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FLYC Annual Meeting Details

We have planned a new venue for the end of year meeting and dinner with a gorgeous view of the lake and vineyards. Make your reservations now for a dinner buffet and meeting at the **Ginny Lee Cafe at Wagner Vineyards in Lodi.**

- **When:** Sunday November 7th
 - 4:00pm Happy hour (cash bar), 4:30pm dinner buffet
- **Menu:**
 - Entrée: Roast Top Sirloin with Mushroom Demi Glaze or Baked Haddock with Lemon Butter
 - Rice Pilaf
 - Chef's Fresh Mix
 - Assorted cookies

Dinner will be followed by the Annual Meeting and election of officers.

The price for dinner will be \$56.24 p/p, tax and gratuity included. Please mail check to Sue Morris, FLYC secretary at PO Box 14, Pine Valley, NY 14872. **RSVP by October 15th.**

We need a minimum of 50 people to commit – but there is room for plenty more! Guests welcome!

Commodore's Comments

by Terry Stewart

SV Syren

Normalcy

The summer season is drawing down to the final 30 days. It has been satisfying to see the 2021 season return to normal. Even though our weather had some rainy spells, in general we had good days. I hope everyone had a good year.

Thanks to our core of great leaders the club persevered with great success.

The racers raced, the social planners succeeded, and I'd say everyone had a good time. At least that's what it looked like from my perspective.

Many thanks to all who kept things running. My time certainly was preoccupied with *Schooner True Love* all summer. I knew I would be busy; I just didn't realize how busy. The schooner has sailed nearly 300 two-hour cruises and will end the season having about 5,000 total guests aboard. This includes weddings, business outings, proposals, and family celebrations. The vessel never tires of seeing the painted rocks, the salt plant, and Hector Falls. We are hoping all goes smoothly up until our last day of sailing which is October 11th.

As haul out days are approaching, I'm sure the hectic schedule will continue. We will try to haul boats every morning, 7 days a week, starting at 09:00 am with the goal of all being out by October 31st. Dirk and I will look forward to seeing you in the haul out slip for the fun of putting everything away.

-Terry



Vice Commodore's Comments

by John Chesbrough

SV Aquarell



End of Season Thoughts

Alas, again the summer has slipped away. Days are shorter and nights are cooler. This summer has offered some novelties in the weather as the wets were wetter and the hots were hotter. The water

level rose about ten inches in a two day/one storm period. Another of the many violent squalls tested our boats' dock lines, and the dock cleats, as the lines were more relaxed from the higher water.

As usual, Dock 1 suffered some minor damage. For Docks 1 and 2 especially, it's a good idea to have double lines on the north side of your boat. This is mentioned in the marina tenant contract.

High water also affects the canal system with sudden unscheduled closures thus trapping boats in certain areas unable to access the rest of the canal system. Dock 5 (transient dock) had several visitors reporting this problem and having to postpone and readjust their plans. Some, after leaving here for their next destination, reported later becoming trapped and missing their next reservation somewhere east or west of here.

In general, for this summer I would say that we had a lot more visiting transients than last year as a natural result of relaxed pandemic restrictions and as a result of increased boating activity everywhere. There have been visitors from all over, even New Zealand, with many loopers from the Midwest and Florida who leave their boats for the winter wherever they may be, wherever they can, to continue the next spring.

There has been no substantive news about the former wastewater treatment plant site. The current contract for the bar and grille restaurant building expires this season, not open for renewal, a new contract would have to be made. With the shade of new development hanging overhead a new contract would most likely be treated with care if treated at all.

- John

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Rear Commodore's Comments

by Don Swanson



As I sit, coffee cup in hand, considering what to write, I notice the leaves are starting to change and I feel the growing melancholy of another sailing season's end looming on the horizon. With the shortening days and the growing crispness of air upon the night breeze there is a distant, yet certain hint of what lies in wait. Yikes, better get that winter cover unpacked!

However, before reflecting upon a sailing season's past, I am reminded of how nice conditions in September and October can be. I truly appreciate the change of seasons and early Fall is great for sailing in the Finger Lakes. So, by the time you're reading this, the leaves will have already begun to change and, if we are fortunate, the sailing has been steadily improving.

Speaking for myself, this has been an interesting sailing season, one that feels more comfortable than ever. As some may know (and others not so) I took up sailing late in the game. Teaching myself to sail was like the first years of becoming a teacher. Sometimes asking myself, "Why am I subjecting myself to this terror?" But with time and experience my confidence and skills have fallen into place. (And yes, I know less than I have yet to learn). And to that end, I would like to think that being Rear Commodore has been an important waypoint on my sailing journey. I have enjoyed the challenge and have learned a lot. Most of all, it has been a pleasure to get to know the FLYC. So, thanks to everyone who has been there to offer suggestions, tools, help, and feedback. I really appreciate it and look forward to more.

Since our last installment, we have conducted Summer Series races 4 through 8, each providing a unique set of conditions and fleets. We have had a fairly small number of regulars, so please continue to join in and encourage fellow sailors to do the same. I would also like to express my gratitude to Bill Trondsen who graciously took over the Race Committee role for races 6 and 7. Without Bill's efforts, our season would not have been as successful.

SV Independence

Race #8 was held on September 18th, which was a great day for racing and sailing in general. It was calm and raining around noon, but the skies cleared, and the wind picked up from the north and continued building for the rest of the day to about 10 to 12 knots by the final and downwind leg of the race. Congrat's to everyone who participated and thanks especially to those who retrieved the marks. And though it was the final race in our summer series, there is still one last chance to race in our annual "Gear Buster" race, which is slated for October 2nd (rescheduled from 10/9). It should be a great opportunity for some serious leaf peeping and hopefully the weather will prove cooperative.

As for the FLYC 2021 Summer Series Race season, at this writing it is officially over, and results can be viewed on the FLYC website under the tab: Race Results. *[And also on page 4 of this newsletter. -Ed.]* I am happy to report that all eight races were held, seven on the days originally scheduled (no easy feat). Over the series we had a total of 13 different boats participate. Based on a total of 35 racers over the eight events we averaged 4.5 boats per race. Be sure to check out the stats. Congratulations to Bill Trondsen and a HUGE thank you to all who participated.

It's been a great year and I am pleased with how everything has turned out. I would like to call out a special thank you to fellow race committee members: Jim McGinnis and Tom Alley. Without their patient and helpful support, I would never have managed to make this work. I would also like to call out a HUGE thank you to Bill Trondsen and Andrew Price. These guys are awesome! Without their assistance, setting marks would have been infinitely more challenging. And finally, thanks to everyone who has raced and crewed this year. It is often said that all you need are two sailboats to make a race, but with every additional racer, the thrill of competition grows exponentially..., and besides, it provides a great reason to get together and do something we all love doing.

All the very best,

- Don

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2021 Race Season Standings

by FLYC Race Committee

www.FLYC.US

			Throw-Outs								
			Date ->								
			6/12	7/4	7/10	7/24	8/14	8/28	9/4	9/18	
			# Boats ->								4.4
Boat	Owner	Type	Race	Race	Race	Race	Race	Race	Race	Race	Total
			#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	
Ellawicious	Bill Trondsen	Pearson 26	1	3	1	1	3	1	4	1	8
Independence	Don Swanson	C&C 25	3	4	3	8	2	8	8	2	22
Seek Ye 1st	Mike Crouse	Islander 36	8	1	8	8	1	4	8	4	26
Brewster	Jim McGinnis	Hunter 336	8	8	4	2	8	5	3	8	30
Hang Loose	Dave Lewis	J/24	8	8	8	8	8	3	1	3	31
Tomfoolery	Tom Alley	Alberg 35	8	8	5	8	6	2	2	8	31
Lanikai	Tony Kut yana	C&C 25	8	2	7	8	5	8	8	5	35
Sails Call	Jim Morris	Bavaria 34	4	8	8	8	4	8	8	8	40
Bobs Boat	Bob Hansen	Sea Sprite 30	8	8	2	8	8	8	8	8	42
Midnight Star	James Sherrick	Tartan 31	2	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	42
Dry White	Tom Keebler	Pearson 28-2	8	8	8	3	8	8	8	8	43
Obsession	Ted Manske	Hunter 34	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	6	46
My Boat	Frank Rinker	Pearson 27 WK	8	8	7	8	8	8	8	8	47

For individual race results, please see the FLYC web site (www.FLYC.US).

2021 SYC Barge Race Results

by Tom West, SYC Fleet Captain

SV Chocolataro

Twelve boats started the race. As it was a staggered start based on boat handicap, results are based on actual finish order.

1. *Oktoberfest* – Werner Holtze, SYC
2. *Take Time Too...* - Ken Nott, SYC
3. *Sirius* – Bruce Scherer, SYC
4. *Hang Loose* – Dave Lewis, FLYC
5. *Brewster* – Jim McGinnis, FLYC
6. *Tomfoolery* – Tom Alley, FLYC
7. *San Juan 26* – Captain Rob, SYC
8. *La Vida* – Tony Shelton, SYC

DNF *Seek ye 1st* – Mike Crowse, FLYC – Technically, Mike finished 1st but apparently it was close, and he never crossed the finish line, letting *Oktoberfest* take line honors. That is a true sportsman – please pass on my regards and respect for the gracious way he “won”!

DNF *Chelsea’s Song* – Chris Lytle, SYC – Rabbit boat lost a stay and then her engine and retired on the first leg of the race.

DNF *Blue* – Bill & Carol Wilson, SYC – Demasted in the first leg and required assistance.

DNS *Chocolataro* – Tom West, SYC – provided assistance to Blue prior to the start time of the race.

DNS *Playmate* – Bob Tayne, SYC – not 100% sure, he was suppose to start at 27 minutes after the rabbit and was on the water but never started.

Secretary's Column

by Sue Morris



Hello to all you all!!

So, there wasn't alot of sailing or boating due to storms but enjoy every moment that is available! Thanks again for all who joined FLYC. Great to meet you all!

As the season winds down, it's time to begin thinking about the course we will chart next year, beginning with election of officers at our

Annual Meeting this Fall. At this meeting, we will be electing new officers (Commodore, Vice-Commodore and Rear Commodore) along with a couple of new Directors.

Officers have a 1-year term and Directors serve for 2 years. Once the new Officers and Directors are elected, the Board will

SV Sails Call

convene and appoint the remaining Flag Officers (Secretary and Treasurer) along with Chairs to the various standing committees (Social, Racing, and Nominating).

If you have an interest in serving in any of these positions, or if you know someone who might be interested, please let me or a member of the nominating committee know right away!

Details of the annual meeting are posted elsewhere in this newsletter. Please make every effort to attend.

Enjoy your winter!

- Sue, FLYC Secretary

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From the Treasurer

by Denis Kingsley

SV Tark



Now that we are holding dinners under the Big Tent, there is some financial activity as was not the case last year.

The club has payed mostly for food, a chef, and a much-needed gas grill. We continue to be solvent - money in the bank.

- Denis, still cooking the books.

Socially Speaking

by Maggie Martin & Lynne McGinnis

SV Aquarelle & SV Brewster



putting up the tent!

Summer Finale

Summer went too fast again – I hope that you are all enjoying these last few warm days. We have had a good season if you like rain for the last few picnics. 😊 We had lots of practice

Thanks to all the many volunteers who appear and pitch in to make the job easier for all. We appreciated having Mike take over the grill very much as well!

The next and last picnic is our ‘Soup/Chili/Chocolate Festival.’ This one is special to many who have favorite recipes that they bring to compete for the grand prizes in the the soup, chili, and chocolate categories. Bring your best effort! Judging will be by popular vote. Power will be available for crockpots. We will be announcing the Member Banquet and Annual meeting details at this event.

Be sure to save the date: October 2nd at 17:00 at the flagpole. See you there! Rain or shine!

- Maggie & Lynne

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Reflections

By Nancy Sisbaro

Ah..., Summer: Warm, sunny days, gentle breezes, ferocious storms with thunder and lightning, rain, hail, gusty winds. Flooding around the area created lots of debris in the lake. That is what this summer has been like for us.

It has also been a summer of meeting new people, getting together with friends old and new. Hikes in the gorge have been filled with the energy of rushing water. It has been great to see people out and about without masks and hear the laughter of children playing. I love the sound of the train going by the harbor and seeing the lights of the hotel and boats at night.

The birds don't seem to care what the weather is like nor do the fish that have been jumping lately near our boat. Nature is a constant transformation of sights and sounds. Sunrises come over the hill as the misty waters start to clear. Silvery blue/gray highlights the calm waters in early evening as I paddle my kayak back to the harbor. Magnificent sunsets capture our imaginations with puffy clouds in many hues. Days out on the lake with so few boats sometimes make us think that we are the only ones left in the world. It is so peaceful out there. It reminds us of the beauty of life and the promise of a new day ahead.

And yet..., although the harbor has been a bustle of activity this year, our future is still uncertain with this pandemic. Autumn,

SV Amazing Grace

then winter, will come again. Spring will bring new life to the next summer. We will survive the changes and be replenished and ready for another boating season.

Sometimes, when life gets challenging, it is helpful to look at things with a different pair of eyes. We were out recently with our 20-month-old granddaughter. Everything is new and exciting to her. She was waiving to all of the boats, saying "Hi". She made at least 20 laps around the cockpit and helped Grandpa steer. The other day as we were heading out of the harbor a little boy of about 6 years old was on the transient dock with his parents and he proclaimed, "Look, a big ship!". I waived to him and thought, how cute was that? Our boat is big but it must have looked huge to him. I have waived to many people on the wall as we go by and think, I can't believe we own this boat. We used to be one of the people on the rock wall watching the boats come in. We are all so blessed to be able to be out on the water, creating our destiny. Life is a gift. Live, love, and laugh.

Until next time...

- Nancy

FLYC Annual Meeting Notice!

When: Sunday, November 7th, 16:00

Where: Ginny Lee Café at Wagner Vineyards, Lodi, NY

Dinner Menu:

- Entrée: Roast Top Sirloin with Mushroom Demi Glaze or Baked Haddock with Lemon Butter
- Rice Pilaf
- Chef's Fresh Mix
- Assorted cookies

Cost: \$56.24 p/p, includes dinner, tax, and gratuity. Cash bar.

RSVP by October 15th. Please mail check to Sue Morris, FLYC Secretary at PO Box 14, Pine Valley, NY 14872. Guests welcome!

The 2021 Seneca Barge Race

By Bill Tronsden

SV Ellawicious

Tomfoolery 3rd Mate's Report

Four FLYC boats made the long trek to the top of the lake for this year's Seneca Barge Race on Saturday, September 11th: *Tomfoolery*, *Brewster*, *Seek Ye 1st*, and *Hang Loose*. The trip north entailed five to six hours of motoring on the Friday before the race, and overnight dock, to arrive in time for the 9AM captain's meeting. Each boat had additional crew arrive by car (including me) on Saturday morning, in time to sign in and get our time delay assignments for the staggered start. After a brief race meeting, we disbanded to the docks.

I had signed on as crew for *Tomfoolery*, along with Captain Tom, his daughter Katie (playing hooky from *True Love*), and Maggie MacBlane (a recent graduate of SUNY Maritime College). Feeling inexperienced, but totally safe with the boat and crew; this boat/crew has Atlantic Racing pedigree!



Photo 2: Katie Alley coils the main halyard after raising Tomfoolery's mainsail.

Cool September morning in the 60's with a stiff south breeze of 12-15 knots. As we headed out, Katie and Maggie hoisted the mainsail while I tightened up on my life vest (over a sweatshirt). We were fully heeled in no time, with the jib only 3/4's out. I took my post at the port-side winch, and we practiced a couple of tacks

waiting for our start time. The "Rabbit" boat went off a few minutes late, which caused some radio chatter and confusion over start time offsets. We timed our approach to the start line about 5 minutes later. The other FLYC boats are faster and had 10 or 20 minutes to kill before their starts.



Photo 4: SV Blue when her mast buckled shortly after the race start.

Upwind to the south! Fully heeled and dragging the rails! A couple of the Geneva boats were having gear problems in the stiff breeze, and then we heard a startling

MAYDAY call over the radio. One boat had lost their mast and was disabled. We were relieved to hear that no one



Photo 1: With a bone in her teeth, Tomfoolery and crew make timing runs prior to the start of the SYC Barge Race. Seek Ye 1st can be seen in the distance awaiting her start time.

was injured, and several boats were on the way to assist. With the "All Clear" message from the disabled boat and the Race Committee, the race would carry on with several fewer boats.

Tacking continued for the next several hours, keeping three boats ahead in sight, and watching the FLYC boats behind getting closer and closer. On one of our tacks, the jib sheet got stuck in the winch (override) and required the second winch to pull it free. After about two hours the wind slackened, and the sun came out. The black sails of pirate ship *Seek Ye 1st* came from far in the distance and seemed to fly straight past up the lake with no tacks - how does she do that??? We managed to hold off *Hang Loose* until reaching the Barge, and we both made the turn within a boat length next to each other. Rounded the massive floating Naval Sonar Test Facility. It was then a drag race along-sides *Hang Loose*, the crews working to put up



Photo 3: Katie Alley enjoys the downwind run as a drag race ensues with fellow FLYC competitor Hang Loose (Dave Lewis & Crew).

their color sails. *Hang Loose* spinnakered and pulled away, and we abandoned the spinnaker as the wind shifted to the West. Meanwhile, *Brewster* had rounded and was heading for the East Shore Trade Winds. It had taken us three hours to round the Barge.

Downwind, the crew got to relax a bit, and was served hand-built turkey sandwiches by the Captain. Nautical conversation about sextant operation, and how you might get lucky to find a good used one on Craig's List or eBay. Pointing toward our final destination Finish Line. Two hours to the finish.

When it was over, we had held off a couple of trailing boats, *Brewster* had snuck by us to the east, and *Seek Ye 1st* may or

may not have been the first boat to cross the line (she will not say, since she was not allowed to take the trophy from Geneva...). At the docks, the crews enjoyed a celebratory reception of snacks provided by Lynne McGinnis. Goodbyes and the FLYC boats motored into the sunset, headed for home.

Thank You *Tomfoolery* for letting me join your extended family for a day! Memories were made. See you next year!
[*Absolutely!* – Ed.]

Cheers!

- Bill T.



Photo 6: Crews swap yarns on the SYC docks after the race with obligatory post-race beverages. (L to R: Katie Alley, Maggie MacBlane, Dave Lewis, Cliff Geer, Tom Alley)



Photo 5: More after-race yarn spinning. (L to R: Dave Lewis, Cliff Geer, Tom Alley, Mike Crouse)

FLYC Teamwork

By Jim McGinnis

SV Brewster

Mike Crouse (*Seek Ye 1st*) suffered a near season ending failure of his main halyard late in the year. His son, Todd, volunteered to go up the mast to replace the line with a new halyard. Todd was able to get to the back side of the mast with access to the sheave and got the new line into the mast, but it would not drop down into the mast. I brought parts and pieces and tools to the party. Then I stitched a messenger line to the old halyard, but it still broke at the duct tape bond. Dang! This story identifies the cast of characters that finally gets the job done.

Wilbur Dowdle (*Irish Wake*) brought his sewing kits, hardware, and Milwaukee power tools. Dawn offered helpful suggestions to Wilbur from time to time. Tom Taylor (*Windfall III*) helped tail a line while waiting for a tee time. Tom Alley (*Tomfoolery*) provided suggestions to Mike on some good alternatives. Bob Sisbarro (*Amazing Grace*) was doing everything he could to make sure Cliff Geer (*Moonlight Lady*) was in a safe position on the mast.

Cliff made a couple trips up the mast to assess the situation. Stephanie Robinson saw how effortless it was for Cliff to ride to the top of the mast and offered to go up and take pictures of the marina. At about six feet off the deck she yelled, "Stop!"



Photo 7: Wibur, Mike and Bob offer Cliff suggestions.

and clearly indicated to the deck crew that she was not going up the entire 56 feet to the top!

Next was an attempt with a fishing weight but that would not go up and over the sheave. Another idea was a chain of weights that could be pushed up and over the sheave inside the mast. That morphed into a bicycle chain fed through a clear plastic tube right onto the sheave and the mast. Cliff collected the parts and pieces and headed back up the mast. On the ground, we nervously checked our phones with storm clouds on the radar.

Boom! That worked. The chain was in the mast and feeding in the messenger line. But the approaching storm was rapidly heading down the lake, as they do. We tied everything off and brought Cliff down. Mike quickly put up all the canvas on *Seek Ye 1st*. Within a few seconds huge raindrops were striking the cover and wind whipped through the marina. Dirk was out solo sailing at the time and had his hands full with the 15-minute blow.

Very soon there was a break in the clouds and then a few rays of sunshine appeared. Cliff was ready to return up the mast for the final trip. We reattached the jib halyard to the bosun's chair, added the Spinnaker halyard as a safety line and pulled the trigger on the Milwaukee drill with the halyard on the main winch. Up he went. He was able to sort out the position of the various lines and back stay and get the line fed down the mast. Mike reached into the mast and pulled the chain out with a piece of coat hanger wire. The line was through! We added the new halyard to the messenger line and quickly pulled the new halyard into place. Success! We closed up the opening in the mast, fed all the lines, and brought Cliff down for the final time.



Photo 8: Cliff's better side.

Moral of the story: You can always get some help in WG Marina!

- Jim



Photo 9: Seek Ye 1st – Mike back in the saddle.

Editor's Corner

by Tom Alley



Delightful Routines

After the excitement and drama of this spring and summer, things seem to be settling back into a more familiar routine.

The adventures have all been experienced and the exploration of new and unfamiliar waters have been conducted. *Tomfoolery* is back in non-tidal and salt-free water, and I can get to the boat without driving for over half a day. I don't need to consult tide tables or train schedules to see if I can make it out of the marina and I don't have to dodge a fleet of commercial fishing vessels and lobster pot buoys (and shallow rocks, yes, there's a story there...) while trying to have a lazy sail. Maintenance tasks and projects are now queued up and prioritized by needs and wants instead of by external deadlines and other people's requirements. In other words, things are a lot more relaxed than they were just four months ago.

Earlier in September *Tomfoolery* embarked on one final trip to Geneva to sail in Seneca Yacht Club's Barge Race. While we didn't finish as well as we have in prior years, it was an easy trip that served as a "cool down lap" for this summer's marathon of adventures.

This year, SYC hosted four FLYC boats in their competition and has already extended an invitation to us to participate next year. As you've read elsewhere in this newsletter, this race never fails to provide adventure in one form or another. I would encourage any of you that are even entertaining thoughts of participating next year to do so! It's a great way to expand your sailing horizons on a number of fronts. The best part is you don't have to do it alone. There will be fellow FLYC members with you on the way there, during the race, and on the way home. Start planning now – you have 343 days to get ready!

More Routine Business

As mentioned by our Secretary, it won't be long before you receive notification of the club's Annual Meeting. *[In fact, it's in this issue! -Ed.]* It's at this meeting where we have the opportunity to select individuals to lead our club into the next boating season. This is another activity I would encourage you to experience. We're a small club and the demands are relatively light. There are also a lot of people around you who will help you through the duties associated with each position. As a Past Rear Commodore and current Director, I speak from experience that the experience can be a lot of fun.

If you're interested, please reach out to our club Secretary or members of the Nominating Committee (see page 2).

SV Tomfoolery

The Annual Meeting is also an opportunity to celebrate the boating season we just enjoyed with fellow boaters and to recognize some of the individuals in our club who have excelled in their racing exploits or made significant contributions to our club in the past year. The food and drinks are usually quite good, too. In other words, it's worth your time to attend!

Winding Down

Haulout is, unfortunately, just around the corner, as is the end of the 2021 boating season. This is definitely a season that many of us will remember – for all the right reasons. With some potential down time on the horizon, consider investing it into making the next boating season even better. There are numerous resources at your fingertips to help you in this regard.

Our club has a great depth of experience when it comes to boat projects. Everything from cleaning stubborn stains to doing a complete repowering. We have members who know plumbing, electrical systems, instrumentation, rigging, canvas work, and just about every other facet of boating. Best of all, these members are more than willing to help you if you ask.

If it's more formal education you want, the FLYC has a close affiliation with America's Boating Club, giving FLYC members access to all sorts of courses and seminars. Check out their web site (www.abc-flx.org) to see what's available.

One More Thing...

Speaking of America's Boating Club, they are holding a district conference in Rochester at the end of October. There are two presentations being made on Saturday afternoon, October 30th, that might be of interest to you.

Right after lunch, the crew of *Tomfoolery* will be speaking about their adventures in Long Island Sound, the North Atlantic, and Southern New England. Following their talk will be a presentation at the Strassenburgh Planetarium where they will provide a tour of the night sky with a focus on both stargazing and navigation.

Consider yourself invited to attend both events. There is a nominal fee for the planetarium, but the presentation by *Crew Tomfoolery* is free. Contact me for details.

Hope to see you there!

- 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.

2021 FLYC Calendar

This is the club calendar as discussed at the Board meeting in March. 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.

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

22 **Deadline for newsletter articles.**

February

01 **February Newsletter Publication Date.**

March

19 **Deadline for newsletter articles.**

April

01 **April Newsletter Publication Date.**

10 **Celestial* – Screening of short film on the Marion-Bermuda Race by the Finger Lakes Chapter of America's Boating Club, *Radisson, Corning, NY.*

15 **Earliest possible launch date.**

May

01 **Membership renewals due!**

25 **Deadline for newsletter articles.**

29 **Rust Removal Race.** Practice race. (1300)

31 **Memorial Day Picnic.** Hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers. Bring a side or dessert and your own beverage. (1700)

June

01 **June Newsletter Publication Date.**

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

12 **Christening/Rechristening of the Fleet & Light Up the Night.** Village Marina, all docks. Walk the docks, meet your neighbors and learn about their boats as they are rechristened. Share hors d'oeuvres at your boat. BYOB. (1700)

18 **Start of the Marion-Bermuda Race, Beverlyly Yacht Club, Marion, MA (1200)*

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

July

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

11 **Independence Picnic.** Hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers on the grill. Bring a side or dessert and your own beverage. (1700)

17 **Make-up Race.** If needed. (1300)

23 **Deadline for newsletter articles.**

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

7/30-8/1 **ABC-FLX Rendezvous at Sampson. (FLYC membership invited!)*

August

01 **August Newsletter Publication Date.**

05-08 **NASCAR at the Glen*

07 **Commodore's Cup Race.** Destination TBD. (0900)

08 **Commodore's Dinner.** BBQ with Chef Mike. (1700)

13-14 **Watkins Glen Italian Festival*

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

15 **Hawaiian Luau at the Flagpole.** Grilled Kebobs (shrimp & veggie). Bring a side or dessert and your own beverage. (1700)

21 **Make-up Race.** If needed. (1300)

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

September

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

05 **Labor Day Picnic.** Grilled chicken or portobello with Chef Mike. (1700)

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

11-12 **FLYC Club Cruise to Geneva.** Joint cruise with the ABC-FLX chapter.

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

24 **Deadline for newsletter articles.**

25 **Make-up Race.** If needed. (1300)

October

01 **October Newsletter Publication Date.**

02 **Gear Buster Race.** (1300)

02 **Soup/Chili/Chocolate Festival.** Bring your best effort in one of these 3 categories to win! Power will be available for crock pots. (1700)

07-10 **Annapolis Powerboat Show.*

14-18 **Annapolis Sailboat Show.*

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

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

November

07 **Member Banquet & Annual Meeting.** *Ginny Lee Cafe at Wagner Vineyards in Lodi, NY.* (1600) RSVP by October 15th.

24 **Deadline for newsletter articles.**

December

01 **December Newsletter Publication Date.**

** Non-FLYC events.*