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Message from the Commodore

The well attended first business meeting of the year was held on Wednesday January 2nd. The enthusiasm was high as a cold front was bringing the possibility of frozen ponds. Lots of snacks (thanks to Kevin Weeks and Hank Kaiser) and drinks available. Right of Way rules demo was given by Lee Costelloe and Rich Crucet.

Icepicks, whistles and club patches are available for purchase at our meetings. See Howie Dietz.

50/50 was won by Rich Crucet who donated his winnings back to the club for the purchase of the whistles. Thanks Rich. In all the years as a member, this is the first time Rich has won the 50/50. He can thank Larry for that.

Please give any E-mail address corrections you may have to both Mike Acebo and John Ziermann. jzierman@suffolk.lib.ny.us

Our next meeting will be Tuesday February 5th at 7pm. Hopefully will be seeing you on the ice before then.

Thanks,

Ralph



Officers



BS Session



Meeting



Where's the Ice?



Rules Refresher

Photos: John Ziermann

IN MEMORY

The Club's oldest member was Zeb Wilson III who was one of the original members of the club. Zeb passed away this month, he was 101 years old. Zeb was a Stern Steerer Sailor and Club Honorary Member.

AND ONE WHO TOUCHED US ALL AS BUILDERS & SAILORS

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[\(assets/Jan/Jan on Rogue Wave.jpg\)](#)

**Jan C. Gougeon at the helm of
Rogue Wave**



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Jan C. Gougeon in 2012

Jan Clover Gougeon, of Bay City, Michigan, died Tuesday, December 18, 2012 in Ann Arbor, Michigan at age 67.

In 1969, Jan founded Gougeon Brothers, Inc. with his brothers Meade and Joel. The company began building boats and iceboats, and found great success in formulating, manufacturing and marketing WEST SYSTEM and PRO-SET epoxies for boat construction and repair.

At age 14 Jan began building boats as an apprentice to master boatbuilder Victor Carpenter, and went on to become an accomplished multihull designer and builder. Over the course of his lifetime he designed *Wee Three*, *Flicka*, *Splinter*, *Ollie* and *Pocket Rocket*. In 2012 he launched his groundbreaking 40' multihull, *Strings*. He was also a key builder on the multihulls *Adagio*, *Rogue Wave*, *Slingshot* and *Adrenalin*, as well as several monohulls including the 1975 Canada's Cup winner, *Golden Dazy*.

Racing iceboats and multihull sailboats were Jan's passions, and he particularly loved sailing solo. His first sailboat race was in 1955 at age 10, and he competed in Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinaw aboard the newly launched, *Strings* in July, 2012. In 1980 during qualification trials for the OSTAR challenge, Jan's trimaran *Flicka* capsized in the Atlantic Ocean. He spent four long days floating in *Flicka's* disabled hull before he was rescued by a passing freighter. The next boat Jan designed, *Splinter*, was self-rescuing, as was every boat he's designed since.

Jan placed first in the single-handed Port Huron to Mackinac race in 1981, 1982 and 1983 aboard *Splinter*. Racing his trimaran *Ollie*, he won the singlehanded Supermac in 1987 and the Great Lakes Singlehanded Society Peter Fisher Memorial Award in 1989. He won the DN Iceboat World Gold Cup Championships four times, the North American DN Iceboat Championship eight times, and won the DN Great Cup of Siberia Race in Russia in 1989. He competed annually in the Bayview Yacht Club's Port Huron to Mackinac Race, the Chicago Yacht Club's Race to Mackinaw and the 300-mile Florida Everglades Challenge.

Burial at sea will take place privately with the family at a future date.

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LRIBYC DN Championships 1963



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Iceboats Catch Breeze on Lake Ronkonkoma in DN Regatta

Iceboat Racing At Ronkonkoma

Lake Ronkonkoma—Warren Darress Jr., 17, of Port Washington, won the Eastern DN Class Iceboat Championship in a three-race series held on Lake Ronkonkoma over the week end with 34 boats competing.

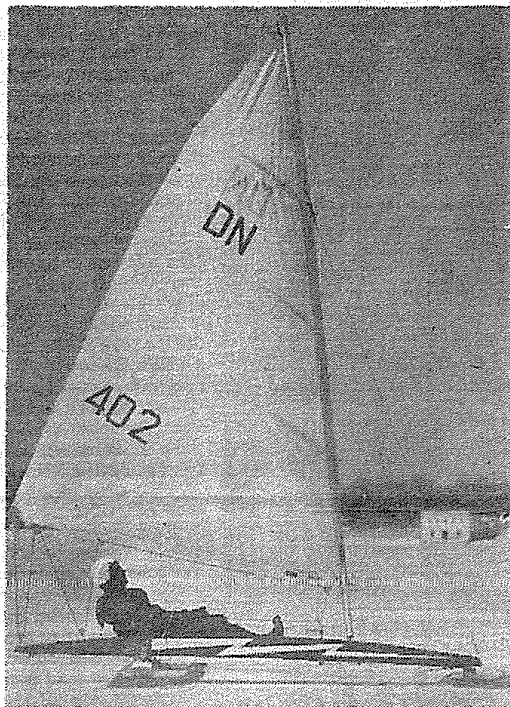
Darress, son of a veteran iceboat skipper, finished second in all three races, to win the title by two points over Reuben Snodgrass of Lake Ronkonkoma, the defending Eastern and National champ in 1962. Snodgrass finished fifth, first and third.

Bob Benson of Red Bank, N.J., was third with Sig Lucassen of Long Branch, N.J., and Dale Snodgrass of Lake Ronkonkoma taking fourth and fifth. The latter, Reuben's 14-year-old son, is a freshman at Connetquot High, Bohemia.

The same number of iceboaters returned Sunday for the Lake Ronkonkoma Chamber of Commerce regatta. The winner was Roger Rausch of New Hamburg, N.Y., with Reuben Snodgrass second despite two firsts. Snodgrass finished eighth in the second race.

Norv Rieser of Sea Cliff tied with Benson for third.

The iceboats sailed three times around a three-quarter-mile course in each race. "Top speed," Snodgrass said, "was probably around 40 MPH. We were lucky to get this regatta in because Lake Ronkonkoma is probably the only place in the east with suitable ice right now. Other places have enough ice, but they're all snowbound."



Newsday Photo by del Toro

PLAYING IT COOL. Macklin Boettiger of Babylon leans way back in accepted form for skippering iceboats while competing on Lake Ronkonkoma in Eastern DN Iceboat regatta. Warren Darress Jr., of Port Washington was winner in three-heat race series.

*Ralph, the upper photo is in boat # 875 (Green Sail) my friends were 7-7-21
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This race was held on Washington Birthday Weekend of 1963.*

Steve

Courtesy of the Chickawaukie Ice Boat Club

R U Icing Today?

**R U Icing Today? Dont shirk! And be a jerk!
Come on out! Raise a shout! If not....Forsooth! I speak the truth:
You'll sing in June The "Shouldda" tune**



January 13, 2013 "End of the Day"
Doug, Doug, Rich, George & Mike. Bantam