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125th Anniversary Rochester Canoe Club 1881 – 2006

August 26, 2006
2 p.m. to whenever

As I write this people are coming out of the woodwork to confirm their reservation for the 125th Anniversary Party. I believe that a total of 150 people is within range. Many are former members that have moved on but are looking forward to coming back to the club. The stories should be grand!

Activities start in the afternoon at 2:00 with sailing canoes, a 10-person war canoe, historical displays and general frivolity. Right now we are working on display of a 1880s vintage sailing canoe and maybe 3 replica sailing canoes for you to try your skill. Cocktails start at 5:00 with ceremonies at 6:00 and dinner at 7:00. Enjoy a bonfire and the gentle lapping of bay water on the shore into the night (I hope).

Thanks to all the club members that have volunteered to help around the club and to assist at the event. Lets put on the last push to complete the improvements before the big event and be sure to help out when the day arrives.

Let me know ASAP of your plans. Questions – please call Mark Weider 473-9346



FROM THE COMMODORE

Gary Skillman



Gary The Happy Pirate!

Have you noticed? A lot of fixing up has been happening around the club in the last few weeks. We're clearing the decks and battening down the hatches for the 125th Anniversary Party. Jere Willsey has organized work parties and the faithful have shown up to spruce up the place. There still is one more work day scheduled on Aug 19th and I'm sure Jere can put you to work when you show up. Check with him to volunteer for those few jobs that remain. We all benefit from repairs and upgrades, if you haven't done your share yet, please make an effort to pitch in. The dedication and work of the members that have given up their free time shows a lot of pride in being a member of RCC. As long as this spirit persists, RCC will remain a strong sailing club for the next 125 years.

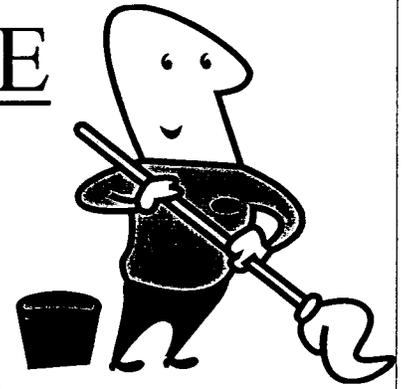
Mark Weider has been doing the brunt of the work in preparation for the 125th. I hear he has over 125 people signed up so far, and the responses and checks are still rolling in. Check his article in this Jib Sheet for more info. And, make sure you have sent your response in to him.

You may have noticed a second lock on the gate at the top of the hill. It turns out a couple of our neighbors have access rights to come down our road to reach their property. The old Clark property that is for sale is one, and another neighbor's property line includes a small corner at the back of our parking lot. We added the second lock so that access can be had through our gate, but the key used is no longer a club key that also can open the club house. I don't know why we didn't think of this solution a long time ago. Credit Kevin Loftus for coming up with the idea for the second lock.

The Board of Directors approved two more membership applications. Check out Pat Tompkins article for a brief background on our new members and make a point to introduce yourself to our newest members.

Gary Skillman
Commodore

YO MAMA DON'T LIVE HERE

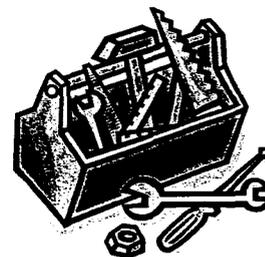


She might be a member, but she Isn't here to clean up after you. So why do you leave a mess behind. RCC is run with the help of some very dedicated volunteers. We have people who tend to the crash boats, others that do a wonderful job on the committee boat, and still more that organize and run the regattas and see to the many repairs around the grounds. But, we don't have anyone designated to take your empty bottles back to Wegmans, or to clean up the trash you left behind. At the last board meeting a resolution was passed to make the club a 'carry in and carry out' operation. You bring it in, then you take it out. That means:

1. Take home all empty beer and soda pop bottles and cans.
2. As you leave for the day don't be afraid to take a plastic bag of garbage out to the dumpster. And don't forget to add a new plastic liner to the trash can as you do.
3. Clean up the kitchen putting things away.
4. Put the lounge chairs back in the clubhouse in an orderly fashion.
5. Sweep the floor in the kitchen and in the main area.
6. Rearrange the tables and benches in an orderly fashion.
7. Take home all leftovers from the refrigerator.

A VIEW FROM THE REAR

Rear Commodore



The REAR has all the tools!

The date for the 125th party is almost here and there are a lot of projects to be completed and housekeeping tasks to be done to make our club a little more presentable and “party ready”. That’s why we have scheduled two more general work parties on Saturday August 12th and 19th. We will also notify everyone of these dates via email and a telephone tree. If these dates do not fit your schedule, do not despair, we are offering an “anytime special” just for you. Actually there has been individuals and groups of dedicated club members at the club during the week, picking away at the “to do” list on the bulletin boards. You can join in on the fun or pick a project to do on your own at your pace. Maybe there is a project that you feel needs to be done at the club, but is not on the list. Please clear it with me first, and then have at it.

I need to make brief commentary. The RCC has always been to my knowledge a “do it yourself” club. It’s how we keep the dues so affordable and I think adds to the pride of ownership. But, this labor of love should not be performed by a just a select few (thank heavens for them), but by the whole membership. I would estimate that if we had to have a maintenance staff here, our dues would go up by ten times. \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$. So rejoice, join in on the fun, and think of all the money your saving by participating.

Jere Willsey

********WORK PARTIES********

Saturday August 12th

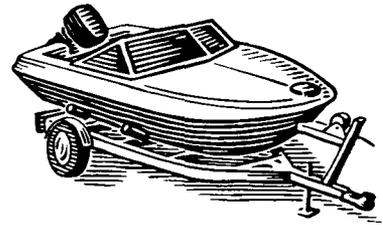
Saturday August 19th

And/or

The anytime special

HARBOR MASTER'S REPORT

Mike Conklin



Mike and team keep us sailing safely!

For those of you that don't know we have been having trouble with the crash boat engines. The large whaler has had problems since last year and despite several trips to two different mechanics, it has yet to be resolved. We are running out of possible fixes and may very well have to use our reserve funds to replace it.

MEMBERSHIP THOUGHTS

At the RCC board meeting on July 31, we discussed ways to increase our membership. In the past the RCC membership has been much higher, at one time we had a fleet of 50 Thistles. Here are some ideas for us to discuss:



Possible New RCC Members

We need to promote the club in local newspapers and other community wide media. Sometimes listings of "sailing clubs" do not include "The Rochester Canoe Club." Our "Open Houses" this year and last year were well attended. Where are those people? Some have signed up for sailing lessons and submitted membership applications.

Considering all this – I am proposing 2 ideas.

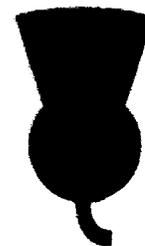
1. Expand our adult sailing classes. Hold classes on a weeknight. Participants would sign up ahead of time and pay a fee. These classes would include beginner lessons and racing technique classes.
2. Add a paddle membership to our clubs activities. Kayakers and canoeists could store their boats. The paddle group could meet on Saturdays. They would have a representative on the board. And most important of all pay dues and participate in maintaining our property.
Nyack, NY started a Paddle group at their sailing club. It was successful. Many paddlers became interested in sailing and eventually bought sailboats! For more information about Nyack : www.nyackboatclub.org/index.html

What do you think?

Barbara Harmer

THISTLE NEWS

Bill Dexter



It was a great week at the Thistle Nationals at beautiful North Cape Yacht Club on Lake Erie in LaSalle, Michigan. One hundred boats from across the country competed. 20% of the 40-boat championship division were from the Niagara Frontier district.

It was also great to reacquaint with old friends and meet new sailors, as we mingled throughout the week both on the water and at social events. It's encouraging to see that after sixty years the Thistle Class is still going strong. It also made me wonder what we can do to strengthen and grow our own fleet. The future of our fleet and Rochester

Canoe Club depends on interesting new people in sailing. It might seem that this challenge would not be complicated. Recently, I was asked where to go for a sailing lesson and the answer was not so simple.

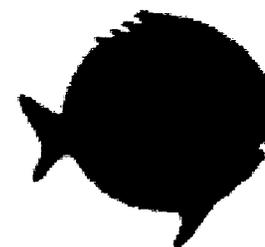
A suggestion at the last board meeting was for the club to consider giving adult sailing lessons. This would be a great opportunity to get people down to the club and out on the water. By teaming a boat and skipper with two students, there is an opportunity for hands-on instruction and interaction that makes people feel more comfortable.

The program could run for several weeks in the summer on Saturdays or a weeknight. Skippers could rotate in and out of the program as their schedule permits. This would all be on a volunteer basis and the proceeds would benefit the club. The Ensign fleet at Canandaigua has a adult sailing program several years ago with great success and fleet growth as a result.

It's a shame that many older Thistles at the club are falling into disrepair, boats that could still be sailed and raced. Having owned a wood boat for many years, I've learned a lot about maintaining it. Fiberglass Thistles still contains many wood components; while wood provides greater strength and increases competitive life, it does require more maintenance. Perhaps our fleet could take on a restoration project and get a boat back on the water in racing condition. In the process, we learn a little more about maintaining our own boats and save one from the landfill.

SUNFISH NEWS

Roy Wiener



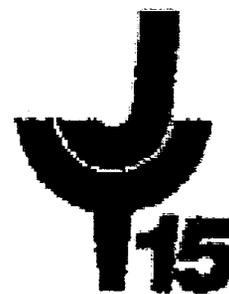
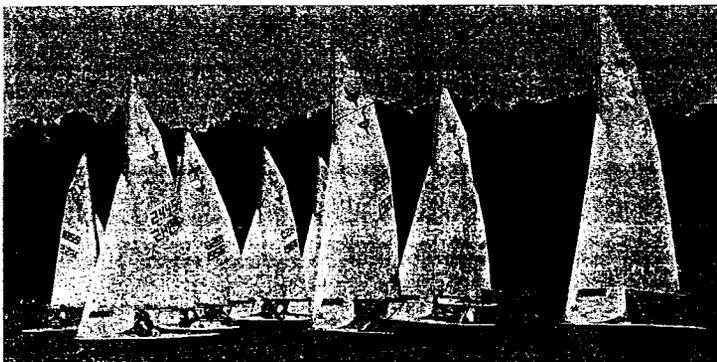
Ahoy Sunfish Fleet:

Congratulations to Mike Fortner for 1st place in our spring series.

Mark your calendar for the Sunfish regatta at RCC September 16-17. We hope to have many participants from the Thistle and JY fleets as well as from outside the club; (in addition to the RCC Sunfishers of course).

Please let me know if you are available for crash boat for any of the sessions.

Sunfish Regatta at RCC
September 16, 17



Rochester Canoe Club JY15 Fleet 77 Fleet Captain's 2006 Mid-Season Report

So what were you doing 125 years ago? OK how about your ancestors. The RCC JY Fleet was minus 115 years old when a small group of intelligent, outdoor loving enthusiasts pondered the frogs on the Irondequoit Bay and decided to form the Rochester Canoe Club to foster fun and friendship on, in and off the water. I'll leave the actual historical details to Leo Balandis. Do the math, yes the RCC JY15 Fleet is ten years old. Rather humbling in comparison to the longevity of our club. We salute and congratulate the Rochester Canoe Club and all the great people over the past century who have made the club such a gem of enjoyment for so many. Thank you RCC members and friends - past, present and future!!

JY Class Association News

JY15 North American Championships are August 18-20 at the Beaufort Yacht and Sailing Club in South Carolina. The RCC team of Kevin and Serina Lofftus are heading south to join the fun and represent us. Looks like about 25 to 30 boats will be participating in the three day regatta. Best of luck Kevin and Serena!!

The class association organizes JY fleets into four U.S. regions – Northeast, Southeast, Midwest and Southwest. We are a US based one-design racing class. The **RCC JY Fleet 77 is part of the Midwest region of the JY Class** with Mark Allen from the Pontiac Yacht Club, Clawson, Michigan as our regional representative (allenaudio@yahoo.com). Birgit Gillman is class secretary (giddyup4588@sbcglobal.net). I encourage all JY sailors to support the class by sending in your 2006 JYCA membership application and racing in one or more out of town regattas. Membership, regatta and other JY15 information can be found on the JYCA website at <http://www.jyca.org/default.asp>

RCC JY Fleet News

Our **RCC JY15 Invitational regatta** was held July 15-16 with two great days of racing. JY Class secretary and husband Birgit and Kevin Gillman drove up from Connecticut to take home 2nd place behind the RCC team of Sue and Neil Armstrong. Kevin and Serena Lofftus wrapped up 3rd place with some consistent racing across a wide spectrum of wind conditions. Another out of town guest skipper was exRCC member and JY owner Arturo Oti up from Virginia. Of the ten boats participating, five were staffed with guest skippers and crew. We also had five Juniors crewing on boats, many of them hot off the Canoe Club Junior sailing program. Thank you to the race committee, volunteers and participants for making our regatta a successful weekend of fun.

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JY NEWS Continued

RCC JY15 Invitational Regatta

July 15-16, 2006

Series Summary

PI	Sail	Crew	Tot	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	1955	Neil Armstrong & Sue	19	1	3	2	2	2	5	1	1	2
2	2414	Kevin Gillman & Bergit	22	2	1	3	1	1	1	2	4	7
3	1959	Kevin Lofftus & Serena	32	4	2	4	3	3	4	3	3	6
4	741	Ralph Simpson & Rachel	33	3	5	1	4	4	2	7	6	1
5	1956	Dan Lawless & Danny	45	6	4	8	5	6	6	4	2	4
6	1232	Steven Powers & John	46	5	6	6	6	5	3	5	5	5
7	2445	Arturo Oti & Conner/Lynn	63	7	7	5	7	7	8	12\DNF	7	3
8	1855	Arn Lager & Eric/Alan	74	10	9	9	8	8	7	6	9	8
9	1960	Robb Brown & Rosie	88	9	10	10	10	12\DNS	12\DNS	8	8	9
10	2251	Ted Lawless, Cathy/Paul & Carol	92	8	8	7	9	12\DNF	12\DNS	12\DNS	12\DNS	12\DNS

Crew, Skippers, Boats needed or available. There is often a skipper or two who needs crew or member or guest who wants to race a JY or go for a pleasure cruise around the bay. See Ralph Simpson or a member of the JY Fleet to make arrangements. Don't be shy! Send any interested parties our way.

Club JY15. Please contact fleet captain Ralph Simpson if you want to take the club JY out for a spin or for racing on Sunday. Any other day of the week, please use the sign up sheet and information on the JY bulletin board in the RCC club house.

JY15 Mini Clinic. On the July 4th weekend, RCC JY Fleet Member Hank Sessellberg led a short clinic on sailing a JY with extra focus on capsized recovery. I think Hank capsized his boat about 25 times before calling it a day. Many benefited and got wet from the demonstrations! Thank you for sharing your sailing knowledge and experience Hank!

2006 Season JY Fleet Priorities. A status check against our priorities set at the beginning of the season ... 1) Have fun; 2) Build the fleet & increase participation; 3) Support the JY Class; 4) Improve fleet racing skills & knowledge; 5) Have Fun

I believe we have hit all five priorities and plan to continue supporting them for the balance of the 2006 season.

Keep the wind in your sails and a smile on your face!

Ralph

RCC JY15 Fleet Captain

P.S. Please see me if you are interested in purchasing RCC 125th logo T-shirts, polo shirts, pub glasses or temporary tattoos. Profits go to support our club.



JUNIOR & ADULT SAILING CAMP 2006

The 2006 RCC Sailing Program was held during the 1st three weeks of the summer. Weeks 1 and 3 (June 24th—28th, July 10th—14th) consisted of junior beginners in the morning and intermediates in the afternoon. Week 2 (July 3rd—7th) consisted of adult beginner in the morning and race clinic in the afternoon. The program was a huge success for many reasons.

1. Within 2 weeks, we had 4 membership applications on the bulletin board all from former sailing camp participants or their families. These short 3 weeks of lessons has netted many new members over the years.
2. The program supports itself financially. We had a total of 65 participants and 11 instructors. After paying for t-shirts, equipment, parts, and salaries, there was some extra money that went directly into the RCC treasury.
3. Participants REALLY learned how to sail and in most cases had FUN doing it.

I would like to personally thank Mike Fortner for guiding me through the registration process; Mark Weider for being my sidekick for 3 weeks. Mark is an amazing teacher and a great friend. Thanks to Steven Powers who was the 1st one to arrive every morning and was our safety boat guy. Thanks to Jordan Garbarino for all his sense of humor and Gina God for her amazing smile. Thanks to Leslie Howitt, Sam Ingham, Joe Kaukeinen, Corey Kaukeinen, Caitlin Garbarino, and Rosie Dixon for helping us out as well.

In a previous Jibsheet, I asked for boat and boat part donations. I would like to thank Mike McCourt for donating his sunfish to the program. We really needed it and the boat was put to good use. If anyone else has an inactive sunfish, sail, centerboard or rudder laying about, please consider donating it to the program.

Pictures on the following page.....

VISUAL MEMORIES OF SAILING CAMP 2006



Max Fischer, Ian Fien, and Mark taking the Thistle for a run!



Erin Fien showing us how it's done on the pram. What a smile!



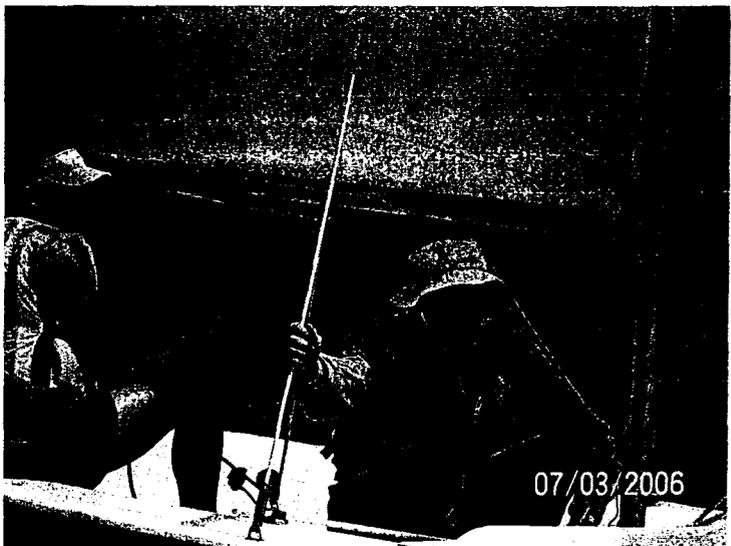
Lynne Orr back for a 2nd year and loving it! She just bought a sunfish.



John Muir equipped with smile, a positive attitude and a questioning mind.



Jon Stechow showing us that sailing isn't just about staying upright!



Neil's dream come true....Granddaughter Carrie Kane helming the JY-15!

RULES CORNER

As always, I rely very heavily upon Dave Perry for his excellent explanation of the issues involved.

In the specific situation to be discussed, three boats are beating toward the windward mark. Boat S is on starboard tack and is approaching two boats sailing overlapped and near each other on port tack: PL (leeward) and PW (windward).

PL realizes that she is on a collision course with S, but is unable to tack away due to the proximity of PW. Rule 19.1 was written to handle this situation.

One option is for PL to bear off on port tack and duck S. In fact, the rules require that PL do this unless "a substantial course change" is needed to safely avoid S.

The word "substantial" is not defined in the rules, but Dave Perry interprets "substantial" as a change of course of more than 10 degrees.

So, if PL decides that a substantial course change would be needed to avoid S, AND she is sailing close hauled or above; then she can hail PW requesting room to tack.

It is important that PL be looking and thinking ahead as this situation develops because PL is required to give PW "time to respond". It is important that the skipper of PL make every effort to hail loudly and clearly to PW; calling the skipper by name if possible and briefly outlining the situation is encouraged.

Once hailed, PW must respond by either:

"tacking as soon as possible, in which case the hailing boat (PL) must also tack as soon as possible; or "replying 'you tack', in which case the hailing boat (PL) shall tack as soon as possible", and PW shall give room.

Note that once PL hails for room to tack, she is committed; she must not delay her tack or change her mind about tacking due to strategic considerations.

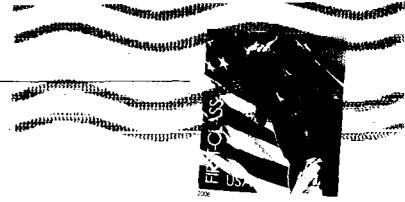
PL is at the highest risk of committing a foul in this situation; she must anticipate the problem, hail early enough to allow PW to respond, and tack promptly. However, PL should generally be given the benefit of the doubt when asking for room from PW.

To avoid a foul, PW should promptly respond when hailed; even if she does not believe the hail by PL is appropriate. If she does believe the hail was not proper, she can protest after tacking away or giving room to tack to PW.

Roy Wiener

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In the future I would like a variety of articles in addition to the standard board member reports. If you have an idea about an article, by all means contact me. We are always looking for fresh ideas about the Jib Sheet. So start writing down your favorite sailing experiences and get them published in the "sheet".

I would also like to include photos, both sailing action and people pictures. If you have any digital images that you would like to share, please e-mail them to me.

If you have any other comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 544-2159. Thanks.

Doug



The Rochester Canoe Club as seen from across the bay. What an amazing site!