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**FLYC Event Calendar (continued from page 3)**

FLYC fleet sails to Miles Winery to sample some of their wares. We'll spend the night at anchor and sail back the following morning.

**August 25<sup>th</sup> @ 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 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 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 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 10:00 – FLYC Coffee Social.** Get together over coffee with other FLYC members after a relaxing night on your boat. (It's OK to drive up and join them, too!)

**September 8<sup>th</sup> @ 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.

**October 13<sup>th</sup> @ 19:00 – Oktoberfest at Fulkerson's Winery.** The Seneca Sail & Power Squadron has again invited FLYC members to join them for their annual celebration of Oktoberfest at the Fulkerson Winery just north of Watkins Glen.

**November 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 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 2008.

For a downloadable, printable version of complete FLYC calendar, please visit the FLYC web site.

*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!

# Port Tacks

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

## Some Scheduled Thoughts

It's time to commission the boat again; time to get out the first newsletter; time to send out e-mails to the ship's crew and to rouse them from their sailing-deprived stupor.

During this process, lists are made. Lists of things to get for the boat. Lists of things to do to the boat. Lists of articles to solicit for the newsletter. Lists of updates for the web site and, most importantly, the list to keep track of all the other lists.

Along with these tasks comes the annual ritual of adjusting one's daily routine and habits to be able to squeeze in a few hours of boating activities each weekend without upsetting the scheduling equilibrium that has evolved over the winter months.

But it is without fail that at this point all of the lists fall to the mercy of the dreaded schedule. Will the schedule be merciful and accommodating or will it be vindictive and jealous when it must now compete with the skipper's attentions?

Hopefully this issue of the newsletter will

provide the initial step to make peace between your schedule and your desire to be on the deck of your boat. This has been done by virtue of yet another list – in this case, a list of FLYC events. Several lists, in fact. The club has a great deal to offer you this year. I hope you can take some of these events and assimilate them into your busy schedules.

But for now, I've run out of time. My schedule is telling me to stop thinking about the coming season and to be somewhere else. So much for some "scheduled" thoughts!

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 1<sup>st</sup>: Membership renewals due.
- May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 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



Last year I had the distinct pleasure of serving as "COMMODORE" and it turned out to be just that. I can't repeat it enough: it is because of so much help so often that our events work out. So now it's year two. I can spell "commodore" this year and I'm moving on!

And "moving on" we did. Lisa and I got severely carried away last fall and we are back to square one with the *Lee Sea Anne I*. This is a much bigger and more complicated square one. We are hopeful that we will triumph over the new challenge and bring many new people onto our great playground that is Seneca Lake.

If I can say anything worthy in the new season dawning, it is about the U.S. Power Squadron and specifically the "Seneca Sail and Power Squadron" which is our local chapter. While the organization functions nationally, its local chapter is rich in its

goal of education. With very little travel and expense you can increase your boating skills from class work as well as the comradery. I encourage all our members who know they've got a maritime bug in them to examine what the "Squadron" can do. From knot tying to cloud formations this is a place you can do it. In the books you can get the academics and from the members you can meet others who have made voyages, passages, upgrades and repairs. All this occurs in a friendly, casual way which I might add includes food and imbibery of all sorts on occasion. Make it a point to inquire about membership and upcoming classes. This is an endless resource which will keep you on the water even if it's just in your head.

I'm ready for another season. When driving through the marina, I hear the hulls all waiting for their launch dates, whining like little puppies waiting to go out for their walks. Our boats have "business" to do and it's in the wind on the lake. Do your prep

By Terry Stewart, S/V Lee Sea Anne I

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## Upcoming Events & Dates

### MAY

**Membership Renewals** – May 1<sup>st</sup>. 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!

**FLYC Event Calendar** – This issue of the club newsletter contains a complete summary of FLYC events for the 2008 season. For the latest updates, however, please refer to the club bulletin board or the club web site.

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

## LATE BREAKING NEWS

### In Memoriam – Ethlyn Woodhouse

Ethlyn Woodhouse, age 91, of Horseheads, NY, passed away April 4, 2007. Ethlyn was the mother of FLYC Past Commodore Linda Weber.

Ethlyn and her late husband, Hugh, were married June 14, 1940. She worked as a teacher assistant and secretary to the principle of Horseheads Elementary School from 1958-1976.

Memorial donations may be made to the Oakwood United Methodist Church in Elmira Heights, where Ethlyn was a member for almost 70 years.

### 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 to visitors of our home port. (Not a problem for FLYC members!)

## Commodore's Comments

and get your "in" date set, then we'll be free from the drudgery of one dimensional existence on land. The club has some exciting events planned including not only the races but also four cruises on tap: Lodi, Miles Winery, a full moon evening event and the Mystery

## Fleet Forum

Greetings to all Finger Lakes Yacht Club members!

I am your new Rear Commodore and I am inviting all members to give racing a try, if you are not presently involved in this aspect of sailing. I can tell you from my personal experience that it is exciting, engrossing and downright fun! I have seen whole families involved and I have seen several boats being solo sailed, so this sport works for crews of all sizes.

We have a full season scheduled, with eight regular series races, the Lodi Point overnigher and a "special event" which is yet to be decided. We have chosen to omit the Invitational event this year but may re-introduce it at a later date.

Our races usually last no more than two hours, conditions permitting. Our courses usually

## Social Scene



Pirates of ancient lore were not know for their cuisine.

The pirate diet often included spoiled meat, bitter water tainted with algae, and hard crackers called "tack". The reason for the cracker was so it didn't spoil quickly as bread. Of course, wine, rum and grog were all integral parts of a pirate's diet, too!

The best part of being a member of the FLYC is our food. It's a lot better than a pirates diet!

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Cruise! To steal a line from another holiday: It's going to be the best sailing season ever!

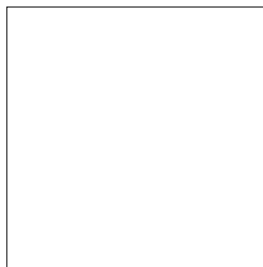
- Terry

*By Michael Claprood, S/V Miss Liberty*

begin and end at the South end of the lake and go no further than Hector Falls and Salt Point. Our entrance fee is nominal; last year's entrance fee was only \$2.00 per boat. It's the cheapest fun in the sun you'll ever have.

So don't hesitate and don't wait to be invited. We meet near the marina flagpole on Saturdays. Skippers' meetings are at 14:00 in June and August, 10:00 in July with the race starting about 30 minutes later. Come one, come all; see you at the starting gate!

-Michael



*by Kyle Chedzoy, S/V Sal Si Puedes*

We have a great schedule of social events and meals again this season. And every year, it takes the whole membership to make them successful!

When you can help prepare a dish, set up tables and chairs, or raise the tent-THANK YOU! We usually do this an hour before the event. We rely on the volunteer spirit. A successful bounty depends on the whole membership!

And, if you are new member, Welcome! We look forward to showing you the ropes!

Aarrgh!

- 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 always welcome, but a nominal fee will apply to cover the cost of the event.

**May 19<sup>th</sup> @ 14:00 – Tailgate Party.** Celebrate spring commissioning with your marina neighbors over some pizza provided by the club. BYOB (Beverage) & BYOLC (Lawn Chair).

**May 27<sup>th</sup> @ 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 9<sup>th</sup> @ 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 9<sup>th</sup> @ 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 16<sup>th</sup> – Watkins Glen Cardboard Regatta.** Not a club event, but the boat slips provide prime seating to watch this spectacle! Come down, watch the race, and enjoy the Watkins Glen Waterfront Festival for a day with your family.

**June 23<sup>th</sup> @ 18:00 – FLYC Boat 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 24<sup>th</sup> @ 14:00 – Chicken BBQ (Tentative).** [We're still working on the details for this one, so watch the club web site for confirmation of this event.] 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.

**June 30<sup>th</sup> @ 19:00 – FLYC Sunset Cruise.** Invite some guests and enjoy an evening cruise to watch a sunset on Seneca. This is also a good opportunity to check all of your navigation lights to be sure they're working properly!

**July 7<sup>th</sup> @ 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 14<sup>th</sup> @ 09:00 – 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. Time shown is for the pre-departure skippers' meeting. This is not a competitive event and participants will return to Watkins Glen on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.

**July 28<sup>th</sup> @ 09:00 – Commodore's Lodi Race & Rendezvous.** 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. 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. Seneca Sail & Power Squadron members are also welcome at this event.

**August 4<sup>th</sup> @ 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! Don't forget to come early to enjoy all of the good eats at the festival itself.

**August 11<sup>th</sup> @ 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 18<sup>th</sup> @ 09:00 – FLYC Winery Cruise.** Another non-competitive event where the

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## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 14:00

### FLYC Summer Series

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

1. June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 14:00
2. June 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 14:00
3. June 30<sup>th</sup> @ 14:00
4. July 21<sup>st</sup> @ 10:00
5. August 4<sup>th</sup> @ 14:00
6. August 11<sup>th</sup> @ 14:00
7. August 25<sup>th</sup> @ 14:00
8. September 1<sup>st</sup> @ 14:00

Make-Up Race (if needed)

- September 8<sup>th</sup> @ 14:00

### FLYC Race to Lodi

July 28<sup>th</sup> @ 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.)

### Handicapping & Scoring

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

### Additional Information

For additional information on the FLYC racing program and for the most current schedule and scoring results, please refer to the club web site and click on the "Racing" link.