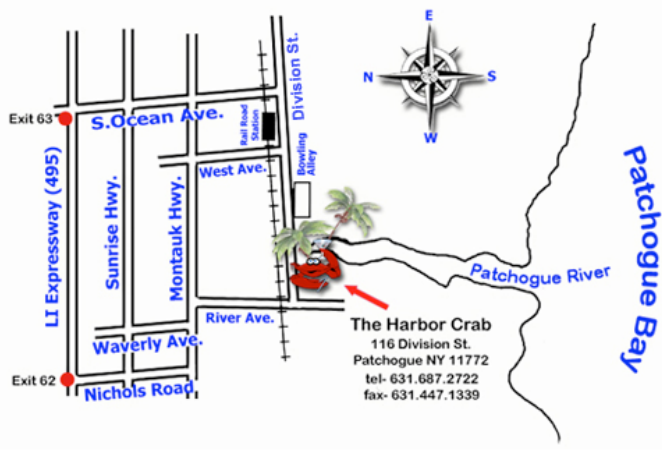




LAKE RONKONKOMA Iceboat and Yacht Club



DIRECTIONS



Message from the Commodore:

Another season has come to a close. However, unless you made a commitment to travel, the local season never materialized. As an old Brooklyn Dodger fan used to say "Just wait till next year!"

I'm happy to report that at our March meeting, all present officers volunteered and were reelected for another two year term. I truly appreciate all the hard work that they do during the year. The revised By-laws as approved at our February meeting are now posted on our Web site. Changes/additions were made for sections 6.4, 9.2 and 12.1.

The Awards Dinner is scheduled for Sunday April 17th at the Harbor Crab in Patchogue from 4 to 7pm. Please let John Ziermann know if you are planning to attend. The restaurant will be needing a head count. Pay at the door with exact change or by check made out to LRIBYC (\$40). Even with the limited local ice, trophies will be awarded. Also at the dinner, a DN North American Championship regatta presentation will be made as well as some mystery awards handed out.

As a final tribute to the 2016 season, hear the Fat LADY sing on the Chickawaukie Ice Boat web site. Title "Highlights of the CIBC 2016 Season". Great video by a great club. Hope to see many of you at our Awards Dinner. Thanks.
Ralph

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Ice boats Melvin Village

Quote:

Originally Posted by [madeinusa69](#)
That's what you saw Ice Boating in Melvin Bay.

There are a group of ice boaters from Long Island, NY. I was there with them this morning. They were having a great time and loved the ice conditions. They were very careful. They had taken ice depth in many locations and put out flags where the conditions were not good. The ice thickness was a good 12+ in the area that they sailed. They all had cold water protection suits, PFD's ice picks and ropes in case there was an issue. These guys travel many miles to find good ice conditions. They are very experienced and serious ice boaters? They love Melvin Village Bay.

I drove by this evening and there are still several ice boats there. A couple are very high tech and can exceed 100MPH with 15 knot winds I was told. A great bunch of guys having fun and are very careful and knowledgeable about the ice conditions on Winni. They would not travel beyond the Melvin Village Bay Area. I told them of the poor ice conditions everywhere on the lake. They agreed and said after today and maybe tomorrow this will probably end their sailing season and head back to Long Island, NY. I welcomed them to the area and wished them well.

Quote

THE MINI SKEETER

John Eisenlohr Design 2014

The Mini Skeeter was made primarily as a fun leisure iceboat that I could use on smaller lakes. The goal I was aiming for is a small, comfortable, warm iceboat that looks elegant.

The fuselage uses plywood bulkheads and stringers to create the shape. The sides and bottom are 1/4" Okume Plywood. The deck is strip planked with 1/4" spruce strips. I wrapped the fuselage in 4 oz cloth. All the wood was glued with West System Epoxy. I also wanted it to be a "do it yourself" design as much as possible. There are only 2 welds necessary on the mast socket. The rest of the hardware is made from standard aluminum you can buy. The plans show how to fabricate the rear and steering chocks. I bought the steel and aluminum from Online Metal Store. I bought the fasteners online at McMaster Carr. I bought the blocks and ratchet block on line at Sail Care. Bruce Peterson at Sail Works has the sail plans on file and can duplicate one off my design. Sail Works also carries the proper carbon fiber mast to match the luff curve of the sail. I used a small 30 1/2" long 2" schedule 80 aluminum pipe as a sleeve inside the mast for extra strength. The plans show how to make your own boom with all the attachments for the sail and blocks.

I've been very pleased with the Mini Skeeter's performance. It has excellent light wind sailing ability. I have been able to sail before most other iceboats have enough wind strength to get started. On good ice I can easily sail in 3 to 5 mph winds. So far my top speed has been 57 mph on ice covered with 2" of snow. The 4 sq meter plan allows extended sailing ability in higher winds or a light pilot. It's easy to store, transport and set up. It's small enough to transport in the back of a small pickup truck. The philosophy behind the Mini Skeeter is DIY simple construction in a fun compact package.

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MINI SKEETER PLANS
JOHN EISENLOHR



BOATBUILDING BEGINS

Bob Boyle's new MINI Skeeter

is under construction. Designed by John Eisenlohr this is a great boat for easy transportation and set up. Bob's sail # is 26 and the fleet is growing. We will have two at least for next season. Interested? Let me Know.

Mike

Season's End

THINK ICE, It's never to early



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