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# LAKE RONKONKOMA Iceboat and Yacht Club

December <http://www.iceboatlongisland.com> 2017



**Message from the Commodore**

Our annual Swap Meet was held on a very snowy Saturday, December 9th. Approximately 25 hard core ice boaters showed up. Special thanks go to Aileen Krause for making that delicious clam chowder. It was just what the troops needed. Thanks also go to John Ziermann for his Lake Champlain hot chocolate, Doug Adams (our chief chef) and to Kevin Weeks for his hospitality in having the building empty so that the Swap Meet was able to be held indoors. Unfortunately, due to the snow, Steve Duhammel was unable to make the trip down from MA.

The annual Icing of the Lake was performed with a cannon shot on a raw Sunday, December 17th. To our delight ~ 80% of the lake was already skimmed over. Looked promising for the season.

Our first club meeting for the year will be held at Weeks Yacht Yard on January 2nd at 7pm. Scott Valentine and Pete Truesdell will be making a presentation on the upcoming DN NA Championships scheduled for January 21-27. Lucky for us this year's event will be hosted by the Eastern division and thus hopefully on nearby ice.

This March the club will be electing officers for the upcoming two year term. I, as Commodore and Doug Adams, as Vice Commodore will not be available for reelection. Thus the club is looking for candidates for these two responsible positions.

Remember only paid up members will be receiving the all important "Ice Alert". Also for a person to be eligible for a club award, trophy etc, dues must be paid by the February meeting.

Wishing all Happy Holidays and a Healthy New Year. Hope to see you at our January meeting.

Ralph

## ATTENTION DN RACERS

Courtesy NEW ENGLAND ICE YACHT ASSOCIATION  
by Commodore James "T" Thieler DN US 5224

Hello All- Just a heads-up that you have until midnight tonight to register early for the DN NA Champs and save \$40 bucks! I know this will appeal to all of us frugal New Englanders so before you head out for your New Years Eve parties take a few minutes and get signed up for this regatta. Easy to do online (even I did it without assistance!) and you'll be glad you did!

The New England Region is hosting this year so we need a strong local turnout- so drag that DN out of the garage and plan on going!

Also give me a shout at 401 258 6230 if you are interested in volunteering to help run the regatta. Can always use more helping hands so let me know.

Details below. Think ICE!!

### REGISTRATION, DEADLINE AND FEE

- Each skipper shall register on: [na.idniyra.org](http://na.idniyra.org) or by mailing a completed entry form available on [na.idniyra.org](http://na.idniyra.org), with the appropriate entry fee to: see entry form for registration by regular mail.
- Entry Fee shall be paid in U.S. Dollars.
- The entry fee is \$80.00 (USD) if paid by December 31, 2017. The entry fee for a junior skipper (under 25 years of age) is \$50.00.
- The entry fee is \$120 (USD) if paid on or after January 1, 2018. The entry fee for a junior skipper (under 25 years of age) is \$75.00.
- No entry fee will be accepted after the close of registration (refer to schedule of events) When regatta location moves, prior to the first race, registration may be reopened.
- Novice Entries
  - Novice DN skippers may enter the Regatta with the payment of two years association dues. No other event registration payments shall apply.
  - A sailor shall be classified as a Novice if: that person has never belonged to the IDNIYRA, or their membership has lapsed for 5 or more years. A Novice must comply with all other entry requirements.
- <http://na.idniyra.org/2018na/>

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## ICE REPORTS:

Remember a good Ice Report is an Accurate Ice Report. Steve Lamb from NEIYA posted the following recommendations:

### " ICE REPORTING GUIDELINES

Reports should follow this basic format. More details are better of course.

- 1) What body of water, where is it? City, State and launch info if appropriate
- 2) How were the observations made? Walked, Skated, Sailed, drive by on a donkey cart or if relayed by 3rd party state that as well.
- 3) General condition - Newly frozen (black ice), melted and refrozen snow Zambonied refrozen surface with drain holes (how prominent)
- 4) Ice thickness (inches or centimeters) and where launch, main body and far edges east, west etc
- 5) Know hazards current and historical - Hazards recur year after year springs, off points and river entrances etc."

Thank You!

Steve Lamb

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### SOME VERY RECENT REPORTS:

"A couple of DNs pushed around a bit on Swan in no wind yesterday- ice is gorgeous ( thinking probably 4" with this cold and building but I did not drill)but now under some snow- about 1 1/2" inches when I left mid afternoon but still snowing. Supposed to be windy today so hopefully it will blow off and not get wind packed. Took a very quick look at Ronkonkoma from car at ramp which was white except a few patches in middle so based on Lee's earlier report I'm guessing it has pretty much iced over enough to hold the snow but is not safe at all yet. Expected continued cold should build ice on anything locked in so get ready- I think we will have several options very soon. Rumors of Mecox indicate it is not ready yet and Bantam not yet either but again cold without much snow in the forecast for the next week can change things for the better soon. Sounds like several spots in New England are also starting up."

Pete T.

On 29 Dec 2017, at 18:10, David Fortier wrote:

"It is cold and the wind stopped blowing! So thinking that ice could now have a chance, I circled Sebago Lake ME today. I started with Lower Bay, and found that it was hard as far north as Indian island. Looking on the chart shows that to be 1.25 x 1.25 mi. From there I traveled clockwise up to

Nason's beach, and though Mr Nason has the parking area nicely plowed, the lake is soft far as the eye can see. I continued NW to rt. 302 and the causeway to find that Long Lake is in fact frozen and snowed upon. From there I continued south east to Raymond Beach at the head of Jordan Bay I found that to be freshly frozen about as far as I could see. Near the beach/launch (not plowed to the water) the ice was roughish 30-40 ft out as it was old ice. From there on fresh freeze. From talking with those seeming to be in the know it solidified Thursday night Friday morning. From there I went SE on 302 then took bridge road following Jordan bay as closely as possible. All I saw was monolithic black ice as far as Whites Point. On the chart that is 3.5 mi from Raymond beach, Jordan Bay is 2 mi wide. From Whites point south there was more ice, but not solid. The wind was light today, and predicted light tonight, so the sheet will grow and thicken with near OF temps. forecast."

On 29 Dec 2017, at 19:44, Kate Morrone wrote:

5 DNs, 2 Whizzes, 2 Freeskates, a Gambit, a BDX, a Lockley Skimmer, and a kite wing all enjoyed sailing the Nip today as the wind came up in the afternoon. The surface was "pebbly", there were no open spots and the entire lake was sailed. I spoke with a fisherman who said he found 5". I will be going to Sunapee tomorrow launching from the State Beach. I did a drive by on Thursday and saw that the lake had caught. I just read a post from the kite wing group that sailed it today.  
Kate

Bantam, CT, 12/29

"Finally sealed up off Point Folly and, of course it's snowing. It shouldn't amount to much and forecast calls for low temps so we should be building ice. No actual test walk so still TBD if it's safe to sail yet. Lots of fishing going on in both bays. Happy HO...see you next year."

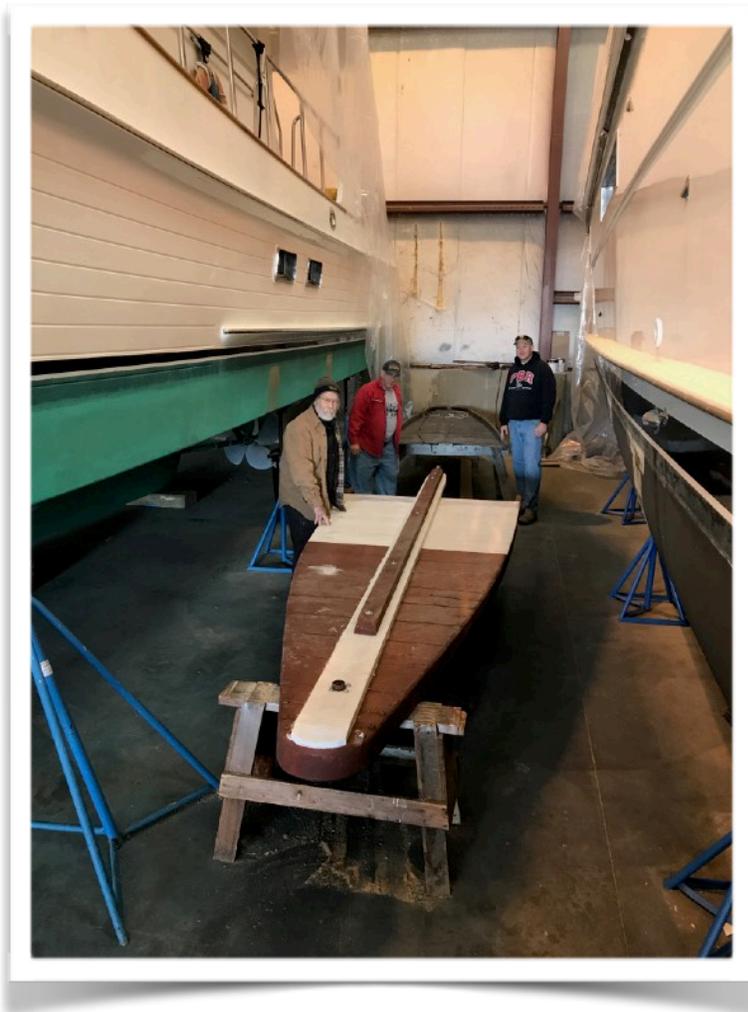
David Danielson

Bob Reeves

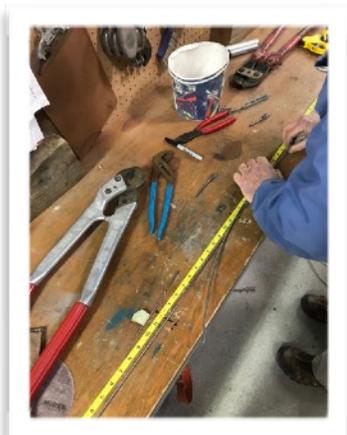
"The better news is that there will be other places coming in before another week is up. For instance Hallock's Bay in Orient is completely iced over. Just last night though so, **It is Not Safe!** (Note, If you are looking it up on a map it is called **Long Beach Bay**). If we are lucky and the wind doesn't blow it out we could be out there in another week? So stay tuned in. It looks like we may get some snow tomorrow night and that should not hurt it as long as it isn't to much. Please don't be foolish and venture out on this thin ice. When it is safe we will test it and send out another message to let you know it is safe. If any other ice becomes available and people let me know about it I will also post it.  
Be safe and Happy New Year to all."



Boat Work is still under way out East:  
Orient Ice Yacht Club Members working on two circa 1800's Stern Steerers



New Rigging for Fred's new Buckholtz mast for his Jacobs' J14:



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