

THAT LAKE FULL OF SAILS

The Northern Lake George Yacht Club, moored on Friend's Point, has a longer history than most of us realize - and a very honorable one at that. It began its life in 1931 when Gordon Manning, also the father of Cape Cod Village, organized or, to put it in more appropriate words, collected a handful of sailboats at Glenburnie and set off a "sailing contest" - win lose or draw!

Subsequently, the contests shifted to Rogers Rock in 1932, back to Glenburnie in 1933 and finally in 1934 the Lake George Fleet, consisting first of the Star Class and then the Comets, was chartered.

Even though a charter had been granted, the organization had no real home until in 1938 Monsignor Keegan came to the rescue and the guns began firing on the shores of what is now the summer residence of Rev. and Mrs. Harold Commons at the end of Friends' Point.

Monsignor Keegan, while not an active sailor himself, filled the gap that eventually proved to be the crucial span in holding the group together until 1940 when the Rogers Rock Yacht Club, the Glenburnie Yacht Club and the assets of the now established Star Fleet were merged into the Northern Lake George Yacht Club. At about the same time under the enthusiastic guidance of Bill Wallace of Rogers Rock the Comet Fleet joined the merger and the Club was off and sailing!

For this difficult achievement of collating and consolidating a heterogeneous mishmash into what is now a solid, enthusiastic sailing and tennis organization, all due credit must go to such old sea dogs as Dr. Jim Gorscaden, Capt.

Charles Henderson, Dr. Tyler Dennett, Com. Ralph Craog, Katherine Price and Com. Harold Davidson of Glenburnie.

The club is not a large one by seashore standards, having approximately 150 memberships and a total of roughly 40 boats in 5 classes. It has, however, more than its share of champions, such as Capt. Henderson, Com. Harry Meislahn and the current 12th District Winner, Com. Hank Rowan - all of the Star Class.

The Thistle Class is relatively new and has not really had a chance to establish any champions as such - but soon will if enthusiasm is a measure.

The Comet Class, our second oldest, is a different story and boasts of, as its shining light, Ricky Dhein, who brought home to Lake George in 1974 the Comet International Championship!

Our fourth class, the Flying Juniors, was introduced to the club, only 5 years ago, to fill an age gap between our youngest group of sailors and the older teenagers. Again, this class is still too new to have established any interclub champions but it in no way lacks enthusiasm or ambition.

Finally, the Turnabouts, the neophyte training class, and here is where a lot of sailing fun in the club lies--the excitement of these young sailors in their first contests and the enjoyment and pride of the parents and older sailors, watching them as they launch their nautical careers. This class has been uniquely outstanding in its production of super champs that include Steve and Doug Smith, Howdy Green, Eddie Thurber (later an Olympic Javelin Champion) Terry Beaty, Findley Meislahn (now the all-winning Cornell Varsity Crew Coach) and Steve Rottier, among others.

In 1957 a team of teenagers, headed up by Eddie Thurber and crewed by three blondies, Betsey Engler Behr, Barbie Smith and Carol Smith Witherel, made it all the way, for the first time from our club, to the Sears Cup Finals in New Orleans, chaperoned dubiously by Julia C. Jeaty. Needless to say, this was one of the high points of these four young lives and the topping was that each received a key to the city from the Mayor.

Then in 1961 history repeated itself and an even more questionable chaperone, J. Stanford Smith, escorted skipper Doug Smith and crew consisting of Steve Smith, Chris Mayer and Bill DeGraff to the Sears Finals at Newport Beach, Cal. finishing at Anaheim (Disneyland) and that's tough sailing!

This array of winners did not come about accidentally--they were made! Commodore Craig was the main instigator and drive behind a junior training program and along with Mrs. Dorothy C. Engler, as its first chairman and organizer, the program produced outstanding results in a very short time.

The training continues today with emphasis being placed first on swimming capabilities before the sailors can take to the sea or lake. Five years ago, with the addition of two fine courts, tennis was added to what is now a very full curriculum.

Finally, the club conducts a very active social program which always starts with the Fourth of July opening picnic and is followed by various dances, jet set parties, Las Vegas casinos, sing-a-longs and always the Commodores' Reception, winding up with the Commodores' Dinner and Awards Night on Labor Day weekend.

Besides producing champions NLG YC has become famous as THE SPOT to host regattas and the reasons are simple--its hard working membership, its very genuine hospi-

ality, and its LAKE! Visitors find it hard to believe that they can sail, swim and drink the same water. We just hosted a young mother and her four children from the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club of Montreal and they all hesitated for some time before trusting our lake enough to plunge into it--even in this recent hot weather.

And so again The Club finds itself hosting two super regattas--the Comet North American, which took place on the weekend of July 9th and 10th, and the Star 12th District which will convene on Aug. 8, 9, 10 & 11. These regattas produce the beautiful and unforgettable sight of the massed sails of more than forty boats against the unmatched background of the deep blue waters and the green mountains of our own LAKE GEORGE.

P.S. The writer of this saga was a bona fide New Jersey shore habitue before his transplant to Lake George in the late thirties, he is therefore not a qualified, real old timer of the Lake and regrets any serious omissions or mistakes and welcomes for posterity any corrections or illuminating additions.

Howard G. Engler

Chairman, Race Committee

NEW OFFICERS OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

President - Mr. John T. (Jack)

Henry

Vice President - Mrs. James

(Viola) Fitzgerald

2nd Vice President - Mrs. Wm.

(Ethel) Andrus

Secretary-Treasurer - Mrs. Ed.

(Bert) Crabbs

Program Chairman - Mr. Robert

M. Cole, D.D.S.

The Society will continue to meet every third Wednesday of the month. Dues are \$3. per year.

ANYONE NOT READING THIS PLEASE

LET ME KNOW. Seriously folks, the mailing list is 503 this month.

If you know anyone who is no longer interested please advise...

V. Shattuck, Ed.-Pub.

POWER PLAY

Part II

Is something wrong? You haven't any power?
 The energy we know we must conserve
 Is lost tonight and now the panic nerve
 Is raw and we're dependant on the hour
 When morning comes and someone leads the fight
 To say we won't extinguish all the flame
 And that we'll go and search for who's to blame
 And make the world give back to us our light,
 In cities once again the vandals prowl
 In hamlets, patience is not violated
 And yet the situations are created
 Which separate the human from the owl.

A sinner's penance for the same old sin
 And so once more, tomorrow, we begin!

Harry de Buys
 7-15-77

NOW HEAR THIS, MUSIC LOVERS:

If you like Mozart, Chopin, Beethoven et al, one of the most welcome and appropriate additions to our Adirondack atmosphere has been WAMC, 90.3 on the FM dial, with concise news reports and music to enjoy, rather than be impressed by, from 7AM to noon and 2PM to 5

The music hosts, Robert J Lurtsema, Steve Zakar & others seem content to let us enjoy it. They just keep playing, telling us, in quiet unobtrusive voices, the titles, composers, performers and names of record makers without the usual displays of erudition and esoteric selections. Robert J. begins his morning program, at 7AM with the sounds of birds.

WAMC also carries live orchestral and operatic programs, talk shows filled with current information & ideas and reliable weather reports for the Northeast.

Program guide available from the station, at the college, Albany, N.Y. 12208

It is owned and operated by The Albany Medical College and is non-commercial, educational.

If you have trouble with reception, try an upstairs radio. You may not need an aerial.

HAGUE ANNUAL ARTS FAIR will be held in the Hague Town Park on Aug. 6 from 11AM to 5PM.

In case of rain, we will use the school gym.

Set-up time: 10:30 AM.

Bring your own set-up materials. No fees or percentages taken for sales or displays.

Please register with Chamber of Commerce - 6153 or Mrs. Adra Seerup - 6052.

The Fair is organized by Mrs. Seerup and sponsored by the Hague Chamber of Commerce.

SCHOOL ANNEXATION VOTE SCHEDULED

Registration for school elections:

Daily at Municipal Center in Lake George Village, before Aug. 15th for the upcoming vote.

OR at the Hague School on Aug. 17 from 1 to 5PM.

VOTING on question of annexation of Hague School by the Ticonderoga School District has been scheduled for Aug. 26, 1-8PM at Hague Central School.

LOST AND FOUND: A base ball bat with initials "H.B." and nickname "Doug". Anyone knowing the owner please notify Officer Frasier - 543-6525.

PARTY TIME

Summer is here in all its glory and parties are busting out all over. For example:

A FAMILY GATHERING On Watts' Hill Hank and Mary Watts were feted by the family with a picnic at the olde homestead on their 45th Wedding anniversary.

The old house, built by hand of local fieldstone and woods, is aging beautifully. It used to stand in solitary splendor overlooking The Lake from The Hill. Now it has sprouted three more houses and one summer cottage by the children, each with its own lovely view and "the family" has spread in all directions.

47 people came from Albany, Vermont, Conn., Pittsburg and other points. "The sun never sets" on all the places one or more of them have been.

There were school teachers, nurses, college professors, a physicist, a submarine captain, housewives, a mason, carpenters, an engineer, a lab technician, the Postmaster, the Town Historian, and an Election Board Official - to mention a few.

There were home cooked viands salore with iced tea & beer, decorations by the two grandchildren, foot tapping music on "The Bones" by Bill Andrus and a sort of ball game for the children, young and old.

Between them, Hank and Mary must know "everybody in town" - Hank, as Surveyor and Town Assessor and Mary as a Registered Nurse who has helped scores of people when they had illness in the home.

TOWN SUPERVISOR RESIGNING

W. Keith DeLarm has given us 19 years of honest and firm but fair leadership but he has many things he wants and needs to do.

We will be in debt to Keith for many years to come and our well wishes will go with him in all his new enterprises.

Richard E. Bolton, as Republican nominee, will be unopposed in Nov. More about Dick in a later issue.

HAGUE LITTLE LEAGUE Report by Mrs. George (Martha) Denton:

July 23, a cook-out and soft ball game was held at The Field on Decker Hill Road - The Little League playing The Parents. Shouts of cheer went up when parent Bernard Denno got a good hit only to have it land in son Tim's glove. Glen McKee made a great catch on first to tag his dad out. Doug Olcott had a great day, striking out Mom, Dad and Coach Strum. Tina Belden gracefully caught her dad's hit, getting him out. The final score was 12 - 6. Parents won!

Cover dishes, hot dogs, hamburg, chairs tables and grills were all brought to the field by the parents. George Denton was the chef for the day. A good time was had by all.

A heart felt Thank You to Norman Strum for the great job he did coaching our Little League Team this year. A special Thanks to Walt Porter for being Umpire at our home games and to all the parents who helped at the field and drove the boys to all of the out of town games.

Five new boys played this year, Dan Belden, Doug Olcott, Kevin E Elliot, Dan Denton and James Belden. The players who also played last year are Tim Denno, Art Belden, Tina Belden, Tim Strum, Glen McKee and Jay & Joel Jordon. The boys ended the season with a 3-5 average.

On July 10th Tim Denno, Art Belden and Jay Jordon went to Newcomb to play at the All Stars game. The teams were made up from the "American League (Hague, Bolton Landing, Brant Lake, Chestertown & Schroom Lake) and the "National League" (Indian Lake Minerva, Newcomb, North Creek & Pottersville). The game was tied, 6-6 in the sixth, ending with the "National League" gaining one run in the overtime to win the game.

DEADLINE: News items for the September issue should be on hand by August 25, please

Party Time cont.

ON THE LAKESHORE Bert and Edward Crabbs made welcome two experts who come to us from far afield:

Father Gary Parker, the lively new Rector of the Episcopal Church Of The Cross in Ticonderoga, a graduate of General Theological Seminary in N.Y.C. studied at Heidelberg University in Germany and worked at St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue and Bellevue Hospital in New York City among other things.

Mr. Wayne Morgan, the enthusiastic new General Manager of Fort Ticonderoga, took his B.A. in History at Un. of Delaware and Masters in Business Administration at the University of Tampa. He spent 7 yrs. in the U.S. Army as an Infantry Officer and 3 years with The Special Forces' Green Berets in Berlin, United Kingdom, Norway and Vietnam.

People in Hague, who had expressed an interest in their respective fields, met them over cocktails at the Crabbs' handsome summer place beside The Lake (also built of indigenous materials and blended with its setting.)

Groups of people will be meeting them in homes throughout the area.

THE CHRONICLE IS A TOWN PROJECT

It would take a couple pages to list all the people who help keep the Chronicle going.

Our Star Reporters and Poets you know from their "by-lines". They sit down and discuss their work--write things out and bring them in--are gracious about cutting and changes.

Then there are:

People who let me know what is going on or respond graciously to requests for information--often, if they don't know, they find out and call back.

Local Postmasters who get it on its way with dispatch and help in many other ways.

40 people who contribute more than their share of money to help with costs of postage, paper etc.

People at Silver Bay Association who cut stencils and ran the mimeograph machine on their own time for five months then taught me to use their mimeograph so we could get it out faster and are running it again this summer. Rev. Bohanon who hand cranked over 3000 pages for the June issue.

People who call for extra copies or let me know when their's does not arrive. One dear lady pulled me out of a slump when she called to ask about her copy which she "shares with 4 people in Yonkers".

Local weekly newspapers which do a great job of compressing all the news.

Those who write thank you notes to let me know someone's out there reading.

And Adra Seerup who is Godmother to Emil's brainchild.

THANK YOU ALL

COMMUNITY-MINDED EIGHTH GRADERS

Donna Denton, Class President, age 13, researched and composed the following article. Scot Spelman delivered it at their 8th Grade Commencement.

OUR TOWN TOMORROW

We find if the 8th graders could get any job in Hague:

Donna Denton would like to be the Supervising Principal of Hague School.

Martin Fitzgerald would like the opportunity to become active in politics as Town Supervisor.

Colleen Goetsch would like to argue cases as Town Attorney. Liane Hunsdon would sort mail as Postmistress.

Steve McCranels would become head mechanic at Lake Shore Garage.

Bruce Sharpe would be called upon if there was a need for a Town Justice.

Scot Spelman would take over the duty of running the Hague Supermarket.

Richard Strum would keep books in order as Town Librarian.

NEEDED: Volunteer Director-Librarian for the Hague Public Library. Mrs. Brock has served faithfully in this capacity for fourteen years, come November 20th, and been associated with the Library since its inception twenty years ago.. She can no longer carry on this job.

Replacement must love books and children and be willing to keep library open eight hours per week, plus clerical work. Some volunteer assistance available.

Mrs. West, who has also been associated with the library for the same length of time will continue to serve as long as possible. Mrs. Andrus will continue as treasurer.

The alternative is to close the library after twenty years of endeavoring to provide Hague with Public Library Service.

Please, won't someone willing and able step forward and offer.

Contact Mrs. Brock, 543-6517, before Labor Day.

**Hague Public Library Staff
CORPORATE PLANNING UNDER WAY AT
SILVER BAY ASSOCIATION**

W. Glenn, Director of S.B.A reports that specially trained members of their National YMCA staff have been interviewing selected people in this area--Hague, Silver Bay, Sabbath Day Point and Ticonderoga as part of long range development planning.

"In-put" is being sought from a wide variety of sources in addition to the local community and staff--members of their board, conferences that meet there and national officers and staff.

These ideas will be pooled to restate their overall purpose, establish operational goals and determine action steps to be taken by each department to reach these goals.

The resultant 5-10 year plan will include both land use and facility use programs.

(Samples of the kind of things they do at "The Bay": They just finished a conference on Human

Relations In Management, under direction of The International YMCA, attended by representatives of industries throughout the Northeast. And next month, 7/31-8/6 National Wildlife Federation will hold one of its three annual "summits" there - an honor shared with Colorado's Continental Divide and the Blue Ridge Mountains, N.C.

Experts at these summits teach courses in astronomy, wildlife ecology, fresh water biology, backpacking, outdoor cooking, birding, nature photography, wildflower identification, folk history and geology. The programs are planned for individuals or families with children.)

HELP STOP MAIL BOX VANDALISM

Community cooperation is perhaps the most effective way to combat the serious crime of vandalism to rural and other mail boxes.

Mail box vandalism is a Federal Offense carrying a penalty of up to \$1000. fine or three years imprisonment and owners of damaged mail boxes often demand restitution when the vandals are caught...

If any mail is damaged it is an additional Federal Offense.

Community residents can keep an eye out for vandals or suspects in order to help... They are urged to call the Postmasters, the Police Department at 543-6525 or the County Sherriff Dispatcher at 1-792-9921.

Postmaster Penny Bolton Police Officer Janice Frazier adds: Description of the vandal, the car or its license number will be very helpful.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS
Organizational Meeting, July 5:**

Oath of office administered to new trustees, Pamela Hens and Robert Patchett.

Sharon Fitzgerald was elected President Of The Board.

Pamela Hens - Vice President
Appointments approved:
Clerk Of The Board - Lela Foote
Tax Collector - Jean McKee

Board of Ed. cont
 School Physician - Dr. Villardo
 School Attorney-Dominick Viscardi
 Census Enumerator--Deborah Waters
 Extraclassroom Activity Account
 --Ruth S. Robbins
 Attendance Officer--School Nurse
 School Dentist - G Peter Cook
 Insurance Consultant - G J Potter
 Dist. Auditor--Telling & Potter
 State Bank of Albany, Ticonderoga
 Office and First National Bank
 of Glens Falls, Bolton Landing
 Office, were designated official
 bank depositories.

Times of Ti and Post Star were
 designated official newspapers.

Regular Meeting, July 11:

Mrs. Christiane Nugent's resignation as language teacher was accepted. Mrs. Kathryn Lacey was employed as her replacement.

Federally mandated changes in free lunch requirements were approved. (Income levels for eligible families has been raised. Figures will be published soon.)

Special Meeting, July 14:

Mr. Arnold Morse was offered the position of Bus Driver Mechanic.
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS-2nd Mons. 7PM
 Rudolph Meola
 School Principal

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

On July 14, the Town of Hague Land Use Plan was gone over step by step and it was agreed that it should be submitted as corrected to the Town Board after a public informational hearing. Procedure for same was discussed and the Planning Board agreed to meet again on 7-21 to go over the proposed Town Zoning Ordinance.

On July 21, Mr. Wm. Davidson, Dir. of the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board and Leslie Freeman, Assistant to the Director, were there to present the most recent draft of the Town Zoning Ordinance for inspection and discussion.

Jack Delahanty of the Adirondack Park Agency was on hand to go over

further procedure for presenting the Hague Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance to the APA for its consideration.

It was determined that it would be necessary to hold a Public Informational Hearing on AUG. FOURTH AT 7:45 PM as well as a PUBLIC HEARING on Aug. 25 at 7:45 PM before presentation to the Town Board and then the APA.

It is hoped that all interested parties will be present to make any inquiries they wish so that the final plan may be approved this fall.

The Town will then be in a position to pass on Class 3 Projects that may come before it in the future, which should be a saving of time and money to our property owners.

Edward R. Crabbs
 Planning Board Chairman

(For description of "Class B Projects", see Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan, available from Town Supervisor's Office.)

FREDERICK J SAIN, 7/30/16-7/11/77

Mr. Sain died in the Tampa V.A. Hospital after a brief illness. He had had three careers in 60 years, the first one in the U.S. Navy - 20 years Active and 10 years Reserve. He was Navigator on Navy Blimps out of Lakehurst, L.I. during the war.

He was next an Electronics Engineer in Westbury, L.I. for 11 years. Then he bought the draisted Store in Silver Bay and was summer Storekeeper for six years.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, his mother, Julia Sain who lives in Washington, two brothers and two sisters also in Wash., one brother in Oregon, a daughter, Helen Polacek of Huntington, L.I. a stepson, Alfred Crossman of North Miami Beach and 11 grandchildren.

Dottie is in Silver Bay for the summer and hopes to continue to come back often in summers but will make her home in Florida.

THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF SILVER BAY ASSOCIATION met July 12th at the Hague Fire House. This evening meeting drew 45 members...

The Officers of the Assn. had placed first priority on the important matter of medical personnel and facilities... After considerable discussion a committee, headed by Dr. Robert Hume was appointed to initiate a CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION UNIT with the organization and community. 35 of those present expressed a desire to learn this life saving technique.

Starting on July 30 and continuing for a total of four 3 hr. evening sessions, a team of CPR technicians, headed by Bill Brannon, will journey from Minerva, N.Y. with necessary supplies and instructions to administer the program to the first group of 18 Silver Bay Residents. This team is the Minerva, N.Y. Rescue Squad.

A second set of 4 sessions is being planned for August. A fee of \$3.00 for each participant will be levied.

Those interested please call either Dr. Hume (6634 or Gerry Boyd George Haenna, Jacqui Badger or Keith McKeeman.

New Committees were appointed for Security, Traffic Safety and Vandalism as well as Liason With Silver Bay Assn. Mr. Phil Schuman is chairman of the former and Dot Babcock of the latter.

The Aug. meeting is tentatively scheduled for an evening during

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the second week. Notices will be forthcoming.

Keith McKeeman, President
TOWN BOARD MET JULY 12

14 people attended to present a petition to amend the new Town Park Ordinance (which prohibits all games with flying objects) to allow Frisbee games in the park. The petition was signed by about 100 people. This will be considered with other requests for changes when the Board reviews the ordinance in the fall.

Complaint was heard re Mary Meehan's livestock invading the neighbors' gardens and loitering in the road. This is being resolved in Hague Justice Court.

Contractors Standard Bridge of Albany are repairing the buckled sidewalk and the brook wall, which gave way in the last flood, without cost to the town.

Status of Robinhood Road discussed, it is to be taken over by the town.

Signs and marking of the public parking area at The Town Park will probably be finished this week. The work was supervised by Jack Henry and Harvey Yaw.

Free boat launching decals are now available, at the Town Supervisor's office, for all property owners of Hague.

Richard Bolton resigned as Justice of Peace. Jack Henry was appointed to fill out his term thru Dec. 31 '77.

W. Keith DeLarm
Town Supervisor

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