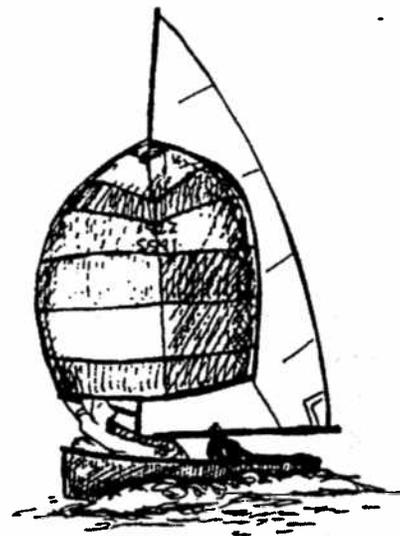


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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

This especially cold winter has caused a near epidemic of cabin fever and among the hardest hit are RCC sailors. But not to worry! The Board of Directors has already held two meetings geared to firming up the coming season and good news is plentiful: The sailing, regatta and social schedules are complete, thanks to Bill Bradburn, Mike Fortner and Don VanVechten. Mike Fortner and Doug Kaukeinen have enthusiastically taken on a commitment to continue the successful junior sailing program. The RCC Skiing Day at Hunt Hollow, hosted by Doc and Jan Gates, was a great opportunity to "get out" and see the gang again. At this writing, the winter social hosted by Carol and Gary Fritz is just around the corner!

Pat Tompkins, Doris and Don VanVechten continue to carry the RCC battle against the Baytree Development Corp. The Corps of Engineers (which oversees the underwater land area of the Bay) solicited public input concerning a Baytree renewal application for building docks near the Canoe Club's northern property line. Don made a trip to the Buffalo office of the Corps and he, Doris Pat and your Commodore each responded with separate letters to the Corps. Both the Corps and the DEC must approve of the docks before final approval for building is given by the Office of General Services. We are hoping the docks would be disapproved but

lacking that, we would be happy if it was decided to move the docks northward.

MEMBERSHIP OUTLOOK:

As we all know, membership has been steadily falling since 1965-68 when we had to turn away new members and actually restricted then current members from bringing guests down on the weekends because of overcrowding. Back in 1965 we had 83 active families and no associate memberships. Since then, the active membership has fallen to 54 while the number of associate members has risen to 16. In the early 70's there were more than 30 Thistles and over 40 Sunfish. Thistles on the starting line have fallen from 25 to under 10 in the same period. We have a problem. Four years of an unfruitful relationship with the University of Rochester Sailing Club is over without noticeable recruitment. The University Sailing Club (under new management) however, is still interested in renewing the program. The success of our Junior Sailing program last year however, is generally considered a more likely source for family recruitment for the Club. Beyond that, we have the clubhouse itself. How does it impact as an incentive or deterrent for new members? A storage area for six months of the year, it is emptied of boats in April and becomes a clubhouse as well as a

sail and mast storage area. In the spring summer and fall it can be heated with a wood stove and is suitable for square dancing, cookouts and regattas.

In early December in a dimly lit corner of Dicken's Restaurant, Chip Bayer, your rear commodore, held a think tank with vice commodore Bill Bradburn and three old timers: Tom Flaherty, Don Vanvechten and Frank Colgan to mull over what kind of a shot in the arm the Club could use to help membership and increase public interest in sailing. The group explored ideas of making the clubhouse more accessible and pleasant during the spring and fall: 1.) Inside painting and electrical doll-ups 2.) Installing internal wood framing, insulation and drywall with windows on the North Wall, gas heat and showers. 3) Also discussed was a 4 season outbuilding addition to the current building. These ideas were brought and discussed at the Board of Directors Meeting in January. After discussion a committee was formed to look into the possibilities of restructuring the current clubhouse, and other possibilities for improving the facilities. Committee members Marshall Gates, Don Vanvechten, Pat Tompkins, Jim Gindling, Rich Connelly, Chip Bayer and Frank Colgan met and went over old blueprints of the Clubhouse resurrected from somewhere by Jack Wirtz. The plans revealed that because of diagonal bracing of the building modules, new framing for windows, insulating and drywall installation would be difficult. A clubhouse extension could only be constructed on the North side (over the play area) and would encroach on the septic system. We would have trouble with the Town Planning Board. Doc Gates suggestion to build a pole barn on the parking lot as a first (or last) step seemed feasible. He has personally built them and feels that a RCC membership modified barn raising would save much of the cost of the barn.

These ideas were presented to the RCC Board meeting in February. It was the consensus of the board that the membership should be presented with the options and have plenty of time to feed back suggestions pro and con. The committee was instructed to come up with some ballpark representative costs for an outbuilding. The board also authorized an official survey of the Club property with site elevations. Our last (and only) unofficial club survey was done by Bob Lewis in the mid 60's.

Corey Gates with 1st assistant Doc Gates utilized a 38'x56' representative pole barn spec sheet and materials list and came up with a materials cost for a shingled roof, 4x4's (without metal siding) of \$6688. We were unable to price 17000 sq. ft. of metal siding but 5/8" Tec 1-11 would add \$1951, 2 overhead doors \$500 with a total of \$9,149. Insurance for such an outbuilding is based on a standard replacement cost for such a building of \$12/sq. ft. (\$25,536) and would cost about \$250/yr., regardless of whether constructed of wood or metal siding. (Insurance companies feel metal building fires can be more damaging to contents since they contain the heat, and hinder access.) Doc feels that interested club members could put up a \$25,000 barn for under \$10,000. The cost could be easily handled with available club funds or with a simple low interest mortgage. We could also build a smaller barn and save more or we could build no barn at all. Were the pole barn to prove to be a success, we could consider placing a new, all season clubhouse on the current clubhouse foundation. It could be done. Talk about all of this and bring your feelings to board members this spring.

Frank Colgan
Commodore
271-1577

VICE COMMODORE

Seasons Greetings,
or,
This Snow Really Bites It.

We've had two super winter activities. The club was able to reserve a room at Hunt Hollow for a Friday afternoon and evening of skiing. I'm not a skier, but what a great reason for blowing off work early. The kids really loved it. The conditions were excellent; uncrowded, and the company was great. Our thanks go out to Doc and Jan Gates for again hosting this event. For those who hesitate in participating in this activity, I urge you to try it. For most of us it may be the time we get to beat Jim Tompkins to a finish line.

The RCC Winter Social was at Gary and Carol Fritz's home. It was very well attended. Just mention appetizers and free drinks to Canoe Clubbers and the place will be packed. It was good to see the newest additions (Boy Kaukeinen and a couple of others half backed) and veterans that we don't see very often. Thank you Carol and Gary for opening up your home to us (putting up with us) for that evening.

I'd like to list the responsibilities that I have as vice commodore. I am responsible for scheduling events for the club, banquets, regattas, social events, and private use of the club. I help set up the sailing schedule with the two fleet captains, select a person to stock the beer and soda. (volunteers please call me), select people to be in charge of events such as, ice breaker party, 4th of July, picnics, Open House, Fall Bash, regatta chairman etc. Please let me know if you have a particular activity that you would like to be in charge of. If you want to have a private party, I'm the person to schedule it with. We are keeping the same activities as we had last year and are adding a clam bake in September.

The spring banquet will be a sit down dinner. Its a little more expensive, but hey, if you filed your taxes early enough, your refund should be back in time to help cover the cost. It is at the Cartwright Inn on April 15. See you there.

Bill Bradburn
Vice Commodore
342-6059

HARBOR MASTER

Thoughts of Sailing
While Grading Term Papers

As I sit here grading 109 term papers on such topics as "British Atrocities During the Colonial Period in India" and "The Greatness of Gandhi", my mind drifts towards sailing and the coming summer. My attempt at dreaming about sailing on the bay is short lived because as I look outside, it is snowing AGAIN.

Anyway, "Harbor Master University" will be opening on clean up day. We offer introductory courses as well as advanced courses in the maintenance of all waterfront items. (See our course listing below.) All fees are covered by your dues!!! If you would like to enroll in any or several of these offerings, open enrollment will be offered on the first day of classes, but space is limited.

HM 101: Our introductory course: You will learn how to put docks in, fix motors, check hoists for safety, and a myriad of other activities.

HM 185: Dock Repair: The focus of this year's course will be on the advantages of attaching fire hose to docks. A lab will be included in which you can actually apply fire hose to the floating docks.

HM 201: Dock installation. For the advance student, who has completed the 101 course or has suitable experience. You will learn how to install floating docks without getting wet. This is one of your most popular courses.

HM 300: The Art of Making and Setting Anchors. Our most advanced offering this year. This course will cover all facets of making anchors for the floating docks and installing them without sinking the whaler (we hope).

Hope to see you at the Spring Banquet and then at Clean up.

Jim Gindling
Harbor Master
865-6192

REAR COMMODORE

Hello. I hope the winter months treated you well.

Plans for the club this year are numerous, and it is my feeling they will all gel together, making the club more attractive to the members and their guest.

My goal, is to keep the club informal, pleasant, and inexpensive. Your ideas, discussion, and help are welcome.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone and working collectively in keeping R. C. C. the best sailing club in town!

Chip Bayer
Rear Commodore
232-5849

SUNFISH FLEET CAPTIAN

Sunfish skippers may not happily give you room at mark roundings, but if you miss a certain meeting, watch out! They'll vote you in as next year's Fleet Captain. That's what happened to me. So, after holding a variety of capacities in RCC, I'm right back where I was 25 years ago; Sunfish Fleet Captain. You might call this retrograde progress.

Fortunately, I inherit a very active "fish" fleet which seems to be growing stronger every year - thanks to Mark Faist and his enthusiasm for capably handling the fleet the past two years. Hope I can do as well.

Our motorhome has a natural affinity for places with boats and water. Just a week ago, when on "auto-pilot", it steered itself right into the sailing center of the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. What a place! Seeing no one around, Doris and I gave the center a self-guided tour. All equipment was beautifully organized and in the true manner of "ship shape". Very impressive. On a scale of one to ten, I'd give their facility an eleven.

Thoughts turned to our own facility on Irondequoit Bay, and the Sunfish "department". How ship shape are we?

In this vein I'm contemplating a few things to do as we demothball the club in April:

- 1) Get all Sunfish hulls and spars identified with owner's names.
- 2) Up-date the boat rack assignments
- 3) Do something to straighten out the sail storage along the wall. (suggestions are welcome)

Having done all this, as Arsenio Hall might say "Lets get busy," - lets sail!

Don VanVectten
Sunfish Fleet Captain
424-4267

THISTLE FLEET CAPTAIN

New Season is upon Us!

Spring is just around the corner. Trust me! As your new fleet captain, I welcome all Thistlers to the 1994 season.

This is the best time of the year to check out your boat to make sure that it safe and ready to go for the season. Beginning of the year items that should be checked over:

- ◆ Check all halyards, stays and shrouds for wear. If a wire is frayed or damaged, it is best to repair it now to avoid catastrophe later. Many specialized Thistle parts can be ordered from the Great Midwest Yacht Company, and they will ship within a few days. They will also provide billing for all TCA members.
- ◆ Make sure that all lines, cleats and blocks are in good working order. Sometimes it is good to remove cleats and blocks to make sure that their mounting screws are tight and in good working order. Make sure that all of your cotter pins are in place (a.k.a. ring-dings). Many of these parts can be purchased at any local marine supplier.
- ◆ Be sure that all safety equipment is in good working order. Lifejackets, anchors, signal devices and bailors are all important and should be checked out.
- ◆ Check all flotation and make sure that it is dried out and adequate for your boat.
- ◆ Check those hiking straps! May is not the time to go for an unexpected swim! Of course this does not help if the skipper or some other member of the crew misses the strap, or if the skipper can't SEE the strap. (ask Gary Fritz about this one).

- ◆ Make sure that your trailer is inspected and registered.
- ◆ If you were able to purchase new sails this year, it is very beneficial to tune your boat to the sail makers specifications. An hour or two with a helping hand and a "loos-guage" can be very helpful in achieving maximum boat speed.
- ◆ Finally, check your rails, stanchions, and grating for signs of wear and dry-rot. It is best to take the time now to do any necessary repairs than to risk the safety of yourself or your crew later.

To expand on the crew training sessions last year, a new "Thursday Night Fun Series" will be started this year. All the middle and forward crew names will be put into a hat and then drawn out by the participating skippers. The courses will be run from the crash boat and will include different options that you may have never seen before. This will give skippers and crews a chance to sail with other people and hopefully help strengthen the fleet as a whole. Any sunfish sailor that is interested may participate as a crew member, or they may be able to skipper a thistle if the owner is willing to give permission.

Options could include four person crews, tacking on a signal, slalom courses, and no hiking strap races. Any other ideas are encouraged and welcome. Right now, there are five Thursday nights planned starting on June 16th. If you have any questions or ideas, please give me a call.

Crash boat duty will be assigned when the schedule comes out. If you know that you have a conflict, please let me know as soon as possible.

Mike Fortner
Thistle Fleet Captain
671-7709

JUNIOR SAILING PROGRAM

We've got the boats, we've got the sessions scheduled, we've got the best sailing instructors around - so let's build on last year's success with an expanded junior sailing program this year. The juniors are a great source of enthusiasm and new talent for the club.

The structured instruction program for this year is scheduled as follows:

Beginner	July 11 - July 15
Intermediate	July 18 - July 22
Advanced	July 25 - July 29

Sessions are Monday through Friday 12-4 PM. Cost is \$60 per participant with only 10 participants per session.

We are very fortunate to have Mike Fortner and Doug Kaukeinen as instructors again this year. These guys are great sailors and teachers and the juniors eat it up. Even if you don't have anyone in the program, you should go down to the club and watch a session. You might even learn something!

Now the key is to keep the junior sailors involved throughout the season after the formal program is over. Last year several of the older juniors participated in sunfish races (2 juniors raced in the fall regatta and each had a 2nd in one of the races) and three optimists were out for the Brown Jug.

This year we'd like to promote the following:

- ◆ An Optimist Fun Day with Newport Yacht Club on Saturday August 6, 1994. Events will include tests of skill, races, food and fun.
- ◆ Coordinating Tuesday night sailing with Newport Yacht Club.
- ◆ Encourage Optimist Participation in the Brown Jug.

- ◆ scheduled for Optimists at clubs such as Sodus, Ithaca and others. (Check the bulletin board for details.)
- ◆ And as usual the boats are available for use by members anytime so we encourage parents and juniors to come on down and use them - sail em, paddle em, swim out of them, whatever.

To make this work we need help. Volunteers are needed during the sailing classes to monitor the radio when the class is out on the water. Volunteers are also needed for the Optimist Fun Day, August 6th and for other Optimist events. Assistance with boat maintenance and equipment storage would also be welcomed. Finally, we need to make a commitment to promote junior sailing wherever possible, whether it is in Optimist, Sunfish, or Thistles for the benefit of the club. Its the future.

The applications for the sailing sessions will be coming out soon. So tell your kids and tell your relatives, friends and neighbors. There are only 10 openings per session so they'll go fast.

I'd appreciate your comments, questions and assistance.

Mark Weider
473-9346

NOTE FROM THE PURSER

To keep the club afloat, please mail in your dues form and checks as soon as possible. If you have lost your notice, please call. Thank you!

Marie Jolkovski
Purser
244-1448

FROM THE EDITORS

It's a beautiful, sunny, afternoon on the 26th of March. Thoughts of the harsh winter past are being replaced by thoughts of sailing activities (Jan is standing here demanding equal time for gardening thoughts!). Our sailing thoughts have gotten jump-started this year from attending the Board of Governors meetings (Rich is a Director, don't you know), going to the Winter Social at the Fritz's home (a major feeding frenzy) and working on the Jib Sheet.

The folks that really work on the Jib Sheet are the contributing authors. It takes time and energy to organize thoughts, and get them on paper and submitted on time. For this issue the articles are all from Board members working to let you know about RCC business and activities in their respective areas. This may be part of their jobs, but it is not easy and shouldn't be taken for granted. You have been very gracious in your appreciation of the editors efforts and we hope you are as diligent at thanking the authors.

The Jib Sheet, newsletter of RCC, is published three time a year: early April, to help get the season started, early August, to summarize the first semester results, and early December to close out the year. Articles from the board members and the membership at large are accepted and invited.

Jan & Rich Connelly
Editors
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RECIPE CORNER

"Almost" Fat-Free Squash Cake

Adopted from:
"The Victory Garden Cookbook"

4 eggs (or equivalent in non-cholesterol egg product)
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 cup unsweetened apple sauce
1 3/4 cups mashed cooked winter squash
2 cups flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
2 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. nutmeg

Beat eggs, add sugar, applesauce, and squash, and mix well. Sift together dry ingredients and thoroughly mix into squash mixture. Spread into greased 13 x 9 x 2 inch pan and bake in 350 F oven for 25 - 30 minutes. Top with vanilla frosting and chopped nuts or sprinkle with sifted powdered sugar.



Time to sail!



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