



LAKE RONKONKOMA Iceboat and Yacht Club

TO ALL:
THE LONG ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE ON!!!
SAT. FEBRUARY 28, 2015

DN's - Mecox Bay, Southampton
J14's - Lake Ronkonkoma **HOME ICE!**

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2015 LI DN Championships

A great day was had by all at the 2015 LI DN Championships on Mecox Bay, Southampton, NY. Ten fiercely competitive DN skippers took on the challenge of BIG ICE on Mecox Bay. Varying ice surfaces and the occasional wind shift made picking a winner a real test for those "experts".

The race committee of Ralph Hilbert and Tom Valentine were blessed with the help of special guests, Tom Halsey and Hanna Gray.

Tom Valentine was "THE ULTIMATE" utility man starting, finishing, setting up, boat assistant, sail number caller, verifier of boat finishing positions and gourmet lunch cook --- just kidding :).
He was the glue that held the committee together.

Tom Halsey, the winner of numerous championships, was of great value to the team by relating past experiences and sharing his wealth of racing knowledge.

Hanna Gray took time out from her job as Marine Technician for Polar Trec in Antarctica. Hanna was a great help in using her keen "ICE" eyes to call out the sail numbers of the DNs as they rocketed by the start/finish line.

The beautiful weather with a decent breeze brought out some 20+ sailing craft of all sizes and shapes. DN, Skeeter, Gambit, Bat Wing, Home Made, and even a Lockely Skimmer made up the group of sailors that had a great time even beyond the setting sun. Some competitors continued their racing well after the championship racing was in the books.

John Ziermann DN-5426/Gambit/Treasurer

Message from the Commodore

As I write this on February 24th various club members are traveling Long Island in search of the best sailable ice to hold our LI Championships hopefully this coming weekend.

Thanks go out to Mike Acebo, Doug Adams, Chris Miller, John Ziermann, Fred Greis and others for their efforts.

With the Annual Awards Dinner scheduled for April 12th at the Oar in Patchogue, I'm asking everyone holding perpetual trophies to polish them up and return them at our March 3rd meeting.

At the meeting, Joe Cangeleri will give a video presentation on Stern Steerers. Should be interesting. Don't miss it.
Ralph



Calendar

March 3rd, 2015

Club Meeting, Weeks Shipyard

April 12th, 2015

Annual Awards Dinner

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Photos From John Ziermann
&
Scott Valentine

LRIBYC 2015 DN
Championships Mecox



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LRIBYC 2015 J14 Long Island Championships Results. Sailed at Ronkonkoma

	R #1	R #2	R #3	R #4	R #5	R #6	R #7	R #8	R #9	Pts/Pos
George Neyssen #152	2	2	1	2	1	1	3	1	1	14 1st
Fred Greis #12	1	3	2	1	3	2	1	2	4	19 2nd
Mike Acebo #21	3	1	3	3	2	5	2	3	2	24 3rd
Rich Batista #JX FROSTY PAWS	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	38 4th
Bob Boyle # 9	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	3	5	4	3	40 5th

LRIBYC 2015 DN Long Island Championships Results. Sailed at Mecox

Boat	Skipper	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Points	Pos	
5415	Chris Miller	1	1	1	1	1	1*	5	1st	
5350	Pete Truesdell	2	2	2	2	2	4*	10	2nd	
5249	Doug Adams	4	3	4	3	6*	2	16	3rd	
4925	Scott Valentine	7*	4	3	6	3	3	19	4th	
3700	Rich Clark	3	6	5	10*	7	5	26	5th	
107	Hank Kaiser	5	5	8*	5	5	6	26	6th	
3778	Bob Hoguet	6	8	6	4	4	DNS11*	28	7th	
3758	Paul Tropea	9	7	7	7	DNF11	DNS11*	41	8th	Silver 1st
5351	Lucinda Hurley	8	9	10*	8	9	7	41	9th	Silver 2nd
3249	Dave Brown	10*	10	9	9	8	8	44	10th	Silver 3rd



J14 CHAMPIONSHIPS



Lake Ronkonkoma

The J14 Long Island Championships were announced Friday evening to be sailed on Lake Ronkonkoma. Four skippers arrived in time to set up, inspect the lake and set the course under the direction of George Neyssen. A skippers meeting was held describing the course and instructions. Safety was stressed. The first race was off at 10:30 followed by four more before a lunch break. The fleet finished up the afternoon session with four more races followed by an hour of J14 cruising. Boats were left on the ice overnight and a Sunday morning of brisk sailing was completed before the snow came and boats were broken down.

Saturdays racing was held on very nice ice with avoidable snow humps throughout the course. The ice was fast, creating some exciting down wind mark roundings and the wind speed remained steady with some shifts to keep us guessing. Only one race got the skippers out to push just enough to be thankful for the fresh breeze.

The boats were well matched with the top three skippers trading positions on each leg most races. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishes were shared through the field and close finishes were a regular event. All skippers stated this was the most complete regatta they had ever sailed and ended the day worn out and fulfilled.

The Club fleet of J14's continues to grow and the oldest boats (20+ yrs old) are proving to be as capable as the new boats. The J14 shows you can race one day and cruise in comfort the next day in a car top iceboat.



Other venues:

Several other sites have been sailed and points races have been run. Hallocks, Shelter Island, Mecox, Swan Pond and Great Pond have all seen a lot of activity. I will cover cruising and pleasure sailing in the next newsletter.

Send photos and stories and they will be included. I have some good write ups for the next issue on safety and rescue. Building and maintenance tips will also be included in the next issue.

Thanks,

Mike macebo@mac.com

From the :

Chickawaukie Ice Boat Club

Ice Wisdom to Live By...As we await news of Zamboni action, here is something to think about.

DO NOT BE THE FFF GUY.

DO NOT be that guy!!! What is **FFF**? Well it is not a racing term; it should be avoided by all. It relates to new ice, and it has three parts:

1. Do not be **FIRST**- Yes someone has to be first to sail the new area, but do not do it alone. Sail the new ice with a buddy (remember never sail alone) scouting together. At least insure there is another boat ready to go, rapid transit to come help you if need be, and someone is watching you out there.
2. Do not be **FAST**- Being fast comes later, sail new areas in slow scouting mode, up in the boat scanning the ice horizon. Watch the tell tales later, slow cross sail, expanding the area scouted.
3. Do not go **FAR**- Do not sail off into the distance, to the other side of the lake. Long commute to come help you if you are the first to find the holes. See # 2 again. High Risk if you rush off alone, in fast mode, off into the distance, being the first to sail the new area.

The three together spell trouble. DO NOT be that guy!
Yours truly Old Frosty

(Old Frosty is not a real person, but a combination of old thinkers, grumpy old and young men and the usual suspects seen on and about the ice) P.S. In other words let's be safe so we can all enjoy some fun together.