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Message From The Commodore

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On February 16th we gave a talk on ice boating to a group at Doyle Sails in Huntington. I covered the history of the LRI BYC and the origination of the DN class ice boats. John Ziermann did an excellent job with his picture presentation and followed up with a display of the safety equipment that we use for rescue and checking ice thickness. Rich Crucet talked about construction of a DN and racing. We had a DN and Skimmer set up complete with sails along with a skinless DN to show interior construction. Special thanks go to Doug Adams, Warren Darress, Pete Truesdell and Scott Valentine for carrying all the boats etc up the three flights of stairs. They assembled all the boats and after the talk took them apart and down to the trailer. We had a great time making the presentation. Special thanks go to Larry's sister Amy for driving all the way from New Jersey so Larry could attend.

Even though we did not have much ice activity this year, trophies should be returned at our March 6th meeting in preparation for our April Awards Dinner. If possible please polish them for the next recipient. As Tom Halsey once said, " its more important to have the annual dinner when we have a bad ice season so we can all get together and talk about the good times."

Another thanks goes to John Ziermann for all his great handouts on ice thickness and strengths at the last meeting. See what you miss if you don't show up!!! That's beside the brownies and drinks!!!

On a side issue. At this March meeting we will be electing officers for the coming two years. I've already asked all the existing officers and they have volunteered to continue.

If anyone has any point race results, please forward them to our Vice Commodore Doug Adams for trophy consideration. Thanks.

Everyone please be safe on the ice!!!

Ralph Hilbert - hilbertralph@gmail.com

DON'T forget we have our MARCH meeting on Tuesday the 6th.

THAT'S RIGHT!

TUESDAY March 6th, 2012 7:00 PM
Show UP!

Frank M. Weeks Yacht Yard
10 Riverview Court
Patchogue, NY 11772

DOYLE SAILMAKERS, HUNTINGTON, NY



Photos: John Ziermann



LRIBYC Members share the sport of Iceboating with sailors gathering at Doyle Sailmakers in Huntington. Well done by all the volunteers and thanks for spreading the word.

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"THERE IS ALWAYS THIN ICE SOMEWHERE"

"NEVER SAIL ALONE"

"ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET"

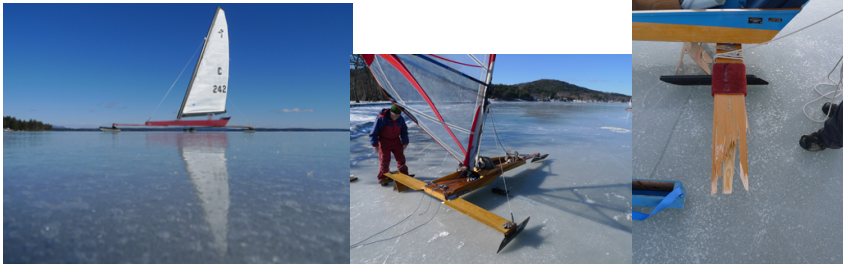
"CHECK ICE BEFORE SAILING" "GET LOCAL ADVICE"

"ALWAYS CARRY/WEAR ICE SAFETY PICKS"

"THINK SAFETY"

Long Island, New Jersey and Connecticut struck out in the cold weather/ice department this winter. Members had to travel to get on the ice. DN races were run through the NEIYA including the "Doc" Fellows Race, New England Championships and Eastern Region Championships. It seems the venue this year was Malletts Bay, VT.

Some members did travel to Winnepesaukee and Sunapee for weekend sailing in February. Doug Hardy, George Neyssen, Richard Gluckman and I spent one day at Alacoya for some thin ice sailing and had a great day until the "last run" when George dropped a runner on his J14 into a new crack and destroyed his plank. Boat damage but nobody was hurt. George travelled to Malletts to sail his Yankee on the following weekend. Yes you need more than one boat.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00F5xhwvbKM>



Gordon Gooding, his son Gordon and I travelled to Sunapee on President's Weekend and found three fantastic days of iceboating. Gordon got to sail his new BDX boat.



WITH SOME LUCK THE SEASON IS NOT YET DONE

IDNIYRA North American Championship Regatta Is Underway in Green Bay Wisconsin!

2012 Elk Lake Iceboat Party

will be held

March 10th-11th !!

ELK LAKE, MI

Elk Lake.. Ice is very thin within 5' of shore. Then it is 2" thick. We only went out 40' from shore. The dark spots out in the middle just froze last night. The amount of snow over the smooth ice is so thin it's not even worth measuring Party in two weeks!!!

Cold temps in the forecast. We will keep you posted on the ice progress.

And

With luck Vermont, N.H. & Maine **might** hold onto some ice for a week or two.

Be Careful Out There!

Remember:

If anyone has any point race results, please forward them to our Vice Commodore Doug Adams for trophy consideration. Return the trophies so they can be awarded at the Banquet. Stay tuned for the Banquet date and plan on attending. It is always a fun event.

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