



# LAKE RONKONKOMA Iceboat and Yacht Club

DECEMBER 2016

### Message from the Commodore



Our annual Swap Meet was held on a very cold December 10th. Approximately 50 die hard ice boaters braved the chilly temps. Special thanks go to Aileen Krause for making that delicious

clam chowder. It was just what the troops needed to keep warm. Thanks also go to John Ziermann for that Lake Champlain hot chocolate, Doug Adams (our chief chef), Kevin Weeks for his hospitality and to Steve Duhammel in making the long trip



down from MA in order to display his fine hardware. The annual icing of the lake was performed with a cannon shot on a very warm Sunday December 18th (60°). 15 ice boaters enjoyed refreshments while trying to entice the lake to skim over.

Our first club meeting will be held at Weeks Yacht Yard on January 3rd at 7pm. Again, ice boating Right of Way rules including Darling marks will be

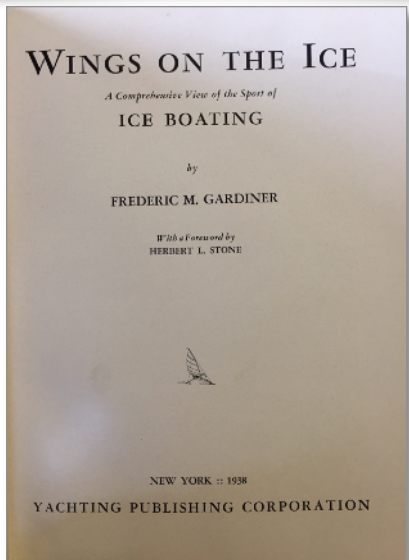
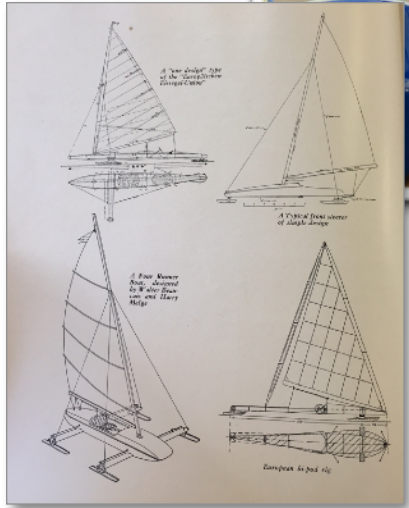
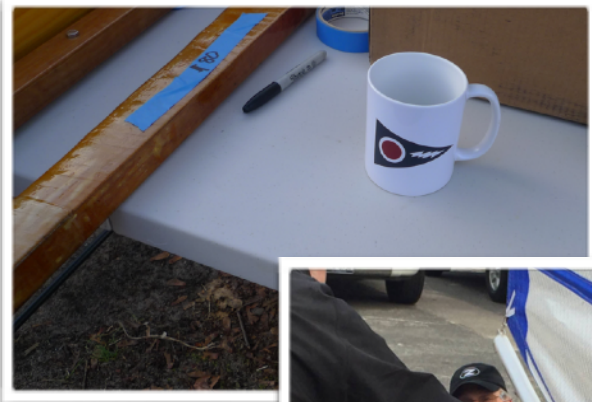
presented. Also a possible new Awards Dinner plan will be discussed. Club caps, burgees, patches, mugs and 500 stickers will be available for sale.

Warren Darress has graciously given the club the historic ice boat book called "Wings on the Ice" by Fred Gardner. It is a very old and valuable book in very good condition. Warren's intent was to have the book be used as a fund raiser for the club. Therefore it will be raffled off at our meetings this season and the winner awarded at our Annual Dinner. Raffle tickets are \$5 each.

Remember only paid up members will be receiving the all important "Ice Alert". Also for a person to be eligible for a club award, trophy etc, dues must be paid by the February meeting. Wishing all "Happy Holidays and a Healthy New Year".

Hope to see you at our January meeting.

Ralph



SWAP MEET 2016





Doug Adams earns Iceboating Weekends by heading to the Beach. While others sign up for the DN Worlds.



**2017 IDNIYRA GOLD CUP & NORTH AMERICAN REGISTERED SAILORS**

As of 18 Dec 2016

\* Worlds only

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>SAIL</b>	<b>RANK</b>	<b>HOME</b>
1	Atkins, Chad	US 4487	7	RI, USA
2	Betzoldt, Glenn	US 5172	34	WI, USA
3	Bloom, Mike*	US 5432	14	MN, USA
4	Bohn, Joerg	G 737	20	GERMANY
5	Bowman, Hal	US 1277	23	NC, USA
6	Christensen, Mark*	US 4824	2	MN, USA
7	Clapp, David*	US 5116	21	NJ, USA
8	Coberly, Bill	US 472	24	MI, USA
9	Cummins, Bob	US 3443	41	WI, USA
10	Dichenko, Valeriy	R 166		RUSSIA
11	Dixon, Tim	US 4148	24	IL, USA
12	Duncan, Colin	KC5457	43	CANADA
13	Fiedler, Anja	G 390	16	GERMANY
14	Gray, Bob*	US 65	38	MI, USA
15	Jablonski, Karol	P 36	1	POLAND
16	Johns, Pete	US 2360	18	IL, USA
17	Miller, Chris	US 5415	35	NY, USA
18	Miller, Mike	US 5369	42	MN, USA
19	Petzke, Holger	G 890	17	GERMANY
20	Riemsdijk, Dideric	H 467	12	NETHERLANDS
21	Schneider, Martin	G679	4	GERMANY
22	Seegers, Christian	G 551	25	GERMANY
23	Sherry, Ron	US 44	1	MI, USA
24	Smith, Ken	US 4137	33	CA, USA
25	Thieler, James	US 5224	3	RI, USA
26	Wollam, Richard	US 4882	17	MI, USA



The Maine guys have sailed already. Time to get the family cruiser ready for road trips. Every weekend has the potential now.

### Plymouth Pond 12/11

by [billbuchholz](#)

The season opener on Plymouth could not have been better. As iceboaters, we know to accept whatever Mother Nature throws at us, and today she threw us a bone upon which twelve hungry sailors gnawed until past sunset, even as the moon was rising. We knew this was it for a while so we gnawed that bone raw. The ice wasn't as bad as it looked in yesterday's post and we blew through the crud with abandon, choosing to tack on the shiny stuff:



Fortier and Polyblank at the windward mark. Below, Guy sailing the new Mini Skeeter with Jory in the background trying desperately to catch him.  
Credit: Chickawaukie Ice Boat Club