



LAKE RONKONKOMA Iceboat and Yacht Club

DN Worlds Started

“Great day of practice racing followed by flag-raising ceremony. Bittersweet moment as Cathy Firmbach raised the DN class flag on US 500 while a funky James Brown song blared over the sound system! A fitting tribute to Rich Cruet.”

James “T” Thieler



DN Worlds- Big Day!

“Cold temps.... BIG breeze, gusts that I would describe as “violent” along with bitter cold temps and blowing snow made for a big day- Much carnage, a few broken masts, a plank or two ripped off, at least one blown up boat, and several spin outs upwind and down- It was wild enough for me!

Lots of sailors in survival mode around the track but the top guys can push it in that stuff- Very impressive to see and a big goal to work toward.”

James “T” Thieler



Message from the Commodore

Even with the cold temperatures we've had so far this year, only Swan Pond has given us local sailable ice. First ice boating of the season on Long Island was January 10th. The Pond has allowed for many good sailing days so far. For the first time ever, a stern steerer (Joe Gangeleri's) and a skeeter (Mike Seele's old boat) sailed the pond. Two days of point races were run. The new Swan Pond Regatta was sailed on 1/15/15 and won by Doug Adams. Thanks to many of our members that are checking the various lakes and bays for sailable ice. Please keep the reports coming. The season is still young, so keep your runners sharpened for a moments notice of good ice.

As I write this, our club members Cathy Firmbach, Scott Valentine and Peter Truesdell are up in Kingston, Ontario Canada participating in the DN Worlds and North American Championships. We wish them good ice, wind and an enjoyable and safe regatta. We expect to hear a detailed rundown of the regatta at our February 3rd meeting. Don't miss it.

Hope to see you there.

Ralph

DN Worlds DONE!

“Hey Folks- Four races today saw the completion of the DN Worlds. Shifty breeze in the morning was the least of the problems in getting races started (don't ask....) but once flags started dropping it was fast and furious racing all day in light to medium breeze.

Karol Jablonski had to work for this one as his Polish teammates put the heat on- They claimed the top three spots with Ron Sherry as top American in fourth. Yours truly was a distant sixth but I'll take it!” James “T” Thieler

MORE FROM THE DN WORLDS



All loaded and ready to head out to the course and the gold fleet start

Hi Everyone

Today was the first racing day. A Bronze/Silver/first race qualifier was held. It was evident that Rich's spirit was here. Scott Valentine got the #1 starting position, Cathy Firmbach had the #2 start position, and Pete Truesdell drew 33. The results of the first race was Cathy 4th, Scott 29th and Pete, 35th. The wind completely died after that. They started the gold race, only 1 lap was completed and they black flagged the race. We all pushed our boats in about 1.5 miles on relatively clean ice. Yes we are tired. Attached are a couple of pics from today. One is all loaded and ready to head out to the course and the other is the gold fleet start. The other is the end of

the first lap with Karol Jablonski, Ron Sherry and T have a laughing fit because they all ran out of wind at the same time.

Scott
Pete



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MEANWHILE ON LONG ISLAND THE HOME BOYS HIT SWAN POND HOT AND HEAVY

Smooth ice, NW-W winds 10-13.
Three Club races for points were run.

After lunch we held the Swan Pond Regatta five races



Joe Cangeleri

Skipper	boat	R1	R2	R3
Chris Miller	3747	2	1	1
Doug Adams	5249	1	2	2
Hank Kaiser	107	3	3	3
Hunter Rainis	3778	4	4	4

Swan Pond Regatta

Skipper	boat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Tot	PI
Doug Adams	5249	2	2	1	1	1	7	1
Chris Miller	3747	1	1	2	2	2	8	2
Hunter Rainis	3778	3	3	3	3	3	15	3
Hank Kaiser	107	4	4	4	4	4	20	4

Hank's nephew Hunter did great in last two races leading the first laps. He is filling out a membership application this evening..

Ralph, Tom and Mark sailed their DN's till almost dark.

Doug Adams

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THOSE WITH THE WILL AND THE WAY TO HIT THE ROAD FOUND BANTAM!



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DON'T FORGET THE CLUB MEETING - REPORTS, THOUGHTS, QUESTIONS & SUGGESTIONS



Think ICE, Not Snow
David Danielson photo

**Next Meeting
Tuesday Feb. 3rd !!**