

# Lake Ronkonkoma

## ICE BOAT and YACHT CLUB

<http://www.iceboatlongisland.com/>



**Racing**



**Cruising**



**Safety**



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### Message From The Commodore

January 14, 2012

I briefed the group about the accident that our illustrious Rear Commodore Rich Cruet had in breaking his leg while moving his refrigerator while remodeling his Kitchen. Surgery was today and he's doing very well. AOK for the group to give him a call. We are going to supply him with a pair of crutches with spikes on the bottom so he can run the races.

The Village of Port Jefferson is putting up a picture display for the Lake Ronkonkoma Historical Society. It will be installed in the Village Center which is along the water front by the outdoor ice skating rink. Lots of ice boat pictures taken on the lake will be on display. It's a beautiful building and I'm sure the members will enjoy it. The display runs from 1/9 to 2/29.

Also we will be giving a talk about ice boating at the Doyle sail group in Huntington on 2/16. Anyone willing to help carrying the DN's up the loft stairs, please let me know. the North American Championships are scheduled for the east coast 2/25 to 3/3. If we're lucky and they are close by, we will be looking for volunteers to help run the event. Should be lots of fun. We had a very good talk and demonstration on ice boat right of way rules by both Lee Costelloe and Pete Truesdell. Now we just need some ice to practice what we learned!

The 50/50 was won by Rosemary who happened to pick her own number. She must take lessons from Larry.

John Z will be sending out an E-mail requesting who would want numbers for their Storm sails that were purchased last year. Fred Krause will try and get a group discount at Bosset sails.

Rich is doing well and Wednesday Workshop is on for 7:00 PM. Give Rich a call 631-467-2390 and let him know what you want to work on.

Everyone please be safe on the ice!!!

Ralph Hilbert - [hilbertalph@gmail.com](mailto:hilbertalph@gmail.com)

DON'T forget we have our February meeting on Tuesday the 7th.

THAT'S RIGHT!

TUESDAY February 7th, 2012 7:00 PM  
Show UP! Let's get the season in gear. We have a lot to talk about. DON'T WAIT TO THE LAST MINUTE!

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# CLUB MEETING

## JANUARY MEETING



DN repairs underway at WEEKS SHIPYARD



### Continuing Education

Lee and Pete gave another lesson on RULES OF THE ROAD. After a long summer it is very important to review the safety requirements of our sport. At speed the rules need to be instinctive. Everything happens "Fast"



### RULES OF THE ROAD

You can visit our own website and study or print a copy of the Iceboat Sailing Rules. Take a copy to the ice as a refresher!

<http://www.iceboatlongisland.com/Rules.html>



Members listen to the Officers Report

Photos: John Ziermann





"THERE IS ALWAYS THIN ICE SOMEWHERE"

"NEVER SAIL ALONE"

"ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET"

"CHECK ICE BEFORE SAILING" "GET LOCAL ADVICE"

"ALWAYS CARRY/WEAR ICE SAFETY PICKS"

"THINK SAFETY"

In [IceBoating@yahoo.com](mailto:IceBoating@yahoo.com), "PAD" <fiddler\_pad@> wrote:

"When I have sailed a place for an extended time and gone to the effort to check it as thoroughly as I have, I tend to get complacent and go into a bit of denial about the above fact. Hence when Garrard and I rigged up this pm I took a slow ride from the launch (south) to the cove in the north taking about 10 readings with my little hand auger. 5"... well not the 6" i had measured yesterday but enough to make me comfortable. So we went sailing. Towards the end of the afternoon I had taken to tacking up to the sw end of the plate and then racing downwind in a series of broad reaches. I was on areas we have sailed in the last 2 weeks and at bottom of the race reach I would round up and start back to the top. Well at the end of one of the reaches as I was rounding around I noticed something that looked sorta like an ice fishing hole. It was doing something I was not familiar with. The water seemed to be surging out of the hole and then sucking back in. That's weird I thought and then went right back into denial. I kept right on doing what I had been except every time I was down in the NE corner I would look for that hole so I could stop n figure out what was happening. Well it was near sunset and I was finishing up one of those reaches and rounding around when I saw something really strange. It was a long crack and it looked like water was coming up out of it. Hmmm I thought, I'll just steer to cross it at 90 degrees. No sooner had I thought that then I watched as the runner made its own crack an then split right through into the water. The boat and I soon followed. As I sat in the cockpit and watched the water quickly flood in my denial disappeared and the realization that the name for this craft I was in must be some sort of sad joke. Iceboat is just another way of perpetuating a denial of its own. This is no "boat" I thought! So I swam clear of my foundering vessel. Then my foot kicked something... and again. I put my foot down and felt the bottom. I stood up as it was only ! waist deep. Then I heard someone yelling from a house on shore. "Are you alright?" Standing there feeling quite foolish, I yelled back that I was "OK". So I carefully worked each runners up onto the ice and grabbed the aft block. As I slowly sheeted it in, the boat dragged me up onto the 2" ice. I continued to drag til I felt I could carefully stand. I stood and hiked the boat over, as the cockpit was half full of water and ice. Once cleared I started sailing back to the launch... and warm clothes. I can just imagine that guy up on his porch... watching as I dragged myself behind the the boat like a side of beef with mittens. He'll get some mileage out of that story I bet! OK already! No more denial! You lucked outta this one Paul. Stick with the facts man... Just the FACTS! "THERE IS ALWAYS THIN ICE SOMEWHERE". I still will sail Attitash tomorrow. The main plate we have been on since day 1 is still 5". Just stay out of the NE end of the lake."

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# ICE REPORTS

HOPE FOR A LATE SEASON IN SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND, LONG ISLAND AND NEW JERSEY  
BANTAM AND WINNI MIGHT BRING SOME HOPE NOW, GET READY TO TRAVEL



Dave Danielson report from Bantam 1/ 28/2012

30 degrees F @ 8:30 AM...going up into 40's...no wind now 5mph NNW forecasted. Drilled holes @ 50 yds and 100 yds off the ramp...4"-3" in that order... lots of small bubbles in the ice...water wells up from the holes which I think means ice is sagging from the weight. Maybe next month...  
DD

BANTAM 1/28/2012  
Dave Danielson

**Lake Wentworth, NH dkretchmer**  
Mon Jan 30, 2012

Drilled 6 holes in a line from the south shore to middle of lake last evening as the sun went down. Here is what I found. 1 inch white/gray refrozen snow ice, 2-3 inches of gray ice then 3-5 inches of black. I did not get out to the last sections that froze (2 weeks ago) since it was getting dark. I saw virtually no shell ice. The surface is pebbly and would rate a 7 on my scale since the snowmobiles have left it alone. The ridges are starting to form in the usual places, the ones I saw were sailable/crossable. This posting is meant to suggest that the lake is probably ready to be completely scouted with a team (I would but for work...). 1/2 inch snow last night, maybe 1-3 tomorrow...maybe not. If the snow stays away, next weekend could be good.



**Re: Levitt Beach, Winnepesaukee**  
Mon Jan 30, 2012

<http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/IceBoating/message/14341>

Less than a trace of snow this am. on the terrific plate of ice we have been sailing and skating for more than a week now with minor interruption. NW parts of of the lake are very sailable. The entire lake has been caught even though the WMUR news says the lake is not frozen.  
Levit Beach, Meredith NH.