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Meet Your FLYC Directors & Officers

Charlie Fausold

Charlie Fausold works at Cornell University, where he is a State Extension Specialist. He and his crew, consisting of wife Helene and children Ellie (15) and John (11) live in Watkins Glen, from where they can just see the top of their 23 foot Venture Newport cutter, *Morning Glory*, from their living room window.

Charlie learned the vagaries of Seneca Lake sailing a 14-foot O'Day Super Swift from his parents' home on Camp Meeting Point. He also has a nautical heritage. His great-great-great-grandfather, Ezekiel Curry, was a whaling captain who circumnavigated the globe three times. Ezekiel's son, Robert, was the captain of the Seneca Lake steamboats *Estelle* and *Henrietta*, which regularly transported passengers between Watkins Glen and Geneva. Some FLYC members may be more familiar with Robert as the inspiration for Wagner Brewery's "Captain Curry's E.S.B." beer, "Making Lodi Famous."

Charlie and his boat "hang out" on Dock 4. Stop by and say, "Hi!"

Michael Claprod

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

Michael professes to have gone through several "mobile" stages in his life. Early on, he was a devoted sports car enthusiast. After several years enduring "utilitarian" vehicles during his military tour, he purchased an antiquated BSA motorcycle that he lovingly restored and rode to Arizona and back. That led other motorcycles and then five years of motorcycle racing. Having survived that adventure with only minor injuries, he returned to his earlier love of antique sports cars.

Michael's downfall (some would say, redemption) came when a friend took him for a sailboat ride. Says Michael, "I was hooked!"

Before the summer was over, he was the proud owner of *Diversion*. The following spring, she was re-christened as *Miss Liberty*. Someone suggested that Michael join the Power Squadron and that led him to join the Finger Lakes Yacht Club. Now, he is chasing the elusive goal of actually finishing a yacht race in a position ahead of somebody - anybody!

Michael is also quick to point out that his hobbies have a common theme: They are all

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!

Port Tacks

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

Back to the Future

Welcome to the 2006 boating season! As is traditional, the inaugural issue of the club newsletter each spring is filled with articles that are forward-looking and focused the future. You'll find a summary of hopes and dreams published in these pages that are the result of much planning during the colder months of the year by club volunteers.

The year also brings some changes. We have a new Commodore, a new Vice-Commodore, and a new assistant Rear-Commodore. This infusion of "new blood" into the club will help keep her healthy and dynamic into the coming years.

One thing that the Board of Directors hopes doesn't change, however, is the support received from the membership. As our Commodore mentions below, you are the folks that really make everything happen. On behalf of the Board, I'll add that we look forward to working with you to "make it happen" again this year!

In the mean time, let's get back to our sanding, painting and commissioning. And don't forget to renew your membership, too!

See you on the docks!

- Editor

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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:

- May 1st: Membership renewals due.
- May 20th @ 14:00: FLYC Tailgate Party.

Full event calendar is printed inside!

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



Commodore: "An Officer ranking just above a Captain." At least that's what my 1990 Webster's dictionary says. I had to use the dictionary to be sure of not only the meaning but also the spelling. I hadn't yet thought about being a "Commodore."

I didn't want to be a "Commodore," but unfortunately it seems no one else did either. It seems that many have taken their turn at this task. That is why no one was jumping up and down yelling, "Me, me, pick me!"

Okay, use logic. I live really close to the docks. I'm here all the time I can be anyway, and I really like being here. I'm trying to take new people sailing to share the enjoyment I'm getting. So why not (Kyle, John and I agreed) just go ahead and try it?

Turning back the clock ten years I would drive through those boats and wonder what it was like on ships like these. I wanted to sail on one. Shortly thereafter I found a copy of "Cruising

World", and then I must have been like the adolescent boy mistakenly finding Dad's copy of a certain magazine. Wow, look at these, I wonder how they all work! Then one thing led to another, and now, our newsletter editor said I owe him an article for the spring issue of FYLCs "Port Tacks" magazine. Okay again. Somewhere in that progression some milestones went by. Thank you to all that held my hand going by these milestones.

I say, I hope it all goes well and I'm confident it will because quality, caring people (i.e., "you guys") make it happen. It is what it is, and for that reason it is going to be another great season. That's lucky for us. I get excited thinking about the splashing, the heeling, the sunshine, the company..., and you do too. What a great environment! We'll all soon be moving in and out of the boatyard getting ready for all the challenges of the "official" 2006 summer boat season!

See you there!

- Terry



FLYC Board Meeting – Feb 2006

By Terry Stewart, S/V *Midnight Star*

Upcoming Events & Dates

MAY

Membership Renewals – May 1st. All membership renewals are due at this time. Be sure to fill in your renewal form (enclosed) and get it to the Treasurer as soon as you can!

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

LATE BREAKING NEWS

In Memorium – Mary Lukacs

It is with a heavy heart that we report the passing of Mary Lukacs following a courageous battle with breast cancer. Mary is best remembered for her buoyant, spirited personality. We extend our deepest sympathies to her husband, Joe Cambell, her daughter, Elizabeth, and son, Blaine. Memorials may be made to the Joan Knechel Cancer Center, c/o Hackettstown Medical Center, 651 Willow Grove St., Hackettstown, NJ 07840.

USPS/FLYC Joint Venture

A very high percentage of FLYC members are also members of the United States Power Squadrons. Your FLYC officers have been in contact with the Seneca Power Squadron to see if we can't leverage this overlap to benefit both organizations. A meeting is scheduled for late April to finalize a schedule for joint events during the 2006 season.

FLYC Membership Cards

Membership cards might seem like an unnecessary formality in a small (and informal) club like ours, but if you plan to go cruising anywhere, be sure you have a current FLYC card! Most yacht clubs will recognize membership in another club and provide some sort of reciprocal recognition.

Remember that reciprocity is not free. The price is to be welcoming

Fleet Forum

Three things to discuss in this column. Two are simple and straightforward. One isn't.

First, the race schedule is printed on the following page of this newsletter. Mark your calendar. Show up. Sail. Simple, right?

Second, we have a new on-the-water event this year for the non-racing crowd. Billed as our "Mystery Cruise," it is designed to help anyone interested get a taste for cruising a little further than you can go for just a day sail. Details are still being planned so stay tuned! It promises to be straightforward: Show up. We tell you where we're going. You follow the other boats on an overnight trip and have a good time. Easy, right?

Now in case you hadn't noticed the rather large, bovine creature in the room with a rather sacrosanct expression on her face, allow me to introduce her. She goes by the name of "Race Handicaps."

It's time to make some rating adjustments to level out the playing field a bit. This year the FLYC will implement a formula for making these adjustments. It's a bit complex to publish here, but if you're interested I'll be happy to sit down with you to explain the process.

Social Scene



Ah! Another boating season is here! I am your new Vice-Commodore this season. It is a big jump from once being an official dock boy here, to boat owner, and now your V-C. It will be a fun experience for myself - and everyone who joins us for a new season of fun.

I look forward to seeing all of you on your boats. Or, underneath them at the tailgate party busy painting and scraping! I will bring my brush and help, if you help me this summer with our full calendar of events.

By Tom Alley, S/V Tomfoolery

Without taking a deep dive into the math, the idea is simply to take boats that are winning on a consistent basis and make them work a *little* harder. At the same time, boats trailing the fleet will be given a *small* boost. The goal is to have a fleet that corrects out to times that are fairly close to one another.

Changes and adjustments will be made annually over a period of years and in small increments until we get it right. If there is a blatant error on my part, it will be corrected retroactively to the beginning of the current season.

I'm sure there will be a fair amount of discussion about this, and I look forward to it, as it will help make this process both fair and robust. In the mean time, I'm looking forward to getting my boat wet

-Tom



by Kyle Chedzoy, S/V Sal Si Puedes

Becoming a member of the Finger Lakes Yacht Club is a little about self-ownership. Because as a member you make the experience what it is all about: Good times with other boaters. Becoming a member means I hope you can roll up your sleeves and help us with at least one event. But, enjoy as many of them as your can this year with us. It is all about the fun and social times with friends and family.

I hope you join us this season for a great time!

- Kyle

2006 FLYC Event Calendar

All events are free to FLYC members unless otherwise indicated. It is strongly recommended that you RSVP for each event. This can be done by utilizing the sign up sheets that get posted on the club bulletin board (near the marina restrooms), through e-mail to the club web site, or in person with any Board Member. Guests are welcome, but a nominal fee will apply to cover the cost of the event.

May 20th @ 14:00 – Tailgate Party. Celebrate spring commissioning with your marina neighbors over some pizza provided by the club. BYOB (Beverage) & BYOLC (Lawn Chair).

May 28th @ 18:00 – All American Picnic. The club provides traditional grill fare (hamburgers and hot dogs) as we celebrate the Memorial Day weekend. Members are asked to bring a dessert to pass.

June 10th @ 10:00 – Nautical Flea Market. Empty out your garage and basement of all that "surplus" nautical gear. Better yet, swap it for some new "surplus" nautical gear!

June 10th @ 18:00 – Potluck Picnic & Strawberry Shortcake. Enjoy a potluck dinner with other club members by bringing a dish to pass. Afterwards, the club will treat everyone to a tasty dessert of fresh strawberry shortcake.

June 17th – Watkins Glen Cardboard Regatta. Not a club event, but the boat slips provide prime seating to watch this spectacle!

June 24th @ 18:00 – FLYC Christening. Meet your neighbors on the docks. This event involves traversing the docks and visiting other boats. Each boat provides hospitality (usually in liquid form). This year we will start at the end of Dock 1 and work towards Dock 4.

June 25th @ 14:00 – Chicken BBQ. One of several fully catered events the club hosts each year. Enjoy an afternoon on the lawn with other boaters while enjoying a satisfying BBQ chicken meal (with all the trimmings) provided by the club.

July 1st @ 18:00 – Chicken Speedies Dinner. Another filling meal provided by the club. This year the event will be combined as the main social function during FLYC's annual Guest Regatta. Racers and club members will all be at this event.

July 15th-16th – FLYC Mystery Cruise. Want to just pack up your boat and GO SOMEWHERE for the weekend? Then sign up for this event! This will be a group cruise to a mystery destination that will be announced just prior to departure. The purpose behind the trip is to give people a chance to experience cruising. This is not a competitive event.

July 29th @ 09:00 – Commodore's Race to Lodi. While this event does include a race, think of it as a "feeder" to the social event that evening when there is a themed beach party at Lodi State Park about 15 miles north of Watkins Glen. This year's theme is "The Great Explorers." Race (or cruise) to Lodi Point and anchor off the beach. Enjoy a fun evening and a restful night at anchor. Then join the FLYC fleet as they sail off on Sunday morning for a scrumptious breakfast at Rainbow Cove before cruising home.

August 5th @ 22:00 – Italian Festival Fireworks. Although it's not an FLYC event, you can get a good view of the fireworks from your boat slip in the marina!

August 12th @ 18:00 – International Nite. A pot luck dinner with a twist: Sign up to bring a dish to pass representing the country of your choice.

August 26th @ 18:00 – Wine Tasting Party. Bring your favorite fruit of the vine to share with friends while you sample theirs. (OK, you're allowed to do more than just taste!)

September 3rd @ 17:00 – Surf 'n' Turf Dinner. Enjoy the Labor Day weekend with this fully catered meal provided by the club. You won't regret this treat for your taste buds, nor will you leave hungry!

September 9th @ 17:00 – Chili Cook-Off. Whip up your best pot of chili and bring it on! Sample the various recipes from other club members and see who's is the best.

November 4th @ 18:00 – Commodore's Banquet & Annual Meeting. Enjoy a formal dinner in one of the local restaurants where we recount the season, recognize achievements and vote for the Directors and Officers that will lead the club into 2007.

FLYC Race Schedule

All times indicate the beginning of the skippers' meeting prior to the race. This meeting is mandatory for anyone wishing to compete. Each boat must have at least one representative at this meeting.

Rig-Tuning/Practice Race

June 3rd @ 14:00

FLYC Summer Series

Best 6 of 8 races will be scored to determine the series result.

1. June 10th @ 14:00
2. June 24th @ 14:00
3. July 8th @ 10:00
4. July 22nd @ 10:00
5. August 5th @ 14:00
6. August 12th @ 14:00
7. August 26th @ 14:00
8. September 2nd @ 14:00

Make-Up Race (if needed)

- September 9th @ 14:00

FLYC Guest Regatta

July 15th @ 09:30 – Races 1&2
July 16th @ 13:30 – Race 3

A continental breakfast will be served to all racers on each day of the weekend.

FLYC Race to Lodi

July 29th @ 09:00

See notes under the Event Calendar for a description of the social events coupled with this race. Special racing and scoring rules will apply to this event.

Entry Fees

The racing program at FLYC is self-funding. Unless stated otherwise in the sailing instructions, the following fee schedule will be observed.

Summer Series: \$2/boat for FLYC members. \$5/boat for non-members.

Race to Lodi: Free to FLYC members. (Race only.)

Guest Regatta: Advanced registration is \$25 for each boat and up to 5 crew. Additional crew will be assessed \$5 each.

Handicapping & Scoring

Handicaps are assigned using the Portsmouth system with some local adjustments. Scoring is done using a low-points