

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Spring is almost upon us (in spite of winter's recent and sudden revival), and the board has been busily planning for another active sailing season. The reports by individual officers give ample indication of preparedness and enthusiasm for the coming year.

Next comes the bad news. The NYS Supreme Court (in Dec. 1991) denied RCC's appeal in our suit against the DEC and Joseph Cassara. This essentially leaves Cassara free to begin building the Baytree subdivision. However, an easement from the NYS Office of General Services is still necessary before docks can be erected. As adjacent property owners, RCC was notified in January of Baytree's dock permit application and given time to file a remonstrance (legalese for stating our objections). With the help of Don and Doris VanVechten and myself, Alan Knauf submitted the remonstrance in early February. We have had no response to date. If the easement is granted, the dock complex will be situated about 30 ft. north of our property line. If it is denied, the OGS might schedule a hearing or recommend changes in the location and/or configuration of the proposed docks. We hope for the latter!

The Bay as a whole has also been the subject of renewed debate as a result of the Irondequoit Bay Plan Update proposed by the Monroe County Planning Dept. Of special interest to boaters is the recommendation to divide the Bay into three "water surface areas": 1. a Harbor Zone (from Stoney Point north and east) permitting additional dock facilities and dredging; 2. a Passive Zone (south end from Sutter's Marine plus Devil's, Newport, Big and Little Massaug Coves) where speed and no wake regulations would be enforced because of special environmental sensitivity; 3. a Multi Use Zone (basically the middle of the Bay) designated "most appropriate for active recreation such as sailing, jetskiing and waterskiing". The pros and cons of this plan are numerous and were discussed at length at a public meeting in Irondequoit on 2/11/92. We will continue to monitor the proposals, and urge RCC members to make their opinions known to the board (or attend public meetings if possible).

Pat Tompkins



FROM THE VICE SQUAD

As I sit here on another cloudy, dreary Sunday afternoon, I ponder the fact that very soon we will be starting our 1992 sailing season with some exciting social events planned as well. First of all, during the off-sailing season this winter, two events were held that were very well attended. The 3rd Annual RCC Ski Day was held 1/31/92 at Hunt Hollow, again thanks to Doc and Jan Gates. We put the pressure on Doc and he managed to complete for our use a beautiful private room with an awesome view of the mountain. Forty people attended; not everyone took to the slopes, but all had a great time socializing. The skiing conditions were excellent. We hope to do it again next year. The RCC Winter Social was held at the home of Steve and Phyllis Russell on 3/7/92. It was great to see some faces that we haven't seen for a while. Fifty-six people attended to enjoy, as usual, the ample food, beverage, and conversation. Baird McMillan, Jacob and Ethan Russell also enjoyed watching all of us!

Looking ahead to this season, we have scheduled a wine tasting, two potluck picnics with Newport Yacht Club, 4th of July Family Fun Day, Oktoberfest, 2 Sunfish Regattas and 1 Thistle Regatta. August 22, we are planning a humongous RCC Reunion-Homecoming; similar to the 100th Anniversary celebration, we'll invite as many former members as we can locate, out-of-town and locally, to come back for a day of fun and folly. Should be a great time.

As always, we are looking for warm bodies to help with all these activities, as well as phone tree, etc., as explained on your dues notice. You can be sure you will be asked to do something - because after all that's the only way we can function.

I am looking forward to a great season - any advice, constructive criticism, etc. and lots of help will be appreciated.

Carol Fritz
Vice Commodore

A VIEW FROM THE REAR

Time to get the boat's out and get the club in ship shape for a new year. As the new Rear Commodore I'd like to outline a few of the activities planned for this year. Through the executive committee, a number of activities have been identified that will enhance the club's appearance and function. First is to eradicate a small colony of carpenter ants in the club house. We'll get a professional exterminator in to do this job so that the chemicals will be under control. The weather has to warm up a bit so that the little critters are active and will take the bait, and we'll do it probably on a Monday or Tuesday when there is no one around. When the exact date is known, I'll publish it in the Jib Sheet as well as post a notice on the bulletin board in the club house. Other projects under consideration are: resealing/repairing the road; replacing the rear steps; adding sail storage area someplace in the clubhouse; and leveling the volleyball area.

As you can see, there is a lot to do in the coming months. This represents the list of things the executive committee came up with. If you can think of anything else, don't hesitate to mention it to me or anyone else on the committee. We've already accomplished a lot on the two work days. The hole in the women's lounge ceiling has been repaired and the ceiling tiles replaced. Sail storage racks were built; pot hole in the road was repaired; grounds flood lights were repaired; and the committee boat dock was rebuilt.

Thanks for all of the help so far and for your continuing help in keeping up the club.

Gary Skillman
Rear Commodore



THISTLE THOUGHTS

Great Thistling action is just around the corner, and I'm sure you are getting just as pumped up as I am. Since this is my first year as your fleet captain, please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or questions. I have met with members of NYC, and our joint racing ventures will not only continue but will be improved. There are a few changes in this year's sailing season. Be sure to read over the updated racing instructions and schedule carefully!

- **Schedule:** This year there will be joint racing with NYC during the entire season - 4 times in the spring, 6 times in the summer, and 4 times in the fall. We are scheduled to be on the lake 8 times during the year.

- **Courses:** In order to keep things simple and consistent with NYC, we will be using only 3 types of courses this year. They are M1, M2, and MG. There may be a couple of surprises!

- **Starting sequence:** 10 - 5 - 0 will be reinstated so that there is less confusion. The Lightnings will be started 5 minutes later. After a general recall we will **not** be using a rolling start. See racing instructions for complete details.

- There will be no club racing on the Sunday of the Glimmerglas Regatta.

- You must check in with the race committee before the first race.

- To qualify in any one series, a skipper must sail 40% of his or her races at RCC which include crash boat duty and the home and away regattas listed in the racing instructions.

- The start will be moved to 1:30 pm when we are on the lake. The tow will leave at 12:30 pm sharp!

Doug Kaukeinen
Thistle Fleet Captain

FROM THE FAISTY FLEET CAPTAIN

Welcome to the 1992 racing year. I am looking forward to the great times ahead. I am sure you're excited too! I have two regattas planned on July 18 and October 3. Hope to see you on the water. Happy sailing!

Faisty Fish
Sunfish Fleet Captain



MEMORIUM

ALLAN HOLSTROM JULY 13, 1991

Long standing member Allan Holstrom passed away last July 13. Just a week or so prior to his death, he was at the Canoe Club having a picnic for one of the groups he belonged to. Al and Mandy used to sail Thistle 1718 which was known as TIPSY at the time, and Mandy was known to have hiked by standing on the rail and holding on to the shroud. We will miss both of them; we will miss Al's expertise and advice regarding the many facets of RCC.



NEWS, NOTICES, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- On June 7 after sailing, RCC will hold an **Open House** for the public. Write-ups for the local newspapers are being prepared which we hope will catch the eyes of prospective sailors in the area who are unfamiliar with RCC.

- Looking to the club's future, **Doc Gates** has organized a junior sailing program for the children of members. With the help of **Doug Mabon**, bonds have been issued and sold to members for the purchase of **five new Optimist Dinghies**. It will be great to see the youngsters in their new boats out on the water!

- Rear Commodore **Gary Skillman** has requested that all Thistle owners take all but **two suits** of sails out of the sail storage area in order to make best use of the newly installed racks. All sail bags need to be labeled with owner's name, and the area should be left neat and uncluttered at all times.

- Regarding **recycling**, please deposit all beverage cans and bottles in the appropriate containers next to the beer and pop refrigerator so that they can be redeemed. All other recyclable material should be taken home by whomever brought it. That is, **take out what you bring in!**

- **Chip Bayer** is the new **Cooler Commodore**. Please help him by promptly paying your beer and soda tab and by placing all beverage containers (and no other garbage!) that have a deposit in the barrels next to the beer cooler.

- For those members who have an **outstanding beer and soda tab** from 1991, please pay **Martin McMillan** as soon as possible. A list will be posted on the beer cooler.

- Deadline for the next Jib Sheet is July 10.

NEW MEMBERS

MIKE FORTNER: Thistler and Sunfisher formerly of Canandaigua Yacht Club. Mike is a 4th grade teacher in the Fairport school system. His sister Julie and fiance Cindy are his crew. Mike is a staunch Bills fan, and a welcome addition to RCC.

BILL WILSON: Thistler formerly of Seneca Yacht Club. Willy has been sailing probably since he was in diapers! Bill has grown up on a Thistle. His father Dede was fleet champion at Seneca many times over. Bill recently married Carol Ostrander who is also on his crew.

CHRIS & JUDY WILSON: Chris is Bill's brother and crews for him and tries to keep him under control. Chris and Judy have four children, Matthew, twins Meghan and Amanda, and Colby. (Check out all of the kids' dancing techniques!) Chris and Judy and the children are all welcomed at RCC.

FRANK LIBERTI: A brand new Thistle owner. Frank crewed several times last season and sailed his Thistle several times but has not raced yet. He is just getting used to the whole idea.

MICHAEL McCOURT: Sunfisher formerly of Canandaigua Yacht Club. Mike really likes the one design concept and has raced in a Flying Dutchman, Laser II, and now the Sunfish. He also enjoys the competition and comradery at RCC. Mike is married to Jan Moynihan and has two children, Megan and Emma. He is a software engineer for Microlytic. We welcome you.

DAVE & ELIZABETH HOGENSON: Dave currently crews with Martin McMillan. He is married to Elizabeth and they have a two year old son Nicholas (who is adorable with blond curly hair). Number 2 is on the way. They are from all over the U.S. with their most permanent address being Colorado. Elizabeth likes to bike, hike, knit, and stay home and take care of Nicholas. Dave is an engineer for ABB. He used to crew in high school and college. He also enjoys biking and hiking. Another great addition to the club.

MARK WEIDER: Sunfisher formerly of Willow Bank in Cazenovia. A HOT Sunfish skipper who has raced at the club many times in regattas and has won a few. He finds himself recently relocated to Rochester. Mark is Chip Bayer's brother-in-law.



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