

Port Tacks

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

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Event Notice!

All of the 2011 club events are listed on the calendar in this issue!

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

On Schedules & Marriages

A good many of us remember how our lives changed on the fateful day we uttered the words, “For better or for worse; for richer or for poorer; in sickness and in health; until...” (OK, we won’t get morbid.)

In some ways, that’s what happens when the club schedule is drawn up before each season. While there is a process behind it, the resulting calendar is much like the new partner to whom one has just been joined.

First, there is the “honeymoon” full of joy at getting everyone to agree on dates and times, but eventually reality sets in and the consequences of decisions and compromises appear and settle in with the grace of a surprise visit by unruly in-laws. Then the complaints begin...

So how does this happen? Why does the club schedule look the way it does? Keep reading – here’s a little insight into the process.

The calendaring process begins with a “blank” calendar of the boating season. Then the events beyond the control of the

club get filled in. These are things like national holidays, the Watkins Glen Italian Festival, and NASCAR at the Glen, to name a few.

At this point the Social Committee steps in and starts to fill in the various FLYC dinners and events. The starting point for this process is the prior year’s calendar with adjustments as needed for major conflicts. There is usually some discussion around particular events and they are based on member feedback from the prior year.

Before fleet events get put on the schedule, there is the annual discussion over whether sailing and social events should be on the same or different days. Some members travel quite a distance to get to the marina. For them, having a race and a dinner on the same day make a lot of sense. For others that live closer, they may be more inclined to drop by the marina for an afternoon and then leave for a family event in the evening.

In recent years, the argument for piggybacking events on top of each other has prevailed. This

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Commodore's Comments

By Wilbur Dowdle, S/V The Irish Wake



Spring has sprung and the snow birds are slowly returning to the north. Let’s welcome all our friends that venture away for the winter with open arms. WELCOME BACK!

It’s time to get the boats set for another summer of sailing and social events at the Seneca Harbor Marina. This year I’d like to stress the importance of safety to

all our members and remind them that time on the water is great fun but also is not to be taken too lightly. A minute of carelessness can cause a lifetime of consequence.

We are lucky in the FLYC to have people trained to do Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs) and can issue stickers that prove the inspection was done. We are fortunate to have Peter Knott who is certified to perform safety inspections. Tom Alley is also available to let you know what the inspection will require. Accessing

their expertise is a great way to find that overlooked item you meant to replace last year or missed altogether, like an outdated flare or that fire extinguisher that needs to be replaced.

Another time to be extra careful is while working on the hard top. A fall here can spoil your entire summer. When working on that hull be sure you have good footing and have taken the precautions to get the work done in a safe manner. Let’s not be hanging from something thrown together to get to that last spot that needs wax or that rigging that’s just out of reach. Sometimes you need that extra hand to get the job done. Don’t be afraid to ask that FLYC member beside you for a hand now and then, he or she will help because they may need a hand later.

I’m sure that Guy will be most appreciative of your efforts to keep the marina in a clean and non-cluttered condition. Let’s not forget tarps when working in the parking lot area and pick up after ourselves every day. Mo does a great job of keeping clutter and the harbor trashcans emptied and neat, so it’s our duty to

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Upcoming Events & Dates

MAY

05/01 Membership Renewals – 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!

05/14@10:00 Nautical Swap Meet – Buy, sell or swap those things that are cluttering up your boat. Tables will be set up around the marina flag pole.

05/14@14:00 Commissioning Tailgate Party – Take a break from your spring commissioning chores and join your fellow sailors around the marina flag pole for some pizza. BYOB (Beverage) and BYOLC (Lawn Chair).

05/29@14:00 Early Bird Race – Tune your rig for the racing season and shake the cobwebs out of your crew!

05/29@1800 All-American Picnic – Enjoy hot dogs and hamburgers provided by the club. Bring a salad or dessert to pass. BYOB.

FLYC Event Calendar – See the whole season schedule in this issue!

<http://www.flyc.us/>

LATE BREAKING NEWS

Need To Work Aloft?

Anyone needing to do work aloft prior to launching this spring is encouraged to contact FLYC member Eric Fey.

Eric will be renting a “cherry picker” capable of reaching just about everyone’s masthead on April 9-10 and is looking for people with whom to share the expense.

If you dislike going aloft in a boatswain’s chair, you’ll definitely want to talk to Eric [ASAP](#) to get the details!

Eric Fey 607-731-0862
FeyED@Corning.com

If you cannot get in touch with Eric, e-mail Terry Stewart:

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Commodore’s Comments

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help by doing our part. She advised me last year that a piece of blue tape on a dock or walk light means that the light is out. She will change the bulb when she sees the tape. Sinks in our restrooms sometime get a little extra workout during spring clean up. An extra minute to rinse it out after use will go a long way.

I hope to see all of you soon and remember, my companion way is always open.

Until next time,

Wilbur

On Schedules & Marriages

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allows the club to leave some weekends open for members to have some “time off” from the FLYC and spend time pursuing competing interests.

Once the scheduling “policy” has been settled, on-the-water activities such as races and cruises are used to either compliment the social events or to fill in the weekends in between.

Final comments are solicited, and then the schedule is published with hopes that there won’t be too many changes to events outside of the club. You may kiss the bride.

While it’s not (usually) a contentious process, calendaring is labor-intensive due to the amount of input required from various sources.

In this issue you will find the 2011 event calendar for our club. Please review it and, if you’re as busy as most people are, put the events that interest you on your personal calendar NOW, before it fills in. That way you’ll have time to enjoy your boat and your club this summer. It’ll be worth it. See you there!

A Brief History of the FLYC

by Cliff Geer, S/V Moonlight Lady

Wilbur asked us to write a brief history of the FLYC for the newsletter. We contacted Bill Moffett, another founding member, for his recollection. Bill remembers the formative meeting at the Seneca Lodge (maybe we were just there for beer) where we all agreed to form a club and that Tom Ryan would be our ideal first commodore. We swore him in that night and we proceeded from there. The Village Marina bar was formerly the Village Marina Store and the front porch was the unofficial meeting place for the club. The store sold beer, ice, snacks, sweatshirts, T-shirts and would order marine supplies if you knew what you wanted. We always held our picnics on the side yard of the building and if we were having a get together the girls working in the store often stayed open after closing hours to keep us supplied with drinks and snacks.

The Commodore’s race to Lodi was the highlight of the year and most all members attended the picnic if not by boat then by car. The race often would have a theme and each boat and its crew was encouraged to dress the part. Some of the more memorable themes in the early to mid nineties were “MASH”, Gilligan’s Island, and Pirates of the Caribbean. We made quite an impression on the other picnickers at Lodi. It was also during this time that we purchased the Trophy for the winning boat of the Lodi Race. The winning boat name was inscribed on the trophy and the Commodore’s cup was kept on display at the Marina Store. Dick and Charlene Stewart won the race for so many years there was a standing joke of changing the name of the trophy to Camille’s Cup.

Racing was an important aspect of the club and as many as 20 boats would participate in the summer races. Boats took turns as being the “committee” boat and were awarded first place points for their turn of this duty.

FLYC has always been a family oriented club for boaters and many long lasting friendships have developed over the years.



Meet Your Directors – Chuck Sorensen

by Chuck Sorensen, S/V Delta G

Hi, my name is Chuck Sorensen and I, along with my first mate Sarah, sail the *Delta G*, a 1984 Catalina 30, docked in slip 417. I am currently a club Director and serve as one of many contact points for club information and any other suggestions or questions you may have. I am excited about the upcoming 2011 season. We have some new faces in the club and in the club leadership, along with our experienced colleagues, and we are putting a lot of thought and energy during the off-season into making the club an even more fun and rewarding experience for the membership.

I have been acquiring a lot of ocean sailing experience lately, from Newfoundland to Grenada, but I do not have to go far at all to find some great sailing here on Seneca. When I drive down the crest of the hill into Watkins and see all those sailboats out sailing on a sunny summer day I get excited. And I imagine there are thousands of people driving by the lake each summer who also see those sailboats out there, wishing instead that they could trade places and enjoy the wind and sun. We truly are the lucky ones.



From The Rear-Commodore

by Ray Montondo, S/V No Worries

As stated earlier in this newsletter, the full club calendar (including the race schedule) is enclosed. Please be sure to review it and contact me with any feedback you might have.

See you at the marina!



From The Social Director

by Lynne McGinnis, S/V East Brewster

Ahoy Finger Lakes Yacht Club members!

We are preparing the calendar for the season and wanted to give you a few highlights of the social activities coming up early in the season. Based on a few requests, we will raise the FLYC burgee on the flagpole when we need some people to help set up tables and chairs for the dinner events and we will have nametags for each event.

We will kick off the year on May 14th at 1000 Hrs to Noon with a Boat Item Swap where you can buy, sell or trade anything from anchors to earrings and binna-cles to cuzies. We will set out tables around the flagpole. Each boat can have half a table or more. You will need to mark your items with prices and manage your own sales. Later that same day, we will have an all members meeting at 1400 Hrs at the flag pole and a Pizza Party. Please attend this meeting, as we will review the entire season's schedule for Social Activities, Cruising and Racing.

On May 29th, at 1400 Hrs is an Early Bird Race and at 1800 Hrs is the All-American Picnic. The FLYC will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and rolls. Everyone is asked to bring a salad or dessert and your own drinks.

And don't forget to check out the club calendar later in this issue!



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.

Early Bird Race

May 29th @ 14:00

FLYC Summer Series

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

1. June 4th @ 14:00
2. June 11th @ 14:00
3. July 2nd @ 14:00
4. July 16th @ 14:00
5. July 30th @ 14:00
6. August 13th @ 14:00
7. August 27th @ 14:00
8. September 10th @ 14:00

Make-Up Races (if needed)

- September 17th @ 14:00

FLYC Guest Race

June 19th @ 14:00

FLYC Race to Lodi

July 23rd @ 09:00

Grape Harvest Race

October 9th @ 14:00

Entry Fees

There are no race entry fees for FLYC members.

Handicapping & Scoring

Handicaps are assigned using the PHRF system with some local adjustments. Scoring is done using the time-on-distance calculations.

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.

Other FLYC Fleet Events

Not into racing? Join the FLYC fleet for some cruises to various points on the lake! Contact Tony Ruiz, the club cruise director, or the club web site for additional details.

June 25th @ 11:00 – Tour de Lac GPS competition.

August 20th @ 11:00 – Miles Winery Overnight Cruise & Tour.

FLYC Apparel Now Available at Land's End!

by Jim Morris, S/V Sales Call

The FLYC has created our logo with Land's End. You can get a large assortment of clothing, travel bags, etc. embroidered with the logo for an additional \$6 each by following these easy steps:

1. Go to the Land's End website - http://ces.landsend.com/finger_lakes_yacht_club
(Don't type in www ahead of this or it will not work. Copy and paste this into your web browser and activate.)
2. The Lands End Business Outfitter home page will be displayed.
You can browse the merchandise for men, women, etc. or use the "search" window if you know the item number you want to find.
3. When you are ready to add to your shopping bag, click on the item, pick quantity, color, size etc. and select "continue".
4. The "logo application" screen will appear. Next to the "LOGO1:" select the "flyc" logo. Next select the "Location1:" window and tell Lands End where to embroider the item.
5. Use the "special request box" to add notes on thread color or other special requests. The Lands End folks are pretty good about getting back to you and helping with special requests.
6. Either "keep shopping" OR "proceed to checkout".
7. Add shipping information. You can leave the "Company" window blank. Press "continue".
8. Add billing information and your payment method.



Telephone assistance is available at 1-800-587-1541 and they are very helpful.

Here is our information for the E-store:

Company Name:	Finger Lakes Yacht Club
Customer Number:	4772089
Store Login ID:	flyc
Password:	senecalake
Store URL:	http://ces.landsend.com/Finger_Lakes_Yacht_Club

(Note the underscore between the words)

Our logo design number: 1127184k



Note: The logo size is 3.17" long x 2.37" high which is appropriate for the front of shirts, sleeves, etc. The "Finger Lakes Yacht Club" lettering across the bottom can be embroidered with a color that compliments the garment - just ask. There is no additional charge.

The charge for embroidery is \$5.95 for each item and will be added to your bill.

Each FLYC member is responsible to pay for your own merchandise.

Have Fun!

FLYC Event Calendar - 2011

May

- 14 @ 10:00 – Nautical Swap Meet
- 14 @ 14:00 – Commissioning Party
- 29 @ 14:00 – Early Bird Race
- 29 @ 18:00 – All-American Picnic

June

- 03 @ 18:00 – Annual Boat Christening
- 04 @ 14:00 – Summer Series Race #1
- 04 @ 18:00 – Chicken BBQ Dinner
- 11 @ 10:00 – Summer Series Race #2
- 18 @ Day – Watkins Glen Cardboard Boat Regatta (Not an FLYC event)
- 19 @ 14:00 – FLYC Guest Race
- 25 @ 11:00 – ‘Tour de Lac’ GPS Competition
- 25 @ 17:00 – Tour de Lac Awards Dinner

July

- 02 @ 14:00 – Summer Series Race #3
- 02 @ Dark – Watkins Glen Independence Day Fireworks
- 16 @ 14:00 – Summer Series Race #4
- 23 @ 09:00 – Commodore’s Race to Lodi
- 23 @ 17:00 – Lodi Beach Party
- 30 @ 14:00 – Summer Series Race #5

August

- 05-07 – Watkins Glen Italian American Festival (not an FLYC event)
- 06 @ 10:00 – FLYC 20th Anniversary Celebration
- 12-14 – NASCAR at the Glen

- 13 @ 14:00 – Summer Series Race #6
- 20 @ 11:00 – Miles Winery Overnight Cruise
- 20 @ 17:00 – Miles Winery Tour & Tasting
- 27 @ 14:00 – Summer Series Race #7

September

- 04 @ 17:00 – Surf & Turf Dinner
- 10 @ 14:00 – Summer Series Race #8
- 17 @ 14:00 – Make-Up Race (if needed)
- 17 @ 17:00 – Chili Cook-Off

October

- 09 @ 14:00 – Grape Harvest Race

November

- 05 @ 18:00 – FLYC Banquet & Annual Meeting

December

- 04 @ 14:00 – FLYC Board Meeting #1

February (2012)

- 26 @ 14:00 – FLYC Board Meeting #2

March (2012)

- 17 @ 17:00 – Winter Doldrums Get-Together

Key

FLYC Summer Race Series

On-the-Water Event

FLYC Scrapbook



Wanderer flying her spinnaker during Race #2 in 2010.



A Seneca Lake rainbow as seen from Tomfoolery after the 2010 Lodi Race thunderstorm.

Feature Boat: *Amazing Grace*, Pearson 36-2

by John Kremer, S/V *Amazing Grace*

Jeanne and I are the second owners of *Amazing Grace*. We purchased her on Lake Erie and sailed her home. We have been mainly cruisers with some racing. Our previous boats include *Vixen* (Pearson 30), *Lucky Lady* (Columbia 26) and *Trust Me* (Newport Venture 23). All still sailing on Seneca Lake. We have circumnavigated Seneca Lake and Lake Ontario and made trips on Lake Erie. The past few years we have stayed on Seneca Lake. Usually we plan to anchor out on the weekends if the weather looks favorable.

This is, in all probability, our last boat. We have been sailing and enjoying her for the past 13 years and hope for many more. She is very well built, easy to handle, reasonably fast and very comfortable and dry in rough weather. We are always happy to show the boat and, of course, to brag about her!

- Jeanne & John Kremer

Owner Comments & Notes

The manufacturer advertises seven berths. We like to say it Drinks 6, feeds 4, and sleeps 2!

100% Fresh water usage: Seneca Lake, Erie Canal, Lakes Ontario, Erie and Huron .

We use a Milwaukee ½" 28-volt cordless angle drive drill with a special winch bit to raise and trim the sails, raise the anchor, and occasionally haul someone aloft.

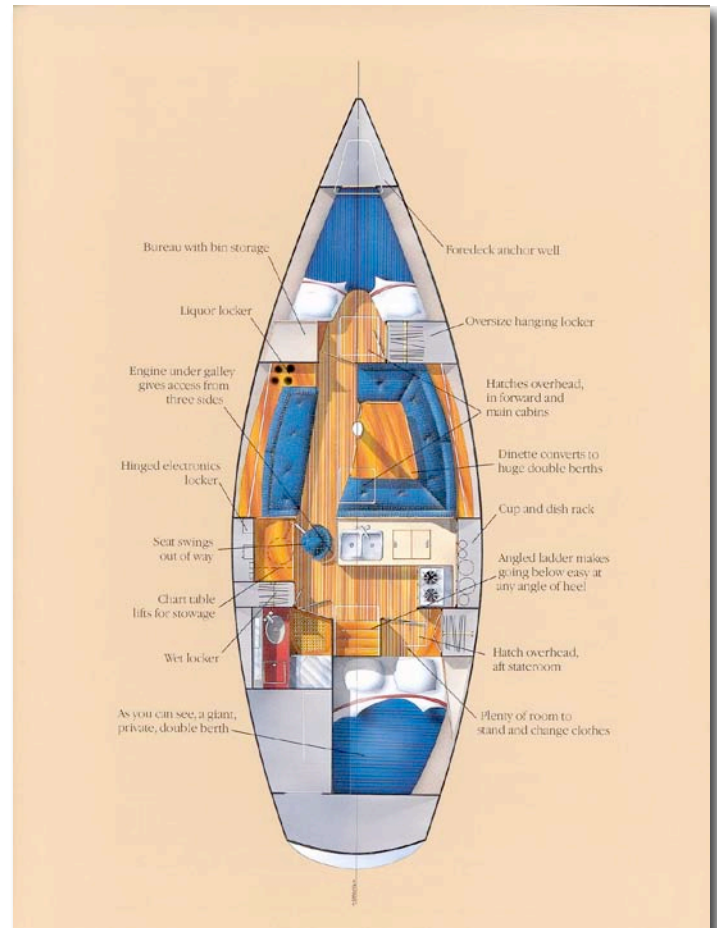


Figure 1 - Pearson 30-2 Interior Layout

Facts, Figures & Equipment

Displacement: 16,000 lbs (empty)
Ballast: 6,400 lb wing keel
Clearance: 52 ft
Sail Inventory: Working Main, 130% Genoa, Asymmetric Spinnaker
Engine: 35 HP Yanmar Diesel
Tankage: 2x50 gal. fresh water; 20 gal. diesel
Ground Tackle: 33# Bruce primary w/60 ft ⁵/₁₆" chain and 200 ft rode; 25# Danforth w/15 ft chain and 200 ft rode.



Figure 2 - *Amazing Grace* at the Lodi Race finish.



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Please recognize that club contacts are volunteers; call them only during reasonable hours. Thanks!

Meet Your Directors – Alan Barton

by Alan Barton, S/V Wanderer

Ahoy, I've been sailing for forty-nine years! I learned to sail, at the age of seven, in the Junior Sailing Program at Seneca Yacht Club in Geneva. Every summer since I've been sailing on the Finger Lakes and Lake Ontario.

The *Wanderer* is a Hinterhoeller 25 (HR25) built in 1972 by C&C. She is both fun and fast and can handle the gentle breeze to the hard blow. We've been at the Village Marina in slip 206 for eleven years. I've been an active member of the FLYC for ten years. I served as FLYC Treasurer for five years and am working on year two as a Director.

I enjoy the racing and the easy-going pace of the FLYC. I hope to see you all at the starting line this summer!



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!

Finger Lakes Yacht Club

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Finger Lakes Yacht Club

Membership Application

Membership renewals are due by May 1st each year. Send this completed application with your \$40 check to:

Finger Lakes Yacht Club, Inc.
P. O. Box 224
Watkins Glen, NY 14891

Are you also a member of the U.S. Power Squadron? If so, please check this box.

Application: New member Renewal

Important: Please be sure to include the names of all of your "dependent" family members. This will ensure that membership privileges are awarded properly.

Name(s): _____

Please indicate which areas interest you:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Racing | <input type="checkbox"/> Web site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cruising | <input type="checkbox"/> Sailing classes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | _____ |

Address: _____

Phone: Home: (____) _____ Work (____) _____
Cell: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Boat Name _____ Type: Sail Power

Make/Model _____ Length _____

Boat Year _____ Location/Slip# _____

By this application, I/we promise to uphold the By-laws of the Finger Lakes Yacht Club, Inc. and to comply with its rules and regulations.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____