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Late Breaking News – NY Phase 2 Reopening

MAY 31, 2020 – OK, we in the Southern Tier are officially in Phase 2 of the Governor's Reopening NY as of June 1st. This affects offices, real estate, essential and some in-store retail, vehicle sales, leases, and rentals, retail rental, repair and cleaning, commercial building management as well as hair salons and barbershops. It changes NOTHING for our marina, including the restaurant. Therefore, all things are remaining the same for the marina, including restrictions and use of face masks. I see no change in our approach going forward at this point. Onward to Phase 3.

Safe sailing,

- Commodore Dawn

Late Breaking News – Race #1 Is On!

The race is on for 6/6/20! Meeting at 1PM. Full social distancing requirements will be met for all race activities.

- Race Committee

Commodore's Comments

by Dawn Dowdle
Ahoy!

SV The Irish Wake



It is so good to see some SUNSHINE and not SNOW! Along with the sunshine I am seeing more boaters and more boats launched each day! It just seems so good to be out and about. Make no mistake we are not yet to PHASE 2, but the Marina is open, even if the Barbershops and Salons aren't. We have to wear the masks if not on our own boats, that means up and down the docks, on our way to the restrooms, even in the parking lot if we are not able to social distance. I KNOW HOW HARD this is, but we have to remember, we don't want the virus to have a resurgence and we don't want the Marina to have to shut down again. To quote a recent article: **"As we are allowed to move around our communities more freely and be in contact with more people in more places more regularly, the risks to ourselves and our family are significant. Even if you are gung-ho for reopening and resuming business as usual, do your part and wear a mask to reduce what you release into the environment. It will help everyone, including your own business,"** family and friends.

On another note: speaking with the County, there were no bids received by the County for the old WWTP redevelopment due to the shutdowns caused by the virus and there has been NO further activity on this project. The county does not expect any changes this year.

These are the two items we are all concerned about now and I hope this has been helpful. I will certainly stay on top of both and keep you informed, meanwhile, I am so glad to be back on the Docks and hope to see you all, at a distance of course!

Please be careful, thoughtful and respectful,

Best,

-Dawn

Vice Commodore's Comments

by John Chesbrough

SV Sacré Bleu



This is always an interesting time of the year. The weather is flukey (it certainly has been this year) which determines what, if anything, you can expect to be able to do on your boat in the storage yard. If a good day happens to hit a weekend it's difficult to get any work done while

conversing with fellow boat owners about the soon coming sailing season. This year will definitely be unique starting with a long list of unknowns mixed with NYS mandates for continued distancing, etc. mixed in turn with personal methods ranging from the overzealous to openly defiant anarchy. No doubt everyone is anticipating the sense of freedom out on the lake in the privacy of a sailboat. That part never changes. I look forward to an interesting season among cooperative boaters.

- John

Rear Commodore's Comments

by Tony Kut yana

SV Lanikai



It is nice to see most everyone getting their boat ready for the season. It didn't seem that we would get there with crappy weather and the COVID thing going on, but boating season is finally going to happen.

As racing plans go, the COVID restrictions may make the early part of the season a little more difficult. As it is now, social distancing and face

coverings will be around for a while and according to the signs at the marina gates, getting crew that is not part of your immediate family will not be permitted. I assume FLYC will conform as best we can. The COVID situation will change throughout the summer so it is best we hang loose and adapt.

What you do is your own business, but I personally think it is best to follow the restrictions because not doing so could result in a possible second mandated shutdown, and of course being ill with COVID would make for a pretty crummy summer.

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No matter, I think racing will happen. Social distancing can be overcome with radio communication or even by using a bullhorn for the race committee meeting.

A more difficult problem would be setting and gathering marks. It is more of a chore to set them if alone, but it can be done. Maybe we could share the work with multiple boats having each boat set one mark. In any case we should be able to make

the races happen even if we only had to use landmarks as the mark.

I think now might be a great time to do or get back into a little cruising. No problems with face coverings, social distancing. You would be in your own world while on the water.

- Tony

Secretary's Column

by Sue Morris



To all new and renewed fellow FLYC members,

Looking forward to seeing all of you sometime soon pending the new normal! I see many boats going in the water so if you know anyone interested in joining our club please send them my way! We already have a great start for the 2020 season!

SV Sails Call

Send the membership form with a \$45 check to the following address:

Sue Morris
P.O. Box 14
Pine Valley, NY 14872

Thank you!

- Sue, FLYC Secretary

From the Treasurer

by Denis Kingsley



With many of the activities of the FLYC on hold until there is clarification on how and when events will be held, there has been little financial activity on either side of the ledger -expenses or income.

SV Tark

We continue to be solvent.

- Denis, still cooking the books.

Socially Speaking

by Maggie Martin & Lynne McGinnis



The Social Committee is challenged with the social distancing recommendations that we are currently observing. Our schedule is still "on hold" pending further recommendations as we do not think it would be wise to resume our planned dinners and gatherings. We

truly are all in the same boat – and will be keeping everyone

SV Sacré Bleu & SV Brewster

informed as the situation improves. Best to all you sailors from 10 feet away as we welcome back Spring and boating!

- Maggie & Lynne

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A Home in the Harbour

By Maggie Martin

Here are some images that reflect the theme of “A Home in the Harbor”. Enjoy!

- Maggie



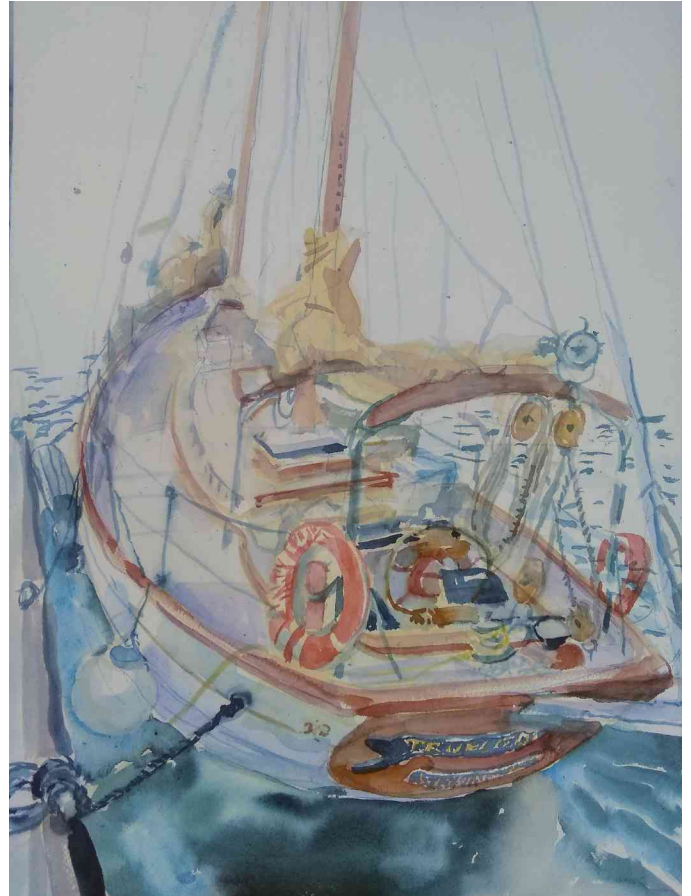
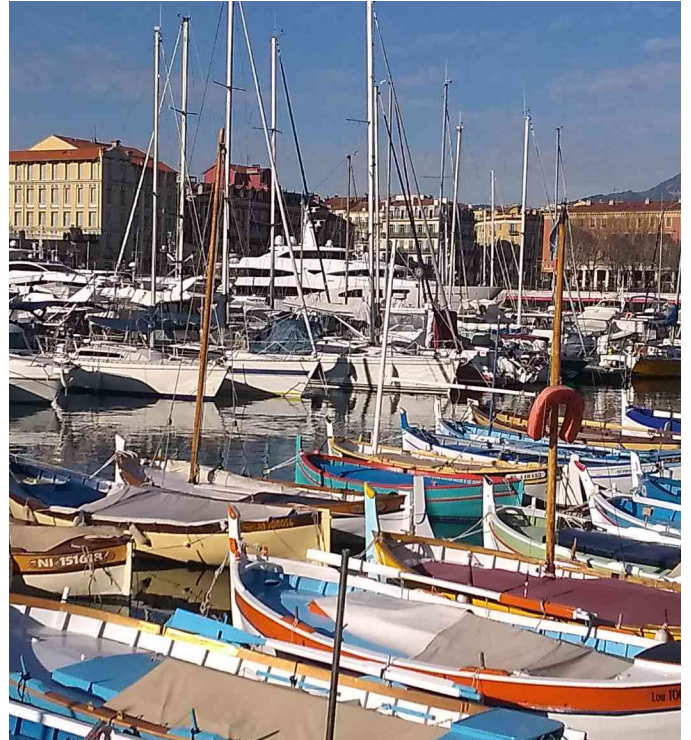
Above: A home in the harbour since 1831; Royal Irish Yacht Club, Ireland.

Being a member of the Royal Irish Yacht Club means being at the heart of a community that has a ‘home in the harbour’. Apart from the core activity of sailing, there are numerous services and benefits available to members and we encourage all to maximize the value of their membership by participating in activities on and off the water. The Club runs a full social programme throughout the year, and members are free to develop new interests within our shore-based activity groups. So whether you prefer the adrenalin of the race start line to learning new dance steps, or simply enjoy the tranquility of the Drawing Room, we believe the Royal Irish Yacht Club offers membership that is commensurate with expectation.

Above Right: Nice, France

Below Right: *SV True Love* in the Florida Keys, a watercolor painting by Maggie Martin.

SV Sacré Bleu



FLYC Burgee Repaired

By Jim McGinnis

Some especially observant club members may have noticed that the Finger Lakes Yacht Club Burgee was in dire need of repair last Fall. Over the winter, our standard was sent back to the fabricator, Prestige Flag of San Diego, CA. My sister had volunteered to attempt a repair on her machine but found that the materials and thread had significant UV damage and discoloration. Prestige used the original materials to sew, patch and repair the old pennant to Bristol condition. Pam Starks of

SV Brewster

Prestige was helpful in suggesting the needed repairs and our club Treasurer, Denis Kingsley took care of the charge of \$39.48 including the repair and shipping. Long may it wave!

- Jim

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Editor's Corner

by Tom Alley



As you can see by this issue of the club newsletter, it's pretty thin. I think people are tired. The weather this "spring" has been cool (if not outright cold), wet, and generally demotivating and not conducive to getting our boats ready.

Even if we did get them ready, where would we go? The powers that be have essentially imposed something close to house arrest for most of us. If you were fortunate enough to be considered "essential", you could enjoy the freedom of going to work, but anything beyond that and essential trips for groceries, medicines, and intoxicants has been actively discouraged. Not having a clear purpose is certainly tiring.

Just listening to the news can make your head spin as well. About all I've gotten out of that exercise has been that what's good today will be bad tomorrow and what's bad today will be good tomorrow. And it will all change again the day after that. No worries, however, because the one stable fact that will remain unchanged is that everything will remain a perpetual crisis. Exhausting!

For those who've had their employment affected by all that's going on, you have my sympathies as well. Just navigating through New York State's web site to file for insurance benefits is utterly grueling. When (if) you can navigate through that process you will be left in a weary and "used-up" state!

I'm tired just thinking about all of this. No wonder we don't have many articles in this issue!

SV Tomfoolery

On the bright side, a significant number of you are anxious to get out and about once more. Starting boat projects once the weather turned civil was very invigorating. (Although, in my case, some of the "full-contact boat yoga" did have some attenuating effects.)

Also fortuitous (for us), is that boating is an outdoor activity, putting us in an environment that is not only less than optimal for the transmission of COVID-19, but also quite therapeutic. Once out on the lake, we are in nearly perfect isolation aboard our own private islands – away from the noise, worry and hysteria that is being promoted as the new "normal". We're in a place where we can enjoy independence and life on our own terms, alone or with those whom we choose to invite.

I was once told that sailing is cheaper than professional therapy and just as effective. I've long ago been convinced that this is true (and very likely an understatement!), and I look forward to being on the water again to enjoy some good "therapy" and to recharge my batteries, both alone and with a group of close friends.

Stay well. Wash your hands. See you on the water!

Oh..., think about writing some articles, too!

- Tom

Well, your editor has opened his big mouth again. If you wish to agree, or to tell him he doesn't know squat, please send your comments to editor@flyc.us.

2020 FLYC Calendar

Due to restrictions imposed by New York State to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, social events have been suspended until further notice. Because racing inherently provides the social distancing required in state guidelines, it will proceed according to the schedule below. Because this is a dynamic situation, please check the club web site (<http://www.FLYC.US>) to see the most current information.

Corrections & updates are highlighted.

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.

January

24 **Deadline for newsletter articles.**

February

01 February Newsletter Publication Date.

March

20 **Deadline for newsletter articles.**

April

01 April Newsletter Publication Date.

27 Village Marin reopens.

May

01 **Membership renewals due!**

22 **Deadline for newsletter articles.**

23 ~~Rust Removal Race. Practice race. (1300)~~

25 ~~Memorial Day Picnic. (1700)~~

June

01 June Newsletter Publication Date.

05 ~~Christening/Rechristening of the Fleet. (1700)~~

06 Summer Series Race #1. (1300)

19 ~~Light Up the Night Competition. (1900) Village Marina, all docks.~~

20 ~~*Watkins Glen Waterfront Festival~~

21 ~~Sunday Fathers' Day Brunch. (1100)~~

27 Summer Series Race #2. (1300)

July

04 All American Picnic. (1700 cocktails/1730 dinner)

05 Summer Series Race #3. (1300)

18 Commodore's Cup Race. (0900)

18 Commodore's Dinner. (1700 cocktails/1730 dinner)

24 **Deadline for newsletter articles.**

25 Summer Series Race #4. (1300)

31 8/02 ~~ABC FLX Rendezvous at Sampson. (FLYC membership invited!)~~

August

01 **August Newsletter Publication Date.**

07-09 **Watkins Glen Italian Festival*

13-16 **NASCAR at the Glen*

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

15 **Hawaiian Luau at the Flagpole.** (1700 cocktails/1730 dinner)

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

29 **Nautical Swap Meet.** (1000)

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

September

07 **Labor Day Picnic.** (1700 cocktails/1730 dinner)

10-13 **Glenora Wine Cellars Vintage Grand Prix.*

12 **Seneca Yacht Club Barge Race, Geneva, NY*

12-13 **FLYC Club Cruise #2 to Geneva.** Joint cruise with the ABC-FLX chapter.

18 **Deadline for newsletter articles.**

19 **Grape Harvest Race.** (1300)

19 **Grape Harvest Festival.** (1600)

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

October

01 **October Newsletter Publication Date.**

03 **Soup/Chili/Chocolate Festival.** (1600)

08-12 **Annapolis Sailboat Show.*

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

17 **FLYC Haul Out/Help Out Day.** (1000)

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

TBD **Member Banquet & Annual Meeting.** Details TBA.

November

20 **Deadline for newsletter articles.**

December

01 **December Newsletter Publication Date.**

* *Non-FLYC events.*

Finger Lakes Yacht Club

Membership Application

Membership renewals are due by May 1st. **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): _____

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"/> Junior Sailing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

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 _____