

# R.C.C.

## JIB SHEET

SPRING

1982

### COMMODORE COMMENTS \*\*\*\*\* Bob Lasser

As the Rochester Canoe Club enters its second hundred years, I see the club at a crossroads. Our membership is not growing as fast as old members drop out.

In the past, we tried to run a very cost effective operation. The dues increase just enacted will probably not generate any surplus revenue this year and we will have to dig into our small reserve to pay bills.

As I see it there are two alternatives: One, the easiest solution is just to raise dues. The second which is more difficult is to look for new members whose dues would generate enough income to offset our increased costs to exist. Alternative number two is by far the best solution for our pocketbooks and for the general welfare of the club.

We need people who will become active, contributing members. With these ideas in mind, I have appointed Ralph Sell as our full time membership chairman. Ralph has been hard at work and his labors are now starting to bear fruit, but Ralph still needs your help. Each member should "shake the bushes" for new members and invite them down to the club especially on the Open House dates of June 16 and 19. If you have a potential member, pass the name on to Ralph and he will followup.

I have been in touch with Lucien Morin's office and the status of the Bay opening is still in limbo. I have requested that we be informed of any meetings of the technical committees, especially the one on surface districting, so we can have a representative present.

On August 8, we will revert back to an old Canoe Club tradition on a one-time trial basis. The idea behind AM-PM racing is that the members will come ashore between races, eat their lunches and socialize.

Scott Forsyth has been appointed Sunfish Fleet Captain for 1982. We all hope that Scott will be the last of a long list of appointed Sunfish Fleet Captains. To get this ball rolling, I have started work on appointing a committee to study revisions to our constitution and by-laws which we will most likely vote on at our annual meeting on Wednesday, September 29.

COMMODORE COMMENTS CONTINUE \*

I look forward to the challenges facing our club in our second hundred years, only if we all do our part will we be successful. Please give your support to our elected board in their endeavors. Their performance is in direct relationship to the support you give them.

FROM THE VICE COMMODORE \*\*\*\*\* Jack Wirtz

This year we have a very active social program planned around our racing. In particular there are district regattas for Sunfish and Thistles on successive weekends in July. The Sunfish Northeast Qualifier is on the fourth of July weekend and the Thistle Districts are on the weekend of July 11. I will be looking for help from everyone to make these ambitious plans successful.

In the fall it is our turn to hold the Frontier Fall Regatta and I am looking for volunteers to chair this event. There are also a number of other events in the schedule which you should have received and we need people to help with them.

Remember, the officers can only organize these events. There are not enough of us to do all the work.

The club is available for use by any senior member for his own party. This must be reserved with me ahead of time on a first come first serve basis. Exceptions are that no private parties will be scheduled on days when any club event is scheduled and large parties are not allowed on Saturdays. If you hold a private party, you are responsible for leaving the club clean after you are finished (even if it wasn't clean when you started). Also remember that the building and grounds are open for all members at all times, in other words, there can be no closed parties.

I hope to see you all at the Ice Breaker party on May 2 and I would welcome any suggestions then or by phone.

THE REAR COMMODORE \*\*\*\*\* Don Taves

The Rear Commodore has got it pretty easy this year thanks to the good work of the previous administrations and the fact that Fred is chomping at the bit to get back to his gardening. Mostly it looks like minor routine things like fertilizer, air for the wheel barrow tire, a new window and plugging some leaks, etc.

Aside from boats out, removing the sheet metal, putting the docks in the water and general maintenance, plans are in the works to put cinders in the parking lot, eliminate the hazard under the north dock for swimmers and new bumpers for the docks.

If you see other things that should be done, don't hesitate to let me know.

FLEET CAPTAIN \*\*\*\*\* Ben Taves

I rode by the bay this morning and checked on the ice along with the seagulls. It's hard to imagine this place warm and sunny and teeming with boats, but it looks like we won't have to be dodging icebergs May 2 if this warm weather continues.

I'm very optimistic for the upcoming year as Fleet Captain. We've got an excellent schedule put together as well as alot of exciting changes to announce.

I'm happy to report that Ellen Taves has agreed to serve as chairperson of the Race Committee. We've had several meetings over the winter and the new ideas and enthusiasm of the committee assures me that this year's races will be run smoother than ever.

In an effort to get people to know each other a little better and to return to a little more of the social aspects of the club, we've schedule a morning and afternoon race on August 8 with a bring your own luch inbetween races. This is on a trail basis and your comments are encouraged. Hopefully, this will help all members to mingle and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the club. Let us know how you feel about this!

We've also planned to experiment in other areas. Boat tuning races are going to be scheduled after formal races to help increase boat speed and handling skills. It may also serve as a way to introduce new members to the club and take them our for a "fun race" to get the hang of it. Dates will be posted.

At present, I'm aware of two new skippers joining the fleet. Don Taves will be at the helm this year chartering a Thistle as well as a new face to the club - John Bolton who has had several years of Thistle experience.

I'm looking forward to a great year.

PURSER'S REPORT \*\*\*\*\* Steve Russell

Greetings Everyone! A reminder to please pay your dues no later than May 1, 1982. Also, please, please, please check your math. More than half of the dues I have received were figured incorrectly.

This year's dues are the same as last year's which means our potential income has remained constant (or rather dropped a little with the decline in membership), but our expenses are on the rise. We have three options: (1) select a sacrificial member to bequeath their estate to the RCG, (2) raise dues next year, or (3) boost our membership. Personally, the first two are not very appealing. So,..... if you have any ideas about boosting membership or you have potential members in mind, please contact our membership chairman, Ralph Sell. See you soon.

SECRETARY'S REPORT \*\*\*\*\* Sharon Ahlman

Summary of Board Meeting of March 2, 1982, held at the home of Commodore Bob Lasser. The following motions were passed:

- 1) Proposed amendment to the by-laws pertaining to the new dues schedule.
- 2) Proposed budget
- 3) Proposal to host the 1982 Northeast Qualifier for Sunfish at RCC on July 3 & 4, 1982
- 4) Proposal to host the 1982 Niagara Frontier District Championship at RCC on July 10 & 11, 1982
- 5) Club Calendar
- 6)
  - a) Elimination of the 15 minute gun in favor of an 11 minute gun
  - b) All Thistle regatta races sailed at RCC (Districts and Frontier) will count as part of the club series. All away Thistle regattas (Canacanoe and Fiarhaven) will count as one race.
  - c) On August 8, Sunday, we will revert back to the old AM-PM format for this Sunday only.

SUNFISH NEWS \*\*\*\*\* Scott Forsyth

Your sunfish Fleet Captain welcomes you back to another season of sailing and racing. As in past years, the racing season will be divided in three parts, with a winner for each part and one overall winner. Rumor has it that Doug goes to college in September, so the rest of us may finally get a realistic crack at the overall award. Rest assured that your fleet captain will do his darndest to weight the score in favor of the fall results as much as possible, to take advantage of the "Wunderkind's" absence.

The big event this year will again be the Northeast Sunfish Regional Championships, to be held at the club July 3-4. The format will be the same as last year, except we will not be offering T-shirts. I am to come up with a suitable substitute that does not burn a hole in our budget. Other sunfish events include three Green Fleet training sessions on Sunday mornings in July and August (see calendar) and one week of instruction in sailing and racing for novices and intermediate sailors, starting June 28. Joe Kankeinen will run the week of classes. Tentatively he plans to follow Van's format of two years ago. Persons interest in participating or helping out should contact Joe.

Last fall someone took "Doc" Jones' old, beat-up white sail and did not return it. Bob tried to locate it, to no avail. In the frostbite series, he borrowed other people's sails and unfortunately he wasn't the same. So please, if you own a white sunfish sail, check your number to make sure that it is yours. Bob's number is 11373.

If you have any suggestions for change or want to help out with the regatta, please give me a call. (244-6737)

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN \*\*\*\*\* Ralph Sell

In sailboat racing, there are two ways to improve your standing. The first is to sail faster and smarter. The second is to get new sailers slower than yourself to sail behind you. Having tried the first approach for a couple of years without success, when Bob called and asked me to be membership chairperson, I know it was my first real chance. I hope I'll get support from the expert skippers in the fleet. At all costs avoid the recruitment of fast sailers, it would ruin my plan.

More seriously, I fully support Commodore Lasser's goal of increasing the Canoe Club's membership and I hope all members will join in recruiting. To help do this I gathered some materials which will be available at the Spring Banquet. Gary Jacobson prepared a flashy new poster to advertise the Club and our Thistle and Sunfish fleets. I hope all members will pick up a few copies and place them where potential sailers/members/racers notice. I also duplicated copies of our 1982 racing schedule, an introductory letter briefly explaining the Club and membership applications. If everyone gets these materials to one prospective member, I think our membership goals will be more than satisfied.

Wednesday June 16 and the following Saturday June 19 have been scheduled as times to show the club to potential members. The idea (at this time anyway) is to use Wednesday as a non-sailing introduction and then to get the more interested persons down to the club on Saturday for some sailing. I'll provide more details on this after the bay thaws.

Honey Abramson provided a list of the recorded Thistle owners in the Rochester area. I've worked my way through most of this list and have located both potential Thistle members and Thistles for sale. I'll maintain the list of for-sale boats to provide to prospective members without boats. If you hear of any additional let me know. This phone call to Thistle owners plus names from other members has identified the following persons (some of whom were past members) as potential members for this season: Harry Knudson (Penfield), John Bolton (Spencerport), John Condemi (Rochester), Ted Madzey (Fairport), Scott Donovan (Rochester), Susan Dexter (Rochester), Frank Liberti (Spencerport), Thomas McGrain (Rochester). If you know these people, talk up the Club and keep their interest. Personal contact is the best recruitment.

THIS IS THE OFFICIAL CLUB SCHEDULE FOR 1982. COPY SENT OUT IN MARCH HAD A FEW ERRORS,  
SO PLEASE DESTROY IT AND USE THE ENCLOSED CORRECTED SCHEDULE.

**1982 ROCHESTER CANOE CLUB SCHEDULE  
OUR HUNDRED FIRST YEAR**

DATE	CLUB	RACING	CRASH BOAT	SOCIAL
		THISTLE	SUNFISH	
APR 2			Spring Banquet at the Burgundy Basin Inn	
APR 3			**BOATS OUT & WORK DAY (9am-3pm)	
APR 24			**WORK DAY IF NECESSARY	
MAY 2		Tune up!!	Volunteers	Skippers meeting 12:30
			**ICE BREAKER PARTY-After racing**	
<b>START OF SPRING RACING</b>				
MAY 9	Spring	Spring	J.Wirtz/T.Andrews & J.Fritz	Mothers Day--Pizza Party
MAY 16	Spring	Spring	T.Flaherty/R.Sell	Pot luck
			AM Green Fleet	
MAY 23	Spring	Spring	R.Miller/K.Straw & J.Carosella	Pot luck
			AM Green Fleet	
MAY 30	Spring	Spring	L.Gaenzle/	Wine Tasting & Pot luck
			AM Green Fleet	
MAY 31	Spring	Spring	H.Rohrer/R.Delany	Pot luck -Memorial Day
JUN 5	Canacnoe			** At Canandaigua **
JUN 6	Canacnoe	Spring		JUNE 5 & 6
JUN 12	Fair Haven Regatta			** At Fairhaven **
JUN 13	**	Spring		JUNE 12 & 13
JUN 16			** Open House and family cook out **	
JUN 19			** Prospective member sail **	
JUN 20	Spring	Spring	J.Tompkins/T.Hill & R.Engleman	Pot luck
JUN 26	Great Lakes			** Crescent YC Detroit **
JUN 27	Spring	Spring	G.Fritz/J & B Armstrong	Pot luck
<b>START SUMMER RACING</b>				
JUL 3	SUNFISH	Northeast Qualifier	** At RCC Regatta	Dinner **
JUL 4	Summer	**	R.Bresson/J.Sayre	Pot luck
JUL 5		**	Summer Fun Day & Giant Picnic	
JUL 10	THISTLE	Districts	** At RCC **	
JUL 11	**	Summer	S.Forsyth/D.Kaukeinen	JULY 10 & 11
JUL 18	Summer	Summer	D.Taves/J.Fritz	Pot luck & Make A 'SUNDAE'
JUL 24	Centrals		** At Casenovia **	
JUL 25	**	Summer		**
JUL 30	THISTLE	Atlantic Coasts		
AUG 1	Summer	Summer	R.Ahlman/R.Jones	Pot luck
AUG 8	AM--PM RACING		Bring your lunch to eat between races.	
AUG 8	Summer	Summer	N.Armstrong/C.McDonald	Corn Roast & Pot luck
AUG 15	Summer	Summer	M.Russell/G.Jacobson	Pot luck
	THISTLE	Nationals at Pensacola Fla.	AUG 15 Thru 20	
AUG 22	Summer	Summer	W.Bradburn/L.Engelmann	Pot luck
AUG 29	Summer	Summer	D.Cree/G.Mercado	Pot luck
<b>START FALL RACING</b>				
SEP 5	Fall	Fall	B.Taves/H.Essley	Pot luck & ICE CREAME
SEP 6	BROWN JUG			** At Newport **
SEP 11	Fronteer	Fall Regatta		** At RCC **
SEP 12	**	Fall		SEPT 11 & 12
SEP 18	Glimmer	Class	** At Otsego **	Sept 18 & 19
SEP 19	Fall	Fall	D.Reasoner/J.Schofield	Corn Roast & pot luck
SEP 26	Fall	Fall	K.Rote/W.Roberts	Pot luck
SEP 29			RCC Annual meeting and election of officers.	
OCT 3	Fall	Fall	M.Slade/W.Salminen	Pot luck
OCT 10	Fall	Fall	D.Gates/VanVechten	
OCT 17	Fall	Fall	R.Lasser/L.Blandis	YEAR END BASH !!
OCT 23	**	**	Boats in - Work Day	
OCT 24			*** START OF SUNFISH FROSTBITE SERIES ***	
NOV 6			*** FALL BANQUET -- Watch for announcement!!!	

The second change involves the assignment of Sunfish sailors to crash boat duties. You should have received a copy of the assignments with the instructions. Neil Armstrong and I have arbitrarily assigned certain individuals to certain Sundays. At our first or second fleet meeting, we will review the assignments and make any necessary changes.

One thing that is not changed is the date of the 12th Annual Sunfish Regatta on Saturday, June 28. Everyone is invited to participate, even Thistle sailors.

Food for thought: Would you like to see the 1981 Sunfish Northeast Championships held at RCC next summer? We have the opportunity to do so. I will need some help in preparing a bid package, if the members are interested.

Scott Forsythe

RCC FROSTBITE SERIES FINAL STANDINGS FOR 1979

Qualifiers

Place	Name	Races Sailed*	Average
1	D. Kaukeinen	34	.747
2	D. Miller	34	.659
3	K. Rote	24	.656
4	R. Levitt	21	.617
5	J. Kaukeinen	34	.582
6	B. Slagel	34	.531
7	D. Taves	20	.398
8	S. Olsen	34	.341

Non-qualifiers

S. Forsythe	11	.745
J. Sayre	4	.500
B. Taves	5	.438
L. Hubbard	4	.214
R. Ferland	9	.120

\*Total number of races recorded was 34

(The races averaged 8 to 10 boats on the starting line each Sunday.)

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

In keeping with the idea that we all will be staying closer to home this summer -- due to increased cost of gasoline, lodging and food -- I have embarked on an extended social calendar.

Bob Lasser

### POT LUCK DINNERS

Our rejuvenated pot luck dinners Sunday nights after racing will begin with a cocktail party in which all participants should bring an hors d'oeuvres to share and your own liquid refreshment. In the past, we've had quite a few freeloaders.

For dinner, each family or participant should bring enough of a main dish or dessert to feed a family. Main dishes will be shared as usual. We'll try this year to put the name of the maker of each creation alongside the dish, so that compliments (or complaints) can be passed on to the right person.

Volleyball games will follow dinner (and kitchen clean-up) whenever there is interest.

### ANNUAL ICE-BREAKER PARTY

This normally well-attended event free to all members on the day of the May 4 tune-up race. The Board of Governors will supply hors d'oeuvres and drink.

### MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

Fathers and children will take to the kitchen on Mom's Day, May 11, to prepare a sumptuous dinner of spaghetti, salad, bread, coffee and dessert. (No mothers will be allowed in the kitchen.) The charge for dinner will be about one dollar per person.

### BRING-YOUR-OWN-(BOTTLE) WINETASTING PARTY

Bring a bottle of your favorite wine on Monday, May 26 (Memorial Day) and share it with your RCC friends. A pot luck dinner will follow.

### FAMILY GRILL-OUTS

Three family grill-outs have been planned, one each for June, July and August. The cookouts will be held on Wednesday evenings (June 18, July 16 and Aug. 20) at 6 p.m. Each family should bring a picnic dinner and some kind of meat to grill. The club will provide the charcoal and grills.

### ICE CREAM SOCIALS and a CORN ROAST

Ice cream socials are being planned for Sunday, June 22 and Sunday, July 20. Ice cream makers and ingredients will be needed. (The kids will have a ball with this one.) A corn roast will be held along with a potluck dinner on Aug. 24. We hope to keep the cost of these events to about 25 cents per person.

#### FOURTH OF JULY

Fun Day for kids and adults alike. Fun and games start at 1:30 p.m. on land and in the water. The canoe races have been known to become so hysterical that laughing paddlers swamp their boats. A pot luck dinner will follow.

#### 12th ANNUAL SUNFISH REGATTA

The club will host a dinner for all participants of the regatta along with RCC members on Saturday, June 28. (This dinner will replace the steak roast traditionally held in the third week of June.) Dinner will feature our First Annual Steamship Roast, to be lovingly prepared by Chuck Zabinski on an outdoors motorized spit. Fancy hors d'oeuvres and desserts are requested.

#### A FRENCH DIP

Leave this one to the imagination. It will start at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16 with a cocktail party, followed by a dinner of filet mignon served on finger rolls, ceasar salad and desert. Bring your flashlights and hearty voices because after dinner, we'll be going for a midnight sail.

#### FRONTIER FALL REGATTA

A dinner is being planned for Saturday, Sept. 6. Hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be needed.

#### BASH

The annual Bash will be held at the end of the day's racing. The club will provide the liquid refreshments and the members will again bring those extra special hors d'oeuvres.

#### FALL BANQUET

The Fall Banquet will be held at the Lakeshore Golf and Country Club on Saturday, Nov. 8.

A final note: Our schedule of social events will only be a success if everyone does his or her part. Make my job a lot easier by volunteering to head up or work a given event. I'd appreciate it.

Bob Lasser

#### ON THE JIB SHEET

If there is any interest, a short want-ad section for sailing related items can be added to the next edition of the Jib Sheet, which will be out in mid-summer. Also, if you have an item -- a personal adventure tidbit of advice or a gripe -- get in touch with Sherry Jacobson, mild-mannered editor of the Jib Sheet. (She'd love to spice up this little tabloid.)

