

LAKE RONKONKOMA Iceboat and Yacht Club

NEWS FROM THE COMMODORE

On January 7, we had our first zoom meeting. It went very well. It was also great to see everyone that could make it. The next zoom meeting will be on Tuesday, February 2, 2021. Hope all of you can make it. The world is certainly different now. Even the iceboating world is different. The DN worlds, North Americans, and even the European championships have been cancelled. The Canadian border is basically closed. So, sailing between the two countries is not allowed. Where can we sail?? We can sail in NY, and possibly a short trip to Bantam will not be a problem. We can sail on Swan Pond, (hopefully) Lake Ronkonkoma, and a couple of the other small ponds. Maybe we sail a pond we have not sailed before. Please, do not check the ice alone, bring someone with you.

Hopefully the polar vortex will arrive and bring us some good sailing. With that in mind, I hope to try a couple of new events.

Bob Reeves Long Island Skimmer Regatta

This event is in tribute to the man that sold almost all the skimmers on LI. The event will be open to anyone who has a skimmer. It might even be held on Swan Pond. It will be a simple skimmer friendly course.

So, DUST OFF and RUST OFF your skimmers!!!

The club will provide some trophies. Social distancing and masks will be important.

Rich Crucet Regatta

It will be a DN regatta and will be open to anyone sailing a DN. Since Rich was friendly and knew everyone, I'm not sure where it will be held. It could be held off LI.

The club will provide trophies.

In case you did not know, in 2023 the club will be having its 100th anniversary. We will have some sort of event. I will contact the Lake Ronkonkoma Historical Society and will coordinate something with them.

It was suggested and kind of neat, that if we could get 100 iceboats and display them. I know that you all have more than 1 one iceboat each. More than likely you have 3 or 4, or possibly more. They don't have to be in sailing condition. I think we could get some media attention for this kind of event.

In case you have not noticed, the website is being updated. Make sure you check out the new pictures and information. Many thanks to Joe Natale for setting up and maintaining the site for many years, and thanks to Warren Darress for taking it over.

As always, If you need any help, or parts whatever for your iceboat, contact me, or put an ICE ALERT out and we will help you!!

Your Commodore,

Scott

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Stayed tuned for the next ZOOM Club Meeting. Announcement will be made on the "ICE ALERT" Email with a ZOOM meeting invitation.

THE ICE REPORTS ARE COMING IN, SWAN POND, BANTAM, QUABOUG POND AND LOCATIONS UPSTATE NY.

SWAN POND. 1/25

Ok so the inside area to first point is 3 inches and heading west toward golf course pond is frozen up to second point where the duck blind is that area is less than 3 inches. And the far west side of pond nearest to golf course is open water due to high winds. Weather conditions call for light wind to no wind tonight. Saturday it could be sailing conditions for sure.

I also checked out Swan Pond this morning and Doug A's report is on the mark. Unfortunately, someone drove an outboard boat out from the launching area leaving a wake of frozen in ice bits.

I also checked out Great Pond in Southold. It is partially frozen over but needs a few days of cold calm air and clear nights.

Best., Doug H.

BANTAM, CT. OPEN FOR BUSINESS 1/25

First day at Bantam: three J14's, one Nite, one DN, one Lockley Skimmer. Scouting party set flags near open water spots and on average we found 4.5"-5" of hard smooth ice. Same crew will be there tomorrow before the next weather event comes in late afternoon.

Dave

QUABOAG POND, MA 1/24

Mike. Billy and Bob says Quabog is good to go. Water near river up front and down back on east side. Rest of plate is good. Winds look great. I will be there around 10-10.30 as I have a case of ice flu and can not go into work today!

Brian L

TIME TO HIT THE ROAD



It is time to be loaded and ready, some snow "flurries" coming but it does not look like a snow out. Some of us will be heading to Bantam in hopes they avoid any major snow. Boats are on the ice and ready to go.

Boats are Selling and leaving Long Island. Orient J14 Fleet shrinks. Yankees and others also made the selling block.

J14 #21 Sold to Tony Bosco from The Connecticut Club, Bantam



J14 #20 Sold to John Henry, Hudson River and Connecticut Clubs



J14 #25 Sold to Stephen Snyder, Upstate NY



The ORIENT HISTORICAL SOCIETY put the "RED BIRD" on display with many nice historic photos and held a Q & A with Doug Hardy, Richard Gluckman and Mike Acebo. Attendance was good and many questions asked and answered about Iceboating.



Dave Danielson from the CT, Bantam Club has been working with Mike to come up with a Workable Storm Sail for a J14. The hopes are to keep the CE of the sail back far enough so the balance of the boat is not severely affected. Of course an old DN sail was the backbone.

We hope this sail design works well and allows more J14 sailors to be comfortable in higher winds, we'll see.

