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### First Tracks of the Season - Swan Pond



A small group took a shot at some early L.I. Iceboating. 8 who couldn't wait showed up. Warming temp's made for a short day



### Message from the Commodore

Our annual Swap Meet was held on a cold and snowy Saturday December 14th. I want to thank the 25+ attendees that braved the elements to make our Meet a success. Especially Steve Duhammel of <http://www.northwindiceboats.com> who drove all the way down from Massachusetts. Other long distance travelers were from Connecticut and New York City. As always it was great to have Cathy of Detroit join us.

Thanks to Warren Darress and John Ziermann who handled the cooking of the delicious food prepared by our Rear Commodore Rich Crucet. And how about his great Soup!!

Again thanks to Kevin Weeks for allowing us to hold our annual Swap Meet at such a great location. Thanks to him and his crew for opening up an area in the building so that we could hold the event indoors and out of the snowy weather.

As always thanks to Mrs Weeks for her delicious Brownies!

Our regular January meeting will be on Tuesday the 7th at 7pm. Hope to see you there.

I wish everyone a Happy Holiday and a healthy and icy New Year.



Ralph

The season has begun in earnest and it is time to watch the weather and sailing reports. One DN Regatta (Western Challenge Race) has been completed in Wisconsin and the second is underway in MI (2013 Central Lakes Region Championship Regatta). Reports of sailing in NH & MA are coming in and the weather is showing signs of potential for ice forming in CT. I feel we will have some opportunities very soon. Make sure you are ready to travel!

### **A few reports found recently:**

Quabaog pond (12/28/13)

“we sailed half the pond not to be tempting fate.... it was dream smooth ice,,,wind just right..some 70 miles of la la land sailing put us in a trance by the time the sun set...Not a ripple of a bump....Not a sound but the lee runner in a tight turn..

tomorrow rain and warm.. ice wont be safe.. but new years eve it might be...More info in a couple days..weather permitting.”

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**And from Maine:**

## **Chickawaukie Ice Boat Club**



**WHIZZ #7 Hits The Ice**

by [billbuchholz](#)

Paul Zucco drove all the way from Connecticut to Squam Lake, NH, one of the only sailable plates in the region, to christen his new Whizz and go sailing. He's been a'building for a couple of years so it had to be doubly sweet to both find the ice and then sail the boat. Paul certainly looks happy here:

The snow was reported to be light and dry, with Squam receiving much less than surrounding areas. Lee Spiller and others made the most of it while the rest of us spent days digging out trailers and chasing red herrings.Nice job, Paul, and we look forward to a Whizz regatta some time this season!

Photo Lee Spiller





Baxter Lake, Rochester  
NH. Fri. 12/27/13 Sailed  
most of the  
afternoon. Grade 6 ice  
under 1.5" of fluffy  
powder. Only sailing ice  
around.

Paul

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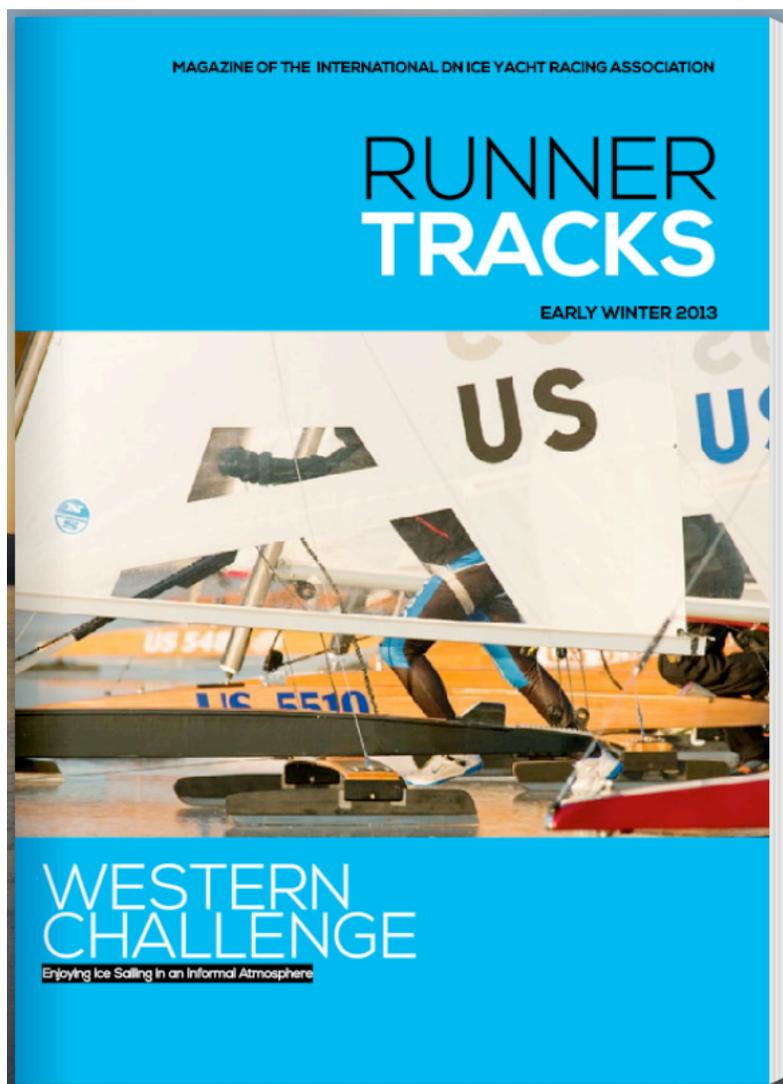


***Some nice reading for the DN Racers in our group***

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