The Clubhouse is no place to be in the last week of March: One feels like an intruder. The cold is bone chilling and the silence almost complete. No sporadic rattling from an early trapped bird high in the upper reaches of the roof gable. No sound of human presence or scurrying mice.— just the rhythmic quiet moan from an overworked timer which dutifully turns our parking lot light on and off during the lonely winter months.

Outside it is better. They came again today to fish, the always hopeful fisherman, but they don't stay quite as long as during the summer. The sun is higher in the sky and the bay water is oh so clear! The water level is down, of course, but not as much as last year this time. The Leo Balandis Memorial Jetty (remnants of our old front terrace) really appears to have increased our beach area in front of the sunfish racks. It looked so good, I couldn't resist raking in a few handfuls of grass seed. The water was so clear that even with just a gentle breeze from the northeast, it was possible to see the littoral drift of sand winnowing its way towards the hoist area, only to be stopped by the long tip of Leo's jetty. But what's more important, the clear water revealed no dumping of sand in front of the hoist which some feared might occur. While no one was looking, I rearranged a few of those cinder blocks to extend the point just a bit farther into the bay. We'll see!

Our water bill nearly doubled to $123 during the May to August quarter and many of us thought it was because Bob Slebodnik liked to wash off his new sunfish so much. But when the August through November bill came in at $263, we knew we were in real trouble. While most of you were watching the soaps or the OJ trial, Steve Burns and David Jolkovski were out tracking the water leak. It is a long saga with a happy ending—a plastic hose junction two feet below the surface just above the driveway before the big left turn, had cracked and separated. They spent many hours, got cold wet knees and we all owe them a lot. Remember that at the next contested mark.

Currently Mark Faist is pricing out a steel shed for next to the current shed and he will do the welding, if approved by the Board. A ten by twenty storage shed for Sunfish sails, Optimist gear and such is also in the works for between the back door and the shed on the Southwest corner of the Clubhouse. Serious bidding for a new dock just north of the hoist is planned by Jim Gindling and we ought to have some news to you soon about that.

The gate lock at the top of the road is missing again. It is important that whenever the gate is opened, that the lock be re-locked on the bar and not stored in the car or left unlocked. It was either stolen by kids (not the first time) or one of us has it in the car. Please look, as we are running out of locks and we can't get replacements.

Frank Colgan
271-1577
FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Party Time Approaches!

We have lots of “doin’s” planned for this year. Besides the traditional activities that we’ve had in the past, we are going to test out some new things. Sort of like trying new recipes at the pot luck dinners. (Jim Tompkins will eat anything.) Of course we have the ice breaker party after the first tune up races. We’ll have a cake for Mother’s Day and MAYBE get the men to facilitate the meal organization and clean up. The open house will be combined with the wine tasting party. Come down Tuesday, July 4 to hang out. If there is enough interest, we’ll plan some activities for that day. We are looking to keep the square dancing date and the clam bake. We are hosting several sailing events including the Spring Thistle Regatta, a Charity Regatta (new idea from Mike F.), the Sunfish Regional Championships, an Optimist Regatta, the Brown Jug, and Sunfish Fall Regatta. It sounds like a full summer of events. Please contact me to let me know what event you’d like to help with. Call me if you have any suggestions or want to reserve the club for a personal event.

Bill Bradburn
342-6059

PS. “LET THE PARTY BEGIN”
FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

Finally, there is to be a new Optimus storage shed. It is to be located where the garbage cans used to be (the red fence is still there) and the storage shed for tools and the lawn mower. This shed is to be of wood construction, about 16' long x 10' wide and 8' high, with the roof sloping away from the club house; it will share the west wall of the club house. As soon as the plans are completed and the weather is nice, a keg of beer and a party to help build it will be organized.

Boats out day is April 22. Coffee and donuts at 9:00 AM.

There has been some activity during the winter; the Board has planned to enlarge the storage shed down by the water that is used for gas cans, marks, anchors, etc. Electricity will be added. Mark Faist has been great at measuring the building, drawing the plans for the new shed extension and seeing that the materials are ordered, at a good price no less! A work group is to help Mark construct the welded steel shed a week after boats out day. By keeping the batteries and race Committee gear down by the water it should be a bit easier to start crash boat duties and finish up also.

At the end of last fall when the water bill came in there was a big surprise. The bill was five times larger than normal! We all agreed that there was a leak, but where? Dave Jolkovski (our resident plumber) spent a couple of those nice Saturday afternoons in March looking for it, and then repairing it. Incredibly, he found it part way up the hill side! The leak was in the water line between Bayshore Blvd where our meter is and the club house, about three quarters of the way up the driveway.

Any suggestion for club improvements before the North Americans Sunfish regatta in 1996 should be talked about now and completed this season, as next year is probably too late. See me if you have some great ideas and some extra time and energy!

Steve Burns
586-8571

NOTES FROM THE HARBOUR MASTER

Flash: Order of Seasons Changed
April and January Switched

I knew that something must be wrong. Something, besides the old Rochester excuse, was the explanation behind the flip-flop we saw in weather this spring. Alas, I discovered what the problem was. It is a new calendar called the El Nino Calendar. This calendar is replacing the Gregorian Calendar and the Julian Calendar in the United States. The order of the months will never be the same and the weather will also correspond to the month. This explains why it was 75 degrees right after Christmas and 15 degrees last weekend. According to the El Nino Almanac, the sequence of months this year will be April, February, March, January, May, July, June, August, October, September, December and November. So Make your vacation plans accordingly! What does all this mean? It should be a very interesting sailing season!

Last weekend, a group of hearty souls came down to the club and began the dock repairs. They will be finished on Tuesday January 11 (April 11 for you still using the Gregorian Calendar). We replaced a lot of the fire hose surrounding the docks and some of the 2x4s that were rotten. Also, repairs on the deck of the committee boat have begun. One of the plywood boards was damaged over the winter. The motors are getting tuned and everything else appears ready to go. So, we look to be in pretty good shape. I am looking forward to a great summer of sailing and fun. Even with the changes in the order of the months on the El Nino Calendar, I think we are in store for another great season. I have but one request. If you have a problem with a crash boat please let me know, as well as informing Mike Fortner or Van. This will enable me to get it fixed quickly. Thanks! See you at the Banquet and on Boats Out Day.

Jim Gindling
865-6192
Every twenty or thirty years we should have Don VanVechten serve as the Sunfish fleet captain; it's a sure way of keeping things organized. Don stepped in for an encore performance in 1994, got the boats and sails organized, ran two great regattas, and placed labels all over the property. He then proceeded to arrange for an impromptu fleet meeting after racing in the fall and I was railroaded into office by a quick and unanimous vote. Anyway, I hope I can follow the lead of Don and all those before him because THE SUNFISH FLEET IS HOT and some big things are in store for the RCC Sunfish fleet in 1995 and 1996.

I've been told that the RCC fleet is probably the most active fleet between Long Island and the Midwest and it appears to still be growing. We are picking up new members at a steady pace, many of which have come out of our Junior and Adult sailing school. There are a lot of those new, fancy, light sunfish all over the waterfront; multi-boat families are common.

This year we will host the New York State Regional Regatta on July 8 & 9, 1995. This two day event will be a qualifier for the Sunfish Worlds and should attract a sizable fleet. If we could get 27 boats to our summer 1994 regatta, we can get 35 to 40 boats to the 1995 Regional. We need to think of this as a dry run, because in 1996 RCC has been selected to host the 1996 North American Championships. Plans are already underway and committees are being formed for 1996. This will be a week long event with maybe 120 boats, two race courses (on the lake), dinners, lunches, housing and a ton of logistics. You'll hear a lot more about the event will be a qualifier for the Sunfish Worlds and of our Junior and Adult sailing school. There are a lot of those new, fancy, light sunfish all over the waterfront; multi-boat families are common.

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Finally, on a week to week basis, I'd like to focus on ways of picking up and passing along anything that improves our skills and enjoyment of racing. I encourage everyone to ask questions and give out those "secrets" on reading wind, boat set-up, RULES, starts, etc. We will grow by teaching. A new rule book and the chalk board will be available after racing; I strongly urge that we put them to good use.

Tell your friends, the SUNFISH FLEET IS HOT. See you at the "READY, READY"

Mark Weider
473-9346

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I was lucky enough to be able to pull my boat out from behind the garage last week with the help of Bill Bradburn. As we were contemplating a new set up for his cunningham, we came to realize that the tune-up race is less than 4 weeks away.

As you prepare your boat for the upcoming season, the primary thing on your mind should be safety of yourself and your crew. The recent loss of Larry Klein was a tragic reminder that our sport can sometimes be a dangerous one. Take the time this spring and occasionally throughout the year to check your rigging and your safety equipment. Make sure that your crew knows what to do in the event of a capsize. Would your crew be able to get the sails down if the skipper was unconscious? Does your crew know what to do if the skipper falls out of the boat? Are there enough life jackets on your boat, and even more important, do they fit properly?

I am going to ask the race committee to do more periodic safety checks this year. If any competing boat fails to have the proper safety equipment, they will be disqualified from that race.

Many thanks to all that were able to attend the fleet meeting at my house in January. Right now, all of the crash duty assignments for Sunday racing have been filled. If you need to switch with someone, please let me know as soon as possible. It was decided to make another attempt to pursue sailing on Lake Ontario with Newport Yacht Club from late June to early September.

Race instructions for this year will be available at the tune-up race. They will also be posted on the bulletin board in the club house. Extra copies will also be kept in the file box that is found in the kitchen. Changes to the race instructions will be posted as needed.

1995 should be an exciting year for the Thistle Class. The highlight will be the 50th Anniversary Celebration and National Championships at Cleveland Yacht Club. On February 28th, the Governing Board for the Thistle Class Association approved the procedure for qualifying to participate in the Nationals. A copy of this notice will be posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Other highlights include our regatta May 20-21 and the Districts on June 3-4 at Saratoga. The 25th annual Adirondack Invitational at the Saratoga Sailing Club will happen on June 17-18. Thursday Night Sailing will continue in the same format as last year beginning June 15 and running through July 6. We could go further if the interest is there.
In order to be able to participate in the Nationals, your boat must be registered and measured. Our district will be able to send more boats to the Nationals if a greater number of boats become measured and registered. We will be measuring boats and registering them the morning of May 28th before racing. If you can help with this or if you need to be measured, please let me know. If you are not sure about your status, please see Judy Tompkins.

I am looking forward to a great year. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to call.

Mike Fortner
671-7709

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Is it your job to do that? one of our Junior Sailors asked a member of the club as he was raking the beach one afternoon last summer.

No he replied, It just needed to be done.

I continued to help the youngster with his Optimist and smiled. I wonder if he learned more than sailing last summer? The members of the Canoe Club continue to amaze me when it comes to going beyond the call of duty.

The club is hosting two day regattas for both the Thistles and the Sunfish this year. A considerable amount of effort goes into these events on the part of the organizers, the race committee and the participants. It was decided by the board to eliminate Sunfish Racing on May 21st. (Thistle Regatta). There will be no racing on July 9th. for the Thistles (Sunfish Regional). If you can volunteer for these events or any others that are occurring this year, please let me or Mark Weider know. Thanks!

Mike Fortner,
Thistle Fleet Captain

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**JUNIOR/ADULT SAILING PROGRAM 1995**

"NO LIE, YOU CAN LEARN TO SAIL IN '95"

Due to a positive response the last two years, the RCC Junior Sailing Program will continue this summer. Mike Fortner and Doug Kaukeinen proposed the program at the last board meeting and it was approved. RCC members should have received information about the programs along with the dues notices that were sent out last month. If you know of any friends, neighbors, or co-workers who might be interested, please give them a copy of the registration flier.

This years program will be broken down into 3-1 week sessions and an additional adult evening class. The beginner session will be from June 26-30; the intermediate session, July 3-8; and the advanced session will be from July 10-14. Each session will run from 11 am-3 pm, M-F. The intermediate class will not meet on July 4, but a make-up date will be assigned. The adult sailing program will meet from 3:30-6:30 pm on June 26th, 27th; and July 3rd, 10th, and 11th.

The cost will be $60.00 per student per session. The class size will be limited to 10 participants, so sign up early. We have already received many phone calls about prospective participants. Additional registration fliers will be available at the Spring banquet or call Mike or Doug for a copy.

We will need adult shore volunteers in case of emergency, so let us know if you are available any of the program days. We will also need RCC members to donate their sunfish for the intermediate, advanced, and adult weeks. If you can provide a sunfish, let us know. If you have any preliminary questions, please give either Mike or Doug a call. See you on the water soon!

Mike 671-7709
Doug 346-6850
"It was a total club effort"

Tom Flaherty talking about the 1976 Thistle Nationals that RCC ran.

It’s been almost 19 years since Association Island, but I still remember it vividly, even though I was more interested in catching smallmouth bass instead of sailing. I remember how successful RCC was in organizing and hosting such a major regatta. My hope is that RCC can pull together once again on the 20th Anniversary of hosting the Thistle Nationals and coordinate a Superior Sunfish North American Championship. The tentative date for the Regatta is June 22-28, 1996.

On February 15, I met with the RCC board to bring them up-to-date concerning the NA’s. Many ideas where discussed, and it was decided that the preliminary NA committee along with the Regatta Co-chairpersons should meet to continue organizing the regatta. So on March 8th, J. Kaukeinen (Co-chair), M. Fortner, M. Weider, M. Ingham, T. Flaherty, D. Jolkovski, and D. Kaukeinen (committee members) met with the purpose of straightening out some preliminary logistic problems and to establish possible Regatta Committee Heads. The meeting accomplished a great deal, but we all realized that in order for RCC to pull this whole thing off, EVERY CLUB MEMBER needs to get involved in at least one aspect of this regatta.

Our main concerns are securing all the appropriate crash and committee boats and finding qualified people to run them. We are also worried about the possible parking nightmares if 130 people eat dinner at the club. P. Tompkins (co-chair) has already contacted some possible people to run the races, and these people mentioned that they may have access to lake worthy crafts. We are currently trying to compile a list of possible boats that we could use for the week, or part of it. If you know of any, please let one of the committee members know ASAP.

I have contacted Durand Eastman Park about the possibility of launching and storing the boats on the beach. All signs indicate that it would be no problem. T. Flaherty has contacted the supervisor of Camp Eastman (across the road from the beach) and he received a very positive response about using their facilities for regatta activities such as meals, skipper meetings, and toilets. I believe that the combination of these two sites would be the answer to our prayers. It would free up club space and parking and the competitors would have headache-free launching.

The rest of our meeting was spent discussing the Committees needed to run a successful regatta. We came up with the following:

- **Organization**—In charge of overseeing the whole regatta and coordinating the other committees (J. Kaukeinen, P. Tompkins, ???)
- **Publicity**—Regatta flyer, contact Windward Leg, Sailing World, and local newspapers and TV stations, write jibsheet articles (M. Fortner, M. Ingham, D. Kaukeinen)
- **Trophies**—(???)
- **Race Committee**—We need enough people for 2 race courses (???)
- **Status**—Race instructions, skipper’s meeting, regatta standings, official bulletin board (D. Kaukeinen, ???)
- **Protest**—Preferably US sailing Certified Judges (???)
- **Safety**—Crashboats and equipment (???)
- **Housing**—Camping, hotels, and homes of RCC members (J. and D. Kaukeinen)
- **Registration**—Collect regatta fees and meal charges, roster of competitors, measurement, boat chartering (???)
- **Launching/parking**—Help facilitate launching and parking (???)
- **Meals**—Breakfast, lunch, dinners (M. and K. Weider, ???)
- **Sponsors**—Obtain sponsors to supplement RCC’s budget (D. Jolkovski, ???)
- **Refreshment**—Cocktail parties, daily beer & soda (???)
- **Awards presentation**—Give credits and awards (???)
- **Entertainment**—(???)
- **Facilities**—Toilets, trash, security, tents, final cleanup, etc. (???)

As you can see, there are plenty of opportunities for you to get involved. Just look for the (???) . Please choose 1 or 2 of these committees that you feel you could help out with and contact J. Kaukeinen (865-3111) or P. Tompkins (227-0253) ASAP. Since it is a week long regatta, we would like to get a feel for how many of you can take vacation time to help out during the week. Please let us know if you are available. Also, how many of you are thinking about racing in the regatta??? See you at the banquet, work day, and on the water!

D. Kaukeinen
Regatta Liaison
We will be hosting a regatta to benefit Camp Good Days and Special Times on Monday, May 29th. (Memorial Day). The idea of the event is to promote sailing and raise money for a good cause. The registration fee will be a donation of your choice, with all money going to Camp Good Days. The format of the regatta will be just like the Brown Jug regatta in the fall. There will be starts for Sunfish, Lasers, Thistles, Snipes and Lightnings. I am hoping to have awards for all divisions.

I am looking for local businesses to donate awards or beverages for the regatta. These awards could be in the form of company products, gift certificates, meals to local restaurants or tickets to an entertainment or sporting event. In turn, these businesses would get some publicity and hopefully patronage from our membership.

I would also like to try to get some local celebrities to sail with a willing skipper to give them an idea of what sailing is like. If you have any connections or think you can help in any way, please give me a call.

Mike Fortner
671-7709

One of the most common complaints I hear from fellow sailors is that sailing and sailboat racing do not get enough coverage in the press and that our concerns are also not heard by our elected officials. People will complain that “all the other sports get coverage, why not us?” Well, we only have ourselves to blame. I think the main reason for this is our apathy about joining US Sailing, which is our national sailing organization. There are 31,100 total members of US Sailing, including club and organizations. Many more people who enjoy sailing and sailboat racing have neglected to join. Why is not important anymore. We should all try to join. The cost is pretty reasonable: $35 for an Individual membership and $50 for a Family membership. The Benefits are great:

- Rule Book or Log Book
- Discounts in Regatta
- Sailing World
- American Sailor
- Jr. American Sailor
- Many Other Benefits

Last year one could have saved an average of $5 dollars a regatta. If you go to 3 Regattas, that is half the membership fee. Also, everyone who races should have a rule book. To buy one is $15 dollars. When you join, you get one free. The $24 dollars you could save with a free subscription to Sailing World, one of the best magazines for racing sailors, is another good reason to join!

So help out our National Organization, our voice, and join. If enough of us join, we may see more sailing on TV and in the papers. You can do it over the phone. All you need is a credit card.: To join by phone, call: 1-800-USSAIL1 (1-800-877-2451)

Jim Gindling
Harbor Master
Too Much Water or Not Enough

Last fall, retiring Purser Marie Jolkovski noticed that RCC's water bills were increasing wildly. Some Sunfishers suspected that Bob Slebodnik's toothbrush-and-washcloth method of cleaning his boat might be the cause. Others thought the mere mention of a swimming pool in Steve Skewes' survey had caused hysterical collapse of the club's plumbing. One really mean-spirited guy (me) doubted the engineering and construction skills of Gesner, Gindling and Co. when putting in the posts for our new rear stairway.

Your club plumber (also me) prayed for the leak to heal itself before the lost water might erode a natural wonder to rival Letchworth right in our club's backyard. Meanwhile, visions of backhoes, battalions of pick-and-shovelers and old Panama Canal movies danced in my head. But hey! How hard could it be to find a leak in about a quarter-mile of probably buried pipe running, we think, somewhere in or near our property?

New Rear Commodore Steve Burns took the scientific approach. Early this spring, during an unusually dry spell, he had the town turn the water on, let the full town water pressure into our ailing pipes, and walked the club driveway with me in tow, looking for a suspicious wet spot. "Eureka", as they say in cheap stories. About halfway up, right next to the driveway, was a miniature Old Faithful. Digging revealed the PVC pipe, a broken connector, and The Leak!

A really advanced, state-of-the-art repair was devised by the latest technique of gazing down into the hole, leaning on shovels, and kicking pebbles, with the help of Commodore Frank Colgan.

The situation is expected to be under control in time to allow full benefit of indoor plumbing on our first work day, so no excuses! Still, it might be interesting to be able to launch our boats from the top of the hill. Hmmm... Maybe next year.

Dave Jolkovski
"Club Plumber"

Purser Report

A quick note about our budget this year -- The board approved an operating budget of just over $27,000. This represents a slight increase over last year due to the success of our Junior sailing program and the addition of the Adult sailing program.

As you may have noticed there were two additions to the 1995 dues form. An Assessment line for 1994, and the mistake on the back regarding the definition of an Associate Member. The Assessment was for those who did not have time to get to the club to pay for their beverages. The total owed the cooler represented over 200 cans of beverage.

I hope everyone caught the mistake I made on the Associate Member definition. The last line should have read: You may not bring boats to the club except for regattas. Sorry about that...

As of April 5th 48% of our budgeted dues had been collected. If you have yet to send in your dues, please do so as soon as possible. The Board approved the collection of a 10% late fee for dues collected after May 1st. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the dues payments, please don't hesitate to call me at 482-6154.

Thanks,

Steve Skewes
Purser
WELCOME BACK FRANK ANDREWS, FIRST RCC CHAMPION

Through the kindness of Ms. Vera Carroll, RCC has acquired 3 trophies won by Frank F. Andrews in 1884, 1886, and 1888, which are of considerable historical significance to the club.

On November 7, 1882, at age 29, Andrews became the Seventh member of RCC; he was a druggist for the Post drugstore on Exchange Street following a stint as a merchant seaman on Lake Ontario. He would become an officer, club champion, and central figure in RCC for many years. More than anyone else, he set RCC on its early course of highly competitive, same type, small boat racing, as then practiced by the paddling and sailing classes of The American Canoe Association, founded 1880.

After the ACA meeting at Stoney Lake, Canada, in 1883 (attended by RCC), he persuaded tugboat Captain George Ruggles, who was not yet a club member, but who was building small boats as a sideline, to build a sailing canoe incorporating Andrews' ideas. At the time, canoes of this ACA class were nominally 16 feet long, 30 inches wide, and had two sail rigs of either 70 or 100 square feet. They were built with overlapping planks and weighed about 90 to 120 pounds. Andrews' canoe, the "Sofronia", named after his mother, a Rochester pioneer, was built with thin butt-joint strips; very smooth, and very light at about 50 pounds. The "Sofronia" made its racing debut on the special occasion of the first annual regatta of RCC on June 19, 1884, which marked the opening of the first clubhouse just north of Newport House, where the bridge is now. A parade of 20 canoes opened the festivities, followed by 5 races in various paddling and sailing classes, including the infamous "upset" race in which everyone capsizes on signal and paddles to the finish. Andrews, now club captain (commodore), was expert at recovering in seconds with minimal water aboard. As a novelty, Charles Moody and Richard Gallagher swam across the bay and back, Gallagher winning in 23 minutes for a prize of $50. Other prizes were canoe headlights, double paddles, fishing and camping gear, flags, and watches. But the prize trophy was a silver cup inscribed "Presented by C.F. Wolters, won by Canoe Sofronia, F. F. Andrews, Master, Rochester Canoe Club, June 19, 1884" (trophies then were donated by other members; Wolters had a jewelry and silver store in the Reynolds Arcade). Andrews won the sailing race, got another first and two seconds in the others.

The fame of "Sofronia" and Ruggles canoes exploded after Andrews sailed in the 1884 ACA International Regatta at Grindstone Island, in which 180 canoes participated. Although Andrews was fouled racing, his boat's speed impressed the ACA Commodore to order his flagship - canoe, from Ruggles. In 1888, at the Lake George ACA meet, Ruggles canoes won every event, dominated by the famous canoe "Eclipse" built for Reginald Blake of the Brooklyn Canoe Club.

Andrews went on to win reputedly hundreds of prizes. Two other trophies now back at the club are a silver hip flask, "1st Prize Class B Sailing won by F. F. Andrews Aug. 20, 1886" and a silver bowl, "The Stewart Cup 1888, won by F. F. Andrews in a series of 5 races". A fourth trophy, a silver pitcher "RCC 1889 won by Frank Andrews Canoe Hornet" is being held by Ms. Carroll.

Frank Andrews died May 23, 1913 at age sixty at his home on Scio St. The trophies passed to a niece, Ruth Harmer (possibly in our 1892 group photo with him), to her son Arthur, to his companion, Vera Carroll. Thank you, Vera!

Research for this article came from news articles and directories of the time.

Leo Balandis
April 7, 1995
February 15, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Frank Colgan at his home at 6:40 PM.


The minutes from the last meeting (November 9, 1994) were read and approved.

PURSER
Steve Skewes presented the proposed 1995 budget for the Rochester Canoe Club. The only major change was under the Income section: the miscellaneous category was divided into miscellaneous, junior sailing, and adult sailing. Frank C. made a motion that the purser put some of the club's extra funds (out of the $39,115 Merrill Lynch fund) into CD's or bonds which would earn more money in interest. The motion was seconded and passed. Steve B. made a motion to approve the 1995 budget. Mike F. seconded the motion and it passed. The 1995 dues form has a few changes; an explanation of storage fees, a space for locker number, and a space for last year's beer assessment. One item of concern was that late fees (10% of total dues) have never been collected from late payers. This was discussed and it was decided that the purser should send a personal note to those people with this year's dues notice, stating that it will be enforced from now on.

VICE COMMODORE
Bill B. passed out the 1995 racing/social schedule. The spring banquet will be at Hemingways on Friday, April 21st. The board decided that it would be best to cancel Sunfish racing on Sunday, May 21st, and Thistle racing on Sunday, July 9th, due to the home regattas scheduled for those weekends.

REAR COMMODORE
Steve B. has done some research on new storage sheds for the club; one by the waterfront (with electricity) for the race committee equipment, and one on the west side of the clubhouse (to replace current one) to store Optimist parts and other tools. He estimated he would need about $3-4,000 for these projects. It was decided that a committee consisting of Steve B., Frank C., and Jim G. would choose the appropriate sheds.

HARBOR MASTER
Jim G. has spoken to a salesman from Cross Brothers (the company that manufactured our current hoist), and gotten an estimate for lengthening the arm of our crane: 16 foot I-beam ($336), ball-bearing trolley ($106), cable system ($270), installation labor ($1200), and a rented forklift to complete the job ($406). The sum total (plus tax) is $2503.44. The new arm would increase the swing distance by 5 feet and would still be able to lift 3/4 of a ton. Rich C. made a motion to go with this estimate. Frank C. seconded the motion and it passed. Other dock ideas were discussed and it was decided that Jim (along with Mike F. and Frank C.) should get some estimates from various companies for dock ideas and costs.

SUNFISH NORTH AMERICANS
Doug K. handed out a regatta update, the written confirmation from the Sunfish class president, and a packet titled "Guidelines and Procedures for Running a Sunfish North American Championship". Pat T. and Joe K. have met and are mostly concerned about current lack of race committee people and crash boats. They will try to contact RYC again. Doug brought up the fact that on some occasions in the past, the Sunfish class has provided an RC chairperson for the regatta. The original committee (Mike I., Mark W., Mike F., Pat T., Tom F., Don V., Joe K., and Dave J.) will meet again to discuss volunteer problems, etc.

JUNIOR SAILING
Mike F. handed out the 1995 Junior Sailing proposal. The only major addition from last year is the idea of sending Mike and Doug to Level 2 Instructor School and purchasing some Junior Sailing books. The board approved of this idea and the proposal as a whole. Also; Junior Sailing notices will be sent out with the 1995 dues notices.

THISTLE FLEET CAPTAIN
The 1995 crash boat schedule has been completed! Mike discussed the situation with Newport a bit—apparently they will only be sailing on Sundays this summer. Mike also passed out a schedule for a tentative charity regatta that he would like the club to host on Memorial Day this summer. The board talked about this idea for a while, and
it was decided Mike should pursue this, with help from Steve S., Doug K., and Jim G.

**SUNFISH FLEET CAPTAIN**
The summer Sunfish regatta schedule is as follows:

- Oswego (June 3),
- Quaker Lake (June 10),
- RCC Regional (July 8-9),
- Centrals @ Sodus (July 15-16),
- Pultneyville (August 12),
- Quaker Lake (August 19)
- Oswego (September 23).

This summer, Mark would like to see more chalk talks on rules, more starts (maybe Thursday nights?) and some Sunfish racing instructions.

**JIBSHEET**
Rich would like to use more photos in the Jibsheet, and proposed that he look into buying a scanner (approximately $150). The board approved. April 1st will be the deadline for new articles.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 5 at 6:30 PM at Frank's house.

The meeting was adjourned 10:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Tompkins,
RCC Secretary

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**SURVEY COMMENTS**

This is the last installment of the 1994 Membership Survey results. With the start of a new sailing season, I thought it would be appropriate to share the comments written in for the question: *What should the club do to improve the club and attract new members?* (The comments represent a fair cross section of the membership and are not in any order.)

- Keep a little cleaner (i.e. dead bugs on window sills)
- Keep concentrating on PEOPLE rather than things
- I think changing the name and offering classes with lots of publicity (posters in local Y and other sports & family places) could help a lot. How about offering a get-them interested program to scout troops or church youth groups?!?
- Determine if we want to stress sailing, or racing. There are probably more people who would sail and not race. Sailing to enjoy an afternoon is not truly comfortable for a family in a Thistle.
- Allow sailboards and get a new class that can be raced and yet can be sailed for fun w/o fear of losing body parts. My kids hate the Thistle. It is not user friendly.
- Don’t try to do everything at once. We cannot afford it, and be careful that you keep the relaxed atmosphere. We’re not really the Yacht Club types - THANK GOD!!!
- Inviting people for square dancing and Sundays. It is on Sunday, they see the racing, activities, dinner and experience the quiet after supper, they can see what nice people belong to the Club.
- Upstairs - move men’s room upstairs and make both rest rooms modern and airy. Get rid of the smelly men’s room and expand lockers and storage. Add on to front with modern winterized heated lounge section. We need showers. Get rid of metal windows. We need to find some way(s) of getting new sailors up to speed and competitive sooner. Maybe tone down the competitiveness and emphasize teaching. Draw experienced crew by lot.???
- Additional sailing/training such as Thur. night series. Possibly have members Sunfish available for non-members. Increase publicity and coordination of activities.
- From about 1965 to the late ‘70’s, I crewed for Tomkins. During this time, my sons, wife and I made lasting friendships and enjoyed the camaraderie and activities. Why have I kept up membership long after ending regular sailing competition? The attractions are:

1. Camaraderie with old friends
2. Access to a beautiful piece of property
3. Access to a hoist for occasional sailing
4. Access to water for swimming - far better than a pool
5. The Sunday evening hors d’oeuvres and covered dish supper, and volleyball which we have often attended.
6. The Ice Breaker and Fall parties - famous for hors d’oeuvres and Mt. Gay rum, also the winter parties in recent years.
7. The pleasure of being asked to participate occasionally, in committee boat or crash boat, or organizing the square dancing, or whatever.
8. Finally, all this has been available at a cost within my means - I could not afford dues at the
Rochester Yacht Club (I think this person speaks for the vast majority of us)

- The future of RCC depends on maintaining a membership large enough to maintain the facilities and property. The decline in number of boats racing over the past decade raises questions about survival. The club’s charter states a narrow purpose - promotion of one design racing, and participation in Thistle or Sunfish class racing has been a restriction on recruitment. The time may be near when survival will necessitate a broader purpose attractive to a larger segment of the population.

- Personally, I would be pleased if we were a club promoting sailing, rowing, paddling, or steam (but not gas or diesel!!) in any craft 20’ or under.

- I would think some improvements might be importation for the future: a sewer connection, a new water line, a launching ramp, and if winter use ever seems possible then some part of the present clubhouse winterized and heated.

- Look nice; have good facilities for sailing, teach members how to sail to their best ability

- Have more open houses & adult sailing lessons, and start a J-Y 15 fleet for less experienced and younger sailors (a two person self rescuing boat). Do no put any money into the old clubhouse - it should eventually be replaced.

- New members come from people “interested” in sailing but without a place and boat. RCC is “dead in the water” because it is not socially fun to learn to sail in a Sunfish (one person boat) and the Thistle is a very difficult boat for new sailors to handle and learn in. Pick a two person boat that’s fast, easy, safe.

- Improve the driveway - it’s intimidating to new people and guests. It needs attention even more than the clubhouse needs help. The Jr. Sailing program is great. Extend it for 2 weeks (maybe limit it to just 2 sessions). Increase the fee to cover some compensation to Mike & Doug (if not already being done) and advertising costs - people don’t know this is available to non-members and so close by. Get more people to attend regattas, including Juniors, to represent the Club - the Club’s best asset is its members.

- Stay informal & personable & continue the Thurs. night / non-competitive racing type series.

- Organize storage; make clubhouse more attractive (hire interior decorator). Continue Open House and keep current members aware of need for recruitment.

- In my opinion, major improvements to the Club will not attract new members. We must advertise our Club more widely, cultivate our potential new members and maintain the junior sailing program with perhaps the addition of an adult one.

- Spruce up clubhouse by a little painting or wallpaper - new wood stove - fix ceilings - move Optimist rack off beach - hire a person to do the clubhouse grounds, flower beds, etc. and clean clubhouse weekly.

- Buy mailing lists form area sailing classes - RYC, Shumway, Museum & Science Center, RIT Phys Ed. and pitch to them. Investigate community sailing programs - club owns a fleet of boats and owners pay a fee to use them on a first come, first served basis. Boats can be used for day sailing or racing. The fee covers all boat costs and participants don’t have to worry about storage, insurance, maintenance, etc.

- Pitch to women sailors. For me, RCC was an easy way to start helming in a low cost, supportive yet competitive environment. Those are key factors for many women sailors.

- Over the years, the Sunfish fleet has grown, while the Thistle fleet has declined. This is do to more and shorter races for Sunfish and a one person boat. Therefore a two person boat and more, shorter races would increase growth and activity.

- Strongly feel we should have shower facilities for members and guests.

- More open houses, social events (invite a guest), more press (continue), overlooking deck.

- The RCC is an exceedingly pleasant place to visit while my wife sails. I love the people, location and facilities. I wish I had more time. When the baby gets bigger, YES, YES, YES!!!

- Spend more time on grounds - garden etc. offer more incentive for people interested in crewing.(special crew membership?)

- RYC has all the upscale facilities - RCC has the gracious lawns & restful atmosphere. A particular insanity has overtaken RYC - spend money. RCC makes sailing available to folks.

- Publicize, offer instruction to adults, new name.

- The sum of it all: “A swimming pool is too small to race in!”

Thank you to everyone who took the time to write down comments. Your insite is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at 482-6154.

Steve Skewes


**Ski Day Success - 95**

The sixth annual RCC Ski Day was held at Hunt Hollow Ski Club on February 11th. We tried a Saturday this year instead of the usual Friday which made the tickets more expensive but allowed for a longer ski day for some. Eric Gesner and Judy Tompkins had skis waxed and were ready to go at 2:59.

Conditions were beautiful and snow was falling to make for great skiing for the 25-30 RCC members who showed up. Well, great skiing for almost all. Jim Tompkins was half way out on the cross country trail when in his enthusiasm to keep up with Patty ripped his binding right off his ski. Speaking of keeping up, it was tough keeping up with Gary and Carol Fritz who were trying out their new skis and boots.

To some, snow and speeding down slopes wasn’t all that important. Corey Kaukeinen was content chasing after Billy Bradburn who kept one step ahead of him under the tables. Doug Kaukeinen however couldn’t resist the call of the wild and put on Joe’s boots, skis, and parka and headed out for a few runs.

Tom Wickes enjoyed cross country skiing and good food but jumped into his car and headed home at the height of the snow storm that had really settled in after dinner. The snow did let up in a while and we didn’t see Tom in a snow bank on the way home so I assume he made it home safely.

All four Skillmans were there as usual but Rich and Jan Connelly made the ski party for the first time and had a good time so we should see them again next year. If you didn’t attend we missed you and suggest you do next year. Thanks go to Bill Bradburn for organizing this year’s Ski Day.

**Welcome New Members!**

Bob Slebdonik & Lisa Gambino proudly and happily announce the newest addition to the Rochester Canoe Club. She is Kathryn Ann Slebodnik (a.k.a. Katie).

The new sailor was born on January 28th at 0812. Displacement: 6 lbs., 13 oz. Length at waterline: 19 1/2 in.

Prerace preparations were hectic with birth occurring only 1 1/2 hours after arrival at the course (ie. hospital). Typical of Sunfish fleet races it was a short course (ie. labor) lasting only 5 hrs. Katie was at the starting line right on time (being born exactly on her due date). She sheeted-in quickly and made rapid progress toward the weather mark.

Bob & Lisa wish to thank Canoe Club Members for all their good wishes, cards, and encouragement.

**Welcome New Members!**

**Dues Paying Division**

The Board of Directors of RCC is happy to announce the new membership of Jeff Gutenberg, wife Lisa, and children, Laurel, age 9, and Ben, age 7. They live at 245 Brooklawn Dr. in Rochester. Some of you may have met Jeff and family last summer when Jeff attended the third week of Junior Sailing. Jeff sailing interests are in skippering a Sunfish and he hopes to have his own boat soon. Welcome aboard!

P.S. Any RCC members are welcome to ski at Hunt Hollow (next year) Wednesday through Friday by saying at the ticket counter while buying a ticket that you are our guest. On Saturday and Sundays you need to call us ahead of time and we will call and tell them to expect you.
Welcome to a new sailing season for all of us and the start of our 3rd year and 7th issue as editors of the Jib Sheet. This issue is full of stories from this winter's activities and plans for the upcoming seasons.

As mentioned here in the past, we want to express our appreciation and give full recognition to the authors for the outstanding job they have done. This month we have many repeat contributors and some first timers. They have, like all the past authors, distinguished themselves as hard working and talented. Thank you, one and all!

Over the course of seven issues, the size of the Jib Sheet has grown considerably, with this and the last issue being about triple the size of the first issue. This expansion is appropriate as it is becoming a better reflection of the level of activity going on at RCC. Some of this growth is due to us "just catching up" with the areas of club life where the activities that have been ongoing and successful. The rest of the growth appears to be coming from true expansion in club programs like the increased size of the Sunfish fleet, the Junior Sailing program, Thursday Night Sailing, and the keen interest being shown in the history of RCC.

Our request has been and continues to be; if you're the primary person involved with an activity, please share it in the form of an article with your fellow sailors. The response to this has been excellent. In fact, for last December's issue, the response was so good, it was almost overwhelming for our ability and computer resources - a TRS-80 Mod 1, 48K mem, clock speed doubler kit, dual high density floppy drives (180K each!), Scripsit V3.1 with Spell Check, and Mx-80 dot-matrix output! (just kidding) But, the issue went out. We were most proud and you were most appreciative (thank you!). It would appear we might have learned from the experience as this issue is almost done, and it has gone much smoother.

For the next issue - deadline around August 1st - we will have a Logitech Hand Scanner that will allow us to include copies of photographs at a reasonable quality level with the articles (our apologies to C.B. and the other babies featured in December). Please consider submitting a snapshot with your next article (good as a thousand words...). If you have a favorite family or sailing picture, how about writing an article around it and submitting them both. Till then, see you on the water.

Rich & Jan Connelly
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**Junior Sailing Program @ RCC**
- **Beginner Session**: June 26-June 30
- **Intermediate Session**: July 3-July 8 (None on 7/4)
- **Advanced Session (Junior/Adult)**: July 10-July 14
- **Adult Session (Beginner)**: M&T, 3:30-7:00PM, 6/26-7/1

**Event Notes**
- **Sunfish Regatta-North Americans @ Lewes, Delaware**: July 30-Aug. 4 (None on 7/4)
- **Thistle Regatta-Great Lakes @ Crescent Yacht Club, Detroit, MI**: July 15-16
- **Thistle Regatta-Atlantic Coasts @ NYACK Boat Club (Hudson River)**: July 22-23
- **Other Sunfish Events-TBA**
- **Thistle Regatta-Nationals & TCA 50th Anniv Party @ Cleveland, Ohio**: Aug. 3-11