

Lake Ronkonkoma

ICE BOAT and YACHT CLUB



A SEASON OF: " I SHOULD HAVE GONE"

Some of us have sailed at various locations. I have sailed MEGUNTICOOK in Maine, and BANTAM. Other locations have been WEBSTER, SUNAPEE and MAHOPAC. The only sailing on L.I. has been in Calverton and pond sailing on the South Fork. Hopefully some March sailing in ME, NH or MA will materialize but don't wait, it may end quickly.

Mike



Message from the Commodore

As you know the February meeting of the Club had to be rescheduled. I will be away on a trip from Feb 7th till March 1st (Australia, New Zealand and Fiji) and therefore unfortunately missed the rescheduled meeting. Doug Adams our Vice Commodore ran the meeting in my place.

Could you please include in the February Newsletter a request for "polished" trophies to be returned at the March 5th meeting so we can have them ready for the Awards dinner in April. Also if no local ice, the LI Championships can be held off LI after February 10th. Hopefully you've been finding good ice in your travels.

See you at our March meeting.

Thanks,

Ralph

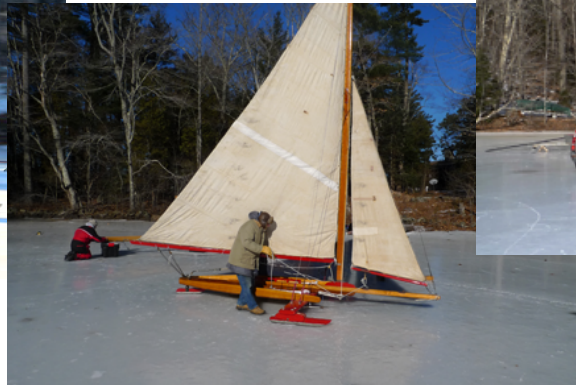
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Photos: Racing & Cruising at BANTAM



MAHOPAC

"Rich, Bob Hoguet, his friend Paul, and I sailed light but enough wind, good ice with Bob Strohm."
Doug Adams



MEGUNTICOOK, MAINE

Small Skeeters, DN's and Stern Steerers.
Driving on the lake adds to the fun!

"How do you Iceboat on Long Island"



"You load up and go to it"

The Bat Sails Again



The "BAT" with a true to form BATWING sail

Tom Halsey sent in these photos of his
restored MEADE BATWING sailing on a Pond on
the South Fork.

What a pretty boat!

Thomas Halsey <halseyfarm@optonline.net>

FOR SALE

A member of LRIBYC is selling his DN. Older style boat alum. mast and boom,
reg. and storm sail, I believe 3 planks and at least 3 sets of runners may be more.

Located on Long Island. Asking \$1500

For info ; Emil Mollik lynnbird@optonline.net

Earliest ICEFLYER?



A front-steering craft that's fast and safe under sail; easy for dad to build.

BY HI SIBLEY

IF YOU want to make your youngster the envy of every kid on the pond this winter, then build this midget speedster for him. He'll get more enjoyment sailing it than from many other winter toys and it's a lot safer because the pilot sits upright and can avoid hitting skaters and danger spots.

To get the project under way, start off by making the main plank and runner beam from 2 by 4's. Add the check pieces and step for the mast to the main plank, and the diagonal bracing to the runner beam. Next, drill holes for the lag screw, king pin and the bolt that holds the cross beam in place. Line the last two holes with metal tubes to absorb the wear and then drill holes in the cross beam for the bolts that hold the runner blocks.

The runners themselves are 8-inch

lengths of angle bar bolted up through the wooden shoes, and at the front end to a plate welded to the king pin. Next, assemble the chassis using coil springs between the front runner and the main plank and at the rear where it rests on the cross beam. You can then cut the mast and taper the diameter as indicated on the drawing. Drill a hole for the eye bolt for the boom and another for the pin about 3 inches from the peak. Then step the mast in place with a lag screw to hold it to the main plank.

The boom is your next job and while you're making it, have your wife run up the sail from unbleached muslin. When it's done, run it down over the mast and then set up the side stays and the one in the front. The boom slides in the lower hem of the sail and is fastened to the mast by means of a screw-eye gooseneck. Thin wooden battens should be slid into the pockets to help give the sail its shape. Following this, rig the sheet to the boom and main beam and add the pilot's seat and tiller. To finish the boat off, give it a coat of bright yellow or red enamel and stripe the frame with black paint.

