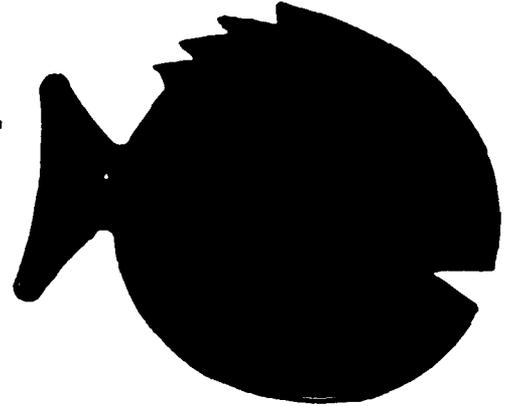


R.C.C. JIB SHEET



SUMMER
1978

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

The Sunfish Racing format was modified this year so that as many as six short races could be sailed on a Sunday afternoon, wind permitting. The response has been excellent with many more sunfish on the line than in the past few years. Participation in Thistle racing this year has, on the other hand, been somewhat disappointing. On some occasions, when the wind and weather have provided excellent Thistle sailing, we have had fewer than 15 boats participating. I hope this is not an indication of a continuing trend and that more Thistles will be out sailing the remainder of this summer and fall.

We have continued to be plagued by thefts and vandalism this year. During the winter or early spring the Clubhouse was broken into and the first aid materials, pots, pans, dishes, and silverware stolen. The metal storage shed was burglarized of three gas tanks and the committee boat anchor line. Also the propellor and motor controls were stolen off of both crash boats. In an effort to discourage further losses the Board of Directors has taken the following action:

- 1) Approved Ben Tave's request to live at the club for the summer;
- 2) Approved an expenditure of \$500 for a burglar alarm system for the clubhouse; and
- 3) Approved a further expenditure for the installation of light posts in the crash boat area and boat parking area.

Commodore

Gary Fritz

VICE COMMODORE VIEWS

I would like to thank Don and Ellen Taves for a super time at the Fourth of July Fun Day. The activities were well organized and lots of fun. The big event of the day was the pinata. All the kids had a ball trying to break it open. Maybe some day we can have a pinata for adults loaded with Mount Gay Rum and Tonic.

Bob Lasser has done it again. Through his excellent efforts the Rochester Canoe Club hosted the second largest Great Lakes Regatta in Thistle history. It appears only the Thistle Midwinters and Nationals will have greater attendance. This is an outstanding tribute to Bob and his cast of thousands from the Rochester Canoe Club. Bill Stoltz, Vice Commodore of the Rochester Yacht Club, commented on how well the event was organized and executed. Thanks to all who were willing to help and participate in this outstanding event. Special thanks to the Race Committee who managed to keep 79 overanxious skippers under control.

Please note:

The Pizza Square Dance scheduled for Saturday, August 26, has been cancelled due to lack of interest. We are trying to set up a moonlight marshmallow roast in late August or early September for those who have romantic tendencies. We will keep you posted.

As a reminder:

Fred Schiller works hard at making the facilities at the Canoe Club as beautiful as possible for the enjoyment of all the members and their guests. We, as members, must remember to be responsible for personal and club property used by us and our children. An effort must be made to leave the club neat and tidy for the benefit of all.

Jim Hertzell

GUEST RACING DAY

On Saturday, June 24th, skippers of 9 Thistles and 6 Sunfish gave 22 guests a good taste of competitive racing. Jan Slagel and company ran a dozen or so races over a short course during perfect weather. We all drank free beer and pop while listening to a protest session after the races. I'm sure most enjoyed their experience and all now have a better feel for the agony we go through each Sunday. My thanks to all who participated and helped out.

Jim Tompkins

The Adirondack Challenge is cancelled for 1978 due to conflict with other large local regattas - a note from North Lake George Yacht Club informs me.

A May 25 Governing Board meeting authorized Ben Taves to stay at the club this summer to help protect us from vandals. Due to extensive vandalism in 1977 and 1978, this year including theft of boat propellers, gas cans, kitchen equipment, committee boat lines from our shed, and broken windows and doors, we will be installing a burglar alarm system and additional outdoor lighting. The Rear Commodore is also seeing to the upgrading of locks and other additional safeguards.

A concern voiced at the July 23 Board Meeting was the need for MORE ASSISTANCE for the Rear Commodore, John Sherman. ALL MEMBERS ARE NEEDED to help keep the club clean and functioning. Kitchen work must be shared by every family. Fred Schiller looks after the lawn, but volunteers do all the rest, and not just John. Next time you see him ask what you can do. Let's make the club house as tidy as the boats (Oh My)! A hundred thanks to the members who already spend hours every week making us look good!

Secretary,

Nita Moore

SUNFISH NEWS

On July 1, the 10th Annual Rochester Canoe Club Sunfish Regatta was held. Greg Eiffert snared top honors for the second straight year with 1-2-5 finishes. Don Van Vechten took second place overall. Rounding out the top five spots were Steve Neiblock of Cazenovia in third, Henry Rohrer in fourth, and Steve Russell in fifth. Thanks to all the people who helped to make it a successful event.

Dr. Robert Jones proved to have the fastest Sunfish on the bay this spring as he captured first place in the Spring Series. Jones was followed by Dale Van Vechten in second place, Don Val Vechten in third place, and Rick Leavitt in fifth place.

The new Sunfish racing format seems to be working out very well. Participation has soared to an average of over 13 boats per race which is much higher than any series in recent memory. One interesting note about the Sunfish Spring Series is that it contained no less than 38 races! It seems that the fleet is racing more and waiting less. Our thanks to the race committee for coping so well with the new workload and those annoying three-minute starts.

The Lame Duck Sunfish Fleet Captain
Dale S. Van Vechten

NOTE: Dale is bound for the sand and sun of the Virgin Islands. All of us envious Canoe Clubbers wish Dale happiness and good fortune

In the Peanuthunt, Jennifer Fritz and Julie Armstrong combined efforts and together collected 59 peanuts. Since only individual efforts were rewarded, it was Jody Fritz who took first place by gathering up 37 peanuts.

The objective of the Sunfish Handicap race was to collect balloons from the water. Nate and Horatio Bannister took first place while Karen Taves and June Hertzell took second.

John Taves and Delphine Davis tried out various diverting tactics but couldn't distract the winning teams.

After practicing on the water, John and Delphine really got it together in the onland balloon toss contest. They won this event and Julie Armstrong and Jody Fritz were second.

The Women's 4th of July Sunfish Regatta attracted a late entry in Penny Wopperer, and after quite some hesitation about how to round the mark (Starboard and port can be confusing), Penny lead the pack to the finish, closely followed by Helen Taves and Billie and Edwina (proving two heads are not always better than one) in third place.

Everyone was ready for the battle of the sexes. Penny, Billie and Susan Armstrong teamed up against Richard Gaenzel, Larry Gaenzel, and Ben Taves in the Women vs. Men Match Race.

Shortly after the start the main sail came down on the women's boat and all seemed to be lost (No, they weren't sailing Jim Tompkins' boat, but sabotage was suspected). After intense effort they raised the sail and recovered lost time and distance. The women managed to close the gap some and the men, being good sports, lowered their main sail while running (just before the finish) to compensate for the females' misfortune. The male boat managed to hold its lead and crossed the line first. Everyone wondered what would have happened if the women's sail hadn't fallen.

Pinata (a Mexican game for children) was the final event of the day. A plaster ball was filled with candy and hung from a tree in front of the club. Each participant was blindfolded and tried to hit the pinata and break it. Sarah Albright wasn't blindfolded because she was so short; well, she showed them and slugged in so hard that she broke the top half in pieces.

Chris Gaenzle ended up hitting the final stroke which released the contents and all the children shared in the candy.

Fun was had by all and the efforts of the Taves family (who organized the day's activities) were greatly appreciated.

DISTRICTS

On July 8-9 a total of 46 boats participated in the 1978 Niagara Frontier Thistle District Championships hosted by the Fairhaven Yacht Club. Two races were held on Saturday and a third was run on Sunday. All races were sailed on Lake Ontario in light to moderate winds with little or no wave action.

Canoe Clubbers started arriving early on Friday and set up campsites on the FYC grounds. Several of those early arrivals were glad they had extra time after trying to measure in. A little used measurement (total length of the boom) caused several owners of new aluminum booms to remove 1" to 2" from their booms in order to measure in. A few gin and tonics eased the pain of the last minute boom alterations (not to mention the mosquito bites) but didn't make for easy early rising on Saturday morning.

RCC members got off to fast starts in all races. Phil Bucher finished first and Larry Gaenzle finished second in Race 1. Race 2 saw the Eifferts (Greg and Eric) finish 1-2. The third race also ended with RCC'ers finishing in the top 2 places (again, Eiffert in 1st and Neil Armstrong 2nd). Canoe Club members took the top six overall places and eight of the top ten.

	<u>Race 1</u>	<u>Race 2</u>	<u>Race 3</u>	<u>Overall</u>
P. Bucher	1	3	4	1
N. Armstrong	4	5	2	2
G. Eiffert	11	1	1	3
E. Eiffert	5	2	7	4
G. Fritz	9	6	6	5
L. Gaenzle	2	12	8	6
H. Rohrer	10	11	10	8
K. Rote	13	17	5	10

Best of luck to all these skippers and crews who will be representing the RCC at the Thistle Districts in Cleveland on August 13.

Another Thistle Great Lakes Regatta has faded in the sunset. It was a super regatta weekend that certainly won't be forgotten by anyone concerned.

By 11:30 Saturday morning there were 79 enthusiastic and aggressive Thistle skippers and their crew ready to start two days of racing. The skippers were so eager that there were at least three general recalls each race. Everyone wanted to have the best start, which meant half the fleet was over the line at the time of the starting gun. Recall!!! In between practicing starting the fleet actually did complete three races. Once the first race got started it was led in its entirety by Larry Klein. Finishing behind him, in order, were J. Bauer, M. Miller, S. Nearing, and W. Pignolet. The second race, after many recalls, was won by M. Miller, followed by L. Klein, M. Gilliland, J. Hunter, and E. Duckworth.

Saturday night festivities started with a cocktail party on the lawn of the Rochester Yacht Club. Delicious hors d'oeuvres were supplied by Rochester Canoe Club members. The highlight of the evening was the arrival of the Rochester Bagpipe Band on a yacht motoring up the river. They came on shore and entertained everyone during the delicious Chicken Dinner.

Sunday morning all the bright eyed sailors jumped aboard their boats and set sail for the race course. After numerous recalls and a couple of postponements the final race got underway. B. White finished first followed closely by S. Nearing, J. Beuer, J. Finefrock, and R. Gilliland.

By 2:00 P.M. everyone, with their boats packed up and ready to travel, gathered on the lawn for the awards presentation. To no one's surprise, Larry Klein took first place followed by J. Beuer, M. Miller, I. Liggett and R. Gilliland.

The top five RCC skippers to finish and their overall standings were:

- o Neil Armstrong with a strong 6th overall
- o Phil Bucher - 13
- o Greg Eiffert - 17
- o Kay Rote - 21
- o Bob Summerhays - 22

Jean Hertzell

CENTRALS

This year's Central New York State Championships were held on July 29-30 at the Red Jacket Yacht Club on Cayuga Lake. Although only a total of 14 Thistles participated it wasn't because of lack of wind. The winds really blew both days: 25-30 mph on Saturday and 20-25 mph on Sunday. A total of seven Thistles capsized indicating the tough sailing conditions (Who says inland lakes don't have wind?). The top four finishers overall were:

- 1 - Greg Eiffert with 2-1-2 finishes (Ironically Greg's boat No. is 212)
- 2 - Neil Armstrong with 1-4-1 places
- 3 - C. Murphy from Fairhaven
- 4 - Eric Eiffert with 3-2- and can you believe a DNS because of another commitment

CANACANOE

The Jibsheet's Ace reporter in charge of Canacanoes Regattas was in the South of France during this year's event recuperating from a case of writer's cramp. The results from this year's Canacanoes, held at the Canandagua Yacht Club, were plagerized from Associated Press/United Press International files and as such don't quite meet our high standards. Please forgive our lack of detail. The top five finishers were:

- 1 - Larry Klein
- 2 - John Fenno
- 3 - Larry Gaenzle
- 4 - Eric Eiffert
- 5 - Tim Rice

SPRING SERIES

A total of 30 different boats participated in the 13 races that comprised the Spring Series. The top five skippers and their respective averages for the first series of the season are:

- Phil Busher .9645
- Jim Tompkins .8465
- Bob Summerhays .8164
- Jim Hertzell .7917

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

Several prospective new members have submitted applications for membership. Will Bradburn has asked that all members try to meet and get to know these sailors. Pass along your recommendations to Will or any board member as their applications will be processed soon. The brief profiles below should help make the effort of meeting these people easier.

- Richard D. and Janet M. Richmond

135 Irwington Rd., Rochester

Rich and Janet have two children: Emily (10) and Will (8). Rich is Director of Planning and Institutional Studies at the U of R. The Richmonds own a Thistle and look forward to racing.

- Richard and Barbara Miller

741 University Park, Rochester

Rich is an Orthopedic Surgery Resident. The Millers recently bought the Fritz's wood Thistle. Rich is interested in racing and has previously raced a Flying Scot.

- Donald C. and Tina Wilson

51 Havenwood Hollow, Fairport

The Wilsons own Thistle #2043 and look forward to learning to race. Previous sailing experience includes crewing on a Snipe and sailing a Hobie Cat 16. Don is employed as a physicist by Xerox.

- Robert R. and Ardith Burns

133 Garden Pkwy., Henrietta

The Burns have applied for an associate membership in order to stay in touch with old friends made while 11-year members of the RCC. They own an O'Day Day Sailor which is kept at Mayers Marina and is sailed on weekdays. The Burns do not anticipate being at the Club on weekends but would like to occasionally stop at the Club while sailing on weekdays.

FRONTIER FALL REGATTA

Reserve September 9 and 10 for this year's Frontier Fall Regatta, which will be held at our own club. Regatta specifics include:

- o Registration - Friday 7-9 P.M. or Saturday 9-10 P.M.
- o Pre-Registration - Contact R.J. Bresson
7008 Sandy Shore Drive
Hamlin, NY 14464
716-964-3603
716-377-2168
- o Registration Fee - \$8.00
- o Attention Gun - 10 A.M. Saturday
- o No. of Races - 3 Races Saturday
1 Race Sunday
- o Free Beer after Races
- o Chicken Dinner/Cocktail Party Saturday evening - Tickets available at Registration (RCC members are asked to please bring a hors d'oeuvres or desert)

Volunteers wishing to assist with any of the various Regatta tasks would be appreciated. Contact Dick for further information.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Thistle Nationals - Cleveland Y.C. Sunday, August 13 - Friday, August 18
- CANCELLED ● ~~Square Dance/Pizza Party~~ ~~Saturday, August 26~~ CANCELLED
- Brown Jug - Newport Y.C. Monday, September 4
- Frontier Fall Regatta - R.C.C. Sat/Sun September 9-10
- Glimmerglass Regatta - Otsego Sat/Sun September 16-17
- Boats In/Work Day Saturday, October 21
- Fall Banquet - Valley Echo Saturday, November 11