

RCR Yachts

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What's New? By Don Finkle: Our friends at Ullman Sails & Obersheimers in Buffalo were wise to schedule their Sailing Seminar for tomorrow night instead of competing with the home Sabres game tonight against Washington. Do you think there might be some noise when Ryan

Miller comes onto the ice?

The action down south continues for some of our local racers, with the Miami Grand Prix and the Conquistador Cup this week, followed by the Bacardi Cup for J/24's, Bacardi Miami Race Week and the J/22 Midwinters next week. Also the Lightning Southern Circuit starts next week too. Good luck to all!

We always appreciate when our contributors send us news to print here. This week we want to thank Hank Stuart, Kevin Brown, Jon Faudree and Louis Johnson for providing us with updates and comments for you. Jon's comments on roll-tacking from his perspective as a coach are especially interesting.

There is a ton of stuff scheduled over the next few weeks, seminars, classes, speakers, check the event calendar below.

The other day a truck stopped by RCR here in Youngstown and delivered a large 3' high heavy wooden crate that had "Boat Model" written on the outside, along with numerous Fragile stickers. It was moved into my showroom with hand truck. My name was on the label. It was totally unexpected, and I began to think I had some secret admirer who was sending me a BIG present. Upon opening the crate I found one of the most beautiful trophies I have ever seen...a large scale model of a Farr (Mumm) 30, fully rigged. Every detail was modeled, I have no idea how much this thing cost, but it was a lot. Darn, not for me after all. Turns out it is the Farr 30 Great Lakes Championship

trophy and it's on the way to Buffalo YC for the regatta this July during LYRA and I was just the drop-off point. Almost makes one want to go buy a Farr 30.

When you are planning your summer schedule you should have the LYRA Regatta at Buffalo YC on the calendar as a "must do". The trip will be worth it, whether you are coming from Central or Western Lake Erie or Lake Ontario. Don't let the Welland Canal scare you, everybody should make that trip at least once. It is no big deal, it is an interesting transit, and you'll be doing it with other boats in a flotilla. First-rate race officers are being brought in for the event. It is BYC's 150th Anniversary. Stay tuned for continued news of this special event.

March 4, Obersheimer-Ullman Buffalo Seminar, Downwind Sailing

July 30-Aug 1, Special Events Included in the LYRA at Buffalo YC:

Beneteau First 36.7 Great Lakes Championship
 Farr 30 Great Lakes Championship
 IRC Eastern Great Lakes Championship

Thanks to Hank Stuart for the following news:

March 13-14, US SAILING advanced race management seminar at Rochester Yacht Club Info and sign up at www.ussailing.org

April 18, US SAILING basic race management seminar at Buffalo Yacht Club Info and sign up at www.ussailing.org

June 3-6, 24 Teams have been invited to the 2010 Hospice Regattas National Championship at Rochester Yacht Club. Event web site at www.hospiceregattas.org. This year a team from Toronto will be joining the fleet, represented by Stephen Manchee. Chairing the regatta again this year will be the same team that make 2009's event so successful, John and Lauren Doyle and Hank and Mary Stuart. Their dedication to Hospice and to the sport of sailing are most appreciated.

June 12, Oswego Hospice Regatta, Hank and Mary Stuart will be the race officers. The winner of this event gets an invitation to the 2011 Hospice Championship to be held at Rochester Yacht Club.

Since 1982 Hospice Regattas nationwide have raised over \$13.5 million for hospice services. What a great way for sailors to give back to our local communities while doing something we enjoy, sail with our friends.

Wayne Bretsch of Annapolis MD has accepted the opportunity to be the PRO for the 2010 SBYC Challenge Cup to reprise his role as PRO from last year's event. For his efforts as PRO during the Challenge Cup and for his outstanding efforts during the Lightning Womens/Junior/Masters and North Americans at SYC, the Sodus Bay Yacht Club extended to Wayne and honorary membership.

Next month the mega yacht sailing world will meet again for the 24th annual St Barth's Bucket. The entry list has been expanded to over 44 boats. Hank Stuart will be sailing with Team P2, a Perini Navi built sloop, designed by Philippe Briand and the winner of the 2009 Newport Bucket in Newport Rhode Island. Check out the video clip on the boat's web site gallery, www.teamp2.net

Regards,
 Hank Stuart
 US SAILING National Race Officer and Senior Judge
 ISAF International Race Officer

My commentary this week is on "Sailors Eating Their Young". I got this idea the other day from Bob Porter at the LYRA ExCom meeting. He mentioned this comment in the context of sailors not really being supportive enough of new people entering the sport. At least that is what I will talk about.

53rd Annual LEIC Invitation:

<http://us1.campaign-archive.com/?u=2e6e36f695b14d273fdef12f4&id=c432e7be25&e=hYzIth1LG4>

Hall Spars Special: Attention One-Design Sailors: 15% Off Hall One-Design Products. From March 1 to March 31, 2010, receive 15% off all Hall-made products for one-designs. This includes running rigging (sheets or halyards that require splicing or whipping), standing rigging, carbon-fiber spinnaker poles, and QuikVangs. Visit our store for complete details. Here's just a sample of the savings:

<http://hallinc469.corecommerce.com/cart.html>

J/111 Update: I am looking forward to the upcoming J/boats dealer meeting next week where we will see the beginnings of the new J/111 and other J's in production in RI. We'll report back with the latest news.

RCR is now on Facebook! Anyone interested in becoming a "friend" of RCR Yachts, they only need to type in RCR Yachts in the "find friend" link.

We have a few special deals left on New Beneteau First 10R's and 36.7's, but not many. Hard to beat the value and racing opportunities for either one.

Custom Sailboat Trailer for sale: Will fit 26-32' boat (has been used for a C&C 29). Tandem axle, 6 uprights with adjustable screw pads, 3 custom mast brackets, electric brakes on both axles, 3 stabilizing jacks, wheel chocks, painted black, serviced 2009 with new wiring and battery, 4 heavy duty tires, built by Boyer Industries on heavy duty construction grade Hudson base, \$5,900, Youngstown rick@rcryachts.com

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The Buffalo Yacht Club is happy to announce Velocitek as a sponsor to this years LYRA regatta. All boats registered prior to July 15th will be entered into a drawing to win a Velocitek SC-1. In addition all participating boats will receive a coupon code for a 10% discount to order any Velocitek product online. Go to www.velocitek.com to check out all their cool products and see what others are saying about them. This is just one more reason why you want to put the LYRA on your schedule as this year's MUST DO regatta. The dates are July 27 - August 1

"I was amazed how well the starting line function worked. The unit gave fantastic starting line information and we were effectively able to use this in the final seconds before the gun. It was as good as having a full

big-boat instrumentation package running Deckman for Windows or Expedition."
-Chris Larson (2009 Melges 24 World Champion)

"At the Melges24 North Americans we relied on the SC-1 to help us determine how much current we were sailing in. Since the SC-1 accurately shows the direction that the boat is traveling, rather than where the bow is aimed, we could determine if the current was pushing us to the lay lines or holding us off. This feature was key to helping us win the North Americans on a very tricky Chesapeake Bay with lots of shifts, strong currents, and tough competition." -Scott Nixon, Tactician - USA751 Quantum Racing (2008 Melges 24 North American Champion)

Commentary:

"Sailors Eating Their Young", by Don Finkle: As mentioned above I heard this from Bob Porter, an accomplished racer and representative to US Sailing and PHRF-LO. When I heard him say it a light bulb went off in my head. As someone who not only races seriously myself, but also wants to see new people get into the sport, I struggle sometimes with how we typically run our racing programs; and the effect they have on attracting and keeping people.

There is a conflict when it comes to trying to appeal to the broad spectrum of sailors at the local level. We typically run races that everyone at our club or in our class is expected to compete in. Some are life-long sailors, some have experience but aren't that serious, others are rabidly competitive, and some are beginners. But we stick them all on the same starting line and score them all together. Often we tell them just to show up and start racing with little or no effort to break them in. No wonder some sailors get turned off, either because they can't compete or because they get yelled at by someone else for a rules infraction that they barely understand.

Many sailors are very successful in their lives outside of sailing. They are not used to coming in last or looking inferior, or worse yet, dumb. They don't like to be yelled at, and they don't like being beaten up on. They don't like seeing their name at the bottom of the results sheet either. Some take it as a challenge and work to get better. Others, who might enjoy sailing but not the demeaning part, just stop taking part. Every time we lose a boat off the course we all lose.

In other sports there are handicaps or levels of competition to match the level of skill of the participants. We don't normally do that. So what chance does a beginner have? And what about the more casual sailor, who would still like to race but doesn't want to go to the effort and expense to compete with the big dogs? At present we don't typically make any allowances for them.

The challenge is to provide a more friendly environment for new or less-serious sailors without dumbing-down or taking the fun out for those who are more skilled and competitive. I think there are some answers if we take a look at the problem and recognize it for what it is. If we don't we will continue to lose sailors and attract too few new faces to our sport."

Observations from RFA Feb 28, by Jon Faudree: "Hello all, I enjoyed my time on the crash boat yesterday... got me excited to start coaching in a couple weeks. Sailing a doublehanded boat singlehanded is tough. I had a couple observations that I thought I'd share with the group... maybe it'll help.

Roll tacks... Gary Bodie (US Head Olympic Team Coach) once told me... "let your weight do the work, just ride the rail down" ...the meaning is don't try and make the boat roll, let the roll happen... it is the flattening where you get your power. Everyone yesterday was trying to pull the boat over on top of them to induce a roll.

First thing is to slide your butt back in the boat (just a little) ... this pulls the knuckle of the bow out of the water and allows the boat to turn on the rounded part of the hull... also it sets your body up to cross the boat. Turn your chest forward... point your knees toward the bow.... Now it's just a sidestep to the windward side.

Go into the tack flat... if you let your boat heel to windward while you are pushing the tiller away you are working against yourself... heeling to windward makes the boat want to head to leeward... the boat becomes sluggish and slow... (even Jimmy and Mike are guilty of this) slide your weight inboard as you head up. I'm not saying heel the boat to leeward... another common mistake is to heel the boat to head up... unless it is drifting conditions avoid this... and only the heel slowly and smoothly. Healing to leeward will make your boat slide sideways when you turn (Tokyo drift) = slow. Keep the boat flat as you SLOWLY push the tiller away and head up... heavier guys... push the tiller away extra slow to use your boats momentum and gain distance upwind (you gain 1.4x your boat speed as you turn to windward... I can explain this further if you'd like)... little guys will need to turn slightly faster as you don't have as much mass...

Trim your main in all the way... OVER TRIM! Don't ease the mainsheet till you are ducking under the boom... your tight leech will help drive your boat up to and through head to wind. As you pass head to wind... gradually push the tiller over harder... DO NOT try and induce a roll... just let it happen... let your weight do the work... as Bodie would say... "Just ride the rail down." As you duck under the boom... ease it 2-3 feet! With the tiller in your aft hand reach to the windward rail and grab it... you want to pull yourself to windward... at the same time you will be able to control the angle of heal... if you want to roll more just pull the boat over on top of you as you come up. Try to switch your tiller and main sheet right before you sit. Finally flatten the boat and trim your main in rapidly... this will fan the main in... adding a little extra juice. Don't over flatten... not fast and illegal.

Make sure you take your time... next week go step by step through this process... your tacks will drastically improve. As a point of reference... even Mike Ingham was rushing his tacks yesterday...Jeff Sully would gain on almost every tack... so we all need to work on this (myself included)

Roll Gybes... slow slow slow... be patient. Your tiller should only move away from center line about 2-3 inches... as you enter your gybe SLOWLY trim in your main... through the BLOCK, NOT from the boom... about 1/3 to half way in. A major mistake is to yank the main across... yanking the main in steers you to windward... and you are trying to head to leeward...so slowly trim just before your boom comes across. Let your weight steer the boat... just riding the rail down (like on your tack) will turn the boat enough. Again grab the windward rail to pull yourself to the windward rail... switch hands and sit... trim in your main as you flatten, then fan your main by trimming in rapidly as the boat becomes flat.

The only rapid movements in tacks and gybes are on the flatten... when in doubt do it slower than you are. In practice see how slow you can make each movement.

...ok couple more things... another common mistake is sitting to far forward... if you are sitting on the thwart (bench) you are probably to far forward. Fran Charles, head coach at MIT, said you should be able to set a beer on your aft flotation tank (of course only if you are 21) ...his meaning was keep your weight aft. The knuckle of the bow should be just skimming the water. Nearly everyone was to far forward especially down wind... (when in doubt just ask the guy next to you where your knuckle is in relation to the water)

...a common misconception in all boats is to sit way forward to reduce wetted surface... two things negative happen here... 1. your boat ends up pushing water instead of sailing through it. 2. most importantly! Your boats speed is directly related to the waterline... $Speed = 1.34 \times (LWL)^{\frac{1}{2}}$...so unless you are plaining... you will never go faster than 4.44 knots... only slower if you reduce the waterline by sitting to far forward.

Mike Ingham is super fast Downwind... 'cause he's so darn light... but more importantly because he heals the boat to leeward in the light stuff... this does 4 things 1. he's sitting farther aft... because he's not holding the boom out. 2. By heeling he is using gravity to hold the boom out! 3. He was sailing a slightly hotter angle which also gave him a little more speed. 4. He is reducing the wetted surface area (by having the windward side out of the water) without losing LWL...

Obviously if there was more wind he would have been healing the boat to windward.

There are a lot of common miss conception about healing to windward... the main reason is to balance the center of effort and center of resistance... the helm should be balanced downwind... so it is possible to heal to much to windward. This is why you don't heal a spinnaker boat drastically to windward.

One more thing.... There were a lot of overtrimmed sails yesterday. (a problem I still have in that boat) Jeff and Bobby at times had their mains eased way out upwind... maybe up to two feet... just to keep there speed up... they weren't tryin to point... speed kills, and speed is directly related to point... get the boat moving first and slowly trim in.

Remember slow your movements down. One of the reasons I am able to compete (being so fat) in the light stuff is because I roll the heck out of these boats... but the only drastic moves are in the flattening... sparks fly, right jimmy and flip? Never waist a tack or gybe!

Hope this helps... best of luck next week...

Jon Faudree
Sailing Education Director
Head Sailing Coach
Rochester Yacht Club

Upcoming Events:

March 4, Obersheimer-Ullman Buffalo Seminar, Downwind Sailing

March 10, Erie YC Racing Fleet Social Meeting 6:30 PM: Free food and beverages along with season updates and a presentation explaining the Yacht Lake Racing Association's Regatta (LYRA - Lake Ontario) to be held in Lake Erie for only the second time in its 126 year history. The July 30th event will be held at the Buffalo Yacht Club in conjunction with their 150th anniversary. Check our schedule. US Sailing President, ESPN commentator and Americas' Cup winner, Gary Jobson will speak at the event and there will be a special charity mini match race series for each LYRA affiliated yacht club. The \$100 entry fee will be donated to the Leukemia Society.

March 10, Lake Ontario 300 Winter Presentation at National Yacht Club

March 11, Buffalo Yacht Club Speaker Series - Yacht Club Architecture by John Montague, 6 PM

March 12, Friday: Holimont's 8th Annual Sailor's Ski Day!

A fun-filled day of skiing complete with Apres' ski party including pizza & wings, bottled red & white wine, beer.

Ski/Ride 9:30-4:20

Apres Ski Party 3:30 - 5:00

Pre-Registration By March 3 only \$25 Covers cost of Apres Party

Lift Ticket at the door \$35

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Print out and send in this Registration form:

<http://www.rcryachts.com/images/rcryachts/holimont.pdf>

March 13-14, US SAILING advanced race management seminar at Rochester Yacht Club Info and sign up at www.ussailing.org

March 14, North U Erie Cruising & Seamanship Seminar: Erie Yacht Club Sunday, March 14. Cruise with Confidence! The only Cruising & Seamanship seminar being offered in the 2010 North U seminar season. Steve LeMay, a three time J80 Champion and active cruiser, will be the instructor. For further information or to register for the seminar, please contact:

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North U Trim Seminars:

Mar 13 Chicago, IL North U Trim Seminar

Mar 13 Detroit, MI North U Trim Seminar

Mar 13 Vermilion, OH North U Trim Seminar

March 11-14: J/22 Midwinter Championship at the Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans, www.j22mw.com

March 25, Lake Ontario 300 Winter Presentation at Newcastle Yacht Club

April 10, RCYC is holding a safety at sea seminar, sanctioned by US Sailing. Attendance qualifies participants for Newport Bermuda and other offshore races. That said, the material is great for both racers and cruisers. The event takes place on April 10 in Toronto. I wonder if you could make a mention of it in your newsletter? We already have some folks coming up from the Buffalo area. Thanks to Val Matison. More info on the site: <http://www.safetyatsea.ca>

April 14, Lake Ontario 300 Winter Presentation at Port Credit Yacht Club

Buffalo Winter Sailing Seminar Schedule 2009-2010

Sponsored by:

Obersheimer's Sailor's Supply 716-877-8221

and Ullman Sails Buffalo 716-447-9766

7:15 TO 9:30 PM, 1884 Niagara St. Buffalo New York 14207

Mar 4 Spinnaker Design and Trim, How to Sail Fast Down Wind

Mar 24 Basic Sail Trim, Basic crew work, China light

Apr 7 Using the Rules to Sail Smart, Optimizing the Boat Top to Bottom

Apr 8 Basic Boat Handling, Docking, Starting, Mark Rounding, China Light

Apr 21 China Light Organizing Meeting

Sept 10, Erie Waterfront Heritage days

Boat For Sale News:

Let RCR Find Your Next Boat, or Sell Your Existing One!

Selected listings below, go to www.rcryachts.com for a full list:

28' Albin Cumulus 1980 "My Option" **NEW LISTING** Diesel, Recent sails, Spinnaker & Gear, Knot, depth, VHF, Pilot, Dodger, Propane, Buffalo \$9,900

41' J-41 1985 "Bada Bing" \$59,800 **REDUCED**

35' J/35C 1991 "Jibe Talkin" **NEW LISTING** Rochester, \$99,000

35' Freedom 35 1996 "Sans Souci" **NEW LISTING** Youngstown, \$114,900

35' C&C 35-3 1983 "Allegro" Rochester, \$54,900

35' Peterson One Ton 1975 "Kapoosh" Sodus Point, \$23,900

35' 1984 J/35, "Her Nibs", Sodus Point \$35,900

35' 1984 J/35 "White Ice", Oak Orchard \$39,900

34' J/34 1984 "Soundwave" Olcott \$24,900

33' C&C 33-2 1985 "Chariot" **SOLD**

33' J/100 2006 "Patriot" **NEW LISTING** Buffalo, \$119,900

33' Precision 11 Meter 1996 **UNDER CONTRACT**

30' Tartan 30 1975 "Hooligan" Rochester \$15,900

30' Farr/Mumm 30 1997 "Uprising" Rochester \$84,900

30' Cal 9.2 1981 "Al Steamer" Buffalo, \$10,900

29' C&C 29-2 1983 "Chute the Breeze" **SOLD**

29' C&C 29 1977 "Persistance" Erie \$17,900 **UNDER CONTRACT**

29' J/29 1984 "Thunder" Diesel, Fractional Rig Buffalo **REDUCED** \$7,900

28' Albin Cumulus 1980 "My Option" **NEW LISTING** Buffalo \$9,900

27' C&C 27 1971 "Armada" **NEW TRADE** Youngstown \$7,900

26' S2 7.9GS 1981 "Cha Cha Cat" Erie **REDUCED**

\$10,900

25' Kirby 25 Erie \$4,995

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Let RCR Find Your Next Boat, or Sell Your Existing One: Once in awhile we need to remind our readers that we are actually in business. It is nice to provide a service to the sailing community and hopefully our readers will remember us when it comes time to buy or sell a boat. We do know what we are talking about!

Regatta News:

Lightning Southern Circuit:

Mar 13-14 Deep South Regatta, Savannah

Mar 16-17 Midwinter Regatta, Coral Reef

Mar 18-21 Winter Championship, St Pete

June 18-20, Toronto & Area Hospice Regatta (TAHR): First class one design racing, music, entertainment, great food and cocktails, raising funds for Perram House Hospice. Qualifier for Hospice

Nationals. Info & registration at www.tahr.ca

June 26-27, Sodus Bay YC Challenge Cup:

53rd Annual Lake Erie Interclub Cruise (LEIC): East to West course starting in Buffalo and finishing in Erie. Buffalo YC will host the start and will feature on shore activities on the evenings of June 25th June 26th. 2010 is the 150th Anniversary of the BYC, help us celebrate! Dan Ward, BYC/BCC

2010 Lake Erie Interclub Cruise Schedule:

June 26 (Saturday) - Buffalo Course Race
 June 27 (Sunday) - Buffalo to Port Colborne
 June 28 (Monday) - Port Colborne to Port Dover
 June 29 (Tuesday) - Long Point Bay Race
 June 30 (Wednesday) - Port Dover to Erie, PA
 Event Details: <http://www.erieinterclub.com/>

July 10, Niagara Cup & Jack Beatty Niagara Hospice Regatta: One day regatta to benefit Niagara Hospice, featuring great clambake and dock party the night before at YYC. Qualifier for Hospice Nationals. <http://www.niagarahospiceregatta.com/>

July 10-11, Great Lakes Championship for Lightnings & Thistles: North Cape YC is hosting these two events on the same weekend, two separate courses, one massive party!

July 17, Genesee YC 10th Annual Women Skippers Invitational

July 17-18, LYRA Stolze Cup Match racing to be held at RCYC in Toronto: Andrew Alberti has worked hard and been able to secure umpires for the Stolze Cup. This series was started by Rochester YC Past Commodore Bill Stolze, who wanted to foster an elimination series to select the team that would represent LYRA in the YRUGL Richardson Cup. Over the years the Stolze Cup series has been elevated to a higher standard of race management and organization.

July 24-25, Youngstown Level Regatta, our 37th Annual: Registration is now open. We will have a prize drawing each month for early registrants, you can sign up now at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=311>

Big News for LYRA 2010, by Tom Lewin: Gary Jobson will make a special guest appearance at Friday night's festivities for this year's LYRA regatta at The Buffalo Yacht Club. Gary will be our guest announcer for a special charity mini match race series. Each LYRA affiliated yacht club will be invited to sponsor as many competitors as they wish to enter. The fee is \$100 per entry with all proceeds going to the Leukemia Society. We will use the BYC's Tech Dinghies, a one person boat, with a sudden death format. Racing will start after Friday's big-boat course racing has ended, with racing on Saturday if needed. More LYRA news to follow as it becomes available. Maybe it's time to mark your calendar and rustle up the crew. Founders and Centennial start 7/27/10; Freeman 7/28/10. 3 day Course racing 7/30-8/1 and 2 day course racing 7/31-8/1. Tom Lewin, 716-839-4212 office, 716-861-3700 cell

Lake Ontario Short Handed Racing Series:

June 6 QCYC Course Race
 June 19-20 Youngstown 2-Day Race Weekend
 August 21 Long Distance 100 Miler
 Sept 18-19 Dalhousie 2-Day Race Weekend
 Other short-handed events:
 June 4 Susan Hood double-handed divisions

July 17 Lake Ontario 300: www.LOSHRs.com

Aug 19-21, MERCEDES BENZ J/22 North Americans: The Buffalo Yacht Club and its sponsor, Mercedes-Benz, will be hosting the 2010 J/22 North American Championship. BYC have built-up a great resume in hosting many world-class regattas. As for the J/22 fleet, the word about Buffalo is out after hosting several J/22 "Raw Bar Regattas. The Raw Bar festivities will be moved to August 19-21 as the Buffalo Yacht Club celebrates its 150th year by welcoming you all to its beautiful facility on Lake Erie.

The J/22 NA's are going to feature not only the Gold Class (the fast guys and girls), but they'll present a Junior Division, a Ladies Division and a Masters Division. Plans are to have one start for all classes but separate awards for the aforementioned. A practice race will be run on Wednesday, August 18 and Sunday the 22nd can be a travel day. Help the Buffalo Yacht Club celebrate its 150th anniversary. Come join us in August! <http://www.j22.com/>

Aug 28-29, EYC Level & Open Regatta is a great event with a lot of boats from various fleets including IRC. EYC will provide a start for any class if enough show up, minimum 5.

Sept 11-12, J24 Great Lakes at Rochester Yacht Club

Sept 20-26, Melges 24 North Americans at Rochester YC. Site is up and under construction at <http://www.m24northamericans2010.com/>

Frostbite News:

RFA 2/28: The breeze looked great, until the boat were in there water! We started a little late, only three boats in the first race. By the second race there was at least 10 boats. The breeze was up and down, mostly down and hard to get the coarse square because of the angle (NW going W). We ended the day 30 minutes early in order to catch the hockey game (nice try USA). The Sun came out as soon as sailing was over and I liked it! See you all next week.

RFA Results for February, 28, by Sam Weiner: to qualify: 5, drop over: 7

(c = Crash Boat, o = OCS, d = DNF, q = DSQ, and r = Redress) Racer Boat name Sail # 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Raw Score Final Score Place
 Napier, Scott (c) (c) (c) (c) (c) (c) (c) (c) (c)
 Faudree, John (c) (c) (c) (c) (c) (c) (c) (c) (c)
 Lange, Phil (c) (c) (c) (c) (c) (c) (c) (c) (c)
 Ingham, Mike 1 1 2 3 1 1 1 3 1 1.5556 1 1
 Sullivan, Jeff 2 2 6 1 2 2 2 4 4 2.7778 1.83333 2
 Baker, John 3 1 2 9 4 4 2 2 3.375 2.33333 3
 Bryant, Bobby 4 9 7 4 3 1 6 4.8571 4.16667 4
 Simpson, Ralph 5 3 5 5 7 6 8 3 5.25 4.5 5
 Howitt, Rick 7 4 4 6 8 7 5 5 5.75 5.16667 6
 Weider, Mark 8 5 6 3 6 5 6 7 5.75 5.16667 6
 Lofftus, Kevin 3 6 7 10 7 3 8 7 8 6.5556 5.5 8
 Keene, Matt 10 10 8 10 9 9 8 9 9.125 8.83333 9
 For more results, go to <http://myyc.org/rfa>

RFA Series Results: January 3, - February 28: to qualify: 21, drop over: 33

Racer Total Races Raw Score Final Score Place
 Ingham, Mike 41 2.122 1.85294 1
 Barnash, Jim 32 1.875 1.875 2
 Sullivan, Jeff 41 3.7561 3.1875 3

Bryant, Bobby 38 4.6842 4.03125 4
 Faudree, John 30 4.5 4.5 5
 Simpson, Ralph 33 6.6061 6.4375 6
 Napier, Scott 31 6.4516 6.45161 7
 Weider, Mark 33 7.1212 7.12121 8
 Lofftus, Kevin 38 7.9737 7.29412 9
 Corbishley, Killian 21 9 9 10
 Keene, Matt 23 10.913 10.913 11

For more results, go to <http://myyc-test.objectframe.com/rfa>

Questions about RFA? Contact Mike Ingham:

mingham@rochester.rr.com

585-370-1027

Oswego YC J/24 Frostbite Series: Our intrepid J24 sailors plan to start Frostbiting (Ice Breaking?) on April 9 and will continue sailing on Sundays until Memorial Day. More information will be available at the OYC website, <http://www.oswegoyachtclub.org> Dave Lochner

Products, Services & Links:

Viking Trailers is offering a 10% discount on all Trailer parts and service work. Just say "RCR Newsletter" and receive your discount. Viking also offers Sailboat Hull, Boot stripe and Topside painting, in house only.
 Viking 724-789-9194

For Sale: Two (2) Kasko De-Icers, ¾ HP, circulates subsurface water which is warmed to the surface to melt ice and prevent its formation. Can be hung from vessel or dock. The ¾ HP model keeps a 75' diameter ice free. Each assembly includes a 25' power cord designed for low temperatures, a zinc anode for corrosion protection and a grounded 3 prong plug. Used one season. New \$699 or best offer. Call Judy for info 716-839-1100 or 716-839-3552.

Sign up for J/boats e-news: <http://www.jboats.com/lists/?p=subscribe>

Here is an interesting link to Erie YC's web site on Iceboating:

<http://www.erieyachtclub.org/sailingfleet/iceboating.htm>

The GLSS website is www.solosailor.org/

Post Your Dates: www.regattadates.com and www.sailingscuttlebutt.com

Destination One Design Website: <http://www.destinationonedesign.com/>

UK-Halsey Newsletters: <http://www.ukhalsey.com/newsletter/index.asp>

SORTING OUT THE NEW RACING RULES: UK-Halsey's animated rules quizzes FREE. Just log on and get smart. <http://www.ukhalsey.com>

PREDICTWIND - NEW FORECAST SITE <http://www.PredictWind.com>

Scuttlebutt Newsletter Link: <http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/subscribe/>

Lake Yacht Racing Association <http://www.lyrawaters.org>

Sodus Bay Jr. Sailing Association <http://www.sbjsa.org/>

Central New York Sailing Association <http://www.centralssailing.org/>

Quality Affordable Vinyl Boat Names: WWW.NIAGARAGRAPHIC.COM

Racing Rules Quiz: <http://www.ukhalsey.com/RulesQuiz/index.asp>

THE LATEST IN BOAT EQUIPMENT: <http://www.MyBoatsGear.com>

Flea Market & Small Boats:

Iceboat Flea Market: DN ice boat for sale - contact Jay Little, 814-474-4918, WK 814-455-2061. Send me a list of ice boat gear that's been gathering dust in your basement or garage. One man's clutter (something I'm an expert with) is another man's treasure.

For Sale or partial trade: 2004 6hp Nissan long shaft...very low hours / stored indoors. Want short shaft 2hp for dinghy. jkrfcrew@yahoo.com

Cleaning out the Basement:

28" diameter stainless wheel

40" diameter stainless wheel

Tbooth@k-100.com

Tips & Hints:

A good place to look for racing tips is Destination One Design, put out by Quantum Sails:

<http://www.destinationonedesign.com/index.aspx>

Race Results:

Next week we should have plenty for you.....

Race Calendar:

To add your event to the Calendar write to Don Finkle at dbfinkle@aol.com

2010: (dates should be considered tentative at this time)

Mar 4-7 Miami Grand Prix

Mar 4-7 30th St. Maarten Heineken Regatta

Mar 6-7 Conquistador Cup, Punta Gorda SC

Mar 8-13 Bacardi Cup, J/24s Coral Reef YC, Miami

Mar 10-13 Bacardi Miami Sailing Week

Mar 11-14 J/22 Midwinters, Southern YC, New Orleans

Mar 13-14 Lightning Deep South Regatta, Savannah

Mar 16-17 Lightning Midwinter Regatta, Coral Reef

Mar 18-21 Lightning Winter Championship, St Pete

Mar 19-21 San Diego NOOD

Mar 29-Apr 4 39th Annual BVI Spring Regatta

Apr 8-11 Charleston Race Week

Apr 9 Oswego J/24 Sunday Frostbite Starts

Apr 14-17 Corsair Nationals, Fort Walton YC

April 24-25 American Yacht Club Spring Series Rye, NY

Apr 30-May 2 Annapolis NOOD

May 1-2 American Yacht Club Spring Series Rye, NY
 May 19 BHSC Race Packet Night
 May 22-23 TS&CC Icebreaker Regatta
 May 23 BHSC Shakedown Race
 May 25 BHSC Tuesday Cool Water Series Starts
 May 26 BHSC Wednesday Cool Water Series Starts
 May 28 Storm Trysail Block Island Race- Stamford, CT
 May 29-30 ABYC Open Regatta

June 3-6 Hospice Regattas National Championship RYC
 June 4 Susan Hood Overnight Race, PCYC
 June 5 Oswego Lighthouse Race (Selkirk to Oswego)
 June 4-6 Detroit NOOD
 June 6 BHSC Ice Breaker Regatta
 June 6 LOSHRS QCYC Course Race
 July 10-11 Sail Newport- Newport, RI
 June 11 Mills Race - Toledo Yacht Club
 June 11-13 Chicago NOOD
 June 11-13 NYYC Spring Regatta- Newport, RI
 June 12 Oswego County Hospice Regatta
 June 12-13 RCYC Open Regatta
 July 17-19 Rolex NYYC Race Week- Newport, RI
 July 17-18 LYRA Stolze Cup at RCYC
 June 18 Scotch Bonnet Light Overnight Race, Genesee YC
 June 18 Erie YC Junior Racers Cup
 July 18-20 Beneteau 36.7 Mid-Atlantic Champs & Screwpile Regatta.
 June 18-20 Newport Regatta, New York YC
 June 18-20 2010 Beneteau Owners Rendezvous - Put-in-Bay
 June 19-20 Toronto Area Hospice Regatta, NYC
 June 19-20 Beneteau First 36.7 Canadian Championship @ TAHR
 June 19-20 LOSHRS Youngstown 2-Day Race Weekend
 Jun 20-26 Block Island Race Week
 June 24 Interstate Trophy Race, Erie to Buffalo
 June 26-27 Cleveland Race Week Offshore
 June 26-27 C&C Owners' Regatta, NYC
 June 26-27 Sodus Bay YC Challenge Cup
 June 26 LEIC Buffalo Course Race
 June 27 LEIC Buffalo to Port Colborne
 June 28 LEIC Port Colborne to Port Dover
 June 29 LEIC Long Point Bay Race
 June 30 LEIC Port Dover to Erie, PA

July 4 Oswego Firecracker JAM
 July 8-10 Eastern Yachting Circuit, Brockville (Ontario) YC
 July 10 Niagara Hospice & Niagara Cup, NOLSC
 July 10-11 PCYC Open Regatta
 July 10-11 IRC Great Lakes Championship, Port Huron, MI
 July 10-11 CNYSA Centrals Regatta, Sodus Bay YC/SBJSA
 July 10-11 BHSC Summer Regatta
 July 10-11 Great Lakes Championship for Lightnings, North Cape YC
 July 10-11 Great Lakes Championship for Thistles, North Cape YC

July 15-16 Steerer's Youth Dinghy Regatta, PCYC
 July 17 Genesee YC 10th Annual Women Skippers Invitational
 July 17 Bayview Port YC Huron to Mackinac Race
 July 17 Lake Ontario 300, PCYC
 July 17-18 4 Sisters Dinghy Regatta, PCYC
 July 17-18 Stolze Cup Match Racing at RCYC
 July 22-25 Marblehead NOOD
 July 23-34 Sail Oswego
 July 24 Chicago to Mackinac race
 July 24-25 Youngstown Level Regatta
 July 27 LYRA Founder's Race, Erie to Buffalo
 July 27 LYRA Centennial Race, Port Colborne to Buffalo
 July 28 or 29 LYRA Freeman Overnight Race, Buffalo YC
 July 30-Aug 1 LYRA Course Racing Buffalo YC
 July 30-Aug 1 Beneteau 36.7 Great Lakes Championships, Buffalo YC
 July 30-Aug 1 Farr 30 Great Lakes Championship, Buffalo YC
 July 30-Aug 1 IRC Eastern Great Lakes Championship, Buffalo YC
 July 30 Cleveland Deepwater Race to Put-in-Bay

Aug 2-6 Lightning Junior, Women, Masters NA's, Metedeconk, NJ
 Aug 6-7 Buzzards Bay Regatta, Marion, Mass
 Aug 6-8 Put-in-Bay Bay Week Senior Regatta
 Aug 6-14 Thunderbird Internationals at ABYC
 Aug 8-13 Lightning North Americans, Tom's River, NJ
 Aug 14 73rd Falcon Cup, Rocky River to Mentor Harbor
 Aug 14-15 J/24 District 7 Championship at Oswego YC
 Aug 18-21 J/22 North American Championship, Buffalo YC
 Aug 20 14th Trans-Erie Race, Erie to Gross Ile
 Aug 20-22 Verve Cup, Chicago
 Aug 21 Rochester Hospice Regatta, Hosted by GYC
 Aug 21 LOSHRS Long Distance 100 Miler
 Aug 20-21 Beneteau 36.7 Summer Regatta - Detroit
 Aug 21-22 RCYC Royals Weekend
 Aug 22 Governors Cup & Mayors Cup, Erie
 Aug 22-28 Canadian Optimist Dinghy Championship, RHYC
 Aug 27-29 Great Lakes Multihull Championship, Bay City YC
 Aug 27 BHSC Overnight Race
 Aug 28-29 Etobico YC Level & Open Regatta
 Aug 28 Fourth Lake Erie Solo Challenge
 Aug 29 EYC Charity Regatta for the American Red Cross

Sept 3-5 Bronte Rocks Regatta, Oakville
 Sept 8-11 Qualifying Series for 2011 NYYC Invitational
 Sept 11 BHSC Last Chance Regatta
 Sept 11 EYC Koehler Cup 1, Erie to Port Dover
 Sept 12 EYC Koehler Cup 2, Port Dover to Erie
 Sept 11-12 QCYC/NYC Open Regatta
 Sept 11-12 Larchmont SW NOOD Regatta- Larchmont, NY
 Sept 11-12 J24 Great Lakes at Rochester Yacht Club
 Sept 15-18 J/105 NA's Chicago
 Sept 17 Argosy Rose Bowl NYC
 Sept 18-19 J/22 East Coast Championship, Annapolis

Sept 18-19 LOSHRS Dalhousie 2-Day Race Weekend
 Sept 20-26 Melges 24 North Americans at Rochester YC
 Sept 25 Donald Summerville Memorial Race
 Sept 25 Oswego Ricotta Regatta
 Sept 25-26 American Yacht Club Fall Series- Rye, NY
 Sept 26 EYC Thomas Carole Reverse Handicap race

Oct 2-3 American Yacht Club Fall Series- Rye, NY
 Oct 3 Boswell Trophy, RYC
 Oct 9 Oswego Great Pumpkin Race
 Oct 21-24 B-36.7 North American Championship Annapolis YC
 Oct 29-31 STC IRC East Coast Championship, Annapolis

Nov 13-14 Fall Regatta, Marco Island YC

Dec 3 Ft Lauderdale to Palm Beach Race

LASER DISTRICT 9 REGATTAS 2010 TENTATIVE CALENDAR

Skippers Meeting 10:00 am for each regatta.

Sat 22 May Ithaca YC "Wine Keg" Chas Williamson 607-272-0630

Sat 29 May Willowbank YC Mike Mueller 443-465-2687

Sat 5 June Newport YC Dean Clayton 585-415-3783

Sat 12 June "Saratoga YC Derby" Allan Miller 518-885-5510

Sat 19 June Chautauqua Lake YC Cilla Menzies 716-763-4331

Sat 26 June FREE

Sat 3 July Youngstown YC Paul Hays 716-745-1279

10-11 July Sodus Bay YC and SBJSA DISTRICT 9 GRAND PRIX CHAMPS
 (Centrals Regatta) Mike Foley 585 748 7006

24-25 July Empire State Games - Buffalo (Details to be confirmed)

7-8 Aug Rochester YC - Junior Olympics Jon Faudree 339-309-9213

Sat 15 Aug Seneca YC Jim Gindling 315-521-6693

21-25 Aug CORK OCR Regatta Kingston, Ontario <http://www.cork.org/>

Sat 12 Sept Willowbank YC "Deathroll" Mike Mueller 443-465-2687

Sat 10 Oct Henderson Harbor YC Canaan Leonard hhsa-sailing@hotmail.com

Scuttlebutt Calendar: <http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/calendar>

If you want your event to be shown on the US Sailing event calendar, go to this link:

<http://www.ussailing.org/calendar/>

Club/Fleet Contacts, compliments of Haartsick Sailmakers:

www.brockportyachtclub.org

www.dunkiryachtclub.org

www.sailcyc.com (Canandaigua)

www.geneseeyc.org

www.oswegoyachtclub.org

www.rochesteryc.com

www.sodusbayyc.org

www.buffaloyachtclub.org

www.sailbhsc.org (Buffalo Harbor Sailing Club)

www.j22buffalo.com

www.olcottyachtclub.com

www.buffalocanoclub.com

www.yyc.org (Youngstown YC)

Central NYSA, formerly CNYRA www.centralssailing.org/index.html

Local sail lofts include:

Bierig in Erie, 814-459-8001 (David Bierig)
 Dieball Sailing Cleveland, 216-361-1160 (Ernie Dieball)
 Dieball Sailing Toledo, 419-726-2933 (Skip Dieball)
 Doyle Detroit, 586-790-7500 (Al Declercq)
 Doyle Buffalo, 716-435-5944 (Peter "Louis" Johnson)
 Doyle Sarnia, 519-344-5236 (Spike Boston)
 Doyle Toronto, 905-820-9169 (Ed Botterell)
 Evolution Toronto 416-503-1931 (Greg Bratkiw)
 Haarstick / Bay Sails Hamilton, ON 905-529-7245 (Keven Piper)
 Haarstick in Rochester, 585-342-5200 (Doug Burtner)
 Haarstick in Buffalo, 800-342-5033, (Eric Christensen)
 Katlynn in Sodus, 315-483-9102 (Marcia Wait)
 North in Toronto, 416-259-9644 (Geoff Moore)
 Rahamer Designs Port Ontario 315-312-3079. David Raham
 Sportech sails in St. Catharines, 905-688-1833 (Jamie Day)
 Ullman Buffalo, 716-447-9766 (Brad Hollingsworth)
 Ullman Cleveland, 216-486-5732 (Greg Koski)
 Ullman Rochester, 1-877-sail-umg (877-724-5864) (Justin Damore)
 Ullman Sails-Port Ontario, 315-298-3960 (David Raham) rahamer@twcny.rr.com
 UK-Halsey Toronto, 416-690-9182 (Brian Chapman)

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CALENDARS OF MAJOR EVENTS

- Events listed at <http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/calendar>
- For information on North Shore events on Lake Ontario, go to www.lorc.org.
- Website for Ontario sailing events: www.sailon.org.
- Cork: www.cork.org
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