

THE BILGE PUMP

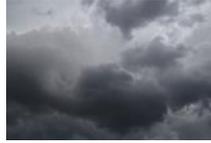
Keuka Yacht Club

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RACE RESULTS

A wet, stormy weekend was not conducive for sailboat racing. Four MC sailors decided to give it a go on Saturday morning only to have their race abandoned with the threat of nearby lightning and thunderstorms. On Sunday, six intrepid E crews headed out and up the west branch in a building breeze. As one person described it, once past the bluff and into the branch you felt a [Venturi effect](#) where the combination of the hillsides constricting the wind flow in combination with the wind direction increased the wind velocity.



SAIL #	SKIPPER	R1
KU-1	WELCH	1
KU-2	PENWARDEN	DNF
KU-3	HAWK	DNF
KU-15	NORRIS	DNS
KU-23	NEWMAN	3
KU-25	MEADE	2



MCs heading to the dock in the rain

Please send submissions, unsubscribe requests and email address updates to kycbilgepump@gmail.com

MENU SPECIALS

JULY

Kitchen open Thursday nights!

Thursday Night - Pizza Night!

Free toppings on any pizza including flatbread!

**Friday Night (until 8pm)
Crab Cakes**



Saturday and Sunday Lunch

Look for the best of the season specials

Saturday Dinner (until 8pm)

**Homemade Pasta
with Bolognese Sauce**



Breakfast on Sunday

8-11:30am

Grab a hot Breakfast Sandwich!

WHEN THE RAIN COMES

According to our own KYC Weather Station, over 2" of rain fell on Saturday July 17th. The Keuka Lake level was up to over 714 feet with lots of debris (tree limbs, logs, vegetation) washed into the lake down gulleys. A few culverts became blocked with water and debris overflowing 54A, closing sections of the road until crews could clear the road.



view south towards Hammondsport

CLUB BAR HOURS NEW Thursday Nights!

Thursday 5pm—10pm

Friday 5pm—11pm

Saturday NOON—11pm

Sunday NOON—6pm

Actual closing times are subject to change based on activity, weather and such and are at the discretion of the House Chair.

KNOW THE ROPES

Everyone likes to think that they know the ropes when it comes to something they are involved with. That expression comes from the old days of sailing vessels when it was critical for sailors to “know the ropes” in order to sail the ship. It first appeared in print in 1840 in Richard Dana’s *Two Years before the Mast*.

It is still critical to actually know your ropes when it comes to boating in areas such as choosing dock lines. There are several factors that need to be taken into account when purchasing dock lines— strength and elasticity (to absorb shock loads from wind and waves) and resistance to chafe/abrasion, UV rays and rot. According to BoatUS, nylon is recommended since it is “incredibly strong, very stretchy, and very good at resisting the harmful effects of sunlight.” Three-strand nylon is stretchier and costs less than braided nylon lines. Braided nylon lines are slightly stronger and have better abrasion resistance than three-strand nylon lines.

[BoatUS recommends](#) 3/8” nylon line (diameter) for boats up to 25’ long and 1/2” nylon line for boats up to 35’ long. As line diameter gets larger, the elasticity decreases, so their recommendation is a balance of strength and elasticity characteristics. Less elastic lines transfer shock loads from wind and waves to deck cleats or other hardware on your boat.

Dock line failures are often the result of chafe— rubbing lines on surfaces. You can reduce chafe by sliding a foot or two of hose over lines and tying them so the hose takes the abrasion.

Last but not least, permanent dock lines should have ‘snubbers’ to minimize the jerking and stress caused by wind, waves and wakes.

It is always a good idea to check your dock lines when you use your boat, or periodically if your boat is docked for a longer time. Look for fraying or fuzziness that are evidence of chafe and potential failure. If lines feel brittle it may be time to replace them as well.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 23 — Friday Night Laser Sailing (*thru Labor Day*)
- July 26 — Junior Sailing Session 4 starts
- July 26 –29— Advanced Sailing & Racing (week 1 of 2)
- July 31-Aug1 — Es at CLYC
- August 5 — Junior Sailing KYC/Camp Cory Regatta
- August 12 — FLBM Lecture series “Ice Boating” by Joe Meade (evening)
- August 15 — Alex Myth Trio — LIVE music!
- August 21 — Family Movie Night

FULL THUNDER MOON—FRIDAY JULY 23

[According to Space.com](#), full moons always rise in the east as the sun is setting (since the moon is full when it is opposite the sun in the sky), and set in the west at sunrise. “Since sunlight is striking the moon vertically at that time, no shadows are cast; all of the variations in brightness you see arise from differences in the reflectivity, or albedo, of the lunar surface rocks.”

<https://www.space.com/33974-best-night-sky-events.html>

FRIDAY NIGHT LASERS

Time: 5:30pm every Friday
6:00pm Start



All skill levels welcome!

**LKSF boats available for those who don't own one!*

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At right: frayed and ‘fuzzy’ lines needing replacement

Below left: hose covering line as chafe protection

Below right: mildewed line needing replacement



Alex Myth Trio

Put August 15th on your calendar. The Alex Myth Trio will be back!

