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# LAKE RONKONKOMA Iceboat and Yacht Club

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<http://www.iceboatlongisland.com>

2024

## Guest Message from NEIYC Secretary, Karen Binder

After 4 days of racing the Race Committee did an amazing job of getting off a total of 22 races (11 for each fleet) in all kind of conditions. At the awards ceremony, T led with a toast and thanks to "All the boats, planks, and equipment that gave themselves up to the challenges of ice and big wind this week." I won't go into specifics, but lots of iceboaters will need to go shopping and many more will spend some quality shop time rebuilding stuff. Even T and I suffered damage with my hound breaking on the first windward leg of the 9th race and just as conditions were turning a bit lighter and softer. With no set of extra shrouds and T hound fitting, I ended up missing the last races of the regatta. T had a port starboard situation in the same race, both sailors are fine, but he could not return to racing either.

Saturday racing was called off due to heavy winds, but Jeff Rosebery was still out there ripping it up and was clocked at going more than 60 mph. He should be heartily congratulated on his 15th place finish in the Gold Fleet. His practice and time in the boat certainly paid off. Milo Fleming won the Junior Award and finished 13th in the Silver Fleet. It's been so fun seeing Milo develop into such a talented sailor and mature young adult since first meeting him when he decided to learn about iceboating for a school project about five years ago. Bob Haag first time competing at the NA's resulted in winning the Rusty Runner award. Well done, Bob!

And a huge thanks to NEIYA members Henry Capotosto and Nina Fleming for driving 25 plus hours to VOLUNTEER for an entire week helping with all aspects of Race Committee. The volunteers are really incredible with their dedication to pulling off a great regatta for the sailors. We thank you! For me, if there is any more time on the ice this season and definitely for next season I will make scratch racing courses much longer. At big regattas the course length is a minimum of 1.0 miles. With good starts I am able to keep up with the top sailors for the first 1/3 to 1/2 of the windward leg, but then they start pulling away. By the 2nd leeward rounding the top ten sailors are just about at the windward mark as the bottom third of the gold fleet are just making the turn at the leeward mark. So, for me it's a matter of boat speed across longer courses. You see on a small course I am right at the windward mark with T so I went into this regatta feeling like I am really fast, but on long courses it's a different story. It's good to know what I need to work on next. before the season is officially over.

Karen Binder

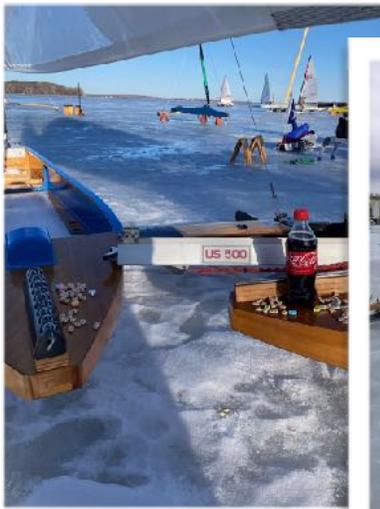
DN 5630

## DN National Championships. Minnesota, February. 2024 Team LRIBYC Scott Valentine & Pete Truesdell

Racing got underway today Silver fleet qualifier went off in 18-20 mph winds on soft ice as temperatures climbed all day to a record high of 65 in Minneapolis. We both started way out on the left side starting line at 40 and 46 and when the flag dropped Scott got off ok and I ran well and jumped in to find the rig tuned too stiff so the boat was really jumpy. Wrestled it for 3 laps with no fear of moving up into the gold fleet. Struble won easily with blistering speed in the first gold race. Our second started a bit better but yours truly then distinguished himself by flipping the boat peeling off the first mark. Got going again but ended up a bart boat. Scott sailed consistently with 2 17s and my 14 and 30 means I'm hoping for a throwout. Wind collapsed completely for 2 gold race after which was the 2 mile slog back to the pits. Scott managed to grab a tow from one of his buddies on RC while I had a lovely stroll across the lake for an hour stripped down to t shirt. Big changes in weather coming with a cold front. We're trying again tomorrow morning if the ice sets up tonight. Having a ton of fun

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### Updates from Pete, photos, Scott and Pete







We'll have a lot to tell you guys at the meeting next Tuesday. We are done and packed for leaving tomorrow morning. An eventful day today that was unfortunately not so good for Scotty. He got clipped by port tack boat and basically his boat is destroyed. He's ok with a couple of bruises and will get a nice new Sherry hull as a consolation prize. They might try to run a couple of more races tomorrow but conditions look sketchy with soft ice and big wind. A lot of carnage this week. 9 or 10 wrecked boats and almost everyone has something to fix. See you on Tuesday

Despite the busted gear we've had a blast

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19th	US 5350	Peter	Truesdell		14	(30)	14	14	24	16	15	15	20	19	(39 DNC)	220	151
20th	US 5808b	Maggie	McGary		(30)	14	25	(27)	26	21	22	21	19	18	13	236	179
21st	US 5677	Peggy	Menzies		18	18	(28)	23	22	(39 DSQ)	25	19	21	22	17	252	185
22nd	US 1873	Martha	Croascale		20	21	24	(25)	(27)	22	21	22	24	20	16	242	190
23rd	KC 5515	Jim	Foster		7	8	21	10	(39 DNF)	23	8	(39 DNC)	39 DNC	39 DNC	39 DNC	272	194
24th	KA 2	Peter	Norton		(27)	16	(26)	22	23	24	23	24	23	26	18	252	199
25th	US 4925	Scott	Valentine		17	17	15	19	21	19	19	(39 DNC)	(39 DNC)	39 DNC	39 DNC	283	205

During another not so glorious ice condition season a few Club Cruiser Iceboaters found a few days on the ice thanks to active Ice Spotters in MA, ME, NY and CT.



Quaboag Pond. Kai Sturmann. Mike Acebo <https://vimeo.com/913776910>



“Sailing fast on rough ice really tests the integrity of the driver and the equipment, luckily my boat has a lot of integrity! On Quaboag Pond in Brookfield, MA.” George Neysen



Lake Sacandaga , Martin Cawley #280

At last month Scooter Club meeting Sean Gilligan was recognized as the last Scooter sailor to sail a Scooter. He sailed his newly acquired boat at Bantam Lake two seasons ago.



Videos Here:

<https://vimeo.com/667016062?share=copy>  
<https://youtu.be/sf6f1GfEVXQ?si=UGSauBDGPfMQofCk>

**Don't FORGET. Tuesday evening, LRIBYC meeting at Weeks Shipyard March 5th, 2024. Not Sure what tall tales will be told, Scott offers "War Stories" but you have to be there to hear em. 50/50 Raffle, snacks, brownies and liquid refreshments.**

**As a youngster I used to go to my fathers WWII veterans gatherings, they were advertised as "Wars fought, Stories told, Orgies Organized." I heard stories about wars but always missed the third item on the agenda. You never know what might be on the Club's Agenda so you have to show up!**

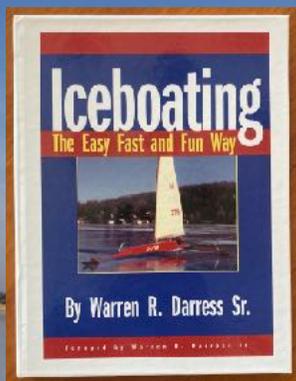


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    - Almost new axle and bearings
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    - Trailer cover that covers all
      - Side car
  - Fuselage 16ft with foot steering (Springboard makes it 20ft Class C)
  - Runner Plank 16ft and pillow block chocks
  - SELF ALIGNING RUNNER CHOCKS \*\*\*\*
    - Extra plank 16ft wood only
    - Hemlock mast 20ft Class C
      - Fir mast 20ft Class C
      - 2 sets of mast rigging
    - Whisker stays (bow to plank)

- 5 sets of runners.
  - 1/4x3Hx42L T-Iron Marked #3
  - 1/4x5Hx42L. 1/4 1045 #4
  - 1/4 x5Hx42L 1045 from Homer Sieder #5
  - 3/16 x3 1/2Hx54L T-Iron.#6
  - 1/4x4x42L hardened Stainless #7
- 3 sails with battens in sail box
  - NELSON Sail flat for strong wind
  - BOSSET Sail for light wind
  - DARRESS storm sail

All items stored in garage  
 Book written by dad on how built, sailed

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