

WILLOW BANK YACHT CLUB

NEWS

FROM THE BRIDGE

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The 2001 season is under way, on time, and on schedule.

June 23 had to be the rainiest Saturday I can remember in a long time. Too bad for graduation parties and brunches and the rained out Comet regatta! Come to think of it, the weather was also really bad for the Lightning regatta on the 16th and 17th. We'll try to do better for the rest of the season.

Now that you've all read the rules, we're changing them. The board of directors, at its June meeting, approved a rules change. This rule states that there will be no overnight docking of any boat not assigned to a permanent dock space without the express permission of a club manager. A club manager is either Gene Barilla or Bruce Campbell wearing a red shirt. This is a written rule. Failure to comply with this rule will result in one or more of the following:

Suspension of club privileges for a period of time to be determined by the Commodore.

Public humiliation.

The need to beg for forgiveness.

Seriously, please do not tie up your boat over night in the wrong place.

There are no changes to the unwritten rules unless Ray Cudney has made some. Ray can be reached at 655-5477.

The club is now fully operational and

open for business. The new sun screens have been installed on the windows in the Owaghena Room. The wind instrument is installed and working. Some of the weeds have been pulled out with more weed-pulling sessions planned. The new sod by the Laser/Sunfish racks has taken hold. The sailing dock has a new bumper system. The Galley is open, and the Ship's Store is stocked. Swimming and Sailing lessons are scheduled. The social program is in place. We're ready!

Happy Days!

Steve Burrell
Commodore



From the Rear

Festive Friday Family Fish Fry

By the time you receive this newsletter, the first of our festive Friday family fish fries at Willow Bank will be history.

Organizers, Barbara Cudney and Bitsy Namy have put together a full menu of haddock sandwiches as well as French fries and applesauce or coleslaw. The \$6.50 dinners (plus tax) will be served from the galley between 5 and 7 p.m

And realizing that not everyone likes fish, the galley also will be serving three alternate menus that include French fries and applesauce or coleslaw. Hot dogs will go for \$4.00, hamburgers for \$4.50 and cheeseburgers for \$5.00

The extended galley hours and the fish menu will continue every Friday night in July (the 13th, 20th, and 27th), and, if the response is as good as we expect, they may be extended into August. If the parking lot is as crowded as it has been the last few Friday nights (with the exception of June 22 when the rains came) the demand should be high.

If you haven't been to the Club in the evening recently, you're missing one of the joys of summer. So come on down and bring your appetite. And when you see Barb Cudney and Bitsy Namy, give them your special thanks. They took the initiative on the fish fry and then ran with it — developing the menu, searching for quality suppliers, scheduling staff and keeping value high and prices low.

And there are others . . .

Actions like theirs are what Willow Bank is all about. Despite a very capable and dedicated paid staff, this club would sink (or cost a lot more) without the efforts of volunteers. Some examples:

- When Don and Roswitha Diefendorf flew to Colorado on June 23 to put the final touches on their daughter's wedding, Scott Baldwin kindly stepped in to run the race committee on Sunday.
- The day before, rain-suited Ray Cudney volunteered to run the Comet regatta. When they were deluged and windless on Saturday

he returned on Sunday morning to start and finish three races so the Comet fleet would have an official series.

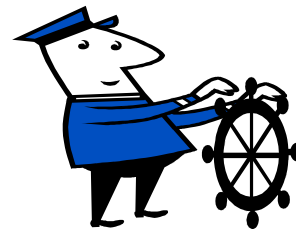
- Hugh Roszell, whose business is pipe insulation, noticed some of the new galvanized pipe supporting the boat docks recently and volunteered to help supply those pipes to Willow Bank next year.
- When Anne King realized no boater safety course had been scheduled at WBYC this year, she and Sharye Skinner worked with the Madison County Sheriff's Department and had one arranged within a matter of days. (See page 3.)

These examples are certainly not unique, but they all happened the weekend before the newsletter deadline, so they were fresh in my sun-addled mind. (Newsletter Editor K.C. Hill is another example of a dedicated volunteer.)

Why all these musings on volunteers? The nature of Willow Bank and its selfless members was brought home last week when another member, totally unsolicited, told me over the phone: "You know, I've belonged to a lot of clubs before, but none of them have ever run as smoothly as Willow Bank. I tried to analyze why and realized it's because of all the quiet, behind-the-scenes efforts of so many people."

He's right. There are many ways you can be part of those fun and fulfilling behind-the-scenes efforts that make Willow Bank what it is. Call one of the flag officers and we'll find a spot for you.

Eric Johnson
Rear Commodore



Moorings News

We are still trying to identify several boats and canoes at the club. Make sure your boats are properly identified with green stickers. We hope to have all boats properly placed and identified by July.

The board of directors have voted to add a rule

concerning overnight dockage at the club. It will read like this: "No overnight docking of boats on guest or sailboat docks without Gene's or Bruce's approval". All boats should be returned to their assigned area each evening.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Social News Update

Since our last newsletter I have many new details to fill your social calendar with. Our next big event is our annual Member / Guest event on July 28th (exciting details below), the newly introduced and not yet named Friday Night Dance Party on 8/17 (details to follow) and lastly, mark your calendar for the annual Labor Day Picnic on 9/2 catered by the Dinosaur BBQ (details to follow). We will try and get you the information as soon as the committees have finalized all plans. Remember to always check the club, we will have signs up to keep you informed on all upcoming events.

We are still looking for a few people to help out on committees: YOUR FALL WORK PARTY REQUIREMENT WILL BE DONE. If interested, please call me as soon as possible at 655-5447, so that we can finalize staffing for these upcoming events.

Our Father's Day Pancake Breakfast was awesome, I know all the Dads really enjoyed the attention and the food! Special thanks to Marilyn Glass and the team of people who helped make this a success. July 4th was another success, the food and company was great, with awesome fireworks over the lake: How can you beat it. A special thanks to Leigh Garber and Jackie Wingert and the team of people who helped make this event great.

See you at upcoming events....

Barb Axelson
Social Chair

The Monterays Highlight Member Guest

Hop into your ***Little Deuce Coupe*** and bring your ***California Girl*** to Willow Bank on July 28 for a Member / Guest Dance that will be long-remembered.

There won't be any ***Heartaches Tonight*** as the Monterays visit WBYC to play danceable music, the words of which we remember as if they were written yesterday.

Event organizers Kathy Hahn and Sue Woltman have promised to ***Take It to the Limit*** by providing awesome appetizers (we're not talking cheese and crackers!) and delectable desserts that will satisfy the heartiest gourmet appetites.

Because the appetizers are being prepared freshly by Kathy, Sue and their team members, advance reservations are critical. Please let them know how many guests you'll be bringing. You can reach Kathy at 655.8628, or Sue at 655.5496. The deadline is Saturday, July 21st.

This is a great evening to let your non-member friends find out why we like it at Willow Bank so much. They'll leave the 2001 Member / Guest with a ***Peaceful Easy Feeling***. If they wake up to a ***Tequila Sunrise***, that's their problem.

Willow Bank Yacht Club - Ship's Store

Here's a word from the Willow Bank Ship's Store. Weather. In Central New York it is anybody's guess - Doppler or No Doppler - what the weather will be. One day you're dressed like the front row at a Brittany Spear's concert, the next you're sporting gear fit for Camp Six on Mt. Everest.

No matter what the weather the Ship's Store has

you covered. It could be a summer fit for nothing but shortsleeves. Then again, you may want to pack a hooded sweatshirt, just in case.

Among the new items being considered are long sleeve tee-shirts, visors and tote bags. This year's volunteers, Maureen Bailey, Laura Naughton and Jim Tobey welcome your input.

WBYC Hosts Required Boater Safety Course

If you want to operate a motor boat on Cazenovia Lake or anywhere else in New York, head to Willow Bank for a Young Boater's Safety Course on July 16th and 23rd from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Anyone between the ages of 10 and 18 who wants to operate a boat in the state must successfully complete the course and receive an operator's certificate. Anyone who is between 18 and 20 must complete the course if they want to operate a jet ski or other personal water craft.

The course, which is free, follows a state-mandated outline and covers topics such as rights-of-way,

safety equipment, water skiing procedures and unlawful practices. Both sessions of the course must be taken and a final exam passed to receive the certificate.

All materials for the course are supplied, and anyone who wants to take the course ***must pre-register by calling 655.2075, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.*** The number belongs to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Madison County, one of the co-sponsors along with the Cazenovia Lake Association and the Madison County Sheriff's Department.

E:Mail

And the Winners Are . .

Hal and Gail Roethel won two adult admissions to the July 4th Picnic just for submitting their e-mail addresses! Congratulations!

The response to our request for e:mail addresses as a possible money-saving opportunity hasn't been electrifying, but it has generated a few sparks. The Rear Commodore has received about 50 e:mail addresses so far, about 80 percent by e:mail and 20 percent compliments of the U.S. Postal Service.

Actually, that's where the money-saving opportunities for Willow Bank multiply. Assuming everyone at WBYC supplied their e:mail address and

agreed to receive an electronic version of the newsletter and any "special" mailings, the postage savings would be about \$500 a year. Add to that the mailing service fee and the savings increase. And if the entire newsletter were online, printing costs would be eliminated, too.

Because the potential benefits are so real, we're going to extend the deadline for submitting your e:mail to August 31st — that gives everyone (with the exception of the Roethels) who sends in their e:mail address the chance to win two adult admissions to the Labor Day festivities or any social event in 2001. The savings will more than pay for the free admissions.

To help WBYC reduce its costs, please e:mail your e:mail address to Eric Johnson at: ejwrites@earthlink.net

Scuttlebutt...

Sunfish for Sale: Steel blue a and red sail with full view window, great shape, low sailing hours. \$500. Call Carm Corona, home: 682-5735, work: 432-2262. nd white hull, multicolor sail with full view window, great shape, low sailing hours. \$1,000. Call Carm Corona, home: 682-5735, work: 432-2262.

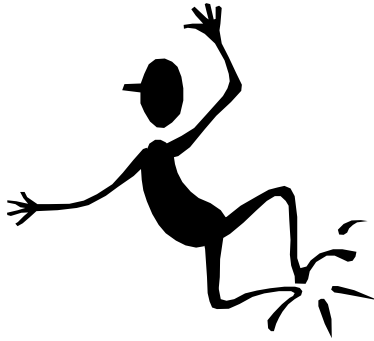
Sunfish for Sale: White with red stripes, white

Comet for Sale: Famous boat (Cedar Chest), a winner; Everything with it. Call Heidi Ravven: 315-655-5424; email: havven@hamilton.edu

Snipe for Sale: Chubasco-built fiberglass hull, newly redecked with mahogany plywood. Very attractive and sturdy boat. Halyards recently replaced, two suits of sails, new Ritchie sport compass. With licensed trailer in good condition. Reasonably priced. Contact daveparker@accucom.net or call Dave Parker, 655-5828.

Laser for Sale: Used LASER with trailer \$600.00. 655-3320.

Finn for Sale: Finn 742 - Year old North sail, Needlespar aluminum mast and everything else needed for exciting Finn racing. \$1,300 O.N.O. Call Eric Johnson at 655-2955.



**WILLOW BANK YACHT CLUB'S
MEMBER /GUEST DANCE**

JULY 28, 2001

7:30 TO 12:30...

**“THE MONTERAYS”
THE BAND...**

- **AWESOME APPETIZERS**
- **DELECTABLE DESSERTS**
- **DYNAMITE DANCING / TERRIFIC TUNES**
- **BYOB**

Invite your friends for an evening they will not forget !!!

ADULTS \$ 15.00

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY JULY 21, 2001
CALL KATHY HAHN 655-8628
OR SUE WOLTMAN 655- 5496**

