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# Birds & Worms News

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## Close Racing at the Lightning Regatta 2004

### What's Up

- 10/17 Last Race Day
- 10/22 General Membership Meeting and Dinner
- 10/23 Fall Work Party
- 11/13 Cups and Flags Banquet

### Since the Last Newsletter

The second year of Thursday night sailing started on June 10<sup>th</sup> with a good turnout of boats. The Open House on June 27<sup>th</sup> was well attended with 30 members and 10 guests. Newport hosted the Central NY Lightning Regatta on July 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> with sailing on the lake and bay. More regatta details can be found in the Lightning report section of this newsletter. On July 23<sup>rd</sup> there was a membership meeting preceded by a BYO grill item dinner hosted by the Cruising Fleet. A short summer work party was held the next day with some painting done, decorative shutters installed and wiring of the new grilling hut for lights and power. The leaking problems experienced by our new committee boat, Doc

Mac, were fixed mostly thanks to the prodigious efforts of John Atkins and Alan McReynolds. It was put into service for the Snipe Fleet's Briody Regatta on August 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. Details of this regatta can be found in the Snipe section of this newsletter. Labor Day produced clear skies and stiff south winds for the Brown Jug race hosted by Newport. Rear commodore Andy Smith ran the race for the 30-40 boats competing and presented awards for the participants.

Special thanks to all who wrote articles for this newsletter and to Sally Atkins who supplied most of the digital photos.

### Commodore's Corner – Eva Smith

How do we as club members interact? Are we a club of individual fleets, or one diversified membership that works and plays together? We've been a little of both.

When I first joined Newport Yacht Club in the 70's, the club consisted of three one-design sailboat fleets; Lightnings, Snipes, and Comets, and

social members. There were potluck suppers (usually around a holiday), a kids' Christmas party, and the Cups & Flags banquet. The individual Fleets had their own regattas during the sailing season, which were mainly off limits to the other members of the club. General membership meetings were just that, meetings held four times a year.

Gradually the Comet fleet diminished and was replaced with a Laser fleet, which also held it's own regatta. For a few years racing was scheduled with two fleets sailing on Saturdays and one fleet sailing on Sundays. The fleets didn't interact much. Finally the board of directors and fleet captains decided it was less expensive to run all the races on one day, and that this might help to bring the fleets together. The potluck suppers and the Christmas party had somehow disappeared.

A few years ago it was decided to let non one-design sailboats into the Club as members. The Cruising fleet was born. Now we had four

individual groups of people who owned different types of sailboats, who pretty much socialized with their own groups.

Some of us wanted more than that. So, we started having dinners before the General Membership meetings, with each fleet taking a turn hosting it and those attending bringing a dish to pass (Hey, the pot lucks are back!). The Launch Breakfast was started, and members from all fleets came. People came up with the idea of a Thursday night racing series. It started with the Lightnings, but all fleets were invited to join, with a picnic after. It took a while, but eventually other fleets joined in the Thursday racing and sailors and non-sailors started coming to the picnics afterwards. This year, the Lasers, Snipes, and Lightnings had regattas and invited members of other fleets to come join the parties after racing. And they did! The Brown Jug this year included two new groups of racers, Optis (from our club & RCC) and members of our Cruising Fleet. Wow!

So Newport Yacht Club members – WE'RE DOING GREAT! The amount of participation by all members, regardless of fleet affiliation, in club and fleet sponsored events has grown. It's wonderful to see everyone involved in a variety of activities and getting to know their fellow members, learning about the other fleets, even swapping crews from one fleet to another. If you have ideas for more interactive activities, let someone on the board know.

#### **From the Rear Commodore – Andy Smith**

Last month we had a Summer work party to catch up on some of the activities that are not easy during the Spring & Fall. There was painting of the blue trim around the roof by John Boettcher & Tom Lee, installation of new shutters by Dick Doherty & Eric Schoenhardt; tree trimming by Lynn Bluett; lights in the grilling hut by Larry Hill, and a handful of other similar jobs by several others. I went down in the basement to open the bilco doors hoping the basement would dry out some during the day, and managed

to crash thru the old stairs by the bilco doors. Yes, the stairs are now gone.

The Club grounds were in good shape for the Brown Jug thanks to the efforts of the members of the Snipe fleet. This sharing of the mowing duties by the different fleets may not seem like much to some, but it really adds up, and saves the club some "grass."

We have a few weeks of sailing left in the season, so get out there and earn some more trophies for awards at the Cups & Flags. Save the date Nov 13<sup>th</sup>. The plan is for something similar to last year with catered finger food, etc. If anyone has some other or different suggestions – now is the time to contact Andy.

#### **Membership Committee Report**

Six new members were voted in at the July meeting. Here's a little background on them. Look for their photos on the South bulletin board.

**Pam Warner** is co-owner of a Snipe with another recent member, Tom Lee. Pam is a real estate manager for Frontier. She and her very handy husband Jim live in Irondequoit. Pam started sailing in Florida in 1993 by crewing for races on a 30-foot Catalina.

**Dave Marshall** is a new Laser sailor. He is a financial advisor with Morgan Stanley and lives in downtown Rochester. Dave has crewed on a 38 foot Benetaeu in races with the Rochester YC. He's interested in NYC as a place to keep his new (to him) boat and enjoy the camaraderie and racing of the Laser fleet.

**Steve and Sue Leach** are the proud owners of a new Rhodes 19 (second such boat in the Club) and live not too far away from the Club. Steve is a quality inspector for the Arc of Monroe County and has been sailing since his childhood near Syracuse. He has been familiar with a Force 5, windsurfers and a Nacra 5.8 catamaran. Steve and Sue were drawn to NYC by the proximity and the friendly folks we've got.

**Bob King** is an associate member who was drawn to the Club by the Thursday night racing program. He

has seven years experience competing in Lightnings in regional, national and international venues. Bob is student, employed as a paralegal with Osborn, Reed and Burke, and lives in Ontario.

**Bill DiPaulo** is a father of four girls who wants to give them the experience of sailing. To do this he bought an old Lightning formerly owned by several folks in NYC. Bill is the director of information systems for Birds Eye Foods and he, wife Tina and the girls live in Pittsford.

**Don Curran** is another new Lightning sailor. He is the pastor of First Bible Baptist Church. He and wife Nancy have three grown children and live in Rochester. Don was introduced to sailing by his father in Town Class sailboats. After only limited sailing in college, his sailing interest was rekindled some eight years ago with the purchase of a Laser and trade up to a Hobie 18.

#### **Experience Toronto via 'The Breeze' - Carol Cuddihee**

The fast ferry, a high-speed catamaran, offers a terrific way to travel to and from Toronto. Capable of carrying 774 passengers and 238 cars per trip, the ship is also equipped with a bistro cafe, two bars, a duty free-shop, two movie theatres, an arcade, a children's play area, and wireless Internet service. Traveling at 55 mph, the trip takes two hours and fifteen minutes. The Spirit of Ontario departs from the Rochester Terminal in Charlotte at 7:30 a.m. and at 4:00 p.m.; it departs from Cherry Street in Toronto at 10:45 a.m. and at 7:00 p.m. Cars may be left at Charlotte, and in Toronto there is easy access to buses and taxis at the port. Either a passport, or a birth certificate and a driver's license or picture ID are needed. Reservations may be made by calling 1 877 825-3774 or going on-line to [www.thebreeze.com](http://www.thebreeze.com) Recently, Canadian American Transportation System (CATS) announced special half-price tickets (\$14.) for trips booked on-line and taken on Mondays-Wednesdays in August.

There have been a lot of packages in the newspaper and on line this

summer. Check the websites such as [www.timefortoronto.com](http://www.timefortoronto.com) which offers a package that is good until September 5<sup>th</sup> – \$159. CDN for Mamma Mia or Hair Spray, a hotel, a three course dinner and one other activity, or \$99. CDN for all of the above except the hotel. The Fast Ferry makes Toronto so much more accessible, and with Toronto's public transportation system, you don't need your car.

### TNS Cookbook – Norma Platt

Members have provided yummy dishes for cookouts after Thursday Night Sailing (TNS). We've gathered the recipes together and posted them on the club website. Bon Appetit!

### Thursday Night Sailing

We started on June 10 and ran all the way until August 12. Boat turnouts were good with 8 or more Lightnings and boats from other fleets. Weather was not the greatest with wind and water conditions on the Lake forcing us to race in the bay on several occasions. Lightning attendance was light for the weeks around the NA's and all the boats enjoyed the same start. This proved interesting.

Since the Doc Mac was being repaired, we had to rely on volunteer boats from the Cruising Fleet. The participants owe a big debt to Larry Hill, Tom Henderson, Don Taylor and Ed Bell for their time and use of their boats to run the races. An especially big thanks is due to Denise Bluett who served as record keeper for all of the races. Without Denise and the Cruising Fleet this year's Thursday night sailing would not have happened.



### Lightning Fleet Report

Newport hosted the CNY Lightning Districts on July 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. John Atkins was PRO for the regatta, which had 19 competitors. Saturday was sailed in light and shifty conditions on Lake Ontario. Sunday was sailed in a moderately heavy North breeze on Irondequoit Bay. The start of the last race on Sunday was abandoned due to a thunderstorm, followed by heavy rain. The winner was John Boxberger from Henderson Harbor. Top NYC finisher was Dick Hallagan in 4<sup>th</sup>.



Another attaboy for Dick Hallagan who placed first in the masters division at the Lightning NA's hosted by the Buffalo Yacht Club.

### Cruising Fleet Report

Andy Smith took this really great photo of Dave Skolnik single-

handing his cruiser in some heavy air.



### Kneulman and Son Win Briody Memorial Snipe Regatta - Norm Dahl

Timing is everything, they say. It certainly was for the 68<sup>th</sup> sailing of the Briody Memorial Snipe Regatta at Newport Yacht Club on August 28-29. John Atkins and Al McReynolds finished repairing our badly leaking committee boat in time for launching on the Friday before the regatta. Saturday's thunderstorm held off long enough to permit PRO Peter Allen to run two races before lunch. Sunday's storm started just after the visitors had driven away and then dumped four inches of rain on us.



Even though we missed our trademark Irondequoit Bay thermal, the wind was good enough to allow four races. Fritz and Jane Gram led the regatta at the start of the last race, but faltered and allowed Dirk and Peter Kneulman to win the big prize. Dirk is a former World Champion in the Etchells class, which he builds. Charlie Courtsal and Jay Perena topped the locals by taking sixth place. At the other end

of the standings, Todd Calvin and Steve Lee missed beating the previous owner of Todd's boat in one race by about three seconds. Made his day anyway. The Retzhaupt Trophy, for the best finishes in the three regattas of District V, went to Fritz Gram. Chris Hains and Harri Palm were second and third.

Peter Allen and his race committee (Peggy Crevey, John Boettcher and Jim Cuddihee) did the kind of excellent work that attracts good sailors to return. Rosemary Dahl and her food committee (Barb and Ted Horvath, Dorothy Drazhal, Paul Riordan, Carol Morse, Carol Cuddihee and Julie Clayton) kept everyone well fed and hydrated – and beered. The chicken dish from Dinosaur Barbeque was rumored to actually be pterodactyl. Everyone in the fleet did something – scoring, registration, bill paying, etc. Logan McReynolds, who is studying to become a professional photographer, took hundreds of digital photos and helped on a safety boat. You can view proofs on the Internet at <http://www.imagequix.com> if you first enter his photographer ID “T9D8H9J” and then the event code “briody”. Both are case sensitive.

We were delighted to see five Canadian boats this year, even though they took most of the medals. The visitors admired our beautiful location and the vigor and hospitality of the membership. They had many compliments about our new porch. The rise of a full moon Saturday evening added a nice touch.

### 52nd Sailing of the Brown Jug – Andy Smith

This year's Brown Jug was again a great event. We had 43 boats signed in to start, from 7 different classes. New this year were 6 youngsters in the Opti class, and 4 entrants from our Cruising fleet. A wonderful addition. The wind varied some

from the South, allowing the traditional long triangular course. Only a handful of boats dropped out. The only breakdown was Eric Schoenhardt with a broken centerboard. Others may have had too many waves, or just wanted to get to the food. After the Rochester Canoe Club folks had a chance to get their boats covered, and drive over there was just a spectacular spread of all kinds of delights, and some liquid refreshments. The folks from Newport really know how to come thru with the snacks – thanks again to all.

Finishers in order of their starts:

**Opti:** Sam Ingram, Nick Sertl, Ryan Atkinson, Katja Sertl, Gail Crum, Scott Crum, **Sunfish:** Per Stampe, Chip Mayer, Frank Colgan, Roy Wiener, Rick Howitt, **Laser:** Andrew Zuber, **Cruisers:** Lynn Bluett, **Snipe:** Phil Morse, Tom Lee, **JY-15:** Kevin Loftus, Serina Loftus, **Lightning:** Dick Hallagan, Mark Sertl, Dan Pope, Phil Lange, John Boettcher, Bob Jamison, **Thistle:** Liz Ingham, Don Stehle, Gary Skillman, Doug Kankeinen, Gary Harman, Rich Connella, Peter Gregory, Bill Dexter, Nat Martin, Leo Balandis. Also participating from Newport were Jim Cuddihee; Eric Schoenhardt; Ellsworth Bahrman; Dorothy Drazhal; Norm Dahl; Bill Vaughn; Dick Doherty; John Atkins; Mark Schieber. The overall winner was Per Stampe in a Sunfish. Second was Andy Zuber in a Laser; 3<sup>rd</sup> Chip Mayer, Sunfish; 4<sup>th</sup> Dick Hallagan, Lightning; 5<sup>th</sup> Frank Colgan, Sunfish.

Special thanks to Jan Crum and Evan Drazhal who helped with the starting and scoring in the *Doc Mac*, and Landy Atkinson & Bob Crum for serving in a safety boat. The food was coordinated by Eva Smith with help by many. Thanks also to those who helped with cleanup.

Next year the Labor Day activities will be at the Rochester Canoe Club. If you did not get a chance to win one of the coffee cups they will be available in 2 years when Newport is again the host. We had to order quantity to get a good price, and there are enough left for 2006.

Bob Shanebrook provided a panoramic photo shortly after the Thistle start.



### Parting Comment

This is from the July issue of National Geographic and its relevance to sailing is a stretch but a humorous one. It seems as though the EU is getting really tough on names allowed on foods sold in Europe. You cannot call a cheese Parmesan if it is not from Parma Italy. Likewise wine designed Chablis can only come from that area of France. The Quady winery in California makes a port but cannot use the designation because ports can only come from Porto Spain. Their solution was to call their wine STARBOARD.

### Newsletter Contributions

Landy Atkinson publishes and electronically distributes the Newsletter. John Boettcher is the editor. Thanks to Norma Platt, Eva Smith, and Ed Bell for the proofreading. Next issue will be in November of 2004. Send contributions to J. Boettcher.

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### Results - CNY District Regatta - Newport Yacht Club - July 17, 18

Place	Sail #	Skipper	1	2	3	4	Total
1	14808	John Boxberger	1	3	6	3	13
2	15205	Bob Wardwell	10	2	3	2	17
3	15164	Jed Dedge	7	1	4	6	18
4	14855	Dick Hallagan	11	4	1	5	21
5	14845	Clay Murphy	2	5	11	8	26
6	14298	Mark Sertl	4	OCS	2	1	28
7	15165	Logan McReynods	17	6	7	4	34
8	14355	Dan Pope	9	12	5	9	35
9	14321	Jack Jones	5	8	12	14	39
10	14968	Byrne O'Brien	12	7	13	10	42
11	14949	Landy Atkinson	14	14	8	7	43
12	14286	Warren Embledge	8	9	9	17	43
13	14369	Federico Meira	13	13	15	12	43
14	14713	Ed Seyerlein	6	15	10	13	44
15	14923	Elizibeth Fox-Dodge	15	10	18	11	54
16	13081	Dick Doherty	16	11	16	16	59
17	14367	Philip Lange	19	16	14	15	64
18	15119	Dave Stark	3	OCS	DNS	DNS	66
19	15188	Jenette Little	18	17	17	18	70

### Finishes from Briody Memorial Regatta

August 28-29 at Newport Yacht Club, Rochester, NY

Place	Skipper	Crew	Races				Total Points
			1	2	3	4	
1	D. Kneulman	P. Kneulman	1	4	3	2	9.75
2	F. Gram	J. Gram	3	1	1	6	10.5
3	C. Hains	D. Clayton	2	2	5	5	14
4	H. Palm	M. Kurvink	4	3	7	3	17
5	C. Young	J. Ayres	5	8	4	1	17.75
6	C. Courtsal	J. Perena	6	7	6	4	23
7	D. Taylor	J. Murray	9	6	2	7	24
8	P. Morse	M. Wilhelm	8	5	12	10	35
9	T. Horvath	B. Horvath	7	10	11	8	36
10	B. Vaughn	S. Dixit	10	9	8	9	36
11	N. Dahl	K. Haller	11	11	9	11	42
12	T. Calvin	S. Lee	12	12	10	12	46