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LAKE RONKONKOMA Iceboat and Yacht Club

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Message from the Commodore

As another season is coming to a close, excitement remains on the minds of all the club members who have been enjoying the wonderful ice boating up in Maine. Many members traveled far and wide in search of ice this year - from the Worlds and the DN National Championship in Wisconsin to Vermont and Maine. Sad to say another season has passed without any sailable local ice.

I'm happy to say that our annual Awards Dinner is scheduled for Sunday April 2nd from 3 - 6pm at the Oar in Patchogue. Trophies will be awarded. Cost this year has been reduced to \$35. Please let John Ziermann know if you plan on attending. Pay at the door with exact cash or by check made out to LRIBYC.

I hope you will come to the Dinner and hear about the exciting stories of our traveling members. For those that are holding perpetual trophies, please bring them to the dinner for display.

Thanks
Ralph

Sailing in Maine

A group from LRIBYC made the trek to Damariscotta Lake in Maine for a very cold weekend which included some brisk sailing, fun dinners in Augusta and lunch at a quaint German Deli seemingly in the middle of nowhere. At least 40 boats on the

ice including the NJ boys with large and small "front loader" Skeeters, many WHIZZ'S from Maine and Canada, J14s from Long Island, Gambits, Yankees, DNs, Mead Skeeters and many more. Plenty of boats to study and consider for your stable.



"So this is what a Spring Fling looks like: nearly forty boats touring all over the lake, a DN regatta under way, lots of wind & sun and the Ronkonkoma Long Island boys grilling on the beach passing out burgers and dogs. There was a small flock of SkimBats roosting in the lee of First Island with perfect access to the smoothest ice. Some of the cruisers made a great game of sailing deep and fast through the narrows, as far as the pressure ridge blocking the way at the south end, rounding up in a great charge of wind that lived there all day and pinching back out. The South Broads were not accessed.

We were treated to the company of Tom Nichols and Dan Clapp, tuning their A and B class Skeeters. The lake could barely contain the orange A boat:"

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A Birthday Celebration, Fred on the grill, George with the ketchup, Doug with fork ready and the Birthday Boy with a cheeseburger.



MARCH QUIZ: First to name these two iceboaters, I buy you a drink at the Dinner at the Oar Restaurant. Email to macebo@mac.com



Birthday Boy: Warren Darress Jr. sailing his Skeeter I-C-Fun. Built by his Father and widened in the cockpit by Warren. Great to see them both celebrate at milestone

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Peter Zendt in his newly acquired Bob Reeves J14 enjoying his first travel date. Great to see you on the road Peter!

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