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# LAKE RONKONKOMA Iceboat and Yacht Club

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## Message from the Commodore

### Commodore's comments

Hello! By now, the end of the season is approaching. Last chances for sailing are coming. Even though I could not personally get out sailing. Many club members did get a chance to get out. They sail on Moosehead lake until sometime in April, keep that in mind. If you have any pictures, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THEM!!

We had a great last meeting on March 1. It was live and in person at the Weeks Yacht Yard. Many thanks must go out to Kevin and his crew for all they have done for the club. If perhaps you might need some Sarns parts, Kevin has a few in stock. Many thanks must also go out to all the officers for keeping our club running. They include Vice Commodore, Pete Truesdell, Rear Commodore, Fred Greis. John Ziermann, Treasurer, his lovely wife, Rosemary our secretary. Warren Darress for all his updating of our website. Check it out there is some new stuff, including video links on the site. And, where would we be without our intrepid newsletter editor, Mike Acebo. Be on the lookout for the swap meet in late November or early December!!

We will not be having an end of the season dinner this year. We will have one next year! Be on the lookout for ICE ALERTS during the summer season. They will contain some helpful and handy information!! Landsailing season runs until roughly Mother's Day weekend.

For those who like to plan ahead, we are having our 100th anniversary in 2023. If you are looking for parts and gear, don't be afraid to contact me. If you need runners sharpened, plank aligned or small repairs, contact me, or put an ice alert message out. As always, if anyone needs anything, please feel free to contact me at: [dnus4925@yahoo.com](mailto:dnus4925@yahoo.com). Your Commodore, Scott



A few Club members found a few more days on Bantam. Thanks to Dave Danielson sharing the CT Club Ice Reports with us we were able to make spur of the moment decisions to pack up and go. Snow, rain and warm temps made for difficult forecasting. It is proving more difficult for ice to form on Long Island and we need to cultivate all the scouting resources for off Long Island locations within reach.

There are numerous lakes in NY, CT, MA and NJ listed on our website as known Iceboating location that may or may not have been sailed recently but unless we have friends who can report to us we will miss out. Information sharing is becoming more important than ever.

<http://www.iceboatlongisland.com/ice-boat-hot-spots.html>





A day of Strong Wind brought out the storm sails, heavy air rig adjustments, very spirited sailing by a few brave folks and the SKIMMER 45 Sailors proved their mettle. They sailed hour after hour tearing up Bantam. It was their day! I had the pleasure of spending a good part of the day with them as I ran with a flat cut, no roach, short foot speed sail giving me the control I needed for what I believed to be steady winds in the mid 20mph range gusting to or near 30.

JR Pepper has a modified Skimmer, more precise steering set up and other modifications which proved worthy of his efforts as his boat sailed very well. These boats make a great test bed for rigging, runner and steering modifications to learn more of what makes an iceboat go. They can also be sailed very well on smaller bodies of ice. The SKIMMERS were sailing in the 50mph range all day.

Anyone seeking more info on these fun little boats talk with John and Rosemary. They told their Skimmer lore to the New England Ice Yacht Assoc. and you can read it here.

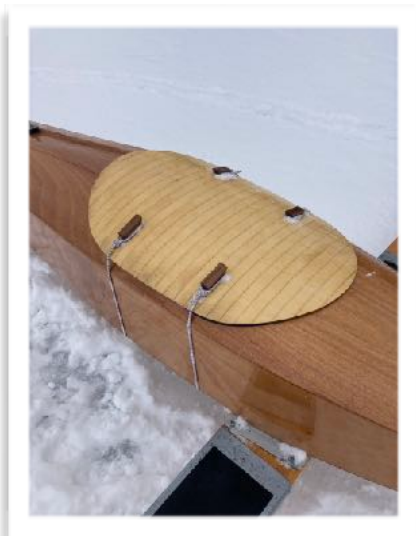
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A few noticeable sights on/off the ice worthy of discussion.

This Skipper taped notes about end of season repairs to get done and not forgotten.



Paul Zucco had some spare materials and came up with an easy on/off overnight cockpit cover for his Whizz.

When leaving the rigged boat on the ice for a night or more the shrouds need to be tight enough to keep the mast from flailing about causing damage. The Skeeters tie off a line/halyard from mast to shroud and hold it tight with a bungee. I tighten my headstay Staymaster.



I have developed screw failures on my J14's when using DN Hull to Plank fittings. On rough ice the sharp edges of the countersunk screw holes work against the screws and shear the heads off. "Trip" stays would help alleviate this motion but in lieu of those I made a carbon fiber angle plate bolted to the hull side which adds to the stability of the joint. This modification works well on my cruising boats.



Taking a lead from the DN world here is a steering runner with a pin to lock the brake in place preventing an accidental release of the brake while the boat is parked. Use it for rest stops and lunch brakes.



Carry an Ice Screw! Used to secure a boat for the night in case of high winds blowing it off the chocks. Also useful if a rescue operation is needed to secure a rescuer or rescue line.



When cruising a spare parts kit is a requirement to avoid a potentially long walk home. A lost 1/4" pin, a runner bolt or maybe a failed shroud must be considered as possible. I will carry a DYNEMA shroud replacement with eyes spliced on both ends with shackles using 1/4" pins. This will be the length of my longest shroud.



Finally: We thank Commodore Scott for mailing each of us a "ball less whistle" with a neck lanyard. Like Ice Picks a quality whistle is required to be quickly available in case of an emergency. Your voice won't be heard, an iceboat half sunk in a "Goose Hole" can't be seen, you need a loud whistle. Thank you Scott for reminding and providing us with a proper tool for the job. Using it to call your waitress is on you.





## **Trophy Hunt**

**Due to Covid restrictions the Club cancelled last years awards dinner and is in the same position this year. Hopefully next year will not only bring a full season of Iceboating but a quality Swap Meet, Interesting and informative monthly meetings followed by a fun filled dinner evening celebrating the accomplishments of all on the ice.**



**It is important that the Club Awards be maintained by those in possession of them and that an inventory be made of who is in possession. A record of the various awards can be placed on the website and the present award holder recognized. It would be unfortunate if any awards drifted away and no records of them existed. Saying that, if you posses a Club award please contact Scott who will compile an accurate list. You might take a photo of the award for the records and sent it along with an email.**

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**Thank you for your help! We don't want to lose Club History.**

Rich Batista has elected to hold on to the "Divers Trophy" as who better knows how to polish a bronze divers helmet. Rich is the only one of us with the full size version on display in his home.

Pose with your trophy and send us the photo





## A few photos of 2022





## Another Season Ends,



And from our Friends in Maine, Chickawaukie Ice Boat Club

Happy Day One of Spring. It's a lovely day to clean the yard, roll out the soft water boat, cut brown tail moth nests from trees. This is also the time of year where we have big temperature swings. If your runners are in a trailer or in an unheated space there's a good chance they will be covered in moisture as the cold steel condenses water from the warm damp air. Result: rust. If they don't get attention the rust will deepen and eventually cause nicks in the edge.

By Bill Buchholz