

RCR Yachts

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What's New? by Don Finkle: They can say all they want about the snow we get in our area but we are normally spared the severe weather nightmares like tornadoes and hurricanes that the warmer weather regions have to deal with. As hurricane season is upon us I think of my many friends living on the East and Gulf coasts who either own boatyards or who have boats there.

RCR will be closed Monday Sept 6 for the Labor Day Holiday

We just got back from a trip to New England, where we were able to combine business with pleasure. One reason for the trip was to sail on the new J/111, which we did on Monday afternoon in Newport. The boat is awesome! A more detailed report will follow next week, but suffice to say the boat did everything I expected and more. Fast, fun, easy to handle, just a joy to sail. The hardware and rigging are superb, as is the seating arrangement and feel on the wheel.

Another reason for the trip was to show customers several used boats down on LI Sound. We not only sell the boats we have listed here, we also do a fair amount of co-brokerage through our multiple-listing contacts. Co-brokerage is where one broker has the client, the other has the boat, and the brokers work together to match them up. Sometimes we are the ones with the boat, sometimes we have the customer who is looking for a unique product we may not have, but they want us to find one for them. Equally important as finding the boat is handling the transaction so they have someone local looking out for their interests. Keep in mind that it costs the buyer(s) nothing to use the services of the broker, and the benefits are substantial. We'll be happy to explain.

No newsletter last Friday? Well, I had one written from my hotel room in Stamford CT but managed to lose it before I could send, then ran out of time to rewrite it. This technology stuff works great until you do something dumb.

An observation after reading some of the new boat announcements in the current yachting magazines' boat show issues: many of the new boats are foreign built. While some of them may seem attractive we should pass on our experience with selling boats that are not built in North America. Regular show goers will recall that some of the brands they saw displayed in past years are no longer being marketed here. In our 38 years of doing this we've seen builders come and go with the wind, or more accurately with currency exchange rates and their own financial success (or lack thereof). Trying to sell one of these boats on the resale market can be problematic, as are getting parts and service after the fact. If the brand is not well known it is simply harder to sell. Add in the fact that foreign built boats are subject to duty. We run into this when we try to sell a used foreign-made boat into Canada, which is where roughly half of our used boats end up going. Boats built here are duty-free under NAFTA, but imports are dutiable, and we can attest to the fact this definitely hurts the sale into Canada. Further, while folks like to look at the imports, when it comes down to actually buying one they often shy away due to reasons of styling, concern over resale, concern over parts and service down the road, and the fact that European boats are designed primarily for the way they are used over there, not for North Americans. So be very careful that you have considered all of these factors before taking that plunge. Many foreign automobile manufacturers have factories in North America, but the only sailboat company that has a plant in NA is Beneteau, with a large modern facility in South Carolina. The majority of Beneteau boats sold here are built in the US. Hunter, which normally ranks with Beneteau as one of the two largest NA sailboat builders, builds their boats in Florida.

Rick Lenard, RCR's Buffalo broker, has written a story about his delivery from Erie to Buffalo that went sour due to bad fuel. One of the most common engine problems we encounter is water and sludge from old tanks clogging the fuel filter. It is a very good idea to have the old fuel pumped out and the tank cleaned.

When I am out sailing I too often see a boat with an improperly set mainsail because the skipper has neglected to ease the main boom topping lift. The topping lift should be slack when the mainsail is at full hoist, you want the sail to be holding the boom up under sail, not the topping lift. If the topping lift is tight when the main is up the sail will not set right, the leech will be all floppy.

In the next week or two we have a trip planned to Annapolis, to see and sail the new Beneteau First 30, and to check out the new First 35 as well. We will report with our thoughts and some photos upon our return. First report from a friend who sailed the F30 in very light air (5 knots max) was that it handled very well, had a nice feel on the helm, and was smooth and quiet under power. Those who have been aboard both of the new Firsts have mentioned how nice the interiors are.

Used Boat Listings: We sent out a plea for more used boats to sell, as we had whittled our inventory down to the lowest point in years with strong sales earlier this summer. We are pleased to report that over the last several weeks a scad of really nice new listings have come in, and the shelves are no longer bare. Not only have we taken in many new boats, but some of them are very desirable and hard to find models. Here are some examples of recently listed boats, more info below in the used boat section: Hunter 45 CC, Catalina 42, Caribe 41 CC, C&C 39, Catalina 38, Jeanneau SO 37.2, Hunter 36, Ericson 35, Sabre 34-2, Tartan 34, Hunter 33-2, Aloha 32, Bayfield 32 Cutter, Endeavour 32, Tartan 30, Pearson Flyer 30, Cape Dory 30 Ketch, Bayfield 29, C&C 29-2, Seafarer 26, S2 8.0 and a J/24 with trailer. Check out the recent price reductions too.

The BCMS (Bayfront Center for Maritime Studies) cardboard boat regatta is looking for some volunteers to help on September 11, 2010 from 12:00 noon to 3:00PM. We need some jet skis with two people on each one, some people in kayaks. For more information Please call Steve Giewont 814-434-2411 or e-mail sgiewont@erie.pa.us

Cruising notes from Maine: "Hi Don, Like landing a plane gear up (not a question of if, but when) we caught a lobster pot. Was able to cut it off and got the float for a souvenir. Orange and black, so we are now ready for Halloween. The Queen doesn't like the color and pointed out several she would rather have had.

Queens can be so difficult.

Jeff and Izzy on our buddy boat picked up two so he put on his wet suit and fired up the Hookah gear and got them off along with some line from the Queen we were still dragging. He came out a tad blue and singing an octave higher :) Water is about 62.

Mount Desert Island and Acadia National Park are just beautiful. Free busses take you all over the Island (Bar Harbor, Southwest Harbor, Northeast Harbor etc.) LL Bean underwrites them to the tune of 2 million per year. They make seeing this great area a breeze.

Today we will sail up Somes Sound and anchor for the night. It is one of only two fiords in North America. Last summer in Georgian Bay we sailed Bay Fine, which is the other one. Guess we are just plumb out of fiords. Cheers from QAR,
Hank"

Beneteau USA Wins Customer Satisfaction Award from The National Marine Manufacturers Association. This award marks the fourth consecutive year that Beneteau USA has secured this honor. Beneteau USA is the American division of the world's largest sailboat manufacturer, building hundreds of 31-50 foot production sailboats in Marion, SC and imports sailing and power yachts up to 58 feet in length from its parent company in France.

The New Hunter 36 footer will be known and the e36. The e stands for the extended swim platform. It will have a transom swim platform that raises and lowers. We are very anxious to see this latest model as the 36 foot size range has always been very popular in our area and Hunter does a wonderful job with their cruising boats. Look for the new **Hunter 50** this fall too. Other models in the Hunter family include the 27, 31, 33, 39, 41DS, 45DS, 45CC and 50CC.

Beneteau Unveils Newest Models: Beneteau has a full lineup of new models that will be shown this fall in Annapolis. They include the 58, SENSE (an entirely new concept), First 30 and First 35. These will join the rest of the best-selling Beneteau range that includes the 31, 34, 37, 40, 43, 46, 50, 54, First 36.7, First 40, First 45 and First 50. Something for everyone here.

Be sure to check out the Flea Market section below for equipment deals. Have something you wish to sell? Something you are looking to buy? Just send us an e-mail and we'll be happy to put your notice here for free.

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<http://www.rcryachts.com/custompage.asp?pg=weeklynews>

Used Boat Updates:

Selected listings only, see www.rcryachts.com for full list: The listings below are only part of what we have for sale, those shown here are simply updates. We can also find you a boat out of town, just let us know what you are looking for.

New Listings:

45' Hunter 45 CC 2006 "Mary Catherine" *NEW LISTING* Immaculate, Loaded, One Owner, Only 3 Summers' Use, 8KW Genset, Bow Thruster, A/C, Full Canvas, C120 Color Plotter, Radar, Flat Screen TV, Bose System, Freezer, Inverter, In-Mast Furling, 2 Quiet Flush Heads, Memory Foam Mattress, Vertical Battens, Auto Pilot, 6 AGM Batteries, Winter Cover, Steel Cradle, Dinghy, 6HP Tohatsu, LED lighting, Custom Features. Change in owners' plans means they are leaving EVERYTHING aboard the boat, this yacht is totally turn-key in every way. A must-see for the serious cruiser or live-aboard, amazing aft cabin with master head, truly luxurious and sails well too. Rochester, \$249,000

42' Catalina 42 1992 Tri-Cabin "Mongoose" *NEW LISTING* Full Canvas, New Autopilot, New Gori 3 Blade Folding Prop, 50 HP Yanmar Diesel only 481 hours. Always sailed in fresh water and in turnkey condition, Wilson, \$117,900.

41' Whitney Caribe Center Cockpit 1970 "Bewitched III" *NEW LISTING* 1989 40HP Diesel, Center Cockpit hull has been professionally painted and maintained, Updated Roller Furling, Refrigeration w/ Freezer, separate aft stateroom w/private head, ready to cruise. Rochester \$47,995

38' Catalina 38 "Hiawatha" 1983 *NEW LISTING* 2006 LYRA BOTY, 1st in Section Chicago-Mac (12 out of 375 overall), Twice Division Winner LEIC, 1st LO 300, 1st Trans-Erie, 2nd Trans Superior, etc. Hydraulic Backstay, Carbon Pole, Twings, Rod Vang, Tuff Luff, Rod Rigging, 3 Speed Primaries, Lots of Winches, Autopilot, Depth, Wind, Stereo, GPS, Plotter, Battery Charger, a Gazillion Sails, VC 17 over 10 Coast Epoxy, Steel Cradle, Oswego, \$51,900

37' Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 37.2 1997 "FretKnot" *NEW LISTING* Volvo 50HP Diesel, In-Mast Furling, New Sails 2008, Electric Windlass, Spinnaker & Gear, Rod Vang, Autopilot, Plotter, New Charger, Two Heads with Showers, Swim Platform, Cockpit Cushions, Sit Down Nav Station, Large Cockpit Table, Sodus Point, \$84,900

36' Hunter 36 2004 "Bliss" *NEW LISTING* 5' Draft, Knot, Depth, Wind, Stereo, Chartplotter, Autopilot, Dodger, Bimini, Connector, Microwave, VHF & RAM, Frig, Freezer, Windlass, In-Mast Furling, Flat-Screen TV, Cruising Spinnaker, Gas Grill, Only 161 Engine Hours, Custom Winter Cover, Portable A/C Unit, Ithaca, \$117,900

34' Sabre 34-2 1987 "Jane E" *NEW LISTING* Furling, Dodger, Bimini, Autopilot, Spinnaker, Rod Vang, ST Winches, Oven, H/C Pressure Clean, Sodus Point, \$59,900

34' Tartan 34 1974 "Esprit" *NEW LISTING* Classic shoal draft S&S designed keel/centerboard sloop. White hull, Volvo diesel, Wheel Steering, Roller Furling, RF, Winter Cover, K, D, Genoa & Main (2004). Erie \$24,900

33' Hunter 33-2 2004 "Jack's Wynsong" *NEW LISTING* 29 HP Yanmar Diesel, nicely equipped. winter cover, cradle, bimini, binacle cov, ST60 tridata, St4000+ ap, vhf w/remote, GPS, in mast furl, folding wheel, traveler, VC17 over barrier, \$89,900 Erie

32' Bayfield 32 Cutter 1985 "Tek Casa" *NEW LISTING* Yanmar 3 GM Diesel, Complete refit in 2009,

Excellent Condition, New Raymarine Electronics, Heart Interface, VHF w/Ram, New Ceramic Electric Range, Power Converter, Microwave, Erie, \$47,900

32' Endeavour 32 **NEW LISTING** Looking for a bargain? This could be it. See Rick Lenard at RCR Buffalo, \$7,900

30' Tartan 30 1977 "Endurance" A **NEW LISTING** tomic 4, Tiller, Newer main, new genoa, harken RF, new windward sheeting Harken. Erie \$13,900

30' Pearson Flyer 30 1981 "Déjà Vu" **NEW LISTING** BMW Diesel, Fast & Fun, Huge Cockpit, Rochester, \$14,900

30' Cape Dory Ketch 1977 "Sweet Jane" **NEW LISTING** Well designed and well constructed Blue Water Cruiser that has been Meticulously maintained by a knowledgeable and caring owner. Years of continuous upgrading and Fresh Water use only. Bristol Condition! Volvo Diesel, Autopilot, Shore Power, Battery Charger, Depth, Knot, VHF, GPS, Stereo, 4 Burner Stove/Oven, H/C Pressure, Cabin Heater, Bronze Opening Ports, Dodger, Propane Grill, Ketch rig, mainsail, self tacking jib, mizzen 110% genoa, 130% genoa, mizzen staysail, storm jib and "Mule", \$28,500 Sodus Bay, NY

29' Bayfield 29 1987 "Mystique" **NEW LISTING** Yanmar Diesel, sturdy Blue Water Cruiser well maintained and cared for. Cutter rigged w/ club footed staysail. Beautiful teak interior, Oak Orchard, \$26,900

26' S2 8.0 Meter B 1983 "Missing Beat" **NEW LISTING** Mint Condition, 9.9 HP Sailmaster, 4 sails, VHF, Upgrades, Turn-Key Condition, \$8,495 Rochester

SAIL UPDATES:

45' Hunter 45 CC 2006 "Mary Catherine" **NEW LISTING** Rochester, \$249,000

43' Hunter 430 **REDUCED** to \$92,000 Wilson, NY

43' Slocum 43 1983 **REDUCED** to \$139,900 Buffalo

42' Catalina 42 1992 3 Cabin "Mongoose" **NEW LISTING** Wilson, \$117,900

42' Beneteau 423 2005 "Quintessa" **REDUCED** to \$199,900

41' Caribe CC 1970 "Bewitched III" **NEW LISTING** Rochester \$47,995

41' Hunter 410 2000 **REDUCED** to \$125,900

39' Beneteau 393 "Knot so Fast" **REDUCED** to \$129,900

39' C&C 39 1973 "Caliente" **NEW LISTING** Erie, \$67,500

38' Catalina 38 "Hiawatha" 1983 **NEW LISTING**

37' Jeanneau SO 37.2 1997 "FretKnot" **NEW LISTING** Sodus Point, \$84,900

37' Seidelman 37 **REDUCED** to \$15,900

36' Hunter 36 2004 "Bliss" **NEW LISTING** Ithaca, \$117,900

35' Ericson 35 1973 "Sea Witch" **NEW LISTING** Sodus Point, \$21,500

34' Sabre 34-2 1987 "Jane E" **NEW LISTING** Sodus Point, \$59,900

34' Tartan 34 1974 "Esprit" **NEW LISTING** Erie \$24,900

34' Peterson 34 1978 "Arrow" **REDUCED** \$27,500. Rochester.

34' Tartan 34 1974 "Esprit" **NEW LISTING** \$24,900 Erie

33' Hunter 33-2 2004 "Jack's Wynsong" **NEW LISTING** \$89,900 Erie

32' Aloha 32 1985 "Poet" **NEW LISTING** Erie, \$34,900

32' Bayfield 32 Cutter 1985 "Tek Casa" **NEW LISTING** Erie, \$47,900

32' Endeavour 32 **NEW LISTING** Buffalo, \$7,900

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30' Pearson Flyer 30 1981 "Déjà Vu" **NEW LISTING** Rochester, \$14,900

30' Cape Dory 30 Ketch 1977 "Sweet Jane" **NEW LISTING** Sodus Bay \$28,500

30' Catalina 30 1984 "Morning Mist" **REDUCED** to \$25,900.

30' Newport 30-2 1987 REDUCED to \$25,900 Buffalo
29' Bayfield 29 1987 "Mystique" NEW LISTING Oak Orchard, \$26,900
29' C&C 29-2 1984 "Rosalee II" NEW LISTING Erie, \$25,900
28' Albin Cumulus 1980 "My Option" Buffalo REDUCED \$8,900
27' CS 27 "FOR NOW" REDUCED to \$7,900, Owner anxious for offers
26' Seafarer 26 1981 NEW LISTING Erie, \$6,500
26' S2 8.0 Meter B 1983 "Missing Beat" NEW LISTING \$8,495 Rochester
24' J/24 1978 #648 w/Trailer, NEW LISTING \$3,900 swoiler1@yahoo.com
22' Tanzer 22 REDUCED to \$3,500 Erie

POWER UPDATES:

40' Mainship Sedan Bridge REDUCED to \$82,900
39' Rinker 390 REDUCED to \$159,900
33' SeaRay 310 Sundancer 2008 NEW LISTING Erie, \$138,900
30' Trojan F30 1975 "Reel Majic" REDUCED to \$7,995

34' Carver 634 Santego 1992 "Perfect Pleasure" NEW LISTING Twin 454's, 22 Knot Cruise, 32 Knot Max, Very Roomy, Flybridge, Electric Toilet, Refrig, Microwave, H/C, Plotter, Radar, New VHF w/DSC, Air Conditioning, Bimini, Erie

30' SeaRay 310 Sundancer 2008 NEW LISTING like new, 130 hours, well equipped. AC/heat, flat screen TV. C80 Chartplotter, electric windlass, Erie

Sold or Under Contract:

48' Jefferson Monticello Motor Yacht 1988 UNDER CONTRACT
40' Wauquiez Centurion 40S 2004 SOLD
36' Catalina 36 MKII 1999 SOLD
28' S2 8.5 Meter 1982 SOLD
27' Jeanneau Fantasia SOLD
27' O'Day 27 1976 UNDER CONTRACT
22' S2 6.9 1984 w/Trailer SOLD

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, \$4,900, Youngstown rick@rcryachts.com

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:

Sept 11-12, "Lois McClure", a full-sail replica of an 1862 sailing canal boat will visit Upson Park in Lockport. The public is invited to visit the Lois McClure and experience the great history and legacy of New York's historic Canal System. The Lois McClure is a full-sale replica of an 1862, 88-foot sailing canal schooner. The ship was constructed in Burlington, VT and launched in 2004 and brought to us by "The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum". It was historically modeled after the canal schooners that have been found

shipwrecked in the waters of Lake Champlain. The ship is on "Our Shared Heritage: World Canals Tour." a 1,000 mile journey. From her home port in Lake Champlain she will visit 20 historic ports-of-call along the Erie Canal and New York State Canal System. For more information about the Lois McClure or the tour, go online and visit: www.canals.ny.gov

Sept 10 Erie Waterfront Heritage Days

Sept 10-12, TALL SHIPS ERIE: Festival hours are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday, Saturday & Sunday the 10th, 11th & 12th of September. More info is at our web site www.tallshipserie.com It is a benefit for the Flagship Niagara and we have 8 tall ships coming to Erie. They are looking for volunteers to work the festival. All volunteers will receive two complimentary tickets to the event for a minimum of working two shifts and a TALL SHIPS ERIE commemorative T-Shirt.

Saturday September 11, Erie will have its first ever Cardboard Boat Regatta in the East Canal Basin behind the BCMS campus. A parade of entries will begin at 10am; racing will start at 11am. This is a perfect opportunity for schools, scout groups, community organizations, family teams, and businesses to design and build a boat to race. Or come join the fun on the waterfront to cheer for your favorite team. The cardboard boat race regatta will only add to the waterfront activities of the Erie Heritage Festival and Tall Ships Erie, which are set for the same weekend. You need to see the photos of some of the boats that have entered elsewhere, they are both ingenious and hilarious:

<http://www.bayfrontcenter.org/news-events/2010/06/bcms-is-hosting-eries-first-cardboard-boat-regatta>

Sept 15-19, Cedar Point Ohio In-Water Boat Show

Sept 16-19, Newport International boat show is celebrating its 40th Anniversary, the show is one of the four largest in-water boat shows in the country and features both power and sail boats displayed over 13 acres along America's Cup Avenue. The tents are jammed with the latest goodies for your boat.

<http://www.newportboatshow.com/>

Sept 23-26, Norwalk Boat Show, Norwalk Cove Marine, Norwalk, Connecticut.

<http://www.boatshownorwalk.com/>

October 7-11, US International Boat Show, Annapolis, MD, This is the biggest sailboat show in the US. If there is just one show you attend, this should be the one. All the latest boats and boating gear from all over the World.

<http://www.usboat.com/us-sailboat-show/home>

Comments & Articles of Interest:

"What's in your tank?" by Rick Lenard: "On occasion I help our buyers move their new boats from the old port to its new home. Such was the case recently when I agreed to help a buyer from Buffalo move his newly acquired 28' S2 8.5 from Erie, PA to RCR's Buffalo Marina. I have done this trip a number of times before. We checked the weather and the forecast was for 30% chance of thunderstorms (which means 70% not), but the timing was such that we would miss them. The wind was forecast to be from SW switching to the NE later, never building over 20 knots. If we got started in a timely fashion we should be OK for what would normally be a 12 hour trip. We arranged for a ride to Presque Isle State Park Marina late Thursday afternoon and planned on leaving the dock around 6 and motoring though the night arriving back in Buffalo anywhere between 6-8am Friday. With 2 aboard and an autopilot we could sleep in 3 hour shifts and not be too sleep-deprived come Friday. The boat was equipped with a Yanmar diesel, GPS, Knotmeter , Depthsounder and VHF. I also had my handheld GPS that goes with me on every delivery. We got to the boat and loaded our gear, food and drinks, untied the docklines and shoved off. Just 5 minutes after the exit from the marina the engine temperature alarm went off! After a quick look (we threw out an anchor) we

found the cooling water intake valve was still closed. (shame on us for not checking this before leaving the dock). After opening it up the alarm stayed off so we continued on.

Things were going well after we left the bay in Erie and headed out onto the Lake. The waves were less than 2 feet so we poled out the Genoa and continued on with the engine motor-sailing with a SOG of 5-6 knots. Our ETA was now around 7am if we could keep this up, not too bad. About 2 1/2 hours into it the engine coughed and conked out. A quick call to Brian Buczak, RCR's commissioning guru, and he suggested the problem might be a clogged fuel filter. Ed, the new owner, drained it and re-primed the engine and we tried it again. It started, but soon after it conked out again. We seemed to be doing pretty well just sailing and we were headed straight home so, let's sail it home.

After a fantastic sunset, we could see the thunderstorms over the eastern skies. They were well off in the distance maybe 50 miles toward Buffalo and the light show was very cool. We were moving along fine and I decided to close my eyes below for an hour or two.

I was just dozing off when the boat started to make different noises, the water on the side of the hull sounded different and the wind was cooler. Sure enough, the wind now was out of the NE at 18 knots right on the nose! I furled in half the Genoa and dropped the traveler down and we were balanced for the conditions. We were able to sail on starboard tack toward Canada at 30 degrees and on port tack back toward New York state around 135 degrees, we needed to be heading in the direction of 60 degrees to make Buffalo! We kept this up all night tacking back and forth across the lake gaining easterly miles, but sailing a fair distance in between. Every time I looked to my right Dunkirk was still there, and we just couldn't seem to get further east of it! Daylight came and we were still only a little more than half way back. The wind subsided some so I rolled out the full Genoa and trimmed the main for full pointing. Our speed was anywhere between 4-5 knots, still tacking back and forth gaining more easterly every time we tacked again. We finally got between Point Abino and Sturgeon Point not more than 12 miles from home when the wind totally died. Now what to do? No engine, no wind, it's hot, it's flat and the forecast is for light NE till Saturday morning! Also, I forgot to mention my cell phone battery was about to die too.

Finally at 5pm, Don Finkle motored over from Buffalo to meet us just SW of Point Abino and towed us back, arriving at 6:30pm, 24 hours after we started.

Saturday morning, after pulling things apart and trying different things, we found the culprit to be water and sludge in the diesel tank, as Brian suspected. The engine ran fine when it was tested before the boat left Erie, but it is not uncommon for problems to develop when the boat encounters rough water. The turbulence of motor-sailing stirred up the fuel in the tank and clogged the filters each time we cleaned them out. The fix is not difficult, removing all the fuel, cleaning the tank, changing the filters then refilling with clean diesel. It also was advised from now on to add K-100 to the fuel.

We were never in any danger, nothing broke, we had plenty of food and water; it was just so frustrating being stuck out there with no way home. We did try calling the boat tow, but at \$250 an hour and being 2 hours out (each way), that wasn't an option! Joining Boat-US would also be a good idea for the future. Columbus didn't have a motor but, he didn't have to get back the next day for work either!

Do you know how to trouble shoot your engine should it stop? When was the last time you cleaned your fuel tank? Even after changing the filters there are specific steps to get the engine started again. What's in your tank?"

New Boat News:

New Boats Available for Viewing at RCR:

Beneteau 31, 34, 37, 40, 46

Beneteau First 10R, First 36.7
 Hunter 27, 31, 33, 36, 38, 41DS, 45CC
 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:

Last Sunday's RED CROSS REGATTA was a great success. The weather gods cooperated and there was 6-8 knots of wind as well. Held at the Erie Yacht Club, this 1st Annual regatta for Red Cross attracted 50 sailboats, and a good number of sponsored powerboats with spectators were out as well. The money raised stays with Erie's local Red Cross Chapter. Congratulations to all participants for "a job well done." And special thanks To Pam Masi of Red Cross and her volunteer committee. Looking forward to a bigger and better next year.

The Lake Erie Solo Challenge represents the fourth GLSS membership granting event on the Great Lakes. While Lake Erie may be the shallowest of the Great Lakes, that very characteristic makes for some extraordinarily difficult sailing at times. Winds can produce large, steep-faced waves seemingly in minutes, and summer thunderstorms can turn a placid body of water into a tempest just as quickly. Throw in a high concentration of pleasure craft, fishermen, and fish nets interspersed with commercial freighter traffic, and the ingredients are in place for a Challenge on par with those of any other lake.

The Lake Erie Solo Challenge begins with a start off of North Cape Yacht Club near Monroe, MI and the fleet proceeds past Pelee Island, Ontario and eastward to a rounding of the Seneca Shoal buoy near Buffalo, thence on to a finish off of Presque Isle Harbor at Erie, PA. The course measures 312 statute miles, and in terms of comparison to the other GLSS Challenges, it ranks third behind the Trans Superior Solo, and the Chicago to Mackinac Island Solo Challenge. The 2010 event will mark the fourth running of the Challenge - come on down to Erie and see what all the excitement is about! That was posted on the web site up to last week. The race is complete now and 4 Erie Sailors competed this year.

This from Dave Amatangelo one of Erie's sailors: "This year's 2010 Lake Erie Challenge was a spectacular event. The host for the start at North Cape Yacht Club could not have been more gracious to the participants as they cooked and served a wonderful turkey with mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, were talking the works, it was a great meal before the start of the race which can take 2 to 5 days.

The actual race had light to moderate winds, the lake was kind to all, and it was just a great event. It had a little bit of everything, downwind runs, broad reaches, beating to windward, some lulls, where you just sat but that was minimal, except it happened at the end within 10 to 20 miles of Erie.

After about 8 hours the racers were pretty well spread out, it went from a spinnaker run to beating thru Pelee Passage, a few got past the islands in daylight but the majority of the fleet had to navigate thru in the night, but with the GPS and Chart Plotters it wasn't much of a problem. The stars were absolutely spectacular, and then the moon would come up big and bright... it was amazing how beautiful it was. It really was phenomenal, there you are ghosting along by yourself at about 4.5 knots, the boats heeled over about 5-10 degrees not much wave action and all you hear is the hull thru the water, it doesn't get much better than this.

As you can see from the results the first boat finished in 39 hours elapsed time and the last boat took 91 hours but even he said it was a great race.

The race is 271 nautical miles starting at Toledo going thru Pelee Passage to the Seneca Shoal buoy in Buffalo and finishing at R2 just outside the Peninsula

The Erie Yacht Club hosted the finish luncheon and awards

4 sailors from Erie participated, 3 have done it for the last 3 years Dave Amatangelo, Brad Enterline, and Gregg Gorny. New this year was Allen Belavarac and every time you heard him on the radio you could see the smile on his face, he couldn't quit talking about it.

There were 4 other Erie sailors that did their qualifier to participate in the race and we anticipate they'll be joining us next year. If you have any interest please go to the GLSS (Great Lakes Single Handed Society's) Web site at www.solosailors.org for details of the event and requirements.

I believe the event had 4 sailors that have completed all 5 of the Great lakes events which is truly an accomplishment.

Our Gregg Gorny is on the Board of the GLSS and if you would like to be put on our local updates please contact Gregg at grg817@netzero.com "

Congrats guys on a job well done!

A couple years ago Labor Day Weekend 'Nise & I took some guests sailing. They had brought their signature recipe for a pepper salsa. I'll share the recipe with you. It was great on crackers or brochette toasts.

PEPPER SALAD

Cut up (1) basket peppers (jalapeño) (remove seeds and ribs for less heat), put in container, and cover with equal parts water and vinegar. Let stand (3) days. Drain off mixture.

Add to peppers the following:

2 Tablespoons parsley flakes
 3 Tablespoons oregano
 Plenty of garlic (diced)
 2 small bottles green olives w/ pimentos drained and chopped
 2 cans drained black olives chopped
 Add salt to taste
 1 Tablespoon black pepper
 Mix thoroughly, place in crock or container & cover with olive oil.

Place in refrigerator. Can be frozen.....Thanks Wayne

Some new Erie listings:

Sail:

30 Tartan 1977 "Endurance" very clean boat. New Genoa, recent mainsail, Harken furler, new windward sheeting. Great club racer. Offered at \$13,900

http://www.rcryachts.com/pre_owned_detail.asp?sid=01959803X9K2K2010J4I12I38JPMQ3655R0&veh=1813557

Power:

2008 Searay 310 Sundancer like new, 130 hours, well equipped. AC/heat, flat screen TV. C80 Chartplotter, electric windlass. http://www.rcryachts.com/pre_owned_detail.asp?

[sid=09182703X9K3K2010J8I09I00JAMQ3655R0&veh=1807102](http://www.activecaptain.com/sid=09182703X9K3K2010J8I09I00JAMQ3655R0&veh=1807102)

We're gearing up for the fall boat show season. RCR will be at the Annapolis US Sailing Show working with Beneteau, Hunter, J/boats and Sabre. We have a limited number of tickets available for our customers. Reserve some with your local Broker. The show opens Thursday, October 7th with the VIP Day and runs thru Monday, October 11th. Hope to see you there!

Question for the week: If a man is out at sea, sailing alone, and he speaks where no woman can hear...is he still wrong?

Enjoy yourselves this weekend! Be safe!

Tips, Products & Services:

ActiveCaptain Interactive Cruising Guidebook including marina reviews, moorings, contact information, pricing, services, amenities, maps, charts, etc. Our good friend Hank Evans, who is live-aboard cruising, turned us on to this very useful site: <http://www.activecaptain.com/>

Weather radar sites:

<http://radar.weather.gov/radar.php?rid=buf&product=N0R&overlay=11101111&loop=no>

http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/radar/index_e.html?id=WKR

http://radar.weather.gov/Conus/index_lite.php

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

Nautical Trivia "The Sailing Board Game" www.usasummit.com 1-516-628-8486

Boat Canvas Work:

Julie Blakely rblakley@rochester.rr.com

Custom Covers & Canvas: 716-298-5946, Rich or John

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Great Sources for Vinyl Boat Names:

www.signdogs.com

justyn@niagaragraphic.com

www.boatgraphicsbuffalo.com

Beneteau Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Beneteau-USA/93010103950>

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

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

USCG Captain's License Training: 877-883-9366

BOATING DVD STORE: The list is endless! Go to www.bennetmarine.com

Viking Boat Trailers & Cradles: www.sailboats.vikingtrailer.com

Ship Model Site: <http://www.maritimemodelworks.com/>

Delivery Captain: Dave Block, 200 Tons Sail & Power, Mobile: 716.481.7245

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

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

Flea Market & Small Boat Place:

FOR SALE. Triangular Dock box - \$100 contact tracy@rcryachts.com

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6 Brownell Boat 48" thru 68" sailboat Stands \$350

Model No. SB2 flat top stands

Used one season excellent condition

Contact: wtries@hotmail.com

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