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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

Seasons, Cycles, and Other Repetitions

Where did the year go? It seems like we just got our boat launched, commissioned, and "settled into" a sailing routine. Now it's time to take her out again and undo a season's worth of work getting her ready. Seems like we go through this over and over, every year.

There is another pattern I've noticed this year. I subscribe to electronic newsletters from several other sailing areas in Western New York and there was a recurring theme in all of them.

Every few weeks I would receive a newsletter lamenting the overly aggressive, inconsiderate and thoughtless behavior exhibited by participants in club racing circuits all over Lake Erie and Lake Ontario. There was no shortage of poor sportsmanship this year, and an overabundance of short sighted, often dangerous behavior of weekend warriors risking life, limb and boat (not to mention their crew!) for bragging rights in the bar.

In short, it was distressing. It was so distressing that newsletter editors around the area repeated pleas for people to just "take it down a notch!" throughout the summer.

Things got so bad in one area that reminders were being published that acting like America's Cup skippers was *not a good thing*.

There was repetition on Seneca Lake within the FLYC fleet, too. Once again, our sailors held themselves to a higher standard. They displayed a quality called "sportsmanship". They combined this with "teamwork," "camaraderie," and "respect." By golly, they were even nice to each other *during races!*

I don't know about you, but this is just one more thing that makes me happy to call Seneca Lake "home." I'm happy to be here. I love sailing here. Above all, I'm proud to be associated with this "amateurish" (as opposed to "professional") sailors known as the Finger Lakes Yacht Club.

I hope you are, too. See you in the boatyard!

- 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:

- October 31st, Haulout deadline for Village Marina tenants.
- November 3rd, FLYC Annual Meeting, Commodore's Banquet and Awards Ceremony.

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!
flyc@FLYC.US

Commodore's Comments



I, too, can not believe this season, and this season in particular, is coming to a close. I spent the whole last winter worrying about making a boat go this summer and now that summer has come and gone. What do I worry about now? I know: the other 50% of the boat. The 50%, beyond just sailing it. My boat was successful this summer because other

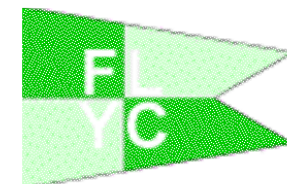
people help me worry. In particular, **Mr. Kremer & Mr. Knott**, help me worry about everything. From launch day, to NW windy days, and getting out on the water without trouble, they are there. If one can consider the marina "tribe" extended family, I am the most fortunate young warrior, for I have the best in leadership from the Chief's. For that I am grateful.

On another note, I think we should also worry about space. I mean, "FLYC" space. The yard is getting too small and the restaurant is very busy, making space tentative sometimes.

Setting up the obsolete tent is cumbersome. The trailer needs some care. The new hotel is going to make everything busier too. The club has been thinking about replacing the tent with a more modern type shelter, but sometimes I wonder if there is more long range developments needed to keep some social spot alive. What about a regular space within the new hotel? What about merging WGYC with FLYC? I guess the days of the "Last Ditch" are a memory for sure. Where do we go from here?

I think the best part of our group is that we go out on the water and play. We play with whatever we're dealt with in weather and breakdowns. It is a great playground with no swings, no monkey bars and no sandbox necessary. This flat tub of liquid can do it all.

-Terry





Special Notice

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE

2007 Commodore's Banquet and Annual Meeting

WHEN:	18:00 (6:00PM) SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3 RD , 2007	BANQUET AGENDA:	18:00 COCKTAILS & SOCIAL HOUR. 19:00 DINNER. 20:00 FLYC ANNUAL MEETING (SEE BELOW) 20:45 FLYC AWARDS FOR 2007 RACE SERIES 21:00 DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS.
WHERE:	FALLS MOTEL LOUNGE 239 NORTH GENESEE STREET MONTAUR FALLS, NY	RSVP NO LATER THAN SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH TO:	THOMAS ALLEY 607-562-3909 (HOME) OR E-MAIL TO: RSVP@FLYC.US
MENU/COST:	CHOICE OF THE FOLLOWING – BAKED MANACOTTI W/GARLIC BREAD \$15/PERSON BROILED SCALLOPS W/BAKED POTATO \$18/PERSON BEEF PRIME RIB W/BAKED POTATO \$22/PERSON ALL ENTREES INCLUDE: APPETIZERS (SWEDISH MEATBALLS, FRIED RAVIOLI W/MARINARA SAUCE, PEPPERONI, CHEESE & CRACKERS), SALAD, DINNER ROLLS, COFFEE, TEA, WATER AND DESSERT (WARM APPLE CRISP OR BROWNIE W/ICE CREAM). PRICE INCLUDES TAX AND GRATUITY. CASH BAR WITH BEER, WINE AND SODA. LIVE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT BY KEN ERWAY.		YOU WILL RECEIVE CONFIRMATION FOR E-MAIL RESERVATIONS. <u>BE SURE TO INCLUDE</u> YOUR NAME, NUMBER IN YOUR PARTY, AND CHOICE OF ENTRÉE(S). ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE BY CALLING 607-535-7262 OR ON THE WEB AT HTTP://WWW.THEFALLSMOTEL.COM

Nominations & Election of Board Members

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One year remaining:	Term expiring:
Tom Alley, Dick Stewart, Bill Moffett	Mike Johnson, John Read, Dennis Kingsley

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Office:	Current occupant:	2008 Nominees:
Commodore	Terry Stewart	Rex Bird
Vice Commodore	Kyle Chedzoy	-
Rear Commodore	Michael Claprood	Michael Claprood
Treasurer	Charlie Fausold	Charlie Fausold
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.

FLYC 2007 Race Results

By Michael Claprood, SV Miss Liberty

Last year the dominant theme within the FLYC racing fleet was the high standard of sportsmanship exhibited by all of the skippers and crews. I am happy to report that this long-standing tradition for the FLYC continued. The FLYC has been, and continues to be, one of the best havens for civilized competition in the sailing world.

This is not to say that the competition is not keen or intense. It is. While scores between the top three boats were spread out more than in recent years, the differences between boats in the rest of the fleet have tightened up noticeably. There are also more boats coming out to race each week, which keeps things interesting and engaging.

This year's weather also proved to be cooperative, providing us with good winds on most weekends and an extended season with lovely, warm weather that extended well into October.

Special thanks to all those who helped with race marks and to those who acted as substitute race committee on a number of weekends when I was unable to enjoy the great sailing with the rest of the fleet. As always, this demonstrates the caliber of fine sailors in the FLYC who are always willing to lend a hand.

The year was not without its trials. The club suffered a significant setback in late July when the Schuyler County Deputy Sheriff discovered an error in the paperwork for the club's floating mark permit while investigating a complaint. The club was ordered to remove the race marks as quickly as possible. Many thanks to Terry Stewart and his colleagues in the New York State Police Scuba Diving Unit! These marks come out a whole lot harder than they go in!

Soon it will be time to begin planning for the 2008 season. If you have comments, critiques or suggestions, please share them with me. You don't have to be one of the club's directors to share a good (or even mediocre) idea. Even if you think the idea sounds silly I would encourage you to share it. Often times, it's those "silly" ideas that are the genesis of the next great improvement that everyone can enjoy. Please contact me. I'd love to hear from you.

And now for the results:

FLYC Summer Series (Best 6 of 8 races)

Boat	Total	Posn
Tomfoolery	10.00	1
Lucky Lady	16.00	2
Cloud Nine	18.00	3
Wanderer	18.00	4
Seek Ye First	19.00	5
Quality Time II	28.00	6
Genesis One	31.00	7
Bella Donna	32.00	8
Taking Off	34.00	9
Tark	35.00	10
Parrot Head	36.00	11
Duchess	37.00	12
Miss Liberty	37.00	13
Sunward	38.00	14
Lee Sea Ann I	38.00	15

NOTE: Ranking is determined by scoring and by defined tie-breaking procedures defined by USSailing.

Commodore's Race to Lodi

Boat Name	Time	Posn
Calaloo	07:55:12	1
Tomfoolery	07:59:24	2
Duchess	08:09:13	3
Journeyman	08:14:36	4
Wanderer	08:33:45	5
Amazing Grace	08:38:19	6
Mupepe	09:23:40	7
Snow Goose	09:27:54	8
Vixen	DNF	10
Lee Sea Ann I	DSQ	11

Douglass-Steed Memorial Award

The Douglass-Steed award named after two individuals who made key contributions to the FLYC racing program. The purpose of the award is to recognize the skipper and crew that have made the most significant improvement from the prior season along with maintaining a high standard of sportsmanship and Corinthian spirit.

Carrying forward the practice started last year, the award winner will not be pre-announced. To find out who gets this award, please be sure to attend the FLYC Annual Meeting and Banquet on November 3rd to share the celebration of this achievement!

For details of race results and scoring, please refer to the club web site at <http://www.FLYC.US>.

About FLYC Racing

The FLYC has an active racing program. This program consists of the following:

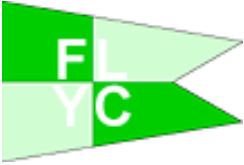
- **Summer Series.** A series of 8 races held on Saturdays throughout the summer. These are "typical" club races (about 90 minutes each) that utilize seasonal race marks placed in the lake by the FLYC each spring. These races are open to all, but only club members are eligible for prizes and awards. The best 6 of the 8 races are used for scoring purposes.
- **Commodore's Race to Lodi.** An annual event typically held in late July or early August. This is a race with special provisions for cruisers and the logistical realities of a club "rendezvous."

About FLYC Cruising

The FLYC is actively developing a cruising program to compliment its racing activities.

- **FLYC Mystery Cruise.** New in 2006, this event was well received. Cruisers were told to provision for a weekend and then met at the marina on Saturday morning before embarking on a trip to a mystery destination.
- **FLYC Winery Cruise.** New in 2007, this event shows the promise of becoming an annual tradition. An overnight cruise from Watkins Glen to the Miles Winery proved to be popular and successful this year, with good breezes and excellent wine at our destination of choice.

As stated above, the FLYC cruising program is being developed. We need your ideas! If you have ideas or suggestions, please communicate them to the officers and directors of the club for consideration.



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