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## Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Membership will be on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the Montage Italian Grill at the Glen Motor Inn, Watkins Glen, NY.

There will be a cocktail hour at 4:00 p.m. followed by a buffet style dinner at 5:00 p.m. The Annual Meeting will commence immediately following dinner (approximately 6:00 p.m.). Event details are listed elsewhere in this issue.

Business on the meeting agenda includes (but is not limited to) the election of club officers (Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear-Commodore) and three (3) Directors to fill seats of those whose terms are expiring. Nominations for all offices will be accepted from the floor during the meeting.

To vote at the Annual Meeting, you must be a member in good standing. Each family membership is entitled to a single vote.

## Commodore's Comments

by Howard Cabezas

SV Ruthie

Ahoy Sea Dogs! The 2017 Sailing season in Seneca Lake is wrapping up. A season full of nautical chockablock adventures, deeper friendships and new skills acquired. Immeasurable good times and memories are made and it seems unfathomable to wrap up these beautiful vessels and tuck them away until next season, which starts only five and a half months after the last of the boats are dry docked.



Enjoy the peace and quiet, foliage, and tail end of the boating season on Seneca Lake!

Happy sails!

-Howard

## Vice Commodore's Comments

by Dawn Dowdle

SV Irish Wake



Well here we are. Hard to believe, isn't it? We are at the end of the summer season for FLYC and sailing and it seemed to go way too fast. The water was up, the water was down, then it was up again! We had mink, we had too many winds out of the north that kept our marina covered with debris and weeds, even though Guy cleaned it up, it still filled back in.

If these are the only problems we had, I'm counting us pretty lucky considering what the rest of the world has had to face lately. Flooding, hurricanes, tornado winds and earthquakes all over the world. I count my lucky stars that I am here with all of you, that we keep in touch, that we worry about one another, that we are there to help, and that we will all see one another next sailing season for sure.

So remember, we all have to ready ourselves and our boats for the boat haul out **deadline**, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

I hope everyone can attend our annual meeting, October 29<sup>th</sup>, to again toast each other, break bread together, elect next years officers and to say our farewells until we meet again.

From *The Irish Wake*.....

*Slainte'* (safe travels),  
- Dawn

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## Secretary's Column

by Sue Morris

SV Sails Call



### Notice of Annual Meeting

Pursuant to Article III, Section 2 of the FLYC Bylaws, notice is hereby given for the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Finger Lakes Yacht Club.

**Where:** Montage Italian Grill, Glen Motor Inn, Watkins Glen, NY

**When:** Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at approximately 6:00 p.m. (immediately *following* cocktails and dinner, which start at 4:00pm).

Details of the meeting logistics can be found on elsewhere in this issue. Please note the due date for RSVPs. Agenda items include, but are not limited to, the annual club banquet, presentation of club awards, nominations from the floor to club offices, and elections.

See below for offices that are up for election. Terms of office begin immediately following elections by the membership. Following the elections, the new Board will appoint the club Secretary and Treasurer, as specified by the Bylaws. At that point, the floor will be opened for new business. Please note: Per the club bylaws, each membership (i.e., each *family*) has a single vote in club elections.

### Election of Officers & Directors

The Board includes six Directors, each serving a 2-year term. Terms are staggered such that three directors are elected each year. Nominations for people to fill these offices may be made at any time up until elections are held at the Annual Meeting. For a nomination to be valid, it must be seconded and agreed to by the nominee. Voting may be done in person, or by written proxy submitted to the club Secretary prior to the election. Each membership (family) may cast a single vote for each office.

Current Directors with one year remaining of their term:

- Cliff Geer
- Ray Margeson
- Tom Vedder

Current Directors at the end of their current term:

- Tom Alley
- Dave Dawson-Elli
- Sue Morris

Nominations to date:

- Commodore: *Open*
- Vice-Commodore: *Open*
- Rear Commodore: *Open*
- Director: *Open*
- Director: *Open*
- Director: *Open*

### *Appointed Club Positions:*

The FLYC has multiple ways to get involved, and encourages its members to do so. (It's fun! Really!)

Please consider helping with the following:

- Club Secretary
- Social Committee Members
- Race Committee Members
- Cruising Committee Chairman & Members
- Newsletter Editor & Contributors
- Web Site Contributors
- Social Media Moderators

- Sue, FLYC Secretary

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## From the Treasurer

by Denis Kingsley

SV Tark



The treasury is brimming over with Bit Coins. Not really, but we continue to be solvent and all bills have been paid.

- Denis, still cooking the books.

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## Socially Speaking

by Maggie Martin & Lynne McGinnis

September has been a busy month at the Marina, with the Labor Day Picnic, Soup/Chili Festival, and Grape Harvest Festival. We thank all of you for your help putting on these events, and making it an enjoyable time for everyone!



The Member Banquet, Annual Meeting and Nautical Masquerade! Will be on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Montage Italian Grill at the Glen Motor Inn. A Cash Bar Cocktail Hour begins at 4:00 p.m., dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. Buffet style dinner includes Caesar salad, pasta and vegetable, eggplant or chicken parmesan, and assorted Italian cookies. Price is \$36.00 per person, includes tax and gratuity.

SV Sacre Bleu & SV Brewster

Mail your check to:

Dennis Kingsley,  
208 Steuben St,  
Horseheads, NY 14845.

Your RSVP will be your check sent in by October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Location: One mile from Watkins Glen on NY 14N. It will be held in the lower level banquet room, overlooking Seneca Lake. Prizes for the best costume will be awarded. Guests are welcome! (Purchase a ticket for them as well.)

We will see you all there, so get your costumes ready! This is also the Annual Members meeting and election of officers.

- Maggie & Lynne

E-mail: Maggie [social@flyc.us](mailto:social@flyc.us) or 607-621-7247  
Lynne [social2@flyc.us](mailto:social2@flyc.us) or 607-426-7914

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## Race Committee Comments

by Steve Howard



Today (9/23) was the first Saturday of Autumn and, ironically, the last Saturday of the 2017 Summer Sailing Series. The series turned out to be one of good (not great) participation, the appearance of junior sailors assuming more responsibilities and more folks also racing off-site.

We never had even 8 boats on the course for a race, usually only 5 or 6, and the same 5 or 6. This is not blood-and-guts racing, folks. Come on out and join in. Your own sailing (boat handling, sail trim, tactics) will improve when you are forced to compare with other boats under the same conditions as yours. Some pretty fair rivalries developed (a really good thing in my mind). And having had the opportunity to crew on a few of the boats, it was interesting to see the different focus of the skippers versus others in the fleet.

Junior sailors tailing winches and being moveable ballast in the early races of the series, next, to find them trimming on their own decision-making and finally seeing them at the helms or out on the bows in positions of far more responsibility. They are the future of the club and sailing in general. Everyone needs to welcome them onboard and you'll be surprised at what you might learn.

Off-site, at Seneca Yacht Club's annual Barge Race, FLYC was represented by only 3 boats, but by many members making up

the crews on *Seek Ye 1<sup>st</sup>*, *Tomfoolery* and *Ruthie*. The race (more information, I'm sure, elsewhere in this issue of Port Tacks) was won by *Seek Ye 1<sup>st</sup>*, just barely over *Tomfoolery*; the differential, I believe, was only 1 minute and 45 seconds after 24 miles as the seagull flies, but MANY more miles as the fleet had to tack and tack and tack its way back to the finish at SYC. After the finish and putting the boats to rights, I spoke with a couple of the SYC members who were very appreciative of FLYC's attendance and participation. I expect that a couple of their boats will be accepting the invitation that was proffered to arrive at FLYC for a race or two in 2018.

The results of the racing that was held during August and September were:

- Race 4: *Ginger* in first followed by *Sacre Bleu* and *Lanakai*
- Race 5: *Cetacea* over *No Worries* and *Tomfoolery*
- Race 6: *Seek Ye 1<sup>st</sup>* with *Tomfoolery* and *Cetacea* next in line
- Race 7: *Tomfoolery* followed by *Ginger* and *Seek Ye 1<sup>st</sup>*
- Race 8: *Tomfoolery*, with a side-by-side battle of two Catalina 25s in a dying breeze, *Ruthie* just edging out *Ginger*.

After our 8 weekends of racing, the final standings are:

- First Place – *Ginger*
- Second Place – *Tomfoolery*
- Third Place – *Ruthie*

Congratulations to all three skippers and their crews

There will be a bottle of bubbly awarded to the winner (on handicap) of the race.

All that's left of the racing season are the Grape Harvest Race on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and the Gear Buster Race on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October. Take a trip to Annapolis on the weekend in between and visit the United States Sailboat Show. Check out the new boats and ALL the new toys. Talk with sailmakers, electronics reps, pick up some new foul weather gear (though we thankfully needed very little of that over this season's racing), or just grab a couple of Painkillers from the Pusser's bar and ogle the boats and the folks on the docks.

Oh, and there were also a few instances of discord (not necessarily deal breakers) among the sailors during the course of the series. A couple of out-and-out mistakes were made by the Race Committee (that would be me) in the interest of longer and more interesting courses, but those changes were incorrectly (or insufficiently) transmitted. Lessons learned, I draw pictures now.

If you decide to race in the Grape Harvest Race, remember, there is an entry fee of one bottle of wine per boat. The assembled bottles will be donated for the benefit of all who attend the Grape Harvest social after the racing.

Hope you enjoyed the racing.

- Steve

## FLYC Season Race Scores - 2016

			Throw-Outs										
			Date ->										
			6/10	6/24	7/1	8/19	8/26	9/2	9/16	9/23	1/1	1/1	
			# Boats ->										5.9
Boat	Owner	Type	Race #1	Race #2	Race #3	Race #4	Race #5	Race #6	Race #7	Race #8	Race #9	Race #10	Total
Ginger	Joe Marino	Catalina 25	1	1	1	1	7	7	2	3			9
Tomfoolery	Tom Alley	Alberg 35	7	8	2	4	3	2	1	1			13
Ruthie	Howard Cabezas	Catalina 25TR	5	5	4	8	4	4	4	2			23
No Worries	Ray Montondo	Hunter 30 SD	2	3	5	8	2	7	8	5			24
Seek Ye First	Mike Crouse	Islander 36	7	8	5	5	7	1	3	5			26
Lanakai	Tony	C&C 25	7	2	3	3	6	7	7	5			26
Cetacea	Bruce Kendall	Hunter 25.5 SD	7	8	5	8	1	3	8	5			29
Sacre Bleu	John Cheeseborough	O'Day 27	4	7	5	2	7	6	7	5			29
Brewster	Jim McGinnis	Hunter 336	3	4	5	8	7	7	8	5			31
Tark	Dennis Kingsley	Hunter 33	6	6	5	7	5	5	7	5			32
Quality Time II	Peter Knott	Pearson 30	7	8	5	8	7	7	8	4			38

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# Member Banquet, Annual Meeting and Nautical Masquerade!

Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup>

Montage Italian Grill at the Glen Motor Inn

Cash Bar Cocktail Hour@4pm, Dinner Served @5pm.

Buffet style Dinner includes Caesar salad, pasta and vegetable, eggplant or chicken parmesan,  
assorted Italian cookies

Price is \$36.00 per person, includes tax and gratuity

Make your check out to  
"Finger Lakes Yacht Club"

and mail it to  
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208 Steuben St

Horseheads, NY 14845

Your RSVP will be your check sent in by October 14<sup>th</sup>

Location: One Mile from Watkins Glen on NY 14N

In the lower level banquet room- Overlooking Seneca Lake  
awarded ...Guests are welcome!

Costume Prizes will be



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# Notice to Mariners: NYS Canal System Hours

New York State Canal System

September 12, 2016

Mariners are reminded that on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> locks and lift bridges on the New York State Canal System will begin autumn season operating hours: 7:00 am until 5:00 pm daily.

Vessels are required to arrive at a lock at least 15 minutes prior to closing to ensure being locked through, and at a bridge at least 5 minutes prior to ensure an opening.

24-hour service is available to commercial vessels such as tour boats, tugboats, charter boats, cruise ships, and hire-boats operating on the Canal System. Registered commercial operators should call (518) 471-5014 during regular business

hours and (518) 461-0942 after hours to make arrangements for lock and lift bridge service outside of the Canal's regular operating schedule.

The Canal System is scheduled to close on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Commercial operators who have not already done so should call (518) 471-5014 to make arrangements for Canal use after that date.

Details about operating hours can be found at <http://www.canals.ny.gov/boating/hours.html>.

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

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# Safety At Sea, Volvo Ocean Race Style

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The Volvo Ocean 65s are high and dry in Lisbon as they get their final tune up before the race, but the sailors are wet to the bone in Newcastle, UK for a sea survival course.

Just 27 days separate the Volvo Ocean Race crews from the start line, but first they must all pass through the Marine and Offshore Safety Training Centre, just outside Newcastle, for two days of intensive first aid training, firefighting and an opportunity experience the challenges of safety at sea.

Round-the-world racer and 2017-18 Race Reporter Conrad Colman went along to get the scoop on what goes on as the world's best sailors go back to the classroom.

Hearty laughs and good-natured banter echoes off walls of the pool room as the crews jump into the pool in shorts and T-shirts and told to tread water. An easy task for some of the burliest sailors on the planet, all of them experienced seamen and surfers for whom the sea is their playground.

Then the waves roll through the swimming pool, drenching rain deluges from overhead spray heads. Smiles fade. Industrial fans

kick in, creating a deafening roar that extinguishes any remaining glint in the swimmer's eyes and makes it hard to breathe.

They struggle to stay afloat, some go under the waves. Eventually one of the sailors taps out, reaching for the ladder. Two minutes later the instructor stops the exercise to save the rest. How long had the world's hardest sailors lasted? Just five minutes.

Lesson learned, always wear a lifejacket! Now, dressed in survival suits and equipped with custom-made Spinlock Deckvest lifejackets, the crews returned to the pool and were put through their paces by Ocean Safety drill sergeants who barked orders over the screeching fans and pounding waves.

The final part of the exercise was how to survive in a life raft, and if teams thought their race boats were cramped, they were in for a surprise with the rafts. Survival etiquette is important, basically, don't throw up in your neighbor's lap, and don't eat more than your fair share of the survival biscuits.

The waves and the rain were turned back up, the lights turned off and the fans on. As the two rafts bobbed up and down, strobe lights flashing in the dark, voices rose above the maelstrom.

Defying the conditions and cementing their camaraderie, Team Brunel enthusiastically sang 'Happy Birthday' to their Argentinian crewmember Maciel Cicchetti.

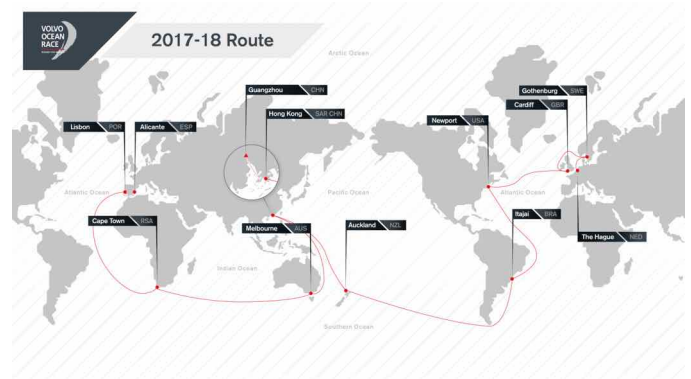
If teamwork is key to survival at sea, the Volvo Ocean Race sailors are now ready for anything.



## Volvo Ocean Race Preview

The next Volvo Ocean Race promises to be one of the closest in the history of the event. There were no points that would count towards overall victory in the next edition that starts in October, but that didn't stop seven teams going flat out in the four stages of Leg Zero, the preamble to the 45,000 mile race. So after the offshore practice session, how do the seven teams rate their prospects?

Just 39 minutes separated the entire fleet at the end of the 600 nautical mile Rolex Fastnet race, the second of four stages that made up Leg Zero. So as the start date for the Volvo Ocean Race proper loomed the World Sailing Show found out how teams felt about their prospects.



### 2017-18 Edition: Entered Teams – Skippers

- [Team AkzoNobel \(NED\)](#), Simeon Tienpont (NED)
- [Dongfeng Race Team \(CHN\)](#), Charles Caudrelier (FRA)
- [MAPFRE \(ESP\)](#), Xabi Fernández (ESP)
- [Vestas 11th Hour Racing \(DEN/USA\)](#), Charlie Enright (USA)
- [Team Sun Hung Kai/Scallywag \(HKG\)](#), David Witt (AUS)
- [Turn the Tide on Plastic \(POR\)](#), Dee Caffari (GBR)
- [Team Brunel \(NED\)](#), Bouwe Bekking (NED)

**Background:** Racing the one design Volvo Ocean 65, the 2017-18 Volvo Ocean Race begins in Alicante, Spain on October 22 2017 with the final finish in The Hague, Netherlands on June 30 2018. In total, the 11-leg race will visit 12 cities in six continents: Alicante, Lisbon, Cape Town, Melbourne, Hong Kong, Guangzhou, Auckland, Itajaí, Newport, Cardiff, Gothenburg, and The Hague. A maximum of eight teams will compete.

## Editor's Corner

by Tom Alley



With the coming of the Autumnal Equinox I'm faced with the inevitable prospect of hauling out for the winter. The days of our 2017 sailing season are definitely numbered and will be past us before we like. Such is the life of a boater in a northern clime.

Despite having been a sailor for most of my adult life, 2017 was a year with a number of "firsts" in it. It was the first year we had refrigeration aboard. It was the first year with our new electrical panel functioning. It was the first year with a built-in battery charger and (functioning) inverter. It was the first year I've ever sailed through a hail storm.

Refrigeration has been a real game-changer compared to our former existence with an ice box. Looking back, this is an upgrade I should have done years ago! Not only does it permit us to keep things aboard during the week, it has also effectively increased the size of our ice box by 30% because we no longer

SV Tomfoolery

have to load in those bulky blocks or bags of ice. (Nor do we have to drain off all of the melted water a day later!)

One of the joys of owning a "classic" boat is that the electrical system is equally "classic" and, generally speaking, not up to the task of sustaining the electronics that are increasingly becoming thought of as necessary. This year I undertook a project to upgrade the old, 12-switch electrical panel with one that incorporates both AC and DC power management. So far, I'm pleased with the results, but it's been quite a challenge to untangle the evolution of electrical cables on board in order to decommission the old panels. This will likely be a project that lasts for a couple more years before it can be completely crossed off the to-do list.

Part of the electrical upgrades were to replace a broken-down inverter and to permanently mount a battery charger where it would no longer take up the limited counter space in the galley. I was able to locate a combined inverter/charger that fit my boat's needs and this has been a great convenience as well. Combined with the battery monitors in the new electrical panel

there's no more guessing how much juice is left and when it's time to start the motor or plug into shore to recharge everything.

My experience with a hail storm while underway was another first this year. I was extremely grateful that my dodger was functioning and equally thankful that I had taken advantage of a half-off sale on foul weather gear last fall. The combination of the two made an otherwise miserable passage relatively comfortable and cozy. "The right tools for the job..." as the saying goes!

With the leaves starting to turn, however, I'm looking toward the next batch of "firsts" in the coming boating season. The project list is being shuffled and reprioritized with a number of off-season projects bubbling up to the top. A big goal is to optimize storage aboard *Tomfoolery* to improve the "livability" of below-deck spaces for longer cruises in the future. There are a couple of dead spaces in the boat that might become more useful with the addition of an access hatch or two.

Other items garnering increased attention include the ongoing replacement of the standing rigging (this winter it's the backstay) along with upgrades to the lighting both inside and out. With the backstay replacement also comes the replacement of the SSB antenna and the recommissioning of my ham radio station that currently resides aboard.

Thankfully, there is one thing that's NOT new this year: The engine. I'm happy to report that we went an entire season without breaking anything on this one. 😊

Don't forget our annual membership meeting and banquet the last weekend in October. Not only is it an important meeting for us to set direction of the club for next year, but it's also a great excuse for one last get-together before we tuck our boats away for the winter.

Until then, 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

#### October

- 05-09 **US Sailboat Show**, Annapolis, MD
- 12-15 **US Power Boat Show**, Annapolis, MD

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### Regattas

#### October

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

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## 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.

#### October

- 01 **October Newsletter Publication Date.**
- 14 **Gear Buster Race.** (1300) Special scoring.
- 28 **Member Banquet & Annual Meeting.** Costume themed due to proximity to Halloween. Details in this issue of the newsletter. 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.*