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# LAKE RONKONKOMA Iceboat and Yacht Club

December

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## Year end wrap up 2025



The season started with a gathering of LRIBYC & OIYC members on January 1st 2025 at Hallocks Bay, Orient for a celebration to whoever is in charge of making ICE on our lakes and bays. Offerings of ice were made to the Bay and glasses were tipped to cheer on the support for ice makers. These effort proved effective and this activity will be repeated tomorrow at Hallocks Bay:

“This is your friendly reminder that on **New Year’s Day at noon**, we will once again do what we do best: **muster as much ice as humanly possible** and deliver it to the boat launch on Narrow River Road in Orient.”

“The noon tide will be ebbing (thank you, ocean), the forecast is cold but mercifully snow-free, and we’ve had several consecutive days below freezing. In other words, conditions are suspiciously promising. Dress warmly—and dress to **appease the ice gods**. Layers, lucky hats, dramatic scarves, or anything vaguely ceremonial or nordic are encouraged. Nothing is too outrageous if it helps freeze the bay.”



The sailing season kicked off with some January sailing on Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg, Also known as Webster Lake if you are having difficulty in the pronunciation.



Even some Skimmers and others ventured out on Great Pond in Southold while The Great South Bay and Lake Ronkonkoma were starting to freeze.



Lake Ronkonkoma, January 25, 2025 -  
Cruising & Racing LRIBYC "Home Ice" Mike Acebo, Warren Darress, Jr  
& Anita Regler photos

LRIBYC Long Island Championships, DN and Mixed Skeeter Class



Despite a challenging and inconsistent breeze and delayed start today we were able to get 3 races in for both the DNs and mixed Skeeters. We also finally have been able to honor our dear friend and avid competitor Rich Crucet by designating the first DN race of the day as the Crucet memorial race won by Scott Valentine. Results are as follows

DNs

Scott Valentine.	1. 1. 1.	3 pts
Lee Costelloe.	2 2 5(dns).	9 pts
Rich Clark.	4 3 2.	9 pts
Paul Tropea.	3 4 3.	10 pts



Skeeters

George Neyssen.	1 1 1.	3 pts
Fred Greis.	2 2 3.	7 pts
Mike Acebo.	3 3 2.	8 pts
Jordan Glaser.	4 4 5(dns).	13 pts



Congratulations to all of you - it was great to see everyone keen to go after such a long wait for local ice along with everyone else on the lake today. Special thanks to Warren Darress for helping out on the race course too

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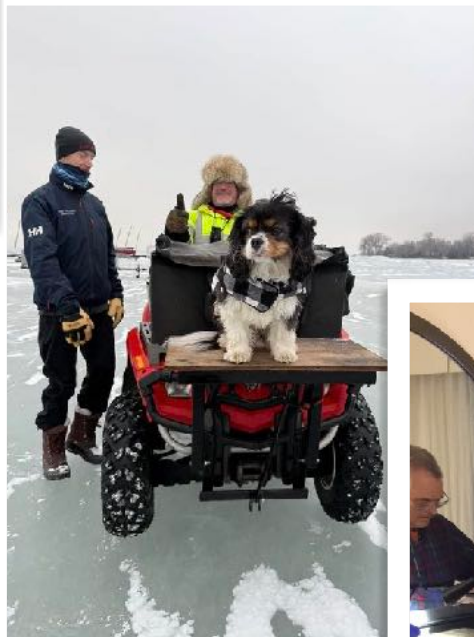








Our traveling Club DN Racers headed West for the DN World Championships and kept us informed of racing and social events taking place during this competition. Most of us will never experience this kind of event to enjoy the educational aspects and the international camaraderie of these events. Congratulations to Scott and Pete.





The Post Season Banquet and Awards Ceremony was held at the "Oar Steak and Seafood Restaurant" across the river from Weeks Shipyard. A great meal was served, attendance was strong, and the Award Ceremony displayed the numerous accomplishments of Club members and was proof to all that Iceboating is alive and well even to Long Island iceboaters. The solid efforts of the Club officers were apparent throughout the ceremonies.



During the Iceboating season monthly meetings are held at Weeks Shipyard and the Club Business is shared, sailing adventures and locations, safety seminars and iceboat setup, maintenance and repairs will be covered. Refreshments, good stories, 50/50 raffle and a chance to catch up.

TO ALL,

### **Mark your calendars!**

Topics to be discussed and activities:

- boat rigging and adjustments for light and heavy air
- club events
- ice reports and destinations
- safety & rescue
- runner sharpening
- boat building and repair
- activities and events from other clubs

### **First Tuesday in January, February, and March.**

Jan. 6, 2026

Feb. 3, 2026

To kick off a new season Club members attend various community events and display iceboats while giving talks on why, how, when and where we get to use them. It gives us an opportunity to set up our boats, find all the parts and remember what repairs we need to take care of for the upcoming season. We also use the Club's annual Swap Meet at Weeks Shipyard as a kick off with a nice lunch and time to gather together for discussions.



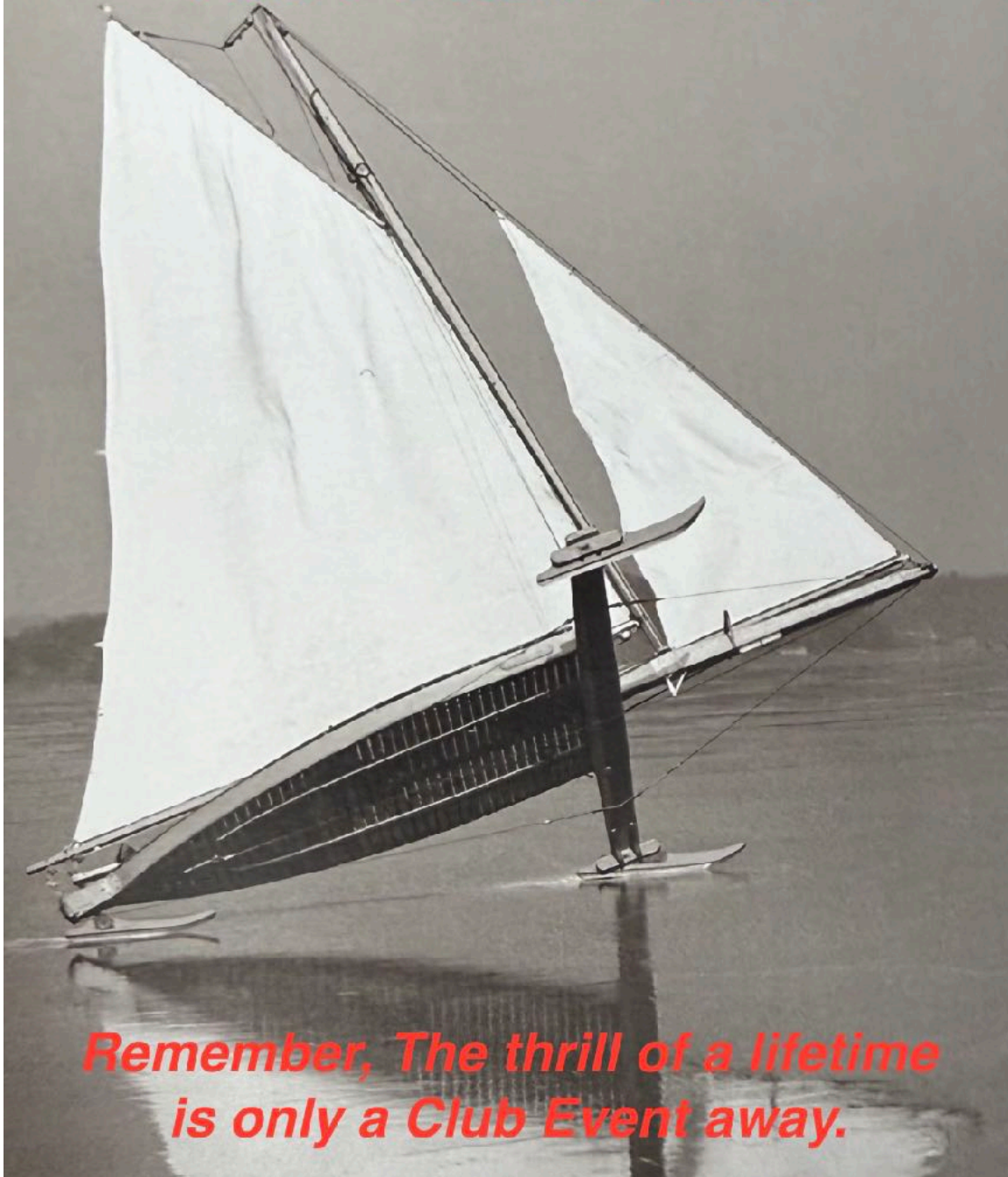




Swap Meet. Weeks Shipyard



***Your Club wishes you a  
HAPPY NEW YEAR***



*The Art of The Boat* photograph from the ROSENFELD COLLECTION

ICE is/has formed, sailing is happening. Check you ICE ALERT Emails for updates!!