

# Port Tacks

The Finger Lakes Yacht Club, Village Marina, Watkins Glen, NY

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## Commodore's Comments

by Howard Cabezas

SV Ruthie

The Marina is coming out of hibernation and boats are getting back in the water. By the time you read this our Rust Removal Race will have happened and our Memorial Day BBQ will have been enjoyed. I hope you enjoyed both of these events and will participate in many more throughout the summer.



Reminder: Go to our web site and find out what's going on in June and July. If you do not have web access, the list is posted on the bulletin board by the bathrooms at the Village Marina. Also posted there are the sign-up sheets for upcoming events.

On June 10<sup>th</sup> our race series begins, hope to see you at many of the races this summer. The more boats that race, the more fun for everyone!

Some of the events for the next two months are:

- June 16 Lighting of the Fleet
- June 18 Father's Day Brunch
- July 2 All-American Picnic.

We have just learned that the Barge Race will be the weekend of September 9<sup>th</sup>. This is the weekend where we had scheduled a possible cruise, so let's plan on a cruise to Geneva to cheer on the FLYC boats!

The Commodore's Cup Race will be on July 29<sup>th</sup> this year and will be from the Village Marina to Lodi and back to Smith Park. After the race, we will have the post-race dinner at Smith Park.

Hope to see all of you down at the docks soon, I will be there on weekends.

Happy Sailing,

-Howard

### Reminder:

*All membership renewals were due May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you haven't already done so, please fill in the application form on the last page and send it to our Secretary, Sue Morris, at the address on the form on the last page of this newsletter.*

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# Vice Commodore's Comments

by Dawn Dowdle

SV Irish Wake



Hello All!

Summer is just around the corner, I am sure! We are all looking forward to launching our boat. I know we are all late. No problem, just make sure you do it right, be safe and ready for the summer.

It is so important to make sure everything is in working order: Do you have flares; do you have fire extinguishers; have your shrouds have been tested; are your O-rings hooked on; check your paint; did you check the hull for cracks; does your bilge pump work; is your LP tank hooked up to the stove; do you have ENOUGH life jackets on board? So many things to remember but each one is important, you never know what your life depends on. With all of this along with scrubbing and painting, it is now time to launch the boat and think about sailing, racing and plain relaxing!

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and, if you need any help, ask your neighbor, heck maybe your neighbor needs your help! In any case you can ask me, if I can't help I can find someone who can.

Get ready, get set, LETS GO! The 2017 Summer Season is OPEN!

Happy Sailing,

- Dawn

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# Secretary's Column

by Sue Morris

SV Sails Call



Happy May! Hope this finds everyone in good health and pre-boating spirit!! The weather is not cooperating yet but be patient! FLYC membership is off to a good start; we have 23 family members so far! Please send in your application and check to the address below. See you soon!

Sue Morris

P. O. Box 14  
Pine Valley, NY 14872

- Sue, FLYC Secretary

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## From the Treasurer

by Denis Kingsley  
The club is solvent.

SV Tark



- Denis, still cooking the books.

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## Socially Speaking

by Lynne McGinnis & Maggie Martin

AHOY! The season is about to begin! This year we are using a sheet to sign up for how you can pitch in to put on the Yacht Club events. The jobs are listed; table set up, cooking, clean up, etc. Your help is always appreciated. Family and friends are welcome! A charge of \$5. per person can be paid in a jar at the table day of the event. It's late this time, but let's sign one week in advance going forward..., we don't want to run out of food.



Our first event is the Memorial Day Weekend picnic on Sunday evening, May 28<sup>th</sup> at the marina. 1700 (5pm) social hour, and dinner @ 1730 (5:30). The club will provide BBQ chicken. Bring your own beverages and dish to pass. Please take a moment to sign up at the bulletin board to let us know how many are coming, and what you will be bringing. (or call Lynne or Maggie). In order to know how much food to plan on and sign in for guests also.

New Details:

We are going to hold the Commodores Dinner again at Smith Park 2017. It will be on July 29<sup>th</sup> at 1700. We plan to have a professional chef managing the grill and cooking steaks to order. Delicious!

SV Brewster & SV Sacre Bleu

At the End of the Season Members Banquet & Annual Meeting & Nautical Masquerade Party is planned for October 29<sup>th</sup> at 1600. (4pm). It will be held at Montage Restaurant, in the Glen Motor Inn at the top of the hill just outside of Watkins Glen. (You have seen it from the lake). They are offering a sumptuous buffet, cash bar, and a private room and a gorgeous view of the lake. Start working on your costumes, sea captains, wenches, and sailors! The price will be \$33 per person.

Next month is the June 16<sup>th</sup> "Lighting of the Boats". Many of you have lights left over from past years- or at home, or we can help you get some. Let's make an effort to have it looking really spectacular- a lot of people come down for this and appreciate it. Prizes for the best on each dock! This is the same weekend as the Fathers' Day Brunch. Families are welcome, of course.

See you on the water!

- Maggie & Lynne

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## Race Committee Comments

by Steve Howard

Mother Nature has had a hard time "picking a lane" this Spring. Water levels throughout Upstate NY have been beyond excessive. Despite a below-normal snowpack, the late season snows combined with heavy and broad-based rainfall put Lake Ontario, the St. Lawrence River and the Erie Canal over their banks. Due to extreme flooding in Quebec and Eastern Ontario (combined with President Obama having signed a treaty giving control of the St. Lawrence's level to the Canadian government) the gates on the St. Lawrence were kept closed, backing up the River into the Lake and the Lake backing up into the Canal and

the Canal into our Finger Lakes. I have dealers in Alexandria Bay whose stores, offices and repair shops are 8-10" underwater. The town of Chaumont (where another of my dealers' brand new store was underwater) had calls out for residents to come and fill sandbags day after day. Sodus Point reminded me of the Parishes south of New Orleans when the Mississippi was flooding. Correspondingly, not too many have been able to make it out even to remember which strings to pull when. Racing will get underway slowly, I'm sure.

In the meantime (and I mean over the winter, as well) did you read any books on racing techniques? How about the North U course on Sail Trim or on Racing Tactics? Both of these courses come with both a CD and a textbook (for those, like me, who still like a book in their hands where one can flip back and forth faster than the laptop can scroll).

Did you attend any seminars over the winter. North, UK, Quantum, all support these talks with hardcore sailors and sailmakers (and not always tacticians and helmsmen) giving out more than product spiels.

How many racing videos did you watch over the winter? Youtube is overflowing with them. Yeah, I get it... it can be a bit depressing to watch all these folks in Key West, or Antigua, or Charleston for Race Weeks. Damn it! I had friends sailing in each of those regattas and put myself through the misery of watching them in the evening as the daily results were posted along with the videos. But in the end, there was a lot to be learned (some of it from their mistakes). And then following up with them when they returned with their tans, getting their own experiences and what they learned.

How about your physical conditioning? We all figure that we can “play our way into shape” during the course of the season, but getting to it, even now, can help grind that winch and get that jib in faster, can help avoid that loss of balance, slowing down your movement from one rail to the other during a tack, and can probably help avoid that sore and stiff back after one of our typical Seneca Lake blustery days. **Sailing Fitness Optis to the America’s Cup** (available from Annapolis Performance Sailing {apsltd.com}) is a CD especially aimed at core strength, balance and upper body flexibility for sailors.

As of the time of this writing, I don’t know whether we’ll have enough (if any) folks interested in a Rust Remover Race, but the season will be starting in early June, aiming for 8 races for the season’s series, the **Commodore’s Race**, the **Grape Harvest Race** and the **Gear Buster** in October, letting us know what will need to be replaced or repaired over the winter.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Flagpole.

- Steve

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## Local Happenings

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### FLYC Web Site Changes

By Tom Alley, Club Webmaster

With the passage of the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for membership renewals, the generic login credentials (Username: ‘flycmember’) for club members is being retired. All logins to the web site must now be done with an individual login.

Generic login accounts were created for all club members in good standing late last year with the username based upon the e-mail address you submitted to the club on your latest renewal. If you can’t find the e-mail sent to you with your new username and password, please contact me and we’ll get you set up.

New member? Just click on the “Create Account” link in the login box and set yourself up. You’ll need to fill in all of the information normally provided by your membership application/renewal, but it will save you the time of waiting for me to enter it. Once your information is validated, you’ll get an e-mail stating your account has been activated.

Questions? Contact me!

- Tom

of Bridge O-14 (Bridge Street) from its normal of 26.5 feet to 21.5 feet, still higher than the governing height of 21 feet for the Eastern Erie Canal and Oswego Canal.

Mariners are advised to check with their destination marina on Lake Ontario or the St. Lawrence River to ensure that dockage is still available. The 48-hour limit for mooring on canal walls is waived on the entire Oswego Canal and on the Erie Canal in Brewerton for those mariners who need more time to make other docking arrangements.

Chart 14786 O-1 and 14813 covering the affected area can be found at <http://www.canals.ny.gov/navinfo/charts/14786o1l.png> , <http://www.canals.ny.gov/navinfo/charts/14813.png>, and <http://www.charts.noaa.gov/OnLineViewer/14813.shtml>.

Features along the Oswego Canal are listed by mileage at <http://www.canals.ny.gov/wwwapps/navinfo/navinfo.aspx?waterway=oswego>

For updates and information, please visit [Canals.NY.gov](http://Canals.NY.gov) or follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#)

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## Harmful Algal Bloom Notifications

By NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

DEC’s harmful algal bloom (HABs) notification season starts today. The [HABs Notifications webpage](#) will be updated every Friday through the fall, and a link and the number of waterbodies with blooms will be included in every *MakingWaves*.

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## Notice to Mariners

By New York State Power Authority

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### Oswego Canal - Oswego

Mariners are advised that the water level of Lake Ontario is five (5) feet above normal. This has reduced the overhead clearance

This week, 9 waterbodies were added to the [notification list](#). There are currently 9 waterbodies with blooms on the list.

### New Brochure and Program Guide Available

To help educate the public about HABs, DEC released a [new brochure](#) (PDF, 415 KB) explaining how to detect, avoid and report HABs, as well as the health risks of HABs. DEC has also released a new [Program Guide](#) (PDF, 1.8 MB) that details how the DEC HABs Program works with partners to identify, track and report HABs throughout the state, and communicate health risks to the public.

### Avoid and Report Suspected Blooms



Because waterbodies may have HABs that have not been reported to DEC, we recommend avoiding contact with floating mats, scum and discolored water.

If you suspect you have seen a HAB, or you, your family, or pet has been in contact with a HAB, please follow the instructions for [reporting a bloom to DEC](#). **If you see it, avoid it and report it!**

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## What Else Is Going On?

Anything else going on that you think your fellow club members might like to know about? Send it to your newsletter editor to include in the next issue!

Tom Alley: [editor@flyc.us](mailto:editor@flyc.us)

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## VHS Linked to Cayuga Lake Fish Kill

by NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) has been connected to a fish kill involving thousands of round gobies in Cayuga Lake, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced today. VHS can cause hemorrhaging of fish tissue, including internal organs, and can cause the death of infected fish. It does not pose any threat to human health.

Cornell University confirmed VHS was present in fish samples collected by DEC on May 12. VHS is a deadly and persistent virus of fresh and saltwater fish that has been causing disease issues in the Great Lakes and connected waters since 2003. It was first documented in New York in 2006. VHS has not been linked to a fish kill in the Finger Lakes in almost a decade and this is the first discovery of the presence of this virus in Cayuga Lake.

VHS is currently responsible for an ongoing fish kill in Lake St. Claire in Michigan and western Lake Erie.

Water temperatures have been optimal for the virus this spring as it replicates prominently in water temperatures between 50° and 58° F. Mortalities usually continue until the water warms above that range. VHS can be spread through a variety of means, including the moving of potentially infected fish from one waterbody to another. This can be done by stocking or the use of bait fish.

DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said, "Anglers play a key role in preventing the spread of VHS. We encourage anglers to vigilantly follow the regulations prohibiting the movement of

baitfish and other fish between waters to protect New York's high quality fishing."

To help prevent the spread of VHS, anglers and boaters should:

- follow [baitfish regulations](#) developed to prevent the spread of harmful fish diseases;
- only release baitfish into the waterbody it was taken from;
- not discard unused bait purchased commercially into any body of water;
- not move fish from one water body to another;
- not dispose of fish carcasses or by-products in any body of water; and
- [Inspect, Drain and Dry and Disinfect](#) boats and gear before moving to another water.

DEC routinely collects and tests fish from approximately 30 waters annually to screen for VHS and other harmful diseases. People can help DEC monitor the health of New York's fish populations by reporting any large number of dead or dying fish (usually 100 or more) to the nearest DEC [regional office](#) (ask for the Bureau of Fisheries) or the Rome Fish Disease Control Unit at (315) 337-0910.

*For further information visit the DEC [VHS in New York](#) web page or contact Andrew Noyes or Geofrey Eckerlin, Rome Fish Disease Control Unit, (315) 337-0910.*

# FLYC Scrapbook

Enjoy some snapshots from the FLYC Memorial Day Picnic



If you've been following the news, you might have heard about some very large beer brewing tanks being transported through the Erie Canal this past week. Ted Perkins, a friend of FLYC, snapped a couple of shots of the first barge at the lock in Macedon, NY this past Sunday.



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## Editor's Corner

by Tom Alley

Spring is always a busy time, but this year it seems particularly bad with our eldest heir graduating high school. In addition to assorted boat chores to continue our recovery from a very eventful sailing season last year, there are all of the school activities, college visits and family decisions that need to be made. Fortunately, many of these activities will climax soon and we can get on with the business of enjoying the lake.

I had the opportunity to tour *Voyager*, the latest boat owned by Doug Hazlett that is currently tied up at the end of Pier 5. Formerly owned by Geraldo Rivera, this 70-foot ketch leaves me capable of only uttering a single word: "Wow!" After spending the past couple of years going through various contortions replacing engines in my own boat, it was something else to walk through a watertight bulkhead into an engine room larger than the main saloon of my own boat. Beyond that experience, the woodwork and joinery on board were something to behold.

SV Tomfoolery

It also appears that the fleet of Alberg designs is growing in our small marina. An Alberg 30 from Sodus Bay was seen tied up on Dock 1 over the Memorial Day weekend. There are also rumors circulating of the potential arrival of another Alberg 35 as well. I can't wait!

For those of you who like reading about projects, you'll know that I have plenty of material for more articles. This year *Tomfoolery* is sporting a new (to her) refrigeration unit, a new hot water heater, new plumbing, and very soon a new electrical system. The fun never ends!

See you on the water!

- Tom

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# Boat Show/Event Calendar

*A listing of boat shows, seminars, and regattas (in locations with non-solidified water) to get you through the off-season! Compiled by Steve Howard.*

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## Events & Boat Shows

### June

30-7/2 **Wooden Boat Show**, Mystic, CT

### October

05-09 **US Sailboat Show**, Annapolis, MD

12-15 **US Power Boat Show**, Annapolis, MD

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## Regattas

### June

09-11 **Chicago NOODs**, Chicago, IL

16-18 **Cleveland Race Week**, Cleveland, OH

### July

20-23 **J22 North American Championship**, Buffalo, NY

27-30 **Marblehead NOODs**, Marblehead, MA

28-30 **CanAm Challenge**, Youngstown, NY

28-30 **J88 North American Championship**, Youngstown, NY

29-30 **Lightning Atlantic Coast Championship**, Burlington, VT

31-8/6 **LYRA Championship**, Rochester, NY

### August

04-06 **J70 Corinthian National Championship**, S. Dartmouth, MA

### September

14-18 **Beneteau 36.7 North American Championship**, Youngstown, NY

15-23 **J24 World Championship**, Port Credit, Ontario Canada

21-24 **Lightning North American Championship**, Wrightsville Beach, NC

### October

09-15 **J70 North American Championship**, Rye, NY



# 2017 FLYC Calendar

This is the club calendar as discussed at the Board meeting in early February. Some dates are subject to change as plans firm up and get finalized. Please check the club web site (<http://www.FLYC.US>) to see the most current information.

## Regular/Repeating Events

**Saturday Morning Kaffee Klatch.** Every Saturday at 0900 from Memorial Day Weekend through mid-September under the awning on Dock 5 at the Marina Bar & Grill.

**Post-Mortem Racing Social.** After every club race at 1700 on the lawn by the marina flagpole. BYOB/Snack to share. Open to racers and non-racers alike.

## April

01 **April Newsletter Publication Date.**

## May

01 **FLYC Membership Renewals Due.** Please fill in a renewal form and send it to Sue Morris with payment.

06 **Members & Friends Kaffee Klatch.** (0900) Coffee, donuts and bagels provided by the Club.

26 **Newsletter article deadline.**

27 **Junior Sailing Dockside Orientation.** (1000) Details to be announced.

03 **Rust Removal Race** (1300). Not counted toward season totals.

28 **Memorial Day Picnic.** (1700) Bring a dish to pass and BBQ Chicken provided by the club. Social mixer; 17:30 dinner.

## June

01 **June Newsletter Publication Date.**

03-04 **FLYC Cruise #1** (Proposed).

10 **Summer Series Race #1.** (1300)

16-17 *\*Watkins Glen Waterfront Festival*

16 **FLYC Lighting of the Boats.** (Dusk) Prizes to the member boat with the best lighting.

17 *\*Cardboard Boat Regatta. Special marina parking restrictions will be in place.*

17-18 **FLYC Cruise #2** (Proposed)

18 **FLYC Fathers' Day Brunch.** (1100) Families welcome. Bring a dish to pass.

24 **Summer Series Race #2.** (1300)

## July

01 **Summer Series Race #3.** (1300)

02 **All-American Picnic.** (1700) Club will provide traditional picnic entrée. Please bring a side/dessert to pass. Social mixer; 17:30 dinner.

08 **New Skipper's Race.** (1300) This is a race open to any skippers new to racing – a great learning opportunity.

08-09 **FLYC Cruise #3** (Proposed). Accompany the Junior Sailing fleet to Geneva on their way to Lake Ontario.

14-16 *\*USPS District 6 Rendezvous. Kingston, Ontario.*

21 **Newsletter article deadline.**

29 **Commodore's Cup Race.** (1000) Special scoring.

29 **Commodore's Cup Dinner.** (1700) Details to be announced.

29 *\*Finger Lakes Wine Festival.*

## August

01 **August Newsletter Publication Date.**

03-06 *\*NASCAR at the Glen*

05 **Make-Up Race.** (1300)

05 **Hawaiian Beach Party & Luau.** (1700) Club will provide the entrée. Bring a dish to pass. Social mixer; 17:30 dinner.

11-13 *\*Watkins Glen Italian Festival*

12 **Summer Series Race #4.** (1300)

19 **Summer Series Race #5.** (1300)

26 **Summer Series Race #6.** (1300)

31-9/3 *\*Indy at the Glen.*

## September

02 **Surprise Race.** (1300) Details to be announced at the Skippers' Meeting. (That's why it's a surprise!)

03 **Labor Day Weekend Picnic.** (1700) Hot dogs and hamburgers provided by the Club. Bring a dish to pass. Social mixer; 17:30 dinner.

07-10 *\*Glenora Wine Cellars Vintage Grand Prix.*

09 *\*Seneca Yacht Club Barge Race, Geneva, NY*

09 **Race Make-Up Date.** (1300)

16 **Summer Series Race #7.** (1300)

16 **Soup/Chili/Chocolate Festival.** (1700) Bring your best chili and chocolate dishes to win prizes! Social mixer; 17:30 dinner.

23 **Summer Series Race #8.** (1300)

25 **Deadline for newsletter articles.**

30 **Grape Harvest Race.** (1300) Special scoring. Details to be announced.

30 **Grape Harvest Festival.** (1700) Bring a "grape-themed" hot or cold dish to pass. Social mixer; 17:30 dinner.

## October

01 **October Newsletter Publication Date.**

07-08 **FLYC Cruise #4** (Proposed)

14 **Gear Buster Race.** (1300) Special scoring.

29 **Member Banquet & Annual Meeting.** Costume themed due to proximity to Halloween. Details to be announce. Event includes awards and election of officers and directors.

31 **Marina Haulout Deadline** (per slip contract).

## November

20 **Deadline for newsletter articles.**

## December

01 **December Newsletter Publication Date.**

*\* Non-FLYC events.*

# Classified Ads

For FLYC Members

Just a reminder that members can place free, non-commercial ads in our newsletter to buy, sell or trade boating-related “stuff”.

## Boat For Sale – 1787 Hunter S9.2 Wing Keel



Fast sprint class, equipped with compass – bulkhead, spinnaker with manual Shaefer spinnaker furler, rigged for single sailing. Handles winds in up to 35 mph quite well.

145 and 115 mainsails with bag, spinnaker, new Tohatsu 6hp 4 stroke motor (used 3 seasons) spare 3 hp motor, single axle trailer, poles and accessories.

Invested \$9,000, will sell for \$6,000.

Contact  
David Vinish  
607.742.1924

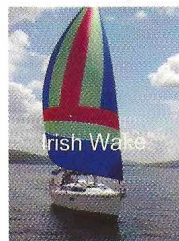
## Boat for Sale – Colgate 26, Hull #125



Colgate 26, Hull #125, for sale. Includes shoal draft keel, Bomar forward hatch, two tone gel coat deck, shoal draft keel, Performance trailer with extension (\$3K overhaul in 2016), Dacron class sails, spinnaker, Quantum Kevlar sails with Genoa, professionally bottom painted in 2016, interior berth cushions, brand new deep cycle marine battery, 5hp Honda motor.

One owner. \$26,000.00 firm. Call Karla at 765.730.2659

## Your Local Chandlery



## CLASSIC ADVENTURES

### Wilbur Dowdle

9696 Grove Springs Rd  
Hammondsport NY 14840  
or

Village Marina, Watkins Glen, NY  
Slip 212 on Pier 2

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Boat parts and supplies, delivered to your boat!

# Finger Lakes Yacht Club

## Membership Application

Membership renewals are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>. **Annual dues are \$45.**  
Please send this form and a check to:

Finger Lakes Yacht Club, Inc.  
c/o Sue Morris, Secretary  
P. O. Box 14  
Pine Valley, NY 14872

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): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Please indicate which areas interest you:  
 Racing  Web site  
 Cruising  Sailing classes  
 Social activities  Junior Sailing  
 Newsletter  \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 \_\_\_\_\_