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# LAKE RONKONKOMA Iceboat and Yacht Club

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**Message from the Commodore**

Hello! By now, there has been quite few club members out and sailing! If you are not sure where they are sailing, check your ICE ALERTS. If you go out sailing, please take a picture (preferably with yourself in it) and post it on our ICE ALERT system. We all want to know where you are sailing!!

WE will be having (very hopefully our last) ZOOM meeting on Tuesday, February 1 @7pm. Information and link will be sent out on our ICE ALERT system. We are planning on have a safety discussion and presentation by our own John Ziermann!!! Complete with John's famous screen shares.

Let's hope that the snowstorm that just happened will give us some sailable local ice. Please pay attention to your ICE ALERTS. Please be careful when scouting ice and always take someone with you to help. Put it out on ICE ALERT if you want someone to help you.

For those who like to plan ahead, we are having our 100th anniversary in 2023. If you are looking for parts and gear, don't be afraid to contact me. If you need runners sharpened, plank aligned or small repairs, contact me, or put an ice alert message out. As always, if anyone needs anything, please feel free to contact me at: [dnus4925@yahoo.com](mailto:dnus4925@yahoo.com). Your Commodore, Scott



Top Photo: Henry Bossett

New England and LRIBYC sailors found some quality Ice in MA and CT. Quaboag, MA was sailed (Billy Bluefeather: "I sailed 120 miles that day,,,Thats why I'm a little hunched over!!!"). Webster Lake, MA was sailed by a variety of boats as was Bantam, CT hosting a large crowd with every style of iceboat available. The Maine crew were busy on Damariscotta and other lakes.



Quaboag Pond,



Photos: Bob S..

Webster Lake



Bantam Lake: Henry Bossett photo



Bantam Lake

I would like to give a shout out to John Ziermann our Club Treasurer and just as important our Club Gambit Skipper and go to guy for introductory/teaching rides to "newbies". My son-in-law showed up at Bantam with the desire to take a boat out. I was prepared to shove him off into the unknown in #21 when I spied John. Asking him if he would introduce Alex to an Iceboat in his Gambit John did not hesitate. I watched as they took some laps around Bantam and finally returned. Alex was now prepared to don a helmet, spikes and whistle around his neck, test the steering in #21 and take off. His only question to me and the audience watching was "does this thing float", my reply, "how the F...k would I know", and I shoved him off. We watched as he tacked and jibed his way around avoiding those areas we warned him of and played nicely with the other boats. A bit of apprehension was felt when he sailed back in and proceeded to sail around the pits downwind and turned upwind to come to a stop in a perfect location with the other parked boats. There were numerous comments of "how did he learn that". I told everyone I told him to stop outside the pits and walk in, I guess he watched others and figured it out. Hearing the story Fred Greis informed me that "even a blind squirrel will sometimes stumble across an acorn".



John followed that lesson with a ride for my daughter who also seemed to enjoy the excursion. I asked here if she handled the tiller or sail, she stated "I was in charge of the brake".

Thank you John (and Rosemary for giving up her seat) for 20 minute ground school given prior to Alex's SOLO. Your efforts will help build this sport. John always offers newbies an opportunity to sail so don't hesitate to take up his offer prior to viewing the Boats For Sale page.



John with Kyle,  
Alex returns.



## BOATS FOR SALE



Martin Cawley, [martinjcawley@gmail.com](mailto:martinjcawley@gmail.com)

FOR SALE Nite Style Ice Boat (single seater). Very nice condition Sarns Bullnose runners, crisp sail, newer plank. Includes cockpit cover,, sail bag, plank bag and mast bag. Well aligned and tuned, ready for your own personal sail number. Email me for details and pix Asking \$3,500 NO trailer. Located Suffolk County, Long Island

Complete set of pictures at this link: <https://theneiya.org/classifieds/>

## FOR SALE

### High Rig, Sailing/Racing Yankee Ice Boat- Ready to sail!

Dry stored since restoration completed in 2016.

**Blue Boat/ white plank, mast, boom.** Finished in Interlux blue with white 23' high rig sitka mast. This boat features a shaped aerodynamic sitka spruce plank. Adjustable mast step. redundant steering for safety, Runners and all hardware restored or replaced. New stainless throughout. All hardware restored or replaced with new. Custom boat cover. Comes with an older sail. Other sails available. Building and outfitting a new one would be well over \$20K.

2021 Priced to sell: \$3,900.00

Bonus: I will cover a one year membership in the ISA or the club of your choice.

Inquire with Owner/Restorer Fred Greis - Yankee skipper.

Restoration photos available. Cell  
516-313-7788 or [fredg@wettechnologies.com](mailto:fredg@wettechnologies.com)

There are about two dozen Yankees in the northeast. Boat comes with set up, tuning, and sailing help from the seller and/or others actively helping to build the sport and preserve the class. Can deliver. Yankees are the Cadillacs of ice boats. They can be sailed and raced by a single skipper and carry a passenger for one of the most thrilling rides you'll ever have!

Reason for selling: I sail and race my own Yankee. I purchased and restored this boat as a labor of love and to help build the fleet. Plus, boat is stored indoors, and I need the space.

Boat can be seen in Northford, CT.





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lh9CxTCacS8>

Henry Bossett retired from North Sails after years of hard and soft water sail making. We recently found him on the Ice at Bantam with us. He was sailing with his Granddaughter, Lucy, giving her some iceboating tips for the future. Henry is no novice to the sport: "He won a few iceboat regattas along the way too. Like the 3 times at DN World Championship (1977, 1981, 1983) and 4 times at the DN North Americans (1982, 1983, 1990, 1993). I'm sure there a some soft water titles as well including a Tornado Olympics trail with fellow DNER Jeff Kent.

(Unfortunately it was the boycott year of 1980.)

I'll never forget the first time Skeeter skipper Tom Hyslop talked about getting a "new Henry" which was the way that Skeeter and Renegade sailors referred to any sail from Henry Bossett.

In the above video, that's Henry sailing the DN in the famous Chapstick commercial. The sail became a wall fixture at the loft. Cheers to a long career and good luck as you move into this new phase in your life. We all hope to see you out on the ice with your camera, Henry!"

Credit [iceboat.org](http://iceboat.org)



Although I own 4 "Henry" sails this was my first chance to meet him. He sailed with Lucy and spent time filming the rest of us sailing with his drone. Links to some videos below. Many of the boats present at Bantam were sporting "Henry" sails and I hope some folks took time to say hello. Watch out for Henry on a lake near you with a drone in hand, say Hi.

After I built #21 I was in need of a DN mast and Sail. Warren Darress was able to provide both. I sailed at Winni with that rig and Henry recognized the sail from a photo. Here is what he wrote me:

"That sail was made in December of 1980 for a sailor named Chris Capadaglis.

A sail made in November of 1980 with slightly more luff curve finished 3rd at that season's North Americans.

I used an essentially identical sail to #1292, made in October of 1980 with an Aluminum Norton "Wing" mast to win The Worlds at Hamilton Bay, Ontario, Canada.

So it's got a pretty good pedigree and I'm glad you have it out sailing 40 years later.

(I designed and sewed my first DN main in the Fall of 1975)

I love looking back on my designs, thanks for checking the code.

Best,  
Henry"



If you find your self in need of a sail give Henry a call, he might need a project, you never know.

## Some Pictures and Videos from Bantam

<https://youtu.be/0gONioZWGus> Henry Bossett short video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sf6f1GfEVXQ> Henry Bossett video

[https://www.instagram.com/reel/CZF\\_MACOMdF/?utm\\_medium=share\\_sheet&fbclid=IwAR2DeUIIVnGZMmPoPgNAXAxJDokJuPdVImNlwJQQImYuv4QFMTzzw70Luh0](https://www.instagram.com/reel/CZF_MACOMdF/?utm_medium=share_sheet&fbclid=IwAR2DeUIIVnGZMmPoPgNAXAxJDokJuPdVImNlwJQQImYuv4QFMTzzw70Luh0)

Lucy and Henry

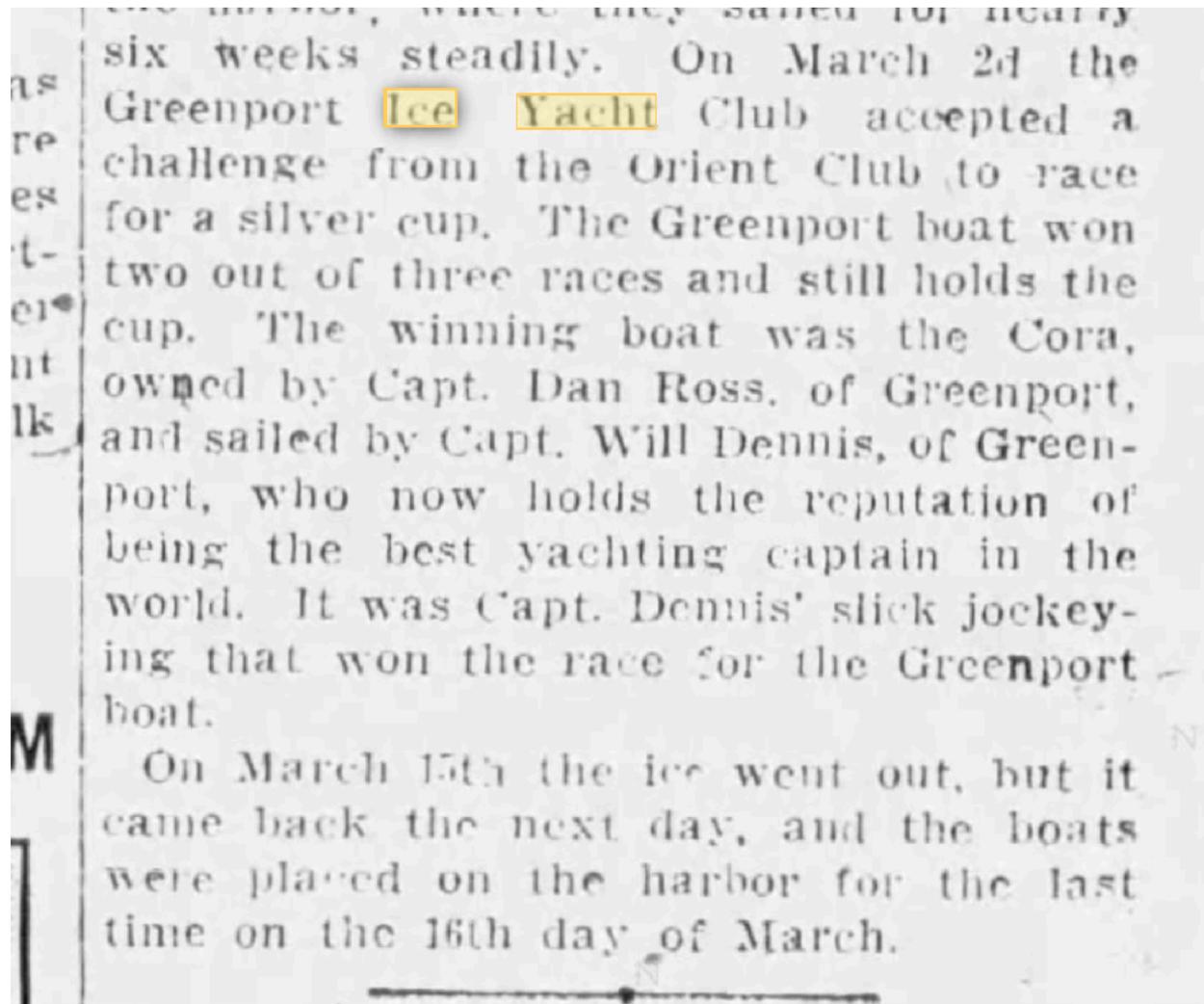
<https://vimeo.com/667016062> Mike Acebo "Scooter"

South Bay Scooter for Sale- <https://longisland.craigslist.org/boa/d/oakdale-reduced-south-bay-scooter-350/7439168898.html> - John Pepper



A bit of Long Island Iceboat History sent to me from Henry Bossett. The start date for the LRIBYC is shown as 1923. This 1903 newspaper article discusses the Greenport Ice Yacht Club and the Orient Club racing for a Silver Urn.

It would be nice to find that Cup!



**REMINDER:** When you step on the ice to set your boat up, put cleats on your feet, ice grippers and whistle around you neck. They won't help you if you forget them in your car and need them while sailing.

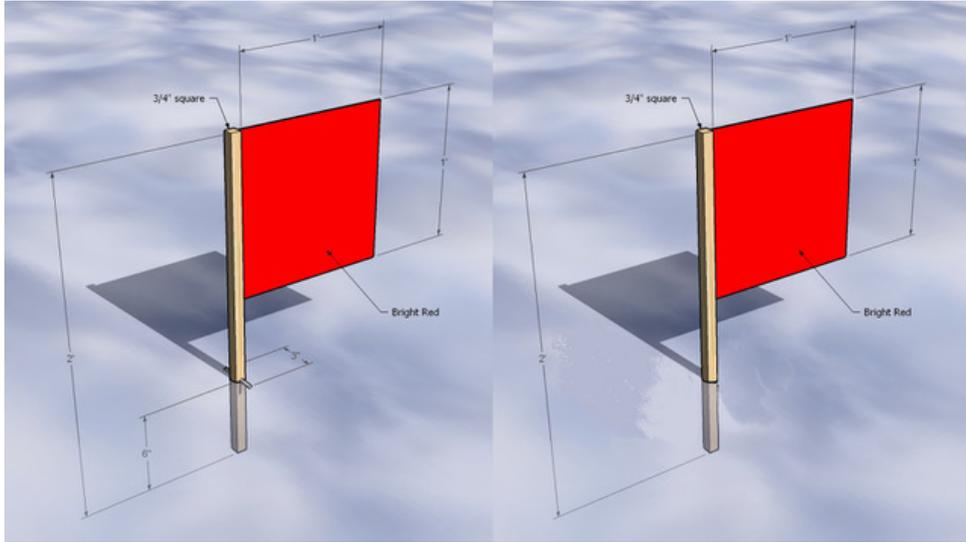
Doug Hardy shared his 90th Birthday with friends and relatives outdoors, in the cold, with body warming refreshments served in very small "shot glasses".

We are working to get Doug out on his J14 in the near future to celebrate his Birthday. Doug is a long time member and Secretary of LRIBYC & OIYC. Happy Birthday Doug!



## Miscellaneous info found in my email

From David Danielson: "If you are going to make flags, you can eliminate the cross piece. Dave Danielson"



Trash receptacle seen at Bantam

# CLUB MONTHLY MEETING

## FEB. 1, 2022

The Lake Ronkonkoma Ice Boat and Yacht Club is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Wet Technologies is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: LRIBYC February 2022 Zoom Meeting

Time: Feb 1, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84239843006?pwd=ZXBBVXJMTjAxdVRIZ0JyZXNiZSsxdz09>

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