

RCR Yachts

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RCR Yachts Sailor's News, March 12, 2010

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What's New? by Don Finkle: I know we've said this a lot recently but we need to emphasize it again....we are very busy right now with sales activity. Tracy alone has nine (9) deals in various stages of negotiation. That is a lot for the first part of March, and the other guys are just as busy. New boats are starting to sell again, after a long dry spell. Some of the new boats we'll be delivering this spring include a Beneteau 46, Beneteau 40, 2 Beneteau 37's, 2 Beneteau 36.7's, 2 Beneteau 10R's, a Beneteau 343, a Farr 11S and a beautiful new Hunter 41 Deck Salon. And there will be more....

If you are looking to buy, sell or trade, now is the time. Many changes on the sales activity list. We do have a couple of very nice new listings that you should check out. In a few cases we have sold some of the latest boat additions before the ink was really dry on the listing agreement. Let us go to work for you too.

We are very proud of our staff in Buffalo and the beautiful job they did with renovating our Womens' & Men's bathrooms. I almost feel like taking my shoes off when I enter... almost.

This Friday I'll be in Bristol, RI at the annual J/Boats dealer meeting. On Monday I'm headed to Maine to visit the Sabre factory. We'll have some reports for you next week on the latest activity at each of these well-known builders. Next Friday the RCR Service and Sales staff will be at the Buffalo YC all day for our spring pre-commissioning planning meeting. Believe it or not, the first day of spring is only a week from tomorrow and we have an awful lot to do with the beginning of launching only weeks away.

Lake Erie Satellite Ice View: Rick Lenard sent this link of the ice cover on Lake Erie. As you can see, the ice is dissipating rapidly:

<http://coastwatch.glerl.noaa.gov/modis/modis.cgi/modis?region=e&page=1>

This week's commentary is from Steve Haarstick, who is celebrating the 40th

Anniversary of the founding of Haarstick Sailmakers.

Haarstick Sailmakers newsletters may be found at this link:

<http://www.haarsticksailmakers.com/newsletter.asp>

Video & Song on Port Dover: Those who do the annual LEIC will recognize the various sights in this youtube segment. Thanks to Tracy Buczak:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bZ35-qoBOTk>

Short video review of the new Hunter 39 by an Australian magazine. There is some good sailing footage.

<http://www.tradeaboat.com.au/boat-tv.aspx>

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>

RCR staff cell phones, dial us as needed!

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Darren Wright 716-572-2312 Buffalo Service

Brian Buczak 716-799-4860 Warranty

Beneteau USA is now on Facebook

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. Thanks to Rick Lenard for keeping our page current.

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

WE NEED MORE BOATS TO SELL! Let us list your boat, or come see us about a trade-in. Call any of our sales staff for an idea of what your boat is worth.

Used Boat Updates: The following is only a partial list of used sailboats we are offering, those shown below are simply updates. For a full list of sail and powerboats currently available please go to www.rcryachts.com

46' Beneteau Oceanis 461 2001 "Beach Buoys" *NEW TRADE* Bruce Farr Design, Former "Boat of the Year" by Cruising World, 5' 9" draft, 63 HP Diesel, 218 Gallons of Water, Beautiful Varnished Cherry Interior. Professional Epoxy Bottom Job, In-Mast Furling Mainsail, Windlass, 19 Opening Ports & Hatches, 6'5" headroom, Refrig, Freezer, Microwave, Autopilot w/Remote, Plotter, Radar, TV/DVD, Inverter, Air Conditioning & Heat, Electric Heads, Electric Winch, Custom Canvas, Lots more, tracy@rcryachts.com, lying Erie, PA \$179,900

36' Beneteau 361 2002 "Blue Moon" *NEW LISTING* Hard to Find 3 Cabin Model, 5' Draft, Westerbeke 27

HP, Full Canvas, Knot, Depth, Wind, Chartplotter, GPS, Autopilot, Genneker w/Sock, Extra Cabintop Winch, Steel Cradle, Classic Mast, Charger, AM/FM/CD w/10 Disc Changer, VHF, 2 Anchors, Electric Windlass, Large Fridge/Freezer, 42' Leather Wheel, Dinghy Davits, Custom Winter Cover, Cockpit Cushions, Cockpit Table, Stern Rail Seats. This yacht has been lovingly maintained by the original owner, always sailed in fresh water. Perfect family boat, easy to sail with plenty of room for all. The owner has moved up and encourages offers. Must be seen to be appreciated, the galley, head & bilges sparkle! Located in Buffalo, NY asking \$109,000 rick@rcryachts.com

36' Beneteau First 36.7 2002 *NEW TRADE* Race & Cruise Equipped, Seven Sails, H&C w/Shower, 110 Dockside Power, Wind, Depth/Speed, Stereo, Propane Stove/Oven, Tides Mainsail Track, 2009 Autopilot, GPS, Chartplotter, Harken Furling, Dodger, Full Winter Cover, Dutchman for Mainsail, Carbon Pole, Steel Cradle, Rochester, \$109,900

35' Hunter 356 2002 "Channels" *UNDER CONTRACT* Very Nicely Equipped, In-Mast Furling, Dodger, Bimini, Wind, Electric Windlass, Refrigeration, Propane Oven, Microwave, Heart Interface, VHF Radio & RAM, AM/FM/CD Stereo, Autopilot Chartplotter, Radar, GPS, Genneker, Cockpit Cushions, Buffalo, \$119,900

34' Beneteau 34 2009 *NEW TRADE* Like New, Owner Liked it so much he traded up to a new Beneteau 40. Loaded and turn-key ready, sails great. Draft 4'6", In-Mast Mainsail Furling with Vertical Battens, 110V, Charger, Propane Stove/Oven, Microwave, Stereo, Cockpit Shower, Electric Toilet, Color Plotter, GPS, Radar, Speed, Depth, Wind, Fishfinder, Autopilot, Extra Winch, Extra Battery, VHR w/Remote at Helm, Genneker gear, Steel Cradle, Ithaca, NY \$129,900 Rick@rcryachts.com, 716-472-4702

32' Beneteau 323 2004 "Jersey Girl" *NEW LISTING* Yanmar Diesel, 4' 9" Draft, Pivoting Wheel, Classic Mast with Stack Pack, 110V, Charger, H/C with Shower, Refrigeration, Propane, Steel Cradle, Folding Prop, Knot/Depth, Wind, Autopilot, Chartplotter, Stereo, Dodger, Bimini, Rochester, \$79,900

27' Catalina 27 1978 30HP Atomic 4, *NEW LISTING* Dinette Interior, 2009 Upgrades, VHF, Tillerpilot, New Batteries, Depth, Charger, Stereo, Erie \$5,995

46' Beneteau 46 2010 *SOLD*

46' Beneteau 461 2001 "Beach Buoys" *NEW TRADE* Erie, PA \$179,900

42' Catalina 42 2000 *UNDER CONTRACT*

41' Hunter 41 Deck Salon 2010 *SOLD*

38' Hunter 386 2003 "Livin' Beyond Zero" *UNDER CONTRACT*

36' Beneteau 361 2002 "Blue Moon" *NEW LISTING* Buffalo, \$109,000

36' Beneteau First 36.7 2002 *NEW LISTING* Rochester, \$109,900

35' Schock 35 1991 *UNDER CONTRACT*

35' Hunter 356 2002 *UNDER CONTRACT* Buffalo, \$119,900

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

35' Freedom 35 1996 "Sans Souci" *UNDER CONTRACT*

34' Beneteau 343 2007 "Gatsby" *REDUCED* to \$114,900 Rochester

34' Beneteau 34 2009 *NEW TRADE* Ithaca, \$129,900

34' Sabre 34 1981 "Carnival" *REDUCED* to \$36,900

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

33' Precision 11M with trailer *UNDER CONTRACT*

33' Newport 33 *UNDER CONTRACT*

32' Beneteau 323 2004 "Jersey Girl" *NEW LISTING* Rochester, \$79,500

31' Beneteau 311 1999 "Firefly" *SOLD*

30' Pearson 30 1973 *UNDER CONTRACT*
30' Hunter 30 1977 "Speedy" *NEW LISTING* \$12,500 Erie
29' Hunter 29.5 1994 "Skimmer" *NEW LISTING* Erie, \$37,900
29' C&C 29-1 1977 *UNDER CONTRACT*
28' Classic Abbott 28 1967 "Salescall" *NEW LISTING* Buffalo \$7,400
28' S2 8.5 1982 "Dolce Vita" *UNDER CONTRACT*
27' C&C 27 1971 'Armada' *REDUCED* to \$6,900
27' Catalina 27 1978 Inboard *NEW LISTING* Erie \$5,995
24' O'Day 240 *SOLD*

Power:

33' Egg Harbor 33 Convertible 1985 "Bomba Charger" *NEW LISTING* Near Bristol Condition, Chartplotter, Radar, Refrig, Depth, Flybridge Enclosure, Twin 454 Crusaders with 724 Hours, Erie, \$54,900

65' Custom Passenger Ferry 1998 "Horizon" *NEW LISTING* Dunkirk \$424,900

43' Bayliner 4387 1991 "Junkyard Dogs" *REDUCED* to \$95,000

40' Mainship 40 1994 *REDUCED* to \$89,900, Erie

34' Sea Ray 34 Express *SOLD*

30' SeaRay 300 1989 *UNDER CONTRACT*

30' SeaRay 300 Sundancer "Red Dog Leader" *REDUCED* to \$72,900, Erie

RCR will help you find the right boat for you! Our brokers will serve as "Buyers Agents" if you find a boat out of our market listed with someone else. We will protect your interests and represent YOU! It costs YOU nothing to use us...the seller pays our fee. We split the commission with the listing brokerage...just like in real estate. We do business in your community...our community...trust us to do the job for you. We've been doing it since 1972.

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Dates, News & Announcements:

Starting March 8th through April 26th, Erie Power Squadron Safe Boating Classes. Course will be held Mondays 7 - 9 P.M.

Bayfront Center for Maritime Studies
40 Holland Street (Behind the Library)

The instruction is free. A minimal \$40 fee for books and material is required at the 1st class

For questions and pre-registration contact:

Erie Power Squadron (814)878-3636

Tony Kloszewski (814) 899 6204

akloszewski@roadrunner.com

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 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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WNY Catamaran Association

HoliMont 716-699-2320

Ellicottville, NY

Contact: maryjane@holimont.com

Print out and send in this Registration form:

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

March 13, North American Beer Tour at Erie Yacht Club: The Club is hosting its Beer Tasting Party. The Beer Tasting Committee has selected 7 Beers from around the North America. You will blind taste test each beer, evaluate it and pick the best one of the evening. The beer that receives the most votes will be featured in the Club Lounge for the next month.

6:30PM, \$18.95 per person Call the Club at 814-453-4931 for Reservations

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:

visit: www.northu.northsails.com

or contact: Fran@northu.northsails.com

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Indicate Code either under "Comments" on line, or when you call in.

March 20, First Mate Safe Return® Course: A boating safety course offered exclusively by the Sodus Bay Maritime Captains Association. As a First Mate aboard your boat, just how familiar are you with its operation? What if the Skipper should become disabled? Would you know what to do? Would you know how to call for help? Would you be able to tell rescuers where you are? Would you be able to navigate to a safe port?

The First Mate Safe Return course is designed to teach fundamental skills that will enable a First Mate to do the right thing if the Skipper should become disabled for whatever reason. The course will be taught by Coast Guard Licensed Captains and will include a half-day classroom lecture and on-the-water coaching and demonstration on your own boat. The schedule for the half-day classroom lecture is:

Date: Saturday, March 20, 2010

Time: 8:00 AM to 12:00 N

Place: Genesee Yacht Club, 10 Stutson Street, Rochester, NY 14612

Fee: \$75

The on-the-water coaching and demonstration may be arranged at the mutual convenience of the First Mate and a Captain Instructor from Sodus Bay Maritime Captains Association or, at the option of the student, may be conducted by the student's Skipper.

If interested, you may register by contacting Captain Jack Morris (585) 703-4439, jmorris599@aol.com or Captain Bob Paiement (585) 377-6518, rpaiement@rochester.rr.com

GET YOUR U.S.C.G. CAPTAIN'S LICENSE

If you have ever thought about getting that license, now is your chance. Sodus Bay Maritime Captains Association, a not-for-profit membership organization, has arranged with Sea Tech Marine Training to conduct a course leading to a U.S. Coast Guard Captain's License. Sea Tech Marine is a U.S. Coast Guard approved training school that is authorized to give the license exam locally. That is, you won't have to travel to Toledo, Ohio.

The course will be held in Newark, NY according to the following schedule in 2010:

Saturday, April 10 9 AM to 5 PM
 Sunday, April 11 9 AM to 5 PM
 Saturday, April 17 9 AM to 5 PM
 Sunday, April 18 9 AM to 5 PM
 Saturday, April 24 9 AM to 5 PM
 Sunday, April 25 9 AM to 5 PM
 Wednesday, April 28* 6 PM to 10 PM
 Thursday, April 29 (Exam)* 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

* Date may change to accommodate students' schedules.

The price for the basic (OUPV or "Six-Pack") course is \$695. If you elect to step up to a Master's License (as most participants do), there are two additional class sessions, an additional exam and an additional fee of \$200.

DON'T WAIT - SIGN UP NOW. SPACE IS LIMITED AND INTEREST IS AT A HIGH LEVEL.

For further information and to sign-up:

Captain Chris Tertinek (585-746-5266) (cmt@rochester.rr.com) or
 Captain Steve Heffron (585-370-8216) (dandsheffron@yahoo.com) or
 Visit our web site at www.sbcaptains.org.

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 15-17, Buffalo Boomdays www.boomdays.com

April 28-June 30, USCG Sailing Skills and Seamanship Course: The United State Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 092-03, Buffalo, NY will conduct a Sailing Skills and Seamanship course for 10 weeks each Wednesday from April 28 to June 30. The course will be held at the West Side Rowing Club at the Foot of Porter Avenue, from 6:30-9:30 PM.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's Sailing Skills and Seamanship Course is a comprehensive course designed for both experienced and novice sailboat operators. The course is presented in two parts:

Part 1: Ten core requirement lessons

Part 2: Six elective lessons that will enhance the skills required for a safe voyage in all conditions.

Students who elect to take and pass examination for Part 1 will receive the NASBLA Safe Boating Card. The course will be taught by US Coast Guard Auxiliary qualified instructors and includes these subject

areas:

Part 1: About Sailboats // How a Boat Sails // Basic Sailboat Maneuvering // Rigging and Boat Handling // Equipment for Your Boat // Trailering Your Sailboat // Aids to navigation // The Rules of the Nautical Road // Inland Boating // Sailing Safety

Part 2: Sail Trim and Boat Handling // Introduction to Navigation // Engines for Sailboats // Lines and Knots for your Boat // Weather and Sailing // Your Boat's Radio

The course fee is \$85.00 which includes the 454 page Sailing Skills and Seamanship course book.

To register or for more information contact:

Dan Massing at 716-799-7182 or at e-mail flotilla33@verizon.net

Don Hassenfratz at 716-684-5336 or at e-mail dahazz_2@earthlink.net

May 8-9, Thunder Over Niagara Air Show in Niagara Falls, NY

July 9-11, Sabre & Back Cove 40th Anniversary Rendezvous, Boothbay, Maine

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 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

Buffalo Sailing Adventures Reports a Fantastic First Year in Buffalo!

Schooner Spirit of Buffalo arrived in town May 10, 2009 to a warm welcome and much anticipation about our first season of operation in Buffalo. We are happy to report that 2009 was an extreme success, with the vessel sailing regularly and providing the public with incredible sailing experiences on Lake Erie through our public cruises, charters, education programs and kids' pirate adventure sails.

Serving thousands of passengers and hundreds of youth, the Spirit of Buffalo could be seen sailing seven days a week, rain or shine, and persevered through one of the coldest summers on record to maintain a busy operating schedule. Pirate Adventure Sails were a hit with kids and parents alike, as we transported little ones to a fantastic pirate world through sailing, music, costume and storytelling.

Education programs with our partner, Buffalo Urban Outdoor Education, gave youth - many of whom had never been on the water before - the opportunity to learn about aquatic science and environmental issues in a unique and dynamic environment on the water.

Families, company groups, friends and individuals joined us on Charters and Public Cruises and enjoyed the serenity of sailing peacefully on a traditional sailing vessel along our historic waterfront, gaining views of our city many had never seen or experienced. We could not be happier with the results of Year One and we are very excited as we gear up to spring's arrival and the start of what is sure to be a busy and successful Year Two.

We are currently booking charters, public sails and education programs for 2010 so call today! For passenger sails please call 796-7210 and visit www.spiritofbuffalo.com . For education programs please call 796-8393 and visit www.buoe.org .

We are looking for great people to join us for our 2010 sailing season and will be hiring part-time and full-time crew! Deckhands will be responsible for the following:

- Assisting passengers in safe boarding and giving direction when needed.
- Assisting on deck with departure and docking procedures.
- Assisting/leading raising and striking of sail.
- Assisting with serving of food and beverages.
- Performing excellent customer service at all times and maintaining a clean and neat appearance.
- Teaching hands-on environmental education program to youth ages 8 - 18.
- Learning emergency procedures, performing drills and ensuring safety of passengers during emergencies.
- Preparing vessel for trips and cleaning up after trips, including cleaning, storing, storage of sail, etc.

Please see the following requirements:

- Must have a high school diploma and be at least 18 years of age.
- Must be physically able to lift 50 lbs.
- Must be willing to spend time outdoors in extremes of weather (heat, sun, rain, wind).
- Customer service experience is a plus.
- Sailing experience is a plus.
- Education/teaching experience is a plus.
- Must be able to pass a pre-employment drug test and be part of a random drug testing program. No exceptions.

Customer Service is a top priority and this is an ideal position for anyone who likes to spend time outdoors in a unique setting! Opportunities for advancement abound; all crew will receive training in sailing and safety operations including steering and sail handling and all crew will be eligible to receive certified Sea Time Letters at the completion of their time with the company.

For more information about our cruises and our company please visit www.spiritofbuffalo.com.

If you are interested in applying for a position, please email or mail your resume and a cover letter stating why you are interested in this position to:

Captain Rich Hilliman
825 Ashland Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14222
rich@spiritofbuffalo.com

Comments & Articles of Interest:

MARCH 1970- HAARSTICK SAILMAKERSIS BORN, By Steve Haarstick:

"It has finally arrived- 40 years have passed since I incorporated my loft in Ithaca, NY! While we started out designing and building mostly one design sails for Comets, Stars, Rhodes Bantams, Flying Scots, and several other one design classes, we developed successful racing and cruising sails for larger boats as the Ithaca Cruising Fleet began in the early seventies.

Those early days in Ithaca were exciting times for many reasons, not the least of which were the many perils of a small startup sailmaker in what is undeniably a very competitive business. Solving one problem after another, developing our own design program, improving the construction of the sails, to fixing, and improving the loft equipment, and many more, were a constant source of excitement, and anxiety. In short, everything that involved sailmaking, sailing, and the business of sailmaking was exciting. There was never a short supply of things to learn, problems to resolve, new products to develop, and, of course, the need to keep a small and rapidly growing company solvent. I don't think I can remember any time at which I was bored- but many times that I felt elated, eager to get to work, looking forward to an upcoming regatta, or anxious to check out a new design.

We've been through the burden of moving the loft several times, once in Ithaca, the 2nd move to Rochester in 1981, the 3rd move in 1983, after the loft burned to the ground, and finally to our current site here on Hudson Avenue in 1997. Believe me, none of these moves were easy, or cheap, lot's of anxiety-particularly in 1983 when the loft burned down. There was always the excitement of a new loft site, but mainly just really hard physical work to get it set up.

But, it is always the excitement of new projects, new ideas, new fabrics to test that keeps my motor going. One new type of fabric that we have tested and has proven to be successful over the past three seasons, is the "Flex" Carbon/Kevlar fill orientated laminates from Dimension-Polyant. These "Flex" laminates have proven to be a cost effective, low stretch, and very fast solution to "high tech" laminate racing sails. In fact, they are considerably less expensive than the "string" sails, and about the same or even less expensive than our Triradial Pentex sails. This spring a new all Technora version of the Flex will become available. This all black Technora substrate will be lighter, stronger, and, I think will make really great looking, very fast racing sails. Of course, as always, we will thoroughly test this new cloth, as only we can, before building sails. Working with new materials, new designs, and new ideas that constantly evolve is the addictive part of my job that makes me eager to get to work!

However, after all, I am doubly grateful for the efforts of so many employees, past and present, that have contributed to the many innovations in sailmaking that were developed at our loft. From our early computer design programs in 1968, to the world's first sailmaker to computer cut sails in 1973, to our still unique "Impact Flutter" testing program which began in the 70's, to our "Quilt-Cut" sails in 1978, and on to the present.

In the final analysis, I am proud of the fact that we have always developed our loft solely on the efforts of our people. We have never jumped from one loft franchise to another, never had to rely on others for our expertise, technology, or assistance. In short, we have definitely done it our way. I am most grateful for all the employees, past and present that have made this singular achievement possible."

Follow the Perry's Down South: (S/V Autumn Borne)

www.autumnborne.blogspot.com

Read more about the travels of "Star of the Sea": <http://www.sailblogs.com/member/star/>

New Boat News:

RCR is a Beneteau Platinum Dealership! Beneteau has created a program that ranks all of their dealerships on a variety of factors, one of the main components being customer satisfaction and service. RCR has attained the highest ranking, the Platinum level. This comes on top of winning the President's Service Award from Beneteau in October. Congratulations to our staff for a job well done, and thanks to our loyal customers for your support.

New Boats Available for Viewing at RCR:

Beneteau 31, 34, 37, 40, 43, 46

Beneteau First 10R, First 36.7

Hunter 27, 31, 33, 36, 38, 41DS, 45CC

J/100

Sabre Spirit 36, 386, 426

Back Cove 26, 29 Hardtop Express

Don't forget that RCR handles both sail and power.

We have financing rates that will beat the other guys, exclusive to RCR!

RCR Yachts of Erie News by Tracy Buczak: Don't you just love the SUNSHINE? It's amazing what it does for the spirit. We've been very busy. I met a very nice couple last Saturday, John & Betty, who moved back to Erie within the last year. They called me while I was traveling to Rochester with Sean & Kim to look at a listing we had there. I hooked up with them about 3:30 in the afternoon and we looked at a couple of powerboats. We have a very nice 300 DA Sundancer that has been completely refurbished, new Awlgrip paint, new upholstery, carpet and headliner below, new upholstery and carpet for the cockpit. Low hours ...just a nice boat...perfect for their needs. They left saying they licked it and would talk it over. I had an appointment Sunday to show our new trade the Beneteau 461 when John & Betty called wondering if they could take another look at the Searay. We hooked up again at my office and spent some time aboard. They had talked it over and were ready to make an offer. Just a bit of negotiating between them and the seller who winters in Arizona and we had a deal. Survey was completed Tuesday and they are looking forward to launch time. Another member of RCR's Family of owners.

Monday I traveled to our Buffalo location with Dave to look at a brand new listing, a very clean 2002 Hunter 356. Tuesday Dave put an offer in on it. Wednesday I met with Mike and Kim from Bradford to look at a very nicely kept S28.5 Meter, Dolce Vita. Dave who had an offer in on the Hunter 356 had purchased it from me 3 years ago. Later Wednesday Mike stopped back and made an offer on Dave's S2. By Thursday morning Dave had accepted and after some negotiations, his offer was accepted on the Hunter 356. How's that for not being a 2 boat owner? Out 2000 Catalina 42 went under contract this week as well. Must be the sunshine.

Don't procrastinate if you want a new or used boat for spring. The best listings are being grabbed up at pretty good prices. If you're thinking of selling call us. We need more listings. Under contract just in the last couple weeks here ...1984 Hunter 34, 1977 C&C 29, Schock 35, New Beneteau 37 and new Beneteau 46. I'm working on several offers. Buffalo and Rochester have a C&C 29, C&C 33, Beneteau 311, New Beneteau 40, Beneteau 37, Searay 34 Express, #4 Irwin Citation, 2005 Sabre 386. More on the list every week.

We have an unbelievable deal on our 2010 Beneteau 31 that arrived just in time for the Syracuse Show. Contact your local broker for details.

If you are in the market for a boat...especially if used...you have been surfing the net evenings and weekends. ("every waking moment," according to one of my clients and his bride). Very Important! If you find something interesting...have your Broker...hopefully RCR, make the 1st call for additional info.

RCR will help you find the right boat for you! Our brokers will serve as "Buyers Agents" if you find a boat out of our market listed with someone else. We will protect your interests and represent YOU! It cost YOU nothing to use us...the seller pay our fee. We split the commission with the listing brokerage...just like in real estate.

Why navigate the minefield of buying a boat on your own...risking not only you money, but your time and patience. Don't learn the hard way. Use a professional. We do business in your community...our community...trust us to do the job for you. Since 1972.

Below are two testimonials from RCR customers using RCR Erie as the "Buyer's agent."

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offer process, contacted a marine surveyor he knew near the vessel and handled all the necessary paperwork involved with customs and transporting a boat out of the country."

Gary

Another situation involved a powerboat out of town and is still an ongoing process. There is a bank and title issue to be resolved. Here is the Buyers comment from a recent email regarding the problem.

Tracy, Thanks for the heads up. This is why I don't mind using a broker as a buying agent.

Keep me posted.

Thank you, Randy

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Next Wednesday is Saint Patrick's Day! (Also of note, it's Gerard Wieczorek's birthday...Bay Harbor's Dockmaster). If you see him out and about, buy him a tankard.

I've had some requests to reprint the Beef in Guinness recipe I shared with you last St. Patrick's Day. So here it is. By the way I tried it once using Corned Beef Round and it worked fine with that cut as well. I imagine a brisket could be substituted.

Recipe for this weekend: Beef in Guinness

Serving Size: 4 Preparation Time: 0:15 minutes, Cooking Time: 1 ½ - 2 Hours

| Amount | Measure | Ingredient -- |
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2 ½ pounds shin of beef (Try Chuck Roast of Beef or a cut with plenty of fat marbling)
 2 large onions (Sliced)
 6 medium carrots (Sliced)
 2 TBSP seasoned flour
 1 clove Garlic (chopped)
 2 TBSP fat or beef dripping (I use olive oil)
 1 cup Guinness and water mixed (Make sure there is plenty of Guinness for the
 Chef)
 2 sprigs of parsley

The Guinness in this recipe has the same function as the wine in Coq Au Vin - the acid and moisture combined with the long, slow cooking help tenderize the tough but flavorful meat. (I cook with wine all the time...sometimes I even put it in the food)
 No need to add any salt - natural Potassium salts are present.
 Open a Guinness...Drink...Cut the beef into chunks and peel and slice the onions and carrots. Toss the beef in the flour and brown quickly in hot fat (olive oil). Remove the beef and sauté the onions & garlic gently until transparent. Return the beef and add the carrots and the liquid. (Enjoy another Guinness) Bring just to a boil, (The recipe) reduce the heat to a very gentle simmer, cover closely and cook for 1 1/2 - 2 hours. Check that the dish does not dry out, (This is especially applicable to the chef) adding more liquid if necessary. (If you have any left) Sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve with plainly boiled potatoes.
 Based on a recipe >From A little Irish cookbook by John Murphy with some minor alterations from Chef Tracy

On Saint Patrick:

It is known that St. Patrick was born in Britain (Scotland or Wales) to wealthy parents near the end of the fourth century. (about 385 AD) His given name was Maewyn. Far from being a saint, he grew up a pagan, at the age of sixteen; he was taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family's estate. They transported him to Ireland where he spent six years in captivity. During this time, he worked as a shepherd, outdoors and away from people. Lonely and afraid, he turned to his religion for solace, becoming a devout Christian.

He escaped from slavery after six years and went to Gaul where he studied in the monastery under St. Germain, bishop of Auxerre for a period of twelve years. During his training he became aware that his calling was to convert the pagans to Christianity.

His wishes were to return to Ireland, to convert the native pagans to Christianity. But his superiors instead appointed St. Palladius. But two years later, Palladius transferred to Scotland. Patrick, having adopted that Christian name earlier, was then appointed as second bishop to Ireland.

Patrick was quite successful at winning converts. And this fact upset the Celtic Druids. Patrick was arrested several times, but escaped each time. He traveled throughout Ireland, establishing monasteries across the country. He also set up schools and churches which would aid him in his conversion of the Irish country to Christianity.

His mission in Ireland lasted for thirty years. After that time, Patrick retired to County Down. He died on March 17 in AD 461. That day has been commemorated as St. Patrick's Day ever since.

And you now have that trivia to share over the weekend.

It was good to see my sailing friends at EYC's Sailing Social meeting Wednesday evening. Pizza, wings and beer, a sailor's best friends. Presentations from a group from Buffalo Yacht Club on LYRA & the Interclub Cruise which starts in Buffalo this year, a representative spoke about Bay Week, and Pam &

Shelley spoke about this year's Red Cross Charity Regatta and all the good work the American Red Cross does hear locally.

The meeting broke up and all the good sailors went back to the beer and sailing stories.

Speaking of Beer:

North American Beer Tour at Erie Yacht Club

The Club is hosting its Beer Tasting Party.

The Beer Tasting Committee has selected 7 Beers from around the North America. You will blind taste test each beer, evaluate it and pick the best one of the evening. The beer that receives the most votes will be featured in the Club Lounge for the next month.

Come on join in on an evening of fun!

Saturday March 13, 2010

6:30PM

\$18.95 per person

Call the Club Office at 453-4931 for Reservations

You only missed the 1st session Monday

The Erie Power Squadron will be holding their spring Safe Boating Classes

Starting March 8th and running through April 26th

Course will be held Mondays 7 - 9 P.M.

Bayfront Center for Maritime Studies

40 Holland Street (Behind the Library)

A certificate will be issued upon successful completion of the course to operate a PWC in the State of Pennsylvania after you send in your application and \$10 registration fee to the PA Fish & Game Commission.

Most insurance companies offer a premium discount upon completion

Certified Instructors from The Erie unit of the US Power Squadron teach the various classes

The instruction is free. A minimal \$40 fee for books and material is required at the 1st class

For questions and pre-registration contact:

Erie Power Squadron (814)878-3636

Tony Kloszewski (814) 899 6204

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Interesting site: <http://www.canadianyachting.com/>

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Interesting Website: Ken Palmer sent this: www.lakeontariosailing.com

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Interesting Embroidered Gifts: www.boatpillows.com or 716-745-7291.

New Product Information: www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/forum/products

Flea Market & Small Boat Place:

Don, Just purchased a CD27 fixer-upper. Hull in great shape but needs equipment. Especially ST winches, traveler with line controls, wheel AP, chartplotter, vhf, dodger, etc. If you know of anyone who has equipment for sale from the area, let me know. Thanks, Ed Haley eghaley@twcny.rr.com

"Hi Don, I am a regular boater who is taking a summer vacation to Wilson, NY from the 23rd of June to the 3rd of July. I would like to rent a boat for our vacation to cruise the lake, fish with my son, and make a run over to Toronto for a day/evening. Could you post me request in your news letter as Rick suggests below? I am happy to give more info about my boating experience, as well as provide any other info needed. My cell

number below or email address jeff.albee@gmail.com is probably the best way to reach me. Thanks"

New In Box: 2005 West Marine 260 Lite RIB. L-8'6", Beam 5'1", HP Rating- 8hp, 3 Person Capacity. Will assist if freight drop is needed. Paid \$2k. Best offer. Located Rochester, NY. jpboatworks@gmail.com

Barient #10 Single Speed Winch in great condition off J Boat. Located Rochester, NY.
jpboatworks@gmail.com

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For Sale: Two (2) Kasko De-Icers, $\frac{3}{4}$ 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 $\frac{3}{4}$ 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.

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

Have an unloaded power boat trailer that needs to be brought up from St. Petersburg, FL to the Buffalo area in the spring. I'm seeking a "snow bird" returning to WNY that would be interested in helping out. Please contact Jeff at 585-880-8012.

For Sale:

1) Chutescoop, used very little, 30' long, 9" diameter - excellent condition, \$125
(For your info the following info is from the Chutescoop site : Chutescoops are sized according to sail luff measurements (use the "l" dimension of the boat if the sail luff is not known). Chutescoop sleeves are supposed to be shorter than the sail luff. On cruising spinnakers, use a Chutescoop that stops just short of the leech clew (unless the measurement between luff length and leech length is excessively long). On poled spinnakers allow 3 to 4 feet of sail below the sleeve to permit the pole to be trimmed.)

2) Propeller, 3 blade bronze, 17 x 14, \$200 OBO

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contact rwaller@twcny.rr.com or call Bob at (607)387-5207

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28" diameter stainless wheel
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