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# LAKE RONKONKOMA Iceboat and Yacht Club

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<http://www.iceboatlongisland.com>

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## From the Commodore

Here we are coming to March. Team Long Island (Chris, Hank, Peter, and Scott) have just come back from the DN worlds and the North American championship. There will be tales from those regattas. Have you taken a chance?? There is still time to do some sailing, be prepared to go at a moments notice. As always, if anyone needs anything, please feel free to contact me at: dnus4925@yahoo.com. If you're like me, I now start a list of things to do to my boat, and try to do them during the warm weather. See you on the ice or at the dinner!!!!



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**DN WORLD & NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**



Tribute to our friend and mentor,



## DN Dress Requirements for Raceday



## DN Evening Attire Requirements - Gloves & Glue



## **A sampling of the quality on site reporting from our Commodore:**

2/16 - Much racing today. The results will be posted shortly. The NEIYA site will Have them. It was snowing first thing. That didn't stop the racing. The ice was sticky, the wind was 5-8mph. It was sailable. There was very minor carnage. Guy Lovejoy was hit by a Pole. Pete was on the protest committee. The Pole was in the wrong. The damaged hull is being glued back up right now(Monday night) in Guys room. Good thing he's on the first floor. I bring a West Epoxy repair pack with us. We are scheduled to race tomorrow. The wind might not want to race. We'll see who wins that argument. We plan on pulling ours boats off tomorrow. Just in case Mother Nature doesn't want us to race the rest of the week. There is still ice everywhere. We will make a full report at the March meeting.

2/18 - Sunday's racing was good. I'm not sure of the results. You can look those up. Chris just made it into the gold fleet. Hank, Pete and myself are solidly in the bronze fleet. The competition at any posting any fleet is great. You're not only competing against yourself but with the people right around you. Our second race had a beautiful ice storm occur. Everyone had the same story. You're sailing along and all of a sudden you're having trouble seeing. Then the ice pellets start pelting you in the face. At first it felt like ice chips. Then you realize it's way to many and really stings when they hit you. We barely finish the race and the red flag goes up signaling there's a hazard on the course. We went into a weather delay. There was some carnage on the course. Most of the boats were not sailable after their collisions. We'll go back at it again today.

2/18 - Pete and I went to dinner at the Olive Garden which was in walking distance. We were then joined by T and Steve Madden. Then along came the top German and his wife (who is a gold fleeter). Then along came Deb Whitehorse, who joined us. It makes for some great stories and dinner conversation. This is part of the social aspect that is hard to describe and makes these events so worth attending. You never know who you'll end up having dinner or breakfast with.

2/20 - We are on a snow delay. There are 2 possible sites for the North Americans. We'll see what's left after the weather goes through. Meanwhile, back at the trailer, those 2 hulls are just being stored for the Germans until the weather clears. They are Anja Fiedler's and Holger Petzke's, both top ten gold fleet. Anja is also the top women winner. She is fast. Holger is the German champion. We're hoping that their boats talk to our boats and tell them how to go faster. Bad news, we did not win the brand new sail at the raffle last night.

2/21 -One of the most interesting things about iceboating is that you never know where you will end up. We had about 4" of snow in Ohio. The race committees scout reported it was better at Lake Wawasee in Syracuse Indiana. Within a matter of 15 minutes, everyone had packed up and vacated the hotel. As we drove to the new location it was foggy and raining. We are staying in a resort. Pete and I got the last room. It's the Presidential Suite. \$80 a night. It's has more square footage than my house. Many of us hung out at the bar. The conditions don't look promising here. Time to get ready and wander out to the race course. We always seem to be first out on the ice.  
Till later.

2/21 - The conditions here are not optimal for iceboating. We grade 3-4. Winds were much gustier than predicted. We sailed on. As usual not sure of our finishes, but they will be posted soon. The conditions made for much carnage on the course. At least 10 boats were de-masted, broken, flipped over, you get the picture. At one point there were 4 boats broken down on the course. The 4 wheeler was busy hauling boats off the course. What's good about this, is you can talk about it. As the ice conditions deteriorated, the close calls became more frequent. We'll go back at it again tomorrow!!!!

Scott

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## SOME LINKS TO PHOTOS/VIDEO/RESULTS

<https://www.gretchendorian.com/2019-DN-World-Championship/i-58xhFzb/A>

<https://www.idniyra.org/2019/02/18/day-1-gold-cup-photos-debbie-parker/>

<https://www.idniyra.org/2019/02/18/gold-cup-day-1-video/>

<https://www.idniyra.org/2019/02/20/day-1-gold-cup-photos-jim-williamson/>

## RESULTS

<http://dniceboat.org/idniyra/2019GoldCup.html>

<http://dniceboat.org/idniyra/2019NorthAmerican.html>



A Sample Gretchen Dorian Photo  
<https://www.gretchendorian.com>

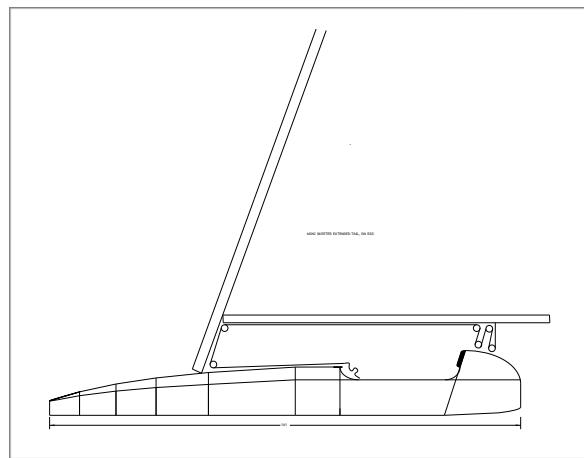
**LRIBYC Club Members Sail Bantam -  
2/10/19**



My build MINI for Bob Boyle



Re-design comfort cruiser



No Ice, Build,

I now have some time to finish my modified MINI SKEETER. CONCEPT: Use existing rig, DN or J14, Conventional rigging (DN or J14) with shrouds, 10', J14 Plank (or DN), 3', J14 Springboard, enlarged cockpit with small forward coaming to receive a short Lexan windshield, aft compartment to carry safety/cruising gear. Divinycell foam/glass deck, plywood/poplar hull. LOA 15' 6" +/- . Car top boat/ comfortable/warm toes & hands.

Mike Acebo

