

Birds & Worms News

the newsletter of the Newport Yacht Club, Rochester NY



Matt Disch rounds windward mark ahead of competitors at Briody Regatta (RS,DC)

What's Up?

10/15.- Racing ends

10/27 - October General Membership Mtg. (7:30)
preceded by Laser Fleet dinner (6:00)

10/28 – Fall Work Party

11/4 – Cups and Flags Banquet

Commodore's Comments – Bob Shanebrook

Dear Sailors,

We have had a fun sailing season and it is not over yet! We will have races until October 15th and I expect many beautiful fall days for day sailing, so enjoy your club. On October 27th we will have the General Membership Dinner and Meeting followed by the always popular Fall Work Party. Rear commodore Steve Leach is planning the Cups and Flags Celebration for November 4th. It will provide a good time and good food for everyone.

Enjoy your sailing and, as I said earlier, it is not over yet.
Bob

Since the Last Newsletter – John Boettcher

As I write this there is less than a month left to the sailing season. It always seems to go so fast.

Hope you were able to catch some of the Thursday Night Sailing (TNS) – either the racing or the socializing after. The weather left something to be desired but the food was great. It seemed to me that we were celebrating birthdays almost every week which means good sweets. Read Cindy McReynolds' summary below.

The July General Membership Meeting (7/28) was preceded by a BYO meat to grill and potluck dinner sponsored by the Cruising Fleet. Highlights of the meeting were the induction of three new member families (see membership report below) and acceptance of a recommendation of the Long-Range Planning Committee to employ a marine engineer to help design

improved waterfront facilities, perhaps incorporating wave abatement. On this subject, we've recently heard the Newport Marina and Restaurant has been sold and the property will be converted to condo's. I'm thinking this should have some impact on the boat traffic but maybe not.

The next day (7/29) was the finale of the 70th Anniversary Celebration of our club. The club owes a big thank you to Don Curran who originated, organized and promoted this event. See Don's report below.

Next on the club calendar was the Snipe Regatta (8/5, 6) and Norm Dahl provides a summary below. Finally, NYC hosted the Brown Jug this year and rear commodore Steve Leach did a great job of organizing the event. Read Steve's wrap up below.

While all this was going on at the Club, there were NYC sailors competing in national events. A summary of the results appears in an article written by Don Curran for the website. Lori Foster submits a more personal view of her experiences at the Lightning competition.

Finally, while all of us were having fun, the Nominating Committee was working to come up with a slate of officers for the elections at the October meeting. Read chairperson Eva Smith's summary for the results.

Nominating Committee Report – Eva Smith

As you may remember, the membership last year voted to amend the constitution and bylaws. As a result of those amendments, officers of the club now serve two year terms, and one-half of the board of directors is up for election each year. Last year the entire board was up for election until we put the new formula in place.

This year the Nominating Committee, consisting of the fleet captains (Ed Bell, Ted Horvath, Jim Cuddihee, Lori Foster, and Cindy McReynolds) and me, were charged with finding nominees for the offices of commodore, rear commodore, race chairman and treasurer, as well as a director-at-large and Finance Committee (1 year term). We will be presenting the following slate for a vote by the members at the General Membership Meeting on October 27th.

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| Commodore | Cindy McReynolds |
| Rear commodore | Steve Leach |
| Race chairman | Eric Schoenhardt |
| Treasurer | Ted Horvath |
| Director-at-large | Howard Stickney |
| Finance Committee | Landy Atkinson, Don Curran,
Jillian Stokes |

The committee thanks these candidates for volunteering their time to serve on the Board of Directors.

Membership Committee Report – John Boettcher

After a very slow start to the year, things are picking up from a membership perspective. At the July General Membership meeting, three new families were welcomed into the club.

Andrew **Hintenach** and wife Linda Lipani sail a Rhodes 19. Andrew has pleasure sailed for many years and has a bit of experience crewing on a 36 footer out of RYC. He works as an architect and he and Linda live in Irondequoit.

Dana **Johnson** is the daughter of John Parker, one of our current members. She and husband Phil Weisberg keep their kayaks on the Laser racks from which they enjoy paddling on the bay. They live nearby in Irondequoit. Dana is a teacher in the city.

Matt **Richter** is an addition to the Lightning Fleet. Matt has raced a variety of boats from dinghies to 40 footers. He is a certified sailing instructor and was captain of the offshore racing team at the New York Maritime College. Matt lives in the city and makes his living as a sailor serving as a second officer on a tanker.

TNS Wrap-Up – Cindy McReynolds

The Thursday Night Sailing series ended with a surprise encore sailing night on August 31. The encore night came about by a "show of hands" at the picnic on August 24. The turnout on that encore night was tremendous with 10 Lightnings, 2 Snipes, 2 Lasers and 1 cruiser (Flying Dutchman). This tied the largest turnout of 15 on June 15. The sailing on August 31 was just for fun and I think everyone had fun sailing and picnicking after the racing.



TNS Handicap Fleet action (JA)

Thursday Night Sailing was very successful this year. We had 14 weeks of sailing (including the 8/31 encore) which ended up all on Irondequoit Bay. We averaged 10 boats per night. In all, we had participation from 2 cruisers, 5 Lasers, 4 Snipes and 16 Lightnings. We also had some Cruising Fleet members go for a sail during the racing. The trip to Lake Ontario this year was hampered either by weather or by limitations on race committee. For 2007, we can work on the race committee issues but we have no control over the weather.

Thursday Night Sailing was successful due to the various volunteer efforts of many members. Each week we had volunteers for PRO (principal race officer), race crew #1, race crew #2, grillmaster, picnic set-up, food and beer purchasers, scoring and website update. Also, all involved with sailing were instrumental in bringing food for a potluck-style barbecue each week.

There is one volunteer who deserves special mention. Denise Bluett volunteered to be race crew #1 every week. In addition, she and Lynn purchased the food for most of Thursday Night Sailing. I had heard skippers say that they had little concern being PRO if Denise was out there since "she knew what she was doing."

Thursday Night Sailing has finally evolved to be embraced by all fleets of the club. I hope 2007 is as successful, if not more successful, than 2006. With its continued success, we can attract new members and keep the club viable, exciting and active.

Jno and Karen Disch Win Briody – Norm Dahl

The timing of our Snipe regatta on August 5, 6 was perfect. It started two days after the end of a near-record heat wave and ended three days before the septic system plugged up. Good wind for the weekend – light northerly on Saturday and 8-10 mph southerly on Sunday.

Jno and Karen Disch beat Harri Palm and Molly Kurvink for the big trophy this year. Jno had won it three years ago and Harri, last year. Much talk of a rematch next year. Also winning trophy medallions were John and Adrienne Korkosz; Chris Hains and Dean Clayton; and Charlie Courtsal and Jay Perena, the highest finishing Newport team. Complete results can be found at the end of the newsletter.

PRO Peter Allen treated us to seven well-run races, with help from Peggy Crevey, Don Curran, John Boettcher and the race committee furnished by Eric Schoenhart. Food chair Rosemary Dahl got sick and missed the regatta. Joanne Vaughn and Norma Platt filled in and

kept everyone happy. The Horvath's furnished breakfasts and Virginia Cumine and Charlie Courtsal handled the drinks. Registration and score keeping by Phil Morse and Bill Vaughn.

The photographers included Don Curran, Joanne Vaughn and Bob Shanebrook. Bob took video of two starts, combined them with fifty-some beautiful stills to make a nice DVD, and made copies for each team.

In the past, the Retzhaupt Trophy has been awarded to the skippers with the best finishes on three District V regattas, but this year only two were held. Our new District Governor, Adrienne Korkosz, is considering revision of the deed of gift to include a replacement regatta. The Retzhaupt winner this year was Chris Hains of the Guelph, Ontario fleet.

70th Anniversary Regatta – Don Curran

Newport Yacht Club, Saturday, 29 July 2006, 12:05 PM: Forecast: Hazy and very humid. A slight chance of a thunderstorm. Southwest winds less than 10 knots becoming westerly. Predicted high, 90°.

The dreaded and infamous west winds, we got to experience why. I now know what the west winds bring to Irondequoit Bay. Phew! What a workout! Definitely not a day of ease on the Bay!

Twelve boats turned out for the 70th Anniversary Regatta: 4 Lightnings, 4 Snipes, 2 Lasers, 1 Flying Dutchman, and a MacGregor 25. The wind was blustery, and highly variable. It was nothing for the flag



Top 70th finisher Matt Disch and Don Curran (NP)
at the north end of the club to be blowing one direction, and the flag by the lighthouse to be blowing in the opposite. With the high gusts of wind we had two

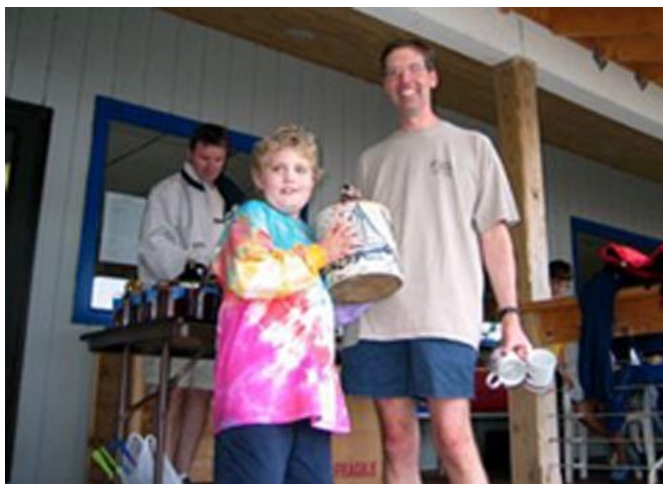
capsizes for the day: Eric Schoenhardt in his Flying Dutchman and Dean Clayton in his Laser. Both managed to right their boats and finish the race! We were able to get two races in, at the end of which most everyone had gotten a good workout!

The food was waiting and good. Norma Platt made two sheet cakes for the event complete with candles. The fellowship was engaging and the entertainment to follow was great! What a wonderful thing it was to sit on the porch, feel the cool north thermal on your face (yes, it did finally come in along with a whopper thunderstorm!) and watch and feel the lightning and thunder until you could not see the eastern shore for the rain! Our porch is a wonderful renovation to the club!

Today was the day for the Snipes! Congratulations to Matt Disch with his two bullets! Our thanks go to the race committee for their fine job under some of the most difficult conditions and thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate our 70th anniversary. Results of the regatta can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Brown Jug – Steve Leach

43 boats competed in the light NW winds of this year's Labor day event. Following the races, the competitors and others retired to NYC for refreshments provided by NYC membership.



Jug Winner Charlie Courtsal with son and crew Brendan (SA)

Overall winner of the Jug and first Snipe was Charlie Courtsal with son Brendan as crew. The 5 Optimists had a separate course and the winner was Katja Serfl. Her parents, Mark and Cory took the first place Lightning award. First Laser was Jim Cuddihee. One of our newest members, Andrew Hintenach, captured first place Cruising Fleet honors. Top finishers among the Rochester Canoe Club competitors were Thistle (Ingham), JY15 (Simpson), and Sunfish (Stampe).

Thanks to all the folks who made this event a success. Peter Allen (principal race officer) laid out the windward-leeward course and kept the competitors on good behavior during the many separate starts for the various fleets. He was assisted by Peggy Crevey and yours truly. Dorothy Drazal organized the food part of things and supervised the set up. Ed Bell ran the parking lot.

NYC Sailors at Snipe and Lightning NA's

Congratulations to **Matt Disch** and Wendy Dannels (crew), who finished 43rd out of 54 boats at the Snipe North American Championship at Gull Lake, MI. Matt's brother, Jno, who won our Briody Memorial Snipe Regatta this year, finished 23rd. Stiff competition.

Congratulations to **Dick Hallagan, Lori Foster** (crew), and Joan Hurban (crew), who finished 6th out of 37 boats in the Lightning North Americans in San Diego, August 12-18. Congratulations also to **Al McReynolds, Logan** (crew), and **John Atkins** (crew), who finished 9th and **Phil Lange, Jonathan Lange** (crew), and **Dan Pope** (crew), who finished 19th out of 34 boats in the President's Cup of the Lightning North Americans. The Womens, Juniors and Masters were held August 7-11. Three boats represented NYC and represented us well! Congratulations to **Dick Hallagan** (3rd), **John Atkins** (13th), and **Jim MacIntosh** (16th).
(adapted from Don Curran NYC website article, ed.)

Sailing the breathing earth - Lori Foster

While Newport Lightning sailors were enjoying the beautiful upstate New York weather, several other Lightning sailors from NYC packed up their boats and headed to the west coast to participate in the Lightning North Americans. Destination: San Diego.

I had always heard that the Pacific Ocean/San Diego was wonderful sailing, and it was. Recall the one or two times sailing on Lake Ontario when the sky was blue and the sun bright, the winds were perfect, the temperature was perfect, the waves were perfect and the swells of the lake was like the earth breathing and you have sailing at San Diego. Every day the same....in a good way.

There were two things that made this different from New York. One was sea life. Sleepy sea lions sun themselves on the large channel buoys that rock to and fro while the energetic ones frolic near or swam next to your boat. Barking for food or greeting was common. My cry of "SHARK!" was quickly corrected, to my relief, to "DOLPHINS!" Two of them rose and dove in front of our boat for several minutes. The second exciting thing about the sailing was the naval activity in and out of the

shipping channel and over our heads. Destroyers, aircraft carriers, battleships, zodiacs with arms, fighter jets, and even a submarine or two were seen often.



Boat in foreground is a Lightning. Maybe we shouldn't complain about our powerboat problems. (JA)

Newsletter Contributions

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Briody Memorial Snipe Regatta										
Newport Yacht Club, Rochester, NY										
August 5-6, 2006										
Place	Points	Skipper	Crew	Race 1	R 2	R 3	R 4	R 5	R 6	R 7
1	9 1/4	Jno Disch	Karen Disch	1	1	(5)	2	2	3	1
2	14 1/2	Harri Palm	Molly Kurvink	2	2	1	7	1	(10)	2
3	16 1/2	Chris Hains	Dean Clayton	(10)	5	2	1	4	1	4
4	18	John Korkosz	Adrienne Korkosz	3	3	3	3	3	(4)	3
5	26	Charles Courtsal	Jay Perena	5	(8)	4	5	5	2	5
6	33	Ted Horvath	Barb Horvath	4	4	(10)	4	6	7	8
7	40	Norm Dahl	Kevin Haller	(9)	6	7	6	7	5	9
8	42	Matt Disch	Charles Sterling	7	(9)	6	7	8	6	6
			Wendy Dannels							
9	51	Bill Vaughn	Samir Dixit	(11)	7	11	9	8	9	7
10	55	Phil Morse	John Baker	8	(11)	8	10	11	8	10
			Carol Morse							
11	57	Adrian Dangerfield	Emily Dangerfield	6	10	9	(11)	10	11	11

Newport YC 70th Anniversary Regatta Results						
Name	Boat	Sail #	Race 1	Race 2	Total	Position
Matt Disch	Snipe	26926	1	1	2	1
Charlie Courtsal	Snipe	28781	3	3	6	2
Norm Dahl	Snipe	28443	2	5	7	3
John Boettcher	Lightning	11050	7	4	11	4
Andy Smith	Lightning	12400	4	7	11	5
Dean Clayton	Laser	20851	5	9	14	6
Bill Vaughn	Snipe	26456	8	6	14	7
Don Curran	Lightning	14605	6	8	14	8
Landy Atkinson	Lightning	14949	DNF	2	15	9
Eric Schoenhardt	Flying Dutchman	1220	10	10	20	10
Bob Shanebrook	Laser		9	DNF	22	11
Paul Riordan	Venture 21		11	DNS	24	12

