# LAKE RONKONKOM Iceboat and Yacht Club

January

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Message from the Commodore

Hello! As I write this, I am packing my trailer and getting to go with some of our club members to the IDNIYRA World Championships. If you ever get the chance to attend or just be a spectator at this event, you will be witnessing a real treat. The opportunity to meet and talk with some of the best sailors in the world is something that you will never forget. The agenda for the next meeting will be "Tales from the world and North American Championships".

Dust off your skimmer. We plan on having the Bob Reeves Skimmer Regatta as soon as we get ice. We could have this on Swan Pond. This will be a tribute to a man who got many people interested in our sport. It will be open to anyone with a skimmer, club member or not. Spread the word BE READY. We would also like to have the Rich Crucet Regatta. This will be for DN's. So, if you have a DN, any DN show up. This would be a great way to honor our late friend, mentor, hot dog cooker extraordinaire.

We had an excellent turn out for our swap meet. There was quite a bit gear and

boats available.

Our second meeting of the season will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023. BS starts at 6 and meeting promptly at 7. It will be live at the Weeks Yacht Yard. Be there!!!!

For those who like to plan ahead, we are having our 100th anniversary in 2023. We will try to have some sort of on the ice event. It will be called on very short notice.

If you are looking for a boat, parts or 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. Your Commodore, Scott

## Some quotes from Scott & Rich who went West for the DN Worlds and North American Championships

"The Gold Cup is in the books. A very tan Californian by the name of Matt Struble won. Which is amazing in that he hasn't sailed an iceboat in a couple of year. He was chased by 5 guys from Poland. T from Rhode Island came in 7th. Not bad. Your commodore took 12th in the bronze and Richard Gluckman took 28th. Not bad for his first world championship. Today's conditions were 2-4" snow drifts and very sticky snow with every little wind. During the gold fleet race, at one point of another everyone had to push. The silver fleet went out, they couldn't push around the course and meet the 11 minute time lap. The race committee new better than to even send out the bronze fleet.

We had chili and soup while they're attempting to race. Everyone pushed back in and cleaned up for the awards ceremony."

"2 races yesterday in each fleet in very tough conditions of wet heavy snow on the lake, reduced visibility in snow showers and not a lot of wind. Rich had a plank failure and Scott wisely decided to watch the fun along with others from the warmth of Springers – nice lakeside restaurant pub at the launch site. Committee is going to try again today to at least get one more Gold fleet race in to have the regatta complete but conditions look poor- A lot of wind and more snow on tap so low visibility and boat breaking heavy snow. Our intrepid LRIBYC team will be heading home today with tales to tell so make sure you are at the next meeting Feb 7th to hear all about it."

"The wind was up. It made for exciting racing. A spin out or two. A collision or two. I saw that Mike Acebo put out the results, so far. Both Rich and I had a great and fun day racing. All fleets had some great racing. Personally, it was one of my best sailing in a while. There was much back and forth and passing and very tight racing. The results don't show this action. Tomorrow will probably be the last day of racing for the worlds. Conditions don't look good. We will see what happens. Time to recover from all of todays racina( hot tub time)."



"It was a long cold day on the ice. Worth every minute. We had about an 1+ inch of snow overnight. So the surface was still very bumpy and snow covered. Worth every minute. Our fleet, the bronze was up first. It started great. Did I forget to mention that it was not windy. Off we went anyway. Needless to say it didn't end well. As of this writing, we do not have our results. They said it was a scoring issue. We will know in the morning. Silver fleet was next. It didn't go well either. Gold fleet was last. It didn't go well either. There was a great collision between Ron Sherry and Tomek, one of the top poles. It didn't end well for either of them. Still, worth every minute. The gold fleet results we very surprising. You will have to look them up. Someone hit the leeward mark. Someone cut between the darling mark and the leeward mark. That's all for now. Very tired and sore. BTW we pushed a mile and a half out to the starting line"

"We'll, made it. Intense experience including: windy, slow, rough ice ,deep snow, and cold. Sailed poorly, learned a lot, glad I came, on our way back. See you soon" "A crew from upstate were watching the Bills on a laptop wired to an iPhone. Hard core." RG

# Richard Gluckman photos!









A must watch Video from Harken https://youtu.be/sNngrq7UI9s January Club Meeting, John demonstrates putting an edge on your runners. If you haven't worked on yours yet, better get with it



The weather is changing, time to start watching ice form up north.

Not that there's any rush yet, but here's a selection of useful web cams to bookmark for when the time comes to check these and the forecast compulsively, many times a day. Have a look at the great new image on Damariscotta, especially. The second link is activated each evening to give a time lapse clip of the entire day. Thanks again to Ryan Haskell for setting this up, and to David Lampton for providing hospitable access to the "clubhouse" and launch.

Damariscotta Lake: <u>http://www.mile213.com/damar.jpg</u> Damariscotta Lake daily time lapse: <u>http://www.mile213.com/damarday.mov</u> Lake Sebago, Jordan Bay: <u>http://www.sebagocam.com/</u> Moosehead, The Birches:<u>http://www.birches.com/webcam/</u> Moosehead, south end: <u>http://www.birches.com/webcam/</u> South Twin, Millinockett: <u>http://www.5lakeslodge.com/webcam.asp</u> Sebec Lake: <u>http://sebeclakeview.net/</u> Rattlesnake Island, Winnipesaukee, looking NE: snake\_eyes.jpg 1,024×768



On January 1, 2023 at noon, members of the Orient Ice Yacht Club (established 1991), gathered at Hallock's Bay in Orient to beseech the Nordic Gods and Goddesses for black ice so that the community could ice boat this winter. Rituals included shooting ice cubes into the Bay with hockey sticks; the launching by artist Arden Scott of her single design model sailboat and a Nordic-sized nip of OIYC's signature mead: Blackberry Brandy! Photo: Arden Scott, Carol Lew Simons, Doug Hardy and Bill Kanz. Photo Credit: Karen Sauvigne.

We can only believe the efforts put forth will bring February results. The next few days at Bantam offer some hope.

Wed 01	<b>31°</b> /18°	Sunny	1%	考 NW 9 mph	~
Thu 02	<b>37°</b> /17°	Kostly Sunny	/ 3%	or SW 11 mph	~
Fri 03	<b>21°</b> /-3°	Partly Cloudy	/ 0%	🚔 NW 19 mph	~
Sat 04	<b>16°</b> /13°	Kostly Sunny	/ 0%	😤 WNW 11 mph	$\sim$



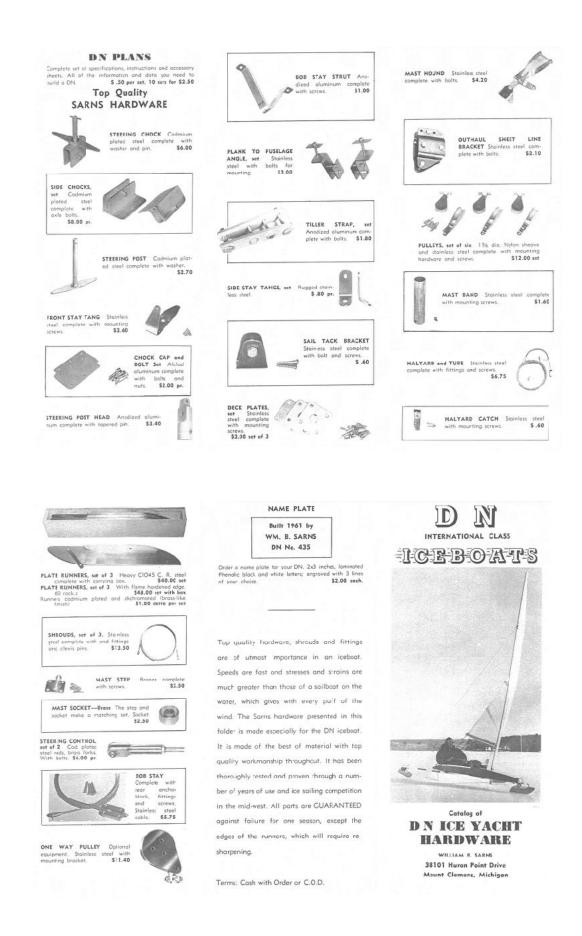


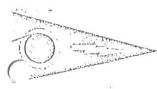
Scott Rich Carol John Rosemary

Aileen & Fred, WHAT A SOUP! Your soup went fast. Everyone had a cup. You need a bigger pot(just kidding). Many sailors came back for seconds. JZ



The Club Swap Meet was another success with the usual suspects stepping up to make for a fun day. Of great interest to me was the display of historic paperwork from the early years of the Club. Carol Valentine has put the effort into duplicating many of these files (found in Fred Grieis' garage stored securely with his vintage Corvette). I will try to put some of this history into newsletters.





## LAKE RONKONKOMA ICE BOAT & YACHT CLUB

December 22, 1977

#### NEWSLETTER NO. 2

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First meeting was held at Lighthouse, December 13, with Commodore Reub Snodgrass presiding. Seven members attended and Warren Darress SR paid us a surprise visit. George Neyssen's Treasurer report showed a balance of \$30 and change, prior to receipt of dues. Please send your \$5 to new secy treasurer ASAP. Donn Snodgrass Mutch was elected to membership. She is the first woman member in the club's history. Welcome aboard!

Officers elected for this season are as follows:

Commodore	-	George Neyssen		
Vice Commodore	-	Don White		
Secretary Treasu	rer-	Donn Mutch		

Don White gave a very interesting talk on the hydrofoil boat  ${\rm NF}^2$  in which he set a class C world's speed record of 22.8 knots this summer. Movies will be available later in the season.

Racing Report

EIYA - January 14, 15 - priority sites are Bellport (salt) and Candlewood (fresh water) answering service (914) 631-4515

National Sweepstakes (Red Bank, N.J.)

Jan 7, 8. answering service (201) 747-3942 - January 5

### DN North American Championships

Lake Canandaigu, Finger lakes region, N.Y., January 21, 22.

### LRIBYC "Speed" Trophy

Don White has access to a police type "speed" radar set - hand held, very accurate. This will greatly simplify the course arrangements which have prevented running the trophy in the past.

## Ice Report

Sagponack Pond (E. of Mecox). Sailed by East end DNS last week - 4-6 inches. Ronkonkoma - Has been in twice - currently open water. Orange - Reported good by Hudson River Club.

Southern Greenwood is in, and usuable by DN's at least.

Merry Xmas,

George/Neyssen Sécy Treasurer

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