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Call to Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the Finger Lakes Yacht Club Annual Meeting and Commodore's Banquet.

When: 18:00 on Saturday, November 5th
Where: Falls Motel Lounge
239 N. Genesee Street
Montour Falls.

RSVP's are due early (Oct 26th), so call now!

Additional details can be found on the insert in this issue of the newsletter.

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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TO:

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Port Tacks

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

Time, Or Lack Thereof...

As I collect my thoughts to begin laying out the next issue of our newsletter, I see that quite some time has elapsed since the last one. It seems like I was just finishing up an issue and getting the boat ready to launch. Now I'm racing around trying to get ready for winter again.

Where did the time go? I'll bet it's in the drawer, right next to the winning lottery ticket I can't find. (If it were only so simple!)

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find all sorts of references to time. There will be talk of time spent racing, of time spent cruising and of time spent celebrating. You will read about people who donated their time in the past and you will be asked to consider sharing some of yours in the future.

In a few days we will spend some time together to celebrate another boating season that has passed into memory. We will also mark the occasion by spending time to begin planning for our next one.

Please consider spending some time with us – both to celebrate and to plan. It will be time well spent for all concerned!

- Editor



Spending time on the water, Tomfoolery and her crew enjoy a lively race in Force 4 conditions in early August.

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Dates of Note

Here are some dates to pencil in on your calendars while we wait for our home port to thaw out:

- November 5th: Annual Meeting of the FLYC. See details in this newsletter.

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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Commodore's Comments

It has been a GREAT YEAR! From BBQ Chicken to Surf 'n Turf, At the Beach, Around the World and Under the Sea, we have seen every kind of wind and weather, wet, dry, hot, cold, calm and blustery. Can you believe it is time to tuck our boats in for the winter already? It seems that each boating season gets shorter and busier than the last.

Please come to the banquet (November 5th) and see what surprises await! We have a beautiful location this year. (And yes it is still close enough to visit your boat before dinner.) The Falls Motel Lounge has a beautiful rock wall as a backdrop to our activities which include awards and door prizes.

Whoever said things will settle down when the kids are grown and off on their own never lived in our house. By the way, where is that house? It seems like we've been on the move for a while now. For those who don't yet realize, Gary is back in Elmira so we are back in Horseheads.

By Linda Weber, S/V Pogo

I have enjoyed my time as Commodore and appreciate so much all the help I have received in pulling everything together during the past year! Please accept my THANKS! It was a lot of fun but it is now time to move on and to return to the role of supporting member.

I look forward to greeting the new officers and spending some time relaxing before another boating season. That means time with Gary remodeling our house, taking care of our mothers, visiting our kids in Canada and Maine and running my business as a candle/design consultant. I also spend a lot of time doing crafts and reading. I'm sure I can find something to do!

Christmas is coming! Let's see... the list reads: New Sails, New Winches, assorted...

Smooth Sailing,
- Linda

Upcoming Events & Dates

NOVEMBER

Commodore's Banquet – Nov 6th

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

FLYC WANT ADS

Club Commodore – New commodore needed. Position is one of oversight and delegation and requires some basic organizational skills and habits. One year term.

Vice-Commodore – Responsible for organizing FLYC social and shore-side events. Position is one of oversight and delegation with some hands-on participation. Supervises the Social Committee and reports to the Commodore. One year term.

Rear-Commodore – Responsible for organizing FLYC on-the-water events. Position is one of oversight and delegation with some hands-on participation. Supervises the Race Committee and reports to the Commodore. One year term.

Directors – Multiple positions open. Responsible for managing club business and setting club policy. Requires attendance at three or four board meetings per year. Two year term.

Race Committee Members – Seeking individuals with a passion for sailing to serve in advisory positions on the FLYC Race Committee. No prior experience necessary; training will be provided. Committee helps organize and execute the club racing events and assists with organizational and policy-making aspects of on-the-water events. Members may be asked to help adjudicate protests in the event they occur. Committee reports to Rear-Commodore.

Fleet Forum

By all accounts it has been an excellent summer! Temperatures were warm and we were blessed with atypical breezes – meaning that we actually had some air moving over the lake on most weekends. Looking back over my race notes and log entries, it appears as if we averaged 5-10 knots more wind than last year. The only problem is that it seems to have gone by so quickly!

With the close of the boating season comes the time to recognize individuals who helped make our on-the-water events possible. As Rear Commodore I have been extremely fortunate to be surrounded by many willing volunteers. I was especially grateful for all of the help following some surgery I had in late April. The operation slowed me down somewhat and the helping deck hands ensured that the race marks were placed in time for our season opening race in June.

This column would also be incomplete if it did not mention the great racing enjoyed by the fleet this year. As you can see by the point spread in the top boats, things were pretty close all summer long, with the season winner

By Tom Alley, S/V Tomfoolery

being determined in the last race. What needs to be recognized above all else is that the competition, while intense, was friendly and good-natured – a testament to the excellent quality of sportsmanship enjoyed by FLYC members. I know some (quite a few, actually) professional sports organizations that could learn a thing or two from our pool of local talent!

Finally, some time to reflect on the future. It is important that we all maintain vigilance to ensure that our club not become stale and stagnant. As such, it is important to maintain some diversity and turnover among the various leadership and committee positions. Please help out by taking a turn at one (or more) of the many positions available. (Some of the positions are listed in the Want Ads to the left.)

As my earlier comments should indicate, you won't be alone. Just ask and you'll get all the help you need to get everything done.

It's been fun. I hope all of you have enjoyed the 2005 season, too. See you at the Banquet in November!

2005 Race Results

The officers and directors wish to congratulate the following members on their sailing performances during the 2005 season.

2005 Summer Series – Best 6 of 8 races

Pl	Boat Name	Owner	Pnts
1	Tomfoolery	Tom Alley	8
2	Wanderer	Alan Barton	9
3	Lucky Lady	Peter Knott	24
4	Pogo	Gary Weber	25
5	Blues Breaker	Ray Montondo	25
6	Miss Liberty	Mike Claprood	28
7	Blue Max		28
8	Too Dark Blue	Tom Keebler	30
9	Midnight Star	Terry Stewart	30
10	Morning Glory	Charlie Fausold	31
11	Triumphant		31
12	Bella Donna	Tom Hall	33

2005 Douglas-Steed Award

Michael Claprood (*Miss Liberty*)

2005 Guest Race Regatta – Best 2 of 3 races

Pl	Boat Name	Owner	Pnts
1	Wanderer	Alan Barton	2
2	Tomfoolery	Tom Alley	4
3	Miss Liberty	Mike Claprood	6
4	Lucky Lady	Peter Knott	7
5	Harmony	Rex Bird	9

2005 Commodore's Race to Lodi

Pl	Boat Name	Owner
1	Tomfoolery	Tom Alley
2	Vixen	Dick Rodabaugh
3	Midnight Star	Terry Stewart
4	Much Ado	Joe Campbell
5	Skylark	Dick Stewart
6	Too Dark Blue	Tom Keebler
7	Harmony	Rex Bird
8	Duchess of Emarnee	Emmett Nestor
9	Morning Glory	Charlie Fausold
10	Tally Ho	Bob
11	Camille	Greg Pemberton

2005 Season Snapshots



Wanderer accelerates under her spinnaker during the August 6th race.



Lanakai enjoying the early-August breezes.

REMINDER:
If you have some photographs you would like to share, please e-mail them to Editor@FLYC.US and they will be posted in our online photo album.



The Beach Party theme was timely when it started to drizzle – one of the few events that didn't have perfect weather this year!

Sailing Terms Explained

varnish – High-fiction coating applied as a gloss over minor details in personal nautical recollections to improve their audience-holding capacity during frequent retellings.

weather helm – Marked tendency of a sailboat to turn into the wind, even when the rudder is centered. This is easily countered by wedging a heavy object against the tiller. See CREW.

weigh anchor – To raise the anchor. This odd terminology may derive from the fact that every time the anchor is pulled up, an excellent opportunity is presented to the crew members hauling it in to gain a good working idea of its weight, which is generally considerable and, apart from minute changes caused by corrosion, quite consistent from one weighing to another.

whitecaps – 1. Agitated, foamy water on the tops of waves. 2. Luggage handlers at seaside hotels.

wind – Air in motion, the source of power for sailboats. There are three winds of interest to sailors: the True Wind, which is the wind's direction, as observed onshore; the Apparent Wind, which is the wind's direction as experienced on a moving boat; and the Ideal or Helpful Wind, which is a theoretical, nonexistent wind blowing from the exact opposite direction as the True Wind.

yaw – Lateral movement of a boat, which, together with pitch (vertical movement) and roll (sideways movement), is one of the three basic motions that sailors experience at sea and that is the source of their three most obvious emotions (bitch, moan, and whine) and their three most visible reactions (retch, gag, and heave).

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Special Notice

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

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE

2005 Commodore's Banquet and Awards Ceremony

WHEN: 18:00 (6:00PM)
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 2005

WHERE: FALLS MOTEL LOUNGE
239 NORTH GENESEE STREET
MONTOUR FALLS, NY

MENU/COST: CHOICE OF THE
FOLLOWING –

CHICKEN BREAST \$18/PERSON
BEEF PRIME RIB \$22/PERSON

ALL ENTREES INCLUDE: APPETIZERS, SALAD,
VEGETABLES, BAKED ZITI WITH CHEESE,
BAKED POTATO, DINNER ROLLS, COFFEE, TEA
AND DESSERT. PRICE INCLUDES TAX AND
GRATUITY. CASH BAR.

ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE BY CALLING 607-535-
7262 OR ON THE WEB AT

[HTTP://WWW.THEFALLSMOTEL.COM](http://www.thefallsmotel.com)

BANQUET AGENDA:

18:00 COCKTAILS & SOCIAL HOUR.
18:30 DINNER.
20:00 FLYC ANNUAL MEETING (SEE BELOW)
20:45 FLYC AWARDS FOR 2005 RACE SERIES
21:00 DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS.

**RSVP NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 26TH TO:**

THOMAS ALLEY 607-562-3909 (HOME)
OR E-MAIL TO: FLYC@FLYC.US

YOU WILL RECEIVE CONFIRMATION FOR E-MAIL
RESERVATIONS.

*BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME, NUMBER IN
YOUR PARTY, AND CHOICE OF ENTRÉE(S).*

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Pursuant to the Bylaws of the Finger Lakes Yacht Club, Inc., notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of the Membership to be held concurrently with the Commodore's Banquet and Awards Ceremony on Saturday, November 5th, 2005 at the Falls Motel Lounge. (Location and time details listed above.)

Meeting agenda will include the following (exact sequence may vary):

- Reports from the current Officers.
- Nominations for the Board of Directors (3 seats, 2 year terms). See details on other side of this sheet.
- Election of Board members.
- Nominations for the 2006 Officers (5 seats, 1 year term). See details on other side of this sheet.
- Election of 2006 Officers.
- New business and/or motions from the floor.
- Adjournment

Only members in good standing may cast ballots or vote on motions. Only one vote per membership (i.e., one vote per family).

Nominations & Election of Board Members

The FLYC Board of Directors currently has six voting positions with a term of two years. Terms are staggered such that only three seats are up for election each year. The 2005 Board of Directors are:

One year remaining:

Dick Stewart
Terry Stewart
Paul Zylowski

Term expiring:

Kyle Chedzoy
Mike Johnson
Tom Nagle

Nominations received to date for the three seats which will be vacant are:

Charlie Fausold

Additional nominations may be made from the floor up to the time of the election. Nominees or their proxy must be present to accept their nomination.

Nominations & Election of Officers

The FLYC Bylaws define five offices. Each office is elected by the general membership at the Annual Meeting and has a term of one year. The offices, their incumbants and nominees for 2006 are listed below:

Office:	Current occupant:	2006 Nominees:
Commodore	Linda Weber	-
Vice Commodore	Michelle Zylowski	-
Rear Commodore	Tom Alley	-
Treasurer	Alan Barton	-
Secretary	Charlene Stewart	-

Per the FLYC Bylaws, all officers are de facto members of the Board of Directors, however, the Secretary and Treasurer do not have voting rights at Board Meetings.

Special Agenda Items

None planned, though topics may be brought up from the floor during the meeting.