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## The FLYC Officers, Board of Directors, and Standing Committees - 2005

The FLYC Officers and Board of Directors as determined by vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting in November 2004 are:

**Commodore:** Linda Weber.  
**Vice Commodore:** Michelle Zylowski  
**Rear Commodore:** Tom Alley.  
**Secretary:** Charlene Stewart\*  
**Treasurer:** Alan Barton\*

\*Indicates a non-voting position.

### Directors:

Kyle Chedzoy  
Mike Johnson  
Tom Nagel  
Dick Stewart  
Terry Stewart  
Paul Zylowski

In addition to the various officers and directors, the FLYC Bylaws also specify several standing committees to assist with the execution of club business and activities. Among these committees are:

**Race Committee:** Tom Alley (Chairman), Alan Barton, Charlie Fausold, Tom Hall, Peter Knott, and Curtis Wright

**Mark Committee:** Tom Alley (Chairman), Peter Knott, and Alan Barton.

As stated elsewhere in this newsletter, it takes a lot to make all of our activities happen. You don't need to be in an elected office to help. Please consider volunteering to assist with one event this season. Not only will you make a difference, but you'll probably enjoy doing so!

### About the Finger Lakes Yacht Club...

Situated between the vineyards of Central New York at the southern end of Seneca Lake, you will find the Finger Lakes Yacht Club at its home in the Watkins Glen Village Marina.

The FLYC is a small, easy-going and informal group of boaters with a focus on family-friendly activities and the enjoyment of boats

and boating. Dues are reasonable and the atmosphere is welcoming and engaging.

For more information about the club, check out the web site, the club bulletin board at the marina (near the restrooms) or, better yet, talk to the folks on the dock. They will be happy to help you!

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### Help Wanted!

The Board of Directors and Club Officers need your help. Please consider lending a hand with the following club activities:

- Volunteers are needed to help set up and take down before and after each social event. Contact Michelle Zylowski if you can help with an event.
- Volunteers are desperately needed to help set the race marks this spring. Please contact Tom Alley if you can help.
- The newsletter and web site need your articles and pictures. Please be generous and share your photographs and your stories so the club can maintain the quality of its publications.
- The Board of Directors is always looking for fresh ideas and suggestions. Please share them with us at every opportunity!

### Corrections

If you notice any newsletter or web site errors, please do not hesitate to contact the editor at the e-mail address below. Your feedback is appreciated!

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# Port Tacks

The Finger Lakes Yacht Club – Village Marina, Watkins Glen, New York

## Let's Go!

Well, it's that time again.

Time to start staring at the list that keeps getting longer no matter how many items we keep crossing off of it.

Time to complain about the cost of bottom paint, boat parts, and just about anything with the word "marine" on the package.

Time to "dress up" in goggles, respirators, and old clothes for the annual ritual of sanding and painting inverted surfaces.

Time to scrub and wash and clean while trying to avoid the puddles and mud of the boat yard.

Time for the season of watching and waiting for the elusive weather windows conducive

for painting and waxing. (Seems like it's always too hot, too cold, too windy, or pouring monsoons.)

Time to haul ladders, tools, hoses, extension cords, and all of the other "stuff" we so carefully offloaded last fall. Oh, and don't forget the batteries that gained as much weight over the winter as we did!

Time to dig out the bandages for those cuts and scrapes and less-than-graceful maneuvers with pointy tools. Time, too, for the aspirin the day after buffing out the entire topsides in a single day.

Isn't it great? I love this time of year! See you in the boat yard!

- Editor

## Commodore's Comments

Ahoy!

Welcome to the 2005 season of FLYC! We have a great selection of activities planned for the club so COME ON ABOARD and let's see what fun waits.

On ship or on land there's a lot to do. Check out the schedule posted on a later page and send in your membership (only \$40 per family - that includes two adults and their dependent children) or bring it with you as we remember our veterans with an All American Picnic on May 29<sup>th</sup>. (For those who have not joined the cost for the picnic will be \$5.) Bring a lawn chair and your own beverage and plan on staying for a campfire. Meet and/or get reacquainted with fellow boaters and share tales from the past along with plans for the current season. These will include a Beach Party and a trip Under the Sea!

You will see some big changes at the marina this year, too. The breakwall is a lot higher, offering greater protection from those north winds. Also we no longer have a ships store. The building has been enlarged and will

By Linda Weber, S/V Pogo now house a bar and grill. The rest room facilities will be entered from the back of the building as there is no longer a hallway.

Expect to hear more as the season progresses. Watch for postings near the bathrooms and flyers at your boats.

I wish you calm seas and fair winds!

- Linda



Wanderer in last year's Balloon Race

TO:

**Upcoming Events & Dates**

- MAY**  
**All-American Picnic** – May 29<sup>th</sup> @ 18:30
- JUNE**  
**Nautical Flea Market** – June 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00  
**Potluck Picnic/Strawberry Shortcake** June 11<sup>th</sup> @ 18:30  
**Waterfront Festival** – June 18<sup>th</sup>  
**FLYC Boat Christening** – June 25<sup>th</sup> @ 18:30  
**Chicken BBQ** – June 26<sup>th</sup> @ 14:00
- JULY**  
**Speedies Night** – July 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 18:30  
**Independence Day Fireworks** – July 4<sup>th</sup> @ Dusk (~22:00)  
**Guest Regatta Weekend** – July 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>  
**FLYC Party at Lodi** – Theme: “Under the Sea” July 30<sup>th</sup> @ 18:30
- AUGUST**  
**Italian Festival & Fireworks** – Aug 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>  
**NASCAR @ The Glen** – Aug 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>  
**International Night** – Aug 13<sup>th</sup> @ 18:30  
**Wine Tasting Party** – Aug 27<sup>th</sup> @ 18:30
- SEPTEMBER**  
**Surf & Turf Dinner** – Sep 4<sup>th</sup> @ 17:00  
**Chili Cookoff & Mexican Fiesta** – Sep 25<sup>th</sup> @ 17:00
- NOVEMBER**  
**Commodore’s Banquet** – Nov 5<sup>th</sup> @ 18:00
- 2005 Race Schedule**  
 FLYC Summer Series –  
 Jun 4 Jul 23  
 Jun 11 Aug 6  
 Jul 2 Aug 13  
 Jul 9 Aug 27  
 Commodore’s Race to Lodi – Jul 30<sup>th</sup>  
 Fun Races –  
 Relay Race - May 29<sup>th</sup>  
 Balloon Race - Sep 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Guest Regatta Weekend – Jul 10-11
- BOARD MEETINGS**  
 June 11 @ 17:30  
 Aug 27 @ 17:30

Complete schedule on the web at:  
<http://www.flyc.us/>

**Social Scene**

Welcome to a new boating season and hopefully to warmer, dryer weather! My name is Michelle Zylowski, aka; “Vanna” from past FLYC functions, and I will be your Vice Commodore for this season. The principle duty of the VC is to organize the club’s social activities and put together the teams to make sure they happen.

My husband, Paul, and I sail aboard *Voracity*, our Hunter 30, along with our two boys, Brandon and Kyle.

I am looking forward to our upcoming FLYC

**Fleet Forum**

In case you haven’t had an opportunity to peruse the activity calendar on the web site, let me tell you that the Board of Directors and various committees have been very busy during the months having a less-than-civilized climate. In fact, we are still planning and scheming to see what we can do to provide you with a wide selection of activities to enjoy during the 2005 boating season.

For the racers we have our traditional fare of competitive events throughout the summer including the regular Saturday club races, our annual Guest Regatta Weekend, and the popular Race to Lodi. **Please note the change in times for the regular races.** We are experimenting with afternoon start times to see if we can avoid the mid-day doldrums that were all too common in previous seasons.

For families that want to do some day-sailing together in a somewhat non-traditional way, we are planning two “races” (note the

**Meet Your FLYC Directors – Terry Stewart**

Terry Stewart lives in Montour Falls and has been enjoying the Village Marina for three seasons. Starting with a Hunter 212 and meeting great people on the docks, Terry and Lisa Oldroyd are now grateful and appreciative to sail *Midnight Star*, their Tartan 31.

Terry is a licensed Captain and you will see he and Lisa chartering their vessel during the

*By Michelle Zylowski, S/V Voracity*

events and hope you enjoy this season as much as (hopefully more than) in the past! If you have any suggestions or comments about the events we hold, please feel free to let me know so I can take them into consideration.

Please keep in mind that although your thoughts count, decisions are based on a majority rule or certain stipulations the club already has in place.

I look forward to seeing you at the many events we have scheduled! Please stop by and say “Hi!”

*By Tom Alley, S/V Tomfoolery*

quotation marks) that are more focused on having fun with our boats than on being competitive. The first will be a relay race early in the season. The second will be the annual “Balloon Race” on Labor Day weekend.

For cruisers, we’d like to try something new this year: A club “rendezvous” at the other end of the lake. The two best dates for such a trip seem to be either the weekend of July 9<sup>th</sup> or the Labor Day weekend (September 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>). Before beginning work on the logistics, however, I will need to know how much interest there is. If you would like to participate, please contact me by May 27<sup>th</sup> and state your preference for the timing. Watch the web site for results of this poll.

As always, my “office” is open for your suggestions and critiques. Please let me know what you like and what you don’t. If you have an idea for an improvement, please share it.

Above all, please come out and participate. The

summer months when they’re not out enjoying some “down time” for themselves. Terry has a very nice web site describing this venture, and you can find it by going to the “Links” page on the club web site (<http://www.flyc.us>).

Please congratulate Terry on his election to the FLYC Board and feel free to pass along your suggestions to him (or to any other director or officer of the club).

**FLYC Event Calendar - 2005**

The following calendar represents the events planned for the 2005 boating season. Please check the club bulletin board, the club web site, and the marina restroom doors for last-minute announcements and sign-up requirements for each event.

- May 29 18:30 **All American Picnic.** Club will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, chips and pickles. BYOB / BYOLC.
- June 11 10:00 **Nautical Flea Market.** Bring your surplus equipment to sell or swap!  
 18:30 **Potluck picnic with Strawberry Shortcake.** Bring a dish to pass and the club will provide Strawberry shortcake for dessert.
- June 18 - **Watkins Glen Waterfront Festival and Cardboard Boat Regatta.**
- June 25 18:30 **FLYC Boat Christening.**
- June 26 14:00 **Chicken BBQ.** Club will provide a full dinner.
- July 3 18:30 **Chicken Speedies Night.** Club supplies dinner. Bring a dessert to pass.
- July 4 Dusk **Watkins Glen Independence Day Fireworks.**
- July 16-17 **Guest Regatta Weekend** (see online Race Schedule for details)
- July 30 09:00 **Commodore’s Race to Lodi.** An annual event you shouldn’t miss!  
 18:30 **Lodi Cookout & Party.** This year’s theme: “Under the Sea.”
- Aug 5-7 - **Watkins Glen Italian Festival.** Fireworks at dusk.
- Aug 13 18:30 **FLYC International Night.** Sign up for a country of your choice and bring in a representative entrée. Club provides beverages and desserts.
- Aug 27 18:30 **Wine Tasting Party.** OK, we might drink a little of it, too!
- Sep 4 17:00 **Surf ‘n’ Turf Dinner.** Club provides a full dinner.
- Sep 24 17:00 **Chili Cookoff & Mexican Fiesta.** Bring your best chili and compare!
- Nov 5 18:00 **Commodore’s Banquet,** Awards Ceremony, Annual Meeting of the Membership and election of next year’s officers.

FLYC Summer Series Race Schedule		Guest Race Regatta	
May 28	Race mark setting.	July 16	
Jun 4	Race 1 of 8	09:30	Continental breakfast & skippers’ meeting.
Jun 11	Race 2 of 8	10:30	Races 1 and 2
Jul 2	Race 3 of 8	18:00	Competitor’s Cookout (non-racers welcome). Theme: Beach Party
Jul 23	Race 4 of 8	July 17	
Aug 6	Race 5 of 8	09:30	Continental breakfast & skippers’ meeting.
Aug 13	Race 6 of 8	10:30	Race 3
Aug 27	Race 7 of 8	14:00	Awards Ceremony
Sep 3	Race 8 of 8		
Sep 10	Make-up Race (if needed)		

There is a mandatory skippers’ meeting prior to each race. Please check the web site or club bulletin board for exact times.

**FLYC Geneva Rendezvous**

- July 9 (Tentative)  
 08:00 Skippers’ Meeting  
 08:30 Depart Watkins Glen  
 18:00? Shore-side rendezvous with potluck cookout.
- July 10 (Tentative)  
 Dawn Depart Geneva & sail home.

Alternate date for the Geneva Rendezvous will be September 3-5.

**Commodore’s Race To Lodi**

- July 30  
 09:00 Skippers’ Meeting  
 10:00 Race Start  
 18:00 Beach Party at Lodi Point. Theme: Under the Sea.
- July 31  
 Dawn Sail to Rainbow Cove for breakfast, then sail home.

It takes a lot to make all this happen. Please volunteer to help with one event this year.

**Sailing Terms Explained**

**shakedown** – 1. Trial cruise to test the seaworthiness of a new boat. 2. Exorbitant charge for immediate and essential repairs to a new boat levied by the marina to which it was towed.

**shipshape** – A boat is said to be shipshape when every object that is likely to contribute to the easy handling of the vessel or the comfort of the crew has been put in a place from which it cannot be retrieved in less than 30 minutes.

**shock cord** – Elastic rope whose sudden unfastening at a critical moment comes as a complete surprise.

**sister ship** – Another ship of a similar class or design, a comparison of which to his own boat invariably convinces a skipper that he is the owner of the evil stepsister.

**solo sailing** – The only situation in which the skipper does not immediately blame the crew for every single thing that goes wrong.

**sounding** – The process of determining water depth either electronically, by using a depth finder to bounce sound waves off the sea bottom, or mechanically, by bouncing the keel off the bottom.

**stiff** – Term used to describe a boat that does not tilt, tip, list, or lay over easily, or a crew member who does.

**tack** – To shift the course of a sailboat from a direction far to the right, say, of the direction in which one wishes to go, to a direction far to the left of it.

**toe** – Stub your “toe”? Well then, it’s time to brush up on your nomenclature! In nautical terms, a toe is a *catchcleat* or *snagtackle*. A few others: *head-boomstop*; *leg-bruise*; and *hand-blistermitten*.

*Beard and McKie, “Sail•ing: A lubber’s dictionary”, Workman Publishing Company, Inc., ©2001*