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# LAKE RONKONKOMA Iceboat and Yacht Club

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## Commodore's Corner Commodore's comments

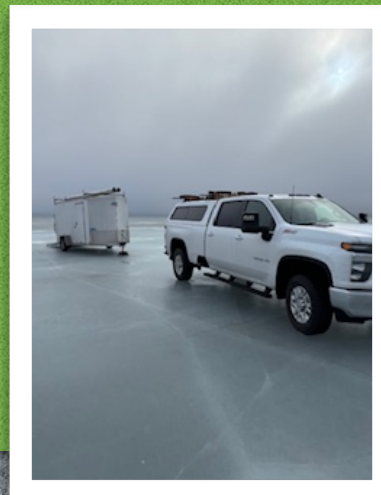
### Your Commodore

Hello everyone!! It was great to see some sailing on Lake Ronkonkoma!! It was fantastic to see such a great club turnout. After a 10 year drought, we ran the LI Championship. Your Commodore and Vice Commodore took a trip and competed in the DN Worlds and followed by the North American Championship. Maybe at the March meeting, we can be coerced to tell some more tales. Awards dinner information to follow. There will be quite a few awards handed out. There is still some sailing available, although you will have to travel off the island.

As always, if you need any parts, advice, repairs please feel free to reach out to me, or one of your fellow officers. We have a lot of knowledge in our club.



Scott







Lake Ronkonkoma, January 25, 2025 - LRIBYC "Home Ice"  
Cruising

Photos Anita Regler &  
Mike Acebo



## 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 Cruet by designating the first DN race of the day as the Cruet 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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Photos: Warren Darress



## LRIBYC - Travel Team, DN Gold Cup World's & North American Championships

"Early report is we're heading west again. Likely Wisconsin though Indiana Minnesota and Detroit could be plan B. Looks like Champlain missed the cut. Current plan is to launch early Thursday.

Had a good trip out arriving around 9:30 last night. Down to launch this morning. There is no parking other than on the ice so out we went. There's a pressure ridge to cross but the local fishing club has heavy duty steel bridges set to use. Big trucks like Scotty's are being moved back to the shore after dumping the trailers. Cold windy and foggy when we set up but the wind dropped as the sun came out so we sailed a bit before having to stop back in to adjust and tighten steering. Back out for a bit but the wind came back up a bit too much. Most people preserving their gear - one mast broken today. Boats seem to be going well and Scott is getting used to the new hull. Caught up with a lot of friends also which is always excellent. Try again tomorrow- marks will be out for practice laps"

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Congratulations Pete & Scott on a well sailed and safe Regatta





Clipboard with a race results sheet titled "FINISH - START". The sheet lists race data for various boats, including names, times, and positions. The text is partially obscured by a blue strap.

Boat	Name	Time	Position
1	US 25	0:00	1st
2	US 25	0:00	2nd
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30	US 25	0:00	30th





With hopes of some Spring Iceboating all eyes point North. Sailing is happening on Webster and Quaboag as you read this and hopes are that some of the more Northern lakes free themselves of snow cover and expose the double digit ice that lies below.

The Alton Bay B18 Ice Runway on Winnepesaukee has just closed for the season which leaves hope for the snow to melt leaving Ice. In January 2025, the ice thickness at Alton Bay Ice Runway in New Hampshire ranged from 12.25 to 13 inches.

Several Club members sailed a 100 Mile Race on March 20, 2023 so don't give up hope yet and please leave those golf clubs in the closet.




Pushaw Lake, Orono ME, March 20, 2023

And from Lake Winnepesaukee 30+ years ago some of us were packing up to go North in March to one of the East Coasts biggest events

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## Long Distance Ice Yacht Races



The N.E.I.Y.A. invites you to the sunshine and late ice regatta of all time!

OPEN TO DKS and ALL larger types ice boats.  
Last year the Frolic was host to over 100 boats of every size and type from Lucky Skippers, Arrows, DKS, Garbits, Skaters, Arrows, Renegades, Yankons, N.E.'s, "You Name It," and on up to the thundering and shuddering classic "A" Stern Steamers.

Sail with us on 47,000 acres (22 miles long) of scenic, island-dotted lake in a very informal andlightheartedregatta. Racing for various classes, touring, drinks on the ice, and much more!

PRIZES? OF COURSE!

March—that's sun cream time! The town of Wolfeboro, two hours north of Boston on good roads, is a pleasant family resort area with shops and restaurants.

**DATES:** March 10 and March 11, 1990

**LOCATION:** Wolfeboro, New Hampshire  
Brewster Beach off of Clark Road or, if conditions require, check at Wolfeboro Inn

**TIME:** Registration on shore (Saturday) 9:30 a.m.  
Skipper's Meeting 10:00 a.m.  
First flag drops promptly at 10:30 a.m.

**ICE REPORTS:** Thursday or Friday  
Call N.E.I.Y.A. answering service for latest Regatta information, (517) 767-2922, or the Wolfeboro Inn, (505) 569-3316.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$6.00 (See race application for detailed information.)

**BACKUP DATE:** If poor ice conditions force cancellation, backup date will be the following weekend.

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## Ice Boat Races on Winnepesaukee this Weekend!

by Kathy Eaton

Upwards of 200 ice boats are expected to make their way to Lake Winnepesaukee and Wolfeboro Bay the weekend of March 10, and 11 to participate in the Long Distance Ice Yacht Races.

"That's a month's," longest event, drawn from the list of Wolfeboro, Vermont's a fun weekend of informal ice racing enjoyed by ice boat enthusiasts as well as non-ice boaters in New England's north end.

Special events planned for participants this weekend include races and races on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, weather permitting, a cocktail party on Friday, a luncheon on the ice on Saturday, a swap party at the Wolfeboro Inn and a banquet on Sunday night. Most of the events will be on the ice of the Wolfeboro Inn.

Ice boats from all over New England and as far away as Michigan and Wisconsin are scheduled to travel to Winnepesaukee for the special weekend.

How long says it has been a great year for the sport of ice boating. He has taken his boat on for over a Long Island, New York to participate in races. Among some of the larger boats expected to be on the lake this weekend will be "The Jack Frost," "Cold Wave," "Northwest," and "The Phantom."

On Sunday several of the boats may attempt to sail the lake from Wolfeboro Bay to Center Harbor. However, the decision to attempt that will depend on the day's conditions over the course of the year.

"The Phantom" made the long distance trip a few years ago, but it is a challenge to complete the trip up the lake and back.

"We'll just have to wait and see this year," said Jensen. Ice boating is a sport that moves where the ice is.

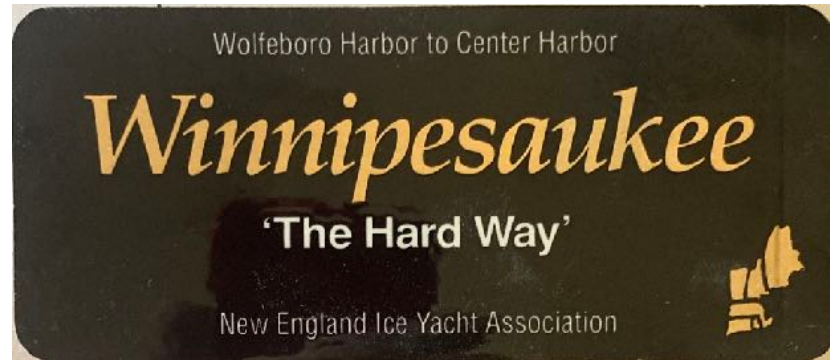
Actual location for race this weekend will be made after determining the location of the best ice conditions just prior to the event. In the case of rain, the event will be rescheduled to the following weekend.



Sailing the Big Lake with Gunstock Ski Area in background



Do not underestimate the gifts of March  
Iceboating  
March 26, 2019 "The Hardway"



It is never too early to start making modifications and repairs on your equipment. Many boaters who showed up on Lake Ronkonkoma were missing parts, had the wrong bolts and nuts, turnbuckles missing or frozen, the shrouds were incorrect or in need of repair/replacement, runners were rusty or nicked/dull or any number of other issues. Now that those items are fresh in your mind, take a Spring day and set up your boat, inspect and replace/repair your list of items and only then pack up your boat for storage. Shout out to Scott, Pete, me or others for help.

I always have some projects in the works, today it is a spare plank getting set up for swap meet purchased chocks using "the" Sarns drilling jig for my Alunitron chocks. I have no boat for the plank but one day I might. I have also scoured the local boat yards and procured two scrap booms (Rigrite #2) that will work well for one Club member and another for a friend upstate.

Last Club Meeting on Tuesday, Fred has info on the upcoming awards Banquet. We can hear more from Scott and Pete about their expedition west. Ice reports and stories of magnificent speeds obtained can be heard. There will some sailing stories so don't miss out!



