplate the start of the next year with some new members waiting in the

wings. I have two explanations that I offer for the increase in membership applications – both weak. The first has to do with the increased price of gasoline. Sailboats don't need this and the last membership bubble was around the gas crisis of the early '80's. The second invokes a parallel universe as the source of our new members. Buy me a few beers and I will give you more details.

Cruising Fleet Report

(Ray Wartinger, Fleet Captain)

Q: What do sailors do when there's no moonlight, no sunset, and no wind?

A: Eat, Drink, and be Merry!

The third attempted Moonlight Cruise of the season (Saturday August 9) was both less and more than hoped: less because we didn't go sailing, more because we had such a great turnout and lots of food and drink to drown our disappointment. Thanks to all who came and helped make this a fun event.



I think we'd all agree that Thursday Night Racing was a huge success and the Cruisers who participated certainly enjoyed the opportunity to race and/or help out as committee boat. Thanks to Alan McReynolds for all his hard work to get this going and running the races.

Lightning Fleet Report

(Howard Stickney, Scorer)

As of 9/21, the Sunday series leaders are Jamison (43.6), Pope (42), and Atkins (39). Number relates to boats beaten. The series is still very close

and these standings could change substantially in the few remaining race days.

Jno Disch and Karen Lorenz Win Briody Memorial Snipe Regatta

(Norm Dahl)

Close competition and challenging wind marked the 67th sailing of the Briody Memorial Snipe Regatta, hosted by Newport Yacht Club on 8/23,24. The Disch/Lorenz team edged Fritz and Jane Gram by virtue of a tiebreaker. Canadian National Champions Chris and Don Hains weren't far behind. The top local team was Norm Dahl and Kevin Haller, finished sixth.

Saturday the wind was strong enough for brief planes and shifty enough for two capsizes. Sunday was tamer, a sunny 8 to 10 knots from the north.

PRO Peter Allen did a great job with help from volunteers Peggy Crevey, John Boettcher, and Jim Cuddihee and the paid race committee arranged by Bill Vaughn. Food Coordinator Rosemary Dahl and her helpers (Ted and Barb Horvath, Peggy Crevey, Virginia Cumine, and Joanne Vaughn) kept everyone fed. Beer Baron Paul Riordan and Soft Drink Baroness Dorothy Drazhal kept us happy and hydrated. Harbormaster Don Taylor had both safety boats working well, so they could be used to fish two crews out of the bay. George Hock, Todd Calvin and John Korkosz also made significant contributions to the running of this regatta. Thanks to all of you.

The skipper with the best combined finishes for all three District V regattas is awarded the Retzhaupt Trophy each year. This year it was Fritz Gram again, followed closely by John Korkosz and Chris Hains.



Laser Fleet Report

(J. Boettcher)

Although the Thursday night sailing was over there was still enough light and breeze to do some evening racing on the Bay and that is what some

members of the Laser fleet did. There were three outings before the daylight, or absence thereof, started to become a problem. Dean Clayton, Jim Cuddihee, Peter Zimmerman, and I participated. The racing was pretty casual involving a buoy near the launching ramp and using one of the Bridge supports as a windward mark. We used the Schumacher protocol. Todd was a former member and Laser who taught me all sorts of things about racing. Anyhow, the Schumacher protocol is that if you are first at a mark, you do circles until everyone else catches up. This keeps every leg interesting for all the participants. It also provides excellent learning opportunities for beginners.

The Fleet has also been getting out frequently for the Sunday racing of late. It was nice to see Rick Gammons back on the race course.

Dick Doherty Marks 50th year with NYC

Dick gave me a copy of a statement accepting him as a member of NYC

dated May 4, 1953. Thanks Dick for all the contributions you have made to the Club on the race course, at work parties, and with numerous maintenance projects over the years. It is enjoyable to have members like you around NYC.

Sailing Wisdom from Norm Dahl

Norm passes this bit of practical knowledge along. Source unknown. Sailors only need two tools: WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and it should, use the WD-40. If it moves and it shouldn't, use the duct tape.

Newsletter Contributions

Landy Atkinson publishes and electronically distributes the Newsletter. John Boettcher is editor. Next issue will be in April of 2004. Send contributions to J. Boettcher (platt@eznet.net).

Results of 2003 Briody Memorial Snipe Regatta

Place	Skipper	Crew	Race					Total Points
			1	2	3	4	5	
1	Jno Disch	K. Lorenz	1	2	1	4	2	9.5
2	F. Gram	J. Gram	2	3	3	1	1	9.5
3	C. Hains	D. Hains	3	1	2	3	3	11.75
4	J. Korkosz	A. Korkosz	4	4	4	2	10	24
5	M. Heywood	M. Hefner	5	8	5	5	6	29
6	N. Dahl	K. Haller	6	5	6	9	7	33
7	Jim Disch	B. Disch	7	10	DNF	8	4	39
8	T. Horvath	B. Horvath	8	9	7	7	9	40
9	B. Vaughn	S. Dixit	11	7	8	6	12	44
10	M. Disch	J. Roach D. Drazhal	9	6	DNS	10	8	46
11	P. Morse	D. Drazhal M. Wilhelm	10	11	9	11	5	46
12	T. Calvin	Jay P. Riordan V. Cumine	12	12	DNS	12	11	60
13	Geo. Hock	Greg Hock	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	65