

Lake Ronkonkoma

ICE BOAT *and* YACHT CLUB

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JANUARY ICEBOATING ON LAKE RONKONKOMA

The season started with a week of boating on the lake. January 9th–15th numerous boats enjoyed plenty of ice on the lake to get in some nice tune-up sailing. Ralph, John, Rich and others did a great job scouting the lake and flagging the holes and thin spots for everyone. As boaters arrived they were briefed and sailing instructions were offered. Rich had the safety equipment assembled by the ramp for that display of professionalism so often missing. Several days of fun and safe sailing with no mishaps followed.



VISIT THE WEBSITE

www.iceboatlongisland.com

Print a copy of *RULES*
Review the ice *HOT SPOTS*
Check for *RACING EVENTS*
Find boats and parts *FOR SALE*

NEXT CLUB MEETING

February 2nd at Weeks Yacht Yard

Meet fellow iceboaters, officers and directors.
Catch up on the news for the 2010 season.
Bring snacks or refreshments.
Think and talk ice! Directions on the website.

IN THE NEWS

Nida Core J14, C Skeeter

Fiberglass boat built by Mike Acebo.
Watch and read about the test sail.

LONG ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD ON LAKE RONKONKOMA

The Club's Championships are held on the weekend of the first sailable ice of the year which fell on January 23rd.

Notification of the races was emailed by John in hopes there would be a full turn out for all classes. We were greeted by a full sheet of fast smooth ice with a nice early breeze while setting up. Race Chairman Ralph and his Committee members Dave, Tom and Rosemary held the skippers meeting, set the course and called for the

first race. The wind DIED!

Eleven DN's proceeded to complete (run and puke as Rich calls it) four races in very light air. As only two J14's and one Skeeter were set up those classes did not race.

Thanks Ralph for pulling it off! Your efforts did not go unnoticed and Rich Crucet was able to hold onto the Gold Fleet title. Pete Trusdale and Rich Clark rounded out the Gold fleet. Joe Natale wins the Silver (metal masts) and Fred Krause the Platinum.

LRIC/LYC LONG ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA 2010
1/24/10 @ LK RONKONKOMA NY WINDS 0-10 MPH, SMOOTH HARD ICE
RACE COMMITTEE: RALPH HILBERT, DAVE HARDY, BOB VALENTINE
ROCKY HART, ZIGGY HART

| SKIPPER | SAIL # | PAID \$10 | RACE | | | | TOTAL POINTS | OVERALL | STANDINGS | | |
|-----------------|--------|-----------|------|----|----|-----|--------------|---------|-----------|--------|----------|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | GOLD | SILVER | PLATINUM |
| 1 RICH CRUCET | 500 | Y | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 1 | | |
| 2 PETE TRUSDALE | 5350 | Y | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 12 | 2 | 2 | | |
| 3 RON SANCHEZ | 4628 | NO | DOF | 1 | 2 | 1 | 15 | — | — | | |
| 4 JOE NATALE | 4313 | Y | 5 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 15 | 3 | | 1 | |
| 5 RICH CLARK | 3700 | Y | 8 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 23 | 4 | 3 | | |
| 6 DAVE ADAMS | 5249 | Y | 4 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 23 | 5 | 4 | | |
| 7 FRED KRAUSE | 3931 | Y | 3 | 9 | 5 | DNS | 25 | 4 | 5 | | 1 |
| 8 JOHN ZIEGLER | 5426 | Y | 6 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 28 | 7 | 6 | | |
| 9 BOB VALENTINE | 4925 | Y | 7 | 8 | 10 | DNS | 33 | 8 | | 2 | |
| 10 BOB BECKES | 1216 | Y | 10 | 11 | 9 | DNS | 38 | 9 | | 3 | |
| 11 BOB GLUCKMAN | 4334 | Y | 9 | 10 | 11 | DNS | 38 | 9 | | 3 | |
| | \$100 | | | | | | | | | | |

METAL MASTS



CALENDAR

Club Meetings

January 5, February 2, March 2

Wednesday Night Workshops

contact Rich Crucet for details

Awards Banquet

TBD

HEARD ON THE LAKE

"Run and puke"

"Sucker wind"

"How much do they cost?"

"Is the ice safe?"

"How thick is it?"

"Will you be here tomorrow?"

"No, I have to work."

"My washing machine froze, but it doesn't matter, I don't wear underwear."

"What kind of boat is that?"

"Where do you buy these?"



TOP Results, MIDDLE Race start, BOTTOM LEFT Race Chairman Ralph Hilbert, BOTTOM RIGHT Skippers meeting.

NIDA CORE J14, C SKEETER TEST SAIL

I have completed an unconventional J14 using NIDA CORE fiberglass skin honeycomb material and carbon fiber. The boat sports an 11' plank, Sherry carbon mast and a C Skeeter sail by Henry Bossett. The boat made it's debut on Lake Ronkonkoma and has so far proven successful. More sailing is in order but so far I am pleased especially with the light air capabilities meaning less pushing, more sailing.

For videos of this boat, visit:

<http://www.vimeo.com/8707889>

<http://www.vimeo.com/8663121>

—Mike Acebo

BELOW Nida Core J14 #242.



GROUP STORM SAIL OFFER

Scott Valentine and Henry Bossett from North Sails of NJ have been communicating back and forth on the subject of DN Storm Sails. So far about seven of us would be very interested in purchasing one.

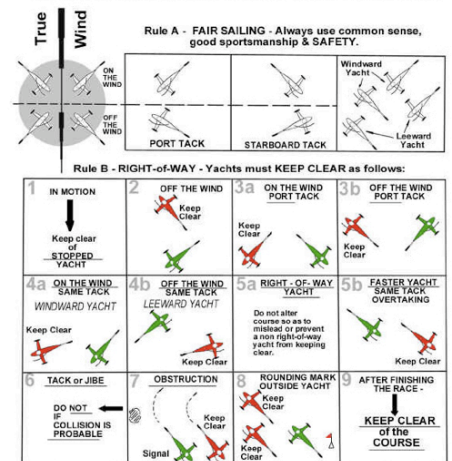
Scott and Henry have come to an understanding that if we can place an order for 10 sails we could take advantage of a reduced price from the original \$498.00 to \$318.00/sail. If we come up with an order for 15 sails, the price would be further reduced to \$298.00/sail. These prices are based on Henry Bossett's current quotes so we need to make a decision soon to take advantage of these prices.

To get the price this low, the sails will NOT come with battens and you would have to put your own numbers on. Battens can easily be made from a hard wood, and are not that critical as the ones that appear in a full DN sail. Sail material used would be a cruising Dacron instead of the more expensive racing Dacron.

The sail will come with a tube bag to roll the sail up and a view window. The roach is straight keeping the center of effort aft and help reduce the cost of construction.

Please let Scott Valentine know that you want a storm sail: JValent389@aol.com

RIGHT OF WAY and SAFETY REQUIREMENTS The Purpose of the Rules is to PREVENT COLLISIONS.



**-REMEMBER -
PREVENT COLLISIONS
Use Your Parking Brake!
Wear a Crash Helmet!
Use Common Sense!**

MONTHLY MEETING RECAP: JANUARY 5TH AT WEEKS BOAT YARD

The first meeting of the year was held at Weeks Boat Yard with a good turn out. Photos, videos, chocolate chip cookies and iceboat discussions. Remember, first Tuesday of the month during iceboating season is the scheduled evening Club meeting.

An important decision was made relating to the dissemination of ice reports. A motion was offered and approved to drop the phone message service and rely on email notifications for ice conditions and locations. It was discussed that this method would be the most responsible and effective method for Club members to stay informed. John Zieman is the official "Ice Alerts" generator and his reports will go out to the "list" of members.



If you know of sailable ice please notify John so his reports will stay up to date and he can supply quality information. Thanks John for undertaking this task, it is very important information for all of us.

Next meeting: February 2nd, 7:30 PM.



TOP Outside the meeting room, BOTTOM January 5th Club meeting.

Let us know what's happening!
Send photos, stories, race results, classifieds.
We'll put it in the Newsletter.

Thanks,
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