

The XV

Like me, you've probably run across the XV stern steerer doing web searches. I've even seen pictures of them lined up for competition. A strange and foreign thing the XV. Well, they're getting a bit less foreign, member Bill Bucholz has built one... and has visited builders in Estonia... and has co-founded a class association in the US! Here are some excerpts from Bill's articles on iceboat.me. Ed



For over fifty years the Monotype XV iceboat class lay hidden behind the Iron Curtain. The boat, designed in 1932 by Eric von Holst, a German designer living in Estonia, was a very successful one design racing class in the years leading up to the Second World War. Once the Curtain closed after the war the Mono XV fell into obscurity in Western Europe, but continued to thrive under the Soviet system.

With the fall of the Soviet Union in 1989 and the opening of the Eastern Block the Mono XV began trickling back to the West. Swedish and Dutch sailors bought old Russian boats, and a few commissioned new boats to be built by Jurjo in Estonia and Igor Bolshakov in St Petersburg. National and European Championship Regattas were organized and a class association, IM-XVIRA, was formed. They published a splendid newsletter in the early nineties, but then quickly adopted the internet and now support an excellent web site: www.monotype-xv.org. The site includes complete construction drawings.

It was this terrific outreach that first caught my eye five years ago. I found the boat captivating, especially the wooden steering wheel and twin cockpits, so began to build one. But its a really big boat by local standards and I came to my senses early in the project and packed away the parts I'd built, which included a nice wooden steering wheel. Meanwhile the class continued to grow, the quality of photos and films on the web site improved, and a couple of American stern steerer sailors from the midwest, Erich Schloemer and Mike Peters, were invited to race in the European Championships.

The class has seen phenomenal growth in the past fifteen years, It is now second only to DN's in one design iceboat racing in Europe. This is not what would develop out of a slow, squirrely stern-steerer.

Black Ice

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Summer...

As the heat and humidity take their ugly toll all summer my mind drifts back to last winter... Scattered bits and pieces flick through my overheated brain... Driving to CSI in the fall in the pouring rain to meet the guys and start working on the boats... Leaving at 11:30PM to drive from RI to VT to sail the next day... Road icy, slept in the van... Went to Germany, went to Denmark, went to Sweden, went broke... Worth it to do the DN Gold Cup! More on that later... For now just know it was a BLAST! Great times sailing and after sailing in Burlington... Glad the NJ mafia made it to the ice... Plus some new faces... And our friends from Canada including sailor, iceboater, barrister, and now world-famous author Andre Baby... Was that a Jeep that fell through the pressure ridge?... Did you know that there is a whole other set of ice-nuts out west?... There was an EPIC North American champs regatta on Green Bay... Big Breeze, good turnout, and we didn't drift away when the plate threatened to break loose... All survived to make it to a phenomenal post-regatta party complete with a blonde traveling drug saleswoman that was so obviously crazy all the guys actually stayed away from her... Van rides, restaurant dinners, went to at least one bar, tons of laughs and stories with a great bunch of friends and fellow enable-ers in the ice-addiction spiral... And of course the best wind-powered thrills on this planet or any other. So far this summer I've sailed on everything from a 72 foot gaff-rigged Herreshoff NY 50 to a modern A-Class cat with carbon rig, curved foils and sexy square-top main trying to get close to the feeling of blasting along in a DN... Both boats very cool but neither one gets nearly close enough! Back to praying for a cold, dry winter... Only way to feed the jones... THINK ICE!
—MR T DN US 5224

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New England Ice Yacht Association Swap Meet NEW LOCATION

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Knights of Columbus Hall, 17 Willow Street, Westborough, MA 01581

The swap Meet starts at 9 AM. Get there early for the good stuff. Lunch starts at 11:30
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Photo: Steve Madden, Eric Anderson, Jim Thieler. by Bill Converse

2012–13 Commodore's Letter to the Membership

NEIYA Summer Update

I hope you all had a good summer and fall. Iceboating is right around the corner and this will be my final update as Commodore. First off it has been a pleasure serving with the officers of NEIYA, as well as the membership of the club. Being Commodore is a lot of work, but it is also rewarding.

There is a lot of important stuff in this newsletter. First, there is the slate of officers proposed by the Nominating committee. This does not preclude others being nominated, or from running for office, in fact we welcome it. The proposed slate is:

Commodore: Brian Langley (current vice-Commodore)

Vice Commodore: Jim "T" Thieler (current race chairman)

Treasurer: Peter Burrow (current treasurer)

Secretary: Ed Atkeson (current secretary)

All other positions are appointed and will be announced at the meeting by the incoming officers.

The second major item we need to deal with is the financial stability of the club. Basically we have been spending more than we earn for many years. On the revenue side, total paid membership is down to about 155 members. On the expense side, last year we had some unique ones, namely the club banners as well as a federal application for 501c3 status. The Annual Banquet has been a large expense for the club, and after raising the cost of the luncheon we still did not break even. Our treasury is dangerously low.

So to deal with this, we are taking the middle road. The governing committee discussed this at a July meeting and determined we need to increase dues. There will be more about this below in the treasurer's report. We have taken the additional step of changing to a lower cost venue for the fall meeting. We

will also have a discussion at the fall meeting as to whether we should keep the Hotline alive or go strictly to a web based announcement system.

The third thing that has been happening is progress on updating the NEIYA bylaws. The bylaws date back to 1970 and needed to change to reflect the times. Last fall at the meeting I asked for volunteers for and started a three person bylaws review committee, chaired by Henry Capotosto, with help from Leo Healy and Greg Cornelius. Over many months, the bylaws review committee has worked to update the bylaws. The governing committee has also reviewed the proposed revisions and made numerous suggestions. The proposed text for the bylaws is printed at the back of the newsletter. The original bylaws are also included.

At the fall meeting, the bylaws changes will be presented by the governing committee, and discussed and voted on by the members present. If the members present approve the revised bylaws, it will be then be mailed to the active (paid) membership for a vote. Two-thirds of respondents must vote in favor of the changes for the new bylaws to be approved. We will allow 30 days from the time the ballot is mailed to receive responses. The results will be tallied and if ratified will go into effect on Jan 1, 2013. If the membership at the meeting does not agree to send the bylaws changes to the membership or suggests major revisions, it will be tabled until next year.

Lastly I would like to thank Jeff Soderholm for all his years of hard work as the voice of the NEIYA Hotline. His dedication will be sorely missed.

Best of Luck to Brian Langley and all the officers for next year. I hope you all have a winter full of snow free black ice.

See you at the meeting,

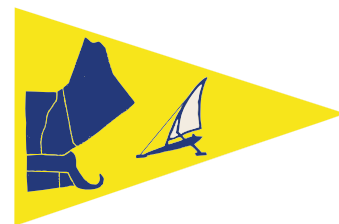
Eric Anderson, Commodore NEIYA

25%. Despite our best efforts, we were unable to find cheaper coverage.

We are now a fully authorized PayPal merchant and will eventually be able to receive payments for dues and other purchases online, once we sort out the technological requirements.

Related to insurance, the Governing Committee decided to require a waiver of liability to be signed by all members of the club every year starting now. Everyone participates in NEIYA activities at their own risk and the waiver serves to formalize that notion. Current membership is 'down' to 155 or so members, but it's not really down at all. We cleaned up the records and stopped recognizing those who are not current with their dues.

Peter N.H. Burrow
Treasurer



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From the East: Take I-90 West to exit 11a for 495 N. On 495N take exit 23B to RT 9 West/ Main Street. In about 2 miles turn right on Willow Street. The venue is 17b Willow St, on your right side.

From the West: Take I-90 East to to exit 11a for 495 N. follow directions above.

From the North or South: Take 495 to Exit 23B and follow directions above.

Just a few minutes away from the Doubletree. A dedicated venue for the NEIYA swap meet and annual meeting, better layout and facilities and lower cost.

Early Sunday morning, Ames Farm Inn on Winnie. Photo by Ted Amaral



Treasurer's Report

Several material one-off expenses coupled with very short iceboating season have resulted in a lower cash balance than we are comfortable with.

- We incorporated the club in Connecticut and received a federal tax ID number, which we need for a variety of banking and financial purposes.
- We applied to the IRS twice for 501(c)(3) nonprofit institution status and still have not received a response.
- We spent \$300. for a legal review of the waiver.
- We purchased a number of burgees earlier this year that will be sold during the coming season, bringing in some \$400.
- And we purchased two nifty club pennants that will advertise our presence on the ice for many seasons to come.
- Our insurance premium also increased by approximately