

# Birds & Worms News

newsletter of the Newport Yacht Club, Rochester NY



### What's Up?

1/28 - General Membership Meeting and special Lightning theme dinner (see *Una Invitación* immediately below)

### *Una Invitación .... Lori Foster*

Ten foot swells! Four foot waves! 20+ knot winds. No, it's not the movie "The Perfect Storm". This was sailing in Concón, Chile. Two teams from NYC made it their mission to go way 'south of the border' to participate in World Lightning events in November (where, by the way,

it is the beginning of summer and was a pleasant 75 degrees, everyday).

Team John Atkins, Al McReynolds and Lori Foster (with ground crew of Sally Atkins and Cindy McReynolds) sailed in the Master's regatta finishing 9th overall. Dick Hallagan and crew of Rick TenEyck and Craig Thayer finished 7th in the Master's and 14th in the South Americans. Hallagan stayed on to race the World Championship finishing 25th with TenEyck and former

NYC member Tammi Jamison. Visit  
<<http://www.lightning.cl/2005Worlds/index.htm>> .

See the photos! Hear the tales! Taste the flavors! The January General Membership meeting is where it's at. Perfect for inviting potential members to enjoy NYC's hospitality in the off-season. Stay tuned for the Chilean Expedition Report!

#### Since the Last Newsletter – J. Boettcher

I missed the October General Membership meeting but heard that we elected new officers (see photo elsewhere in this newsletter). We also brought Matt Disch back into the fold as a returning member (see Membership Committee report). Next day was a work party which I also missed and I understand that it rained a bit. See the Rear Commodore report for what was done and what remains.

The Cups and Flags Banquet was a great affair. Hat's off to Andy and the cast of folks who put it together (see his 2005 Cups and Flags article). Andy did a wonderful job as master-of-ceremonies. Ted Horvath, Ed Bell, John Atkins (substituting for Lori Foster), and Jim Cuddihee made fleet presentations. The Snipe section culminated with an entertaining poetry reading by Charlie Courtsal (see text elsewhere in this newsletter). Eva presented the Whittenberg Trophy for service by a non-board member to yours truly. Eva was in turn thanked for two very productive years of leadership as commodore and given a gift from the club.

Make it a point to attend the January General Membership Meeting and dinner to hear from the Lightning folks who went to the Worlds in Chile. I understand there will also be some interesting food (See Una Invitacion).

#### Commodore's Corner – Bob Shanebrook

Dear Sailors - The new board has started its work to prepare for next year's sailing season. Our plans for next year include:

- Sunday and Thursday night racing, Saturday racing is being investigated
- Finishing the Clubhouse porch
- Planning wave protection and increased dockage
- Signing-up new members
- Enjoying sailing

Members are the key to the success of the club. Encourage your crew to join NYC. If you know of someone that would be a good member please invite them to club functions, talk to them about the club and, when the weather is warmer, take them sailing.

The board welcomes your input. If you have ideas that will increase enjoyment and participation please discuss your ideas with any member of the board.

Happiness is a North wind. Bob

#### 2006 NYC Board of Directors



**Standing:** Jim Cuddihee(Laser Fleet Captain), Steve Leach(Rear Commodore), Ed Bell(Cruising Fleet Captain), Lynn Bluett(Vice Commodore), Ted Horvath(Snipe Fleet Captain)

**Seated:** Jillian Stokes(Treasurer), Bob Shanebrook(Commodore), Tom Lee(Secretary), Larry Hill(Harbormaster)

**Kneeling:** Eric Shoenhardt(Race Chairman), Norma Platt(Asst. Treasurer)

**Not Pictured:** Lori Foster(Lightning Fleet Captain), Howard Stickney (Director at Large)

#### Vice Commodore Report – Lynn Bluett

Having a party or business meeting? Why not use the clubhouse? It has plenty of room and a well equipped kitchen for big gatherings. You can't beat the view, especially in winter. Attendees at meetings in the past have commented on the beauty of our site. Multi-day meetings are no problem. If you are concerned about the road to the club in winter, you needn't worry. It is one of the first pieces of pavement to be plowed and salted in all of Irondequoit. Rental charges are practically negligible. You can get reservation forms in printed form at the club near the Thursday Night Sailing bulletin board or electronically on the club's web page. For the most up-to-date schedule of bookings and "pencil in" a reservation, get in touch with me by phone (266-5384) or email ([lbluett@aol.com](mailto:lbluett@aol.com)). You will be officially reserved when I receive the completed reservation form and deposit check. From now until April 15 the dumpster service has been discontinued, so you will have to take any trash generated home with you.

**Rear Commodore Report – Andy Smith & Steve Leach** (Results of the 10/22 fall work party adapted from an email of Andy's – ed).

We had a good group of people that slogged it out thru



the rain. The club boats are out and two of three are covered. The siding job is done. Some raking was



done. A lot of other small jobs are done, etc. A busy half day for a dedicated gang.

Here are some of the jobs remaining:

- Rake leaves if they ever decide to fall.
- Clean up front room upstairs. Landy, Howard, Bill Andrews & I were there till about 4:00 pm finishing the siding job over the porch. When done we were cold and wet. We just shut the windows and left. There still is all the remaining siding laying on the ping pong table that needs to be stored. (neatly, in piles by type, three different kinds) possibly where they were – overhead in

the hall, in front of the sail loft door. The floor is a mess. It will likely need to be swept and wet mopped.

- Trim hedge on north side of property. We might want to line up a few helpers on this one.
- Change oil on lawnmower and winterize. (We may need it a couple more times this season.)
- Install outside light on pole at West side of parking lot.
- Eat the last donut half.



- Drain the outside water line (after the cruising boats use it to wash when they come out).
- Take down the hoist (after I and some others get their boats out).
- Cover Doc Mac
- Repair the new hole in the port chine of the safety boat.
- Reinstall rub rail on port side of other safety boat.
- Build shelves in Northwest storage room.
- Help prepare for and clean up after the party on Nov. 5th
- Other items as they come up.

I'm sure that there are other things to be done that I am not aware of. Contact current rear commodore Steve Leach if you can help.

**2005 Cups and Flags – Andy Smith**

Most of us gathered a few weeks ago to celebrate the end of another great year of sailing at the Club. As in years past, there have been many things to celebrate with good friends. That is what it is all about – the good times and the friends. Trying to organize a party for 70 or so people is no small task, as I found out. But with LOTS OF HELP it all came together. As most of you know – this much organizing is over my head. The commodore, Eva, came to my rescue and deserves a lot of credit for the planning, etc. The board's directions were simple. Keep the price low to encourage more members to come. It worked!

**PLANNING:** With the notes from Al Mac 2 years ago, and last year's receipts, the food planning and buying went fairly easily. The bill from BJ's was within 2 bucks of the previous year.

**DECORATIONS:** Here, all the credit goes to one person. Annie Schoenhardt brought all her personal decorations down and set it all up several days ahead of time. Talk about coming through! All I had to buy was a few candles. Many raved about the decor & atmosphere. Thanks Annie.

**FOOD:** There were many hands in the kitchen for a portion of the afternoon: Jeanne Bell, Denise & Lynn Bluett, Carol Cuddihee, Virginia Cumine, Rosemary Dahl, Maggie Gibbons & Don Taylor. Thanks to all.

**PUNCH:** Ed Bell came through with his secret recipes, brought all the fixings, and kept the punch bowls full all evening. I never had to worry, or think about punch. All the credit goes to Ed. (I wonder if he hires out for private parties?)

**AWARDS:** Accomplishments through the year of numerous sailors, and volunteers were recognized. The table was overflowing with trophies, etc.

**FINANCES:** After all the bills were paid, there was about \$30 extra. Maybe next year we can get an extra tray of shrimp!

Thanks again to all that helped (including the one person I forgot to mention).

#### **Assistant Treasurer Report – Norma Platt**

In the interest of accurate billing in 2006, I'd like to review your membership and boat status and boat. I will do this by email or phone. Please respond quickly and save me the trouble of pestering you. Call (671-9639) or email ([normap@bluefrog.com](mailto:normap@bluefrog.com)) if you should have any questions.

#### **Membership Committee Report – John Boettcher**

The Club welcomes back Matt Disch to the member roles. His reapplication was accepted by the membership at the October General Membership Meeting. Matt was a top competitor in the Snipe fleet a few years back. He and wife Jennifer live in Rochester. Matt is a self-employed web designer.

On a sad note, we bid farewell to Kathy Callon and Pam Warner who resigned in good standing this fall.

#### **Lightning Fleet Report – Lori Foster**

"80% of success is showing up." Woody Allen  
Those of you who have kept up with Lightning racing this season know of the fun the Lightnings had both on and off the water. We had more participation overall and that is, as some will confirm, the secret of placing in a series. Off the water, we had some lovely Thursday night cookouts after some beautiful early evening sailing. On a

hot summer's night there are few other places I'd rather be than Irondequoit Bay.

I salute the fleet as a whole and the fleet cheering section for their enthusiasm and support for all of the events this year, especially with setup & cleanup, grilling and provisions for our many events. Thanks to Phil Lange who was regatta chair, Bob Crum as RC for the regatta, Howard Stickney who served as fleet treasurer, Al McReynolds who oversaw Thursday Night Sailing (TNS), and John Atkins who picked up the pieces as needed. Thanks to Don Curran, Andy Smith and John Atkins who found time to mow the Club lawn.

Here are the results for the 2005 sailing season:

Lightning Championship Series (overall score)(number of races sailed)

- 1 John Atkins (178.2) (27)
- 2 Al McReynolds (144.8) (22)
- 3 Dick Hallagan (108.4) (13)
- 4 John Boettcher (107) (31)
- 5 Dick Doherty (88.8) (21)
- 6 Phil Lange (69.6) (13)
- 7 Don Curran (55) (12)
- 8 Dan Pope (43.8) (6)
- 9 Howard Stickney (38.2) (10)
- 10 Landy Atkinson (36.8) (6)
- 11 Bob Crum (35.2) (8)
- 12 Andy Smith (33.4) (11)
- 13 Billy Healy (31) (5)
- 14 Mark Scheiber (28) (14)
- 15 Bill Wright (16.4) (4)
- 16 Bob King (12.8) (2)
- 17 Reynolds Hahn (5) (2)

Spring Series:

- 1 Al McReynolds
- 2 John Atkins
- 3 Bill Healy

Summer (TNS):

- 1 John Atkins
- 2 Dick Hallagan
- 3 Al McReynolds

Fall Series:

- 1 Al McReynolds
- 2 John Boettcher
- 3 Dan Pope

#### **Snipe Fleet Report – Ted Horvath**

The Snipes had a good year, with very good participation in the racing as well as the social gatherings. We sailed a total of 50 races, and every Snipe raced. We look forward to more of the same next year. At the Cups and Flags Banquet, the following trophies & awards were presented:

Spring Series:

1st Charlie Courtsal  
2nd Norm Dahl  
3rd Phil Morse

Fall Series:

1st Phil Morse  
2nd Ted Horvath  
3rd Norm Dahl

Summer (official) Series - to Skippers and Crew:

1st Charlie Courtsal and Jay Perena (fleet champion)  
2nd Norm Dahl and Virginia Cumine  
3rd Phil Morse and Jennifer Perena

Miscellaneous

Thursday Series: Norm Dahl  
Most Improved: Norm Dahl  
Most Races: Norm Dahl  
Novice Skipper: Tom Lee  
Single-Hander Award: Tom Lee  
Tipover Trophy: Virginia Cumine  
Masters Champion: Norm Dahl  
Grand Masters: Ted and Barb Horvath  
Sherlock Holmes Award: Norm Dahl, Bob and Jan Crum

We already have people signed up to host all of the Snipe Pot Lucks we will be having over the off-season. They are: December (Rosemary and Norm Dahl), January (Carol and Phil Morse), February (Jean and Ellsworth Bahrman), March (Dorothy Drazzal and Paul Riordan), April (Barb and Ted Horvath). It will be good to get together again over the winter.

**Laser Fleet - Jim Cuddihee**

A Laser fleet meeting will be planned to discuss what fleet sailing we can fit into our schedules as well as what repairs we should make to the second fleet Laser.

**Poetry From Charlie Courtsal**

(Snipe Fleet Champion Charlie modified two of Shakespeare's sonnets and read them at the Cups and Flags Banquet - ed.)

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When to the session of sweet silent thought  
I summon up remembrance of things past  
I sigh the lack of many wins I sought  
And with old woes new wail my late start's waste.

With these thoughts myself almost despising  
I think of faire Newport and change my state  
Thank Lisa, for Brendan's supervising  
And Jay, my crew, for no arrivals late.

Eric Schoenhardt's band of young merry men  
Eva Smith and Andy of diamonds made  
Lee, Boettcher, Bluett, Bell and Jillian  
And many more whose brilliance shall not fade.  
But if the while I think on thee, dear friends,  
All losses are restored and sorrows end

# 18

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?  
Thou art less lovely and less temperate  
While swans and herons beautify the bay  
Snipes gleefully seal a port-tacker's fate.

Bill Vaughn sails with distinctive Red Shift style  
Cunning Ted and Barb - they'll dodge and parry  
Matt sails with canine crew all the while  
Norm prepares to lee bow the Fast Ferry.

Todd Calvin loves Thursday evening racing  
Phil's haulout dives set the standard for grace  
So why is Tom Lee still single-handing?  
His crews have told of horrors they must face.  
So long as men can breathe, or eyes can see  
So long lives this, and Snipe Fleet 103

**Newsletter Contributions**

Thanks to Sally Akins and Andy Smith for the photos. Norma Platt and Ed Bell are responsible for turning the draft of the newsletter into proper English. John Boettcher is the editor. Next issue will be in April of 2006. Send contributions to J. Boettcher.