

# WILLOW BANK YACHT CLUB

## NEWS

### FROM THE BRIDGE

September 2001

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Commodore  
655-2008

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Rear Commodore  
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This is my last note on the front page as I will turn over the reins to Ray Cudney at the annual meeting next month. My three years as a flag officer have been very enjoyable and rewarding. The board of directors and members in general have made my job very easy. The spirit of volunteerism and participation in the club events and activities has increased dramatically in recent years, and I think people have enjoyed the club more. I know that things go in cycles, and I'm thankful that things have come together on my watch.

Improvements to the building and grounds continue to be implemented, and the club continues to be well run by the staff. Having an assistant manager who is really "on the ball" has made a very noticeable improvement in the day to day operation of the club. In fact, I have heard and overheard many favorable comments and compliments from out of town guests, particularly at regattas.

The social program included several new events such as the fish frys, Karaoke Night, and the staff appreciation picnic. All of these were thought of, organized, and conducted by members on their own initiative. These and all of the other social events were well attended and very

successful. Thank you very much to all who participated.

The sailing program has been very successful this season and, at the request of the sailing instructors, the board has decided to pursue several improvements and upgrades to the club boats used for lessons and racing.

Behind the scenes our treasurers, newsletter editor, yearbook editor, and many other folks who do special projects have continued to keep the club in tip top shape in every respect.

Thank you all.

Happy days,

**Steve Burrell**  
Commodore



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**Annual Meeting**  
**Sunday, September 23, 4:00 PM**  
**At WBYC's Owahgena Room**

# From the Rear

"Not to worry!" I was told last year when I was considering a request to become Willow Bank's rear commodore. "It's mainly a ceremonial position!"

Only after I agreed did I hear discreet snickering and chortling from former rear commodores who knew the truth, including Steve Burrell. When I asked Steve what I had let myself in for, he said, "Everything."

"The social program, junior sailing program, the swimming program, the ship's store, making sure there's a race committee every Saturday and Sunday throughout the summer, the newsletter, . . . everything."

He was right. But he was also right when he said everything would go smoothly with good people at the helm of each of those programs. They really are the ones who deserve the credit for making "everything" run so smoothly this season.

**Barb Axelson** may be a full-time sales executive responsible for multi-million dollar accounts, but she's also a whale of a social committee chair (and mom). When she agreed to work nights and weekends to help us all have fun this season, it meant I could go out and pretend to race my sailboat.

**Peter Bushnell** and **Andrew Rogers** run a flawless waterfront program for young sailors and swimmers. Promotional flyers and ads had been written, printed and distributed, and staff hired before the rear commodore had thought about them.

**Don Diefendorf** demonstrated his sailing knowledge and commitment as he sacrificed virtually

every Saturday and Sunday running the points races. A good thing, too. Someone yells "starboard!" at me and I look up.

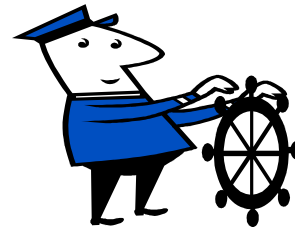
**K.C. Hill** made the newsletter run on time every month without acting like *Il Duce* in the process. He's better than Tylenol III® and Pepsid AC® combined.

**Maureen Bailey, Laura Naughton and Jim Tobey** let the world know about Willow Bank by keeping the Ship's Store stocked and members adorned in t-shirts, sweatshirts, visors . . .

Willow Bank's **Staff** shouldn't be left out of the picture, either. As temporary commodores huff, puff, ebb and flood the staff creates WBYC's consistency.

So to *everyone* who helped make rear commodore the ceremonial position it was advertised to be, thank you.

Eric Johnson  
Rear Commodore



## Fall Work Parties

It's that time of the year again and we need everyone's help to get the Club ready for winter. Saturday morning work parties will begin at 9:45 a.m. and end at 12:45 p.m. The afternoon work parties will begin at 12:30 p.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. This means that the afternoon crew can take over from the morning crew and know exactly what has been done and what to do next. Sunday work parties will run from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please try to attend on the date you are assigned, but if you can't come then, come when ever it is convenient. If you need a special assignment or if you have any questions, please contact Ray Cudney at 655-5477 .

<b>Sept 29</b>	Saturday, 9:45-12:45	Work Party for Last Name Initials T-Z
<b>Sept 29</b>	Saturday, 12:30-3:30	Work Party for Last Name Initials S
<b>Sept 30</b>	Sunday, 1-4	Work Party for Last Name Initials N-R
<b>Oct 6</b>	Saturday, 9:45-12:45	Work Party for Last Name Initials L-M
<b>Oct 6</b>	Saturday, 12:30-3:30	Work Party for Last Name Initials J-K
<b>Oct 7</b>	Sunday, 1-4	Work Party for Last Name Initials G-I
<b>Oct 13</b>	Saturday, 9:45-12:45	Work Party for Last Name Initials D-F
<b>Oct 13</b>	Saturday, 12:30-3:30	Work Party for Last Name Initials C
<b>Oct 14</b>	Sunday, 1-4	Work Party for Last Name Initials A-B



Please check the weather on the day of your work party before you head to the Club. Wear old clothes and enough of them so you'll be comfortable as you work. Please remember that it is cooler at the lake than in town. Gloves and boots or old sneakers are a must.

If it rains, or snows - you should plan to attend an alternate work party, as we do not anticipate the need for make-ups this year. Thank you for your support in preparing the club for another season.

# Willow Bank Yacht Club - Ship's Store

As you read this Newsletter the Willow Bank Ship's Store is officially "Open by Appointment Only".

The Galley Girls, after a summer of sizzling behind the grill, digging into the deep freeze, and fetching tee-shirt's from the Ship's Store, have wisely returned to pursuits of higher education.

You can still purchase items from the Ship's Store by contacting one of this year's volunteers - Jim Tobey, Laura Naughton or Maureen Bailey.

Be the first one on your block to finish your 2001

Holiday shopping! Willow Bank items make great gifts for anyone on your list.



## Junior Sailing - Donated Boats Needed

Got any Lasers, Sunfish or Optimist Prams you've outgrown or aren't using? The Junior Sailing Program is looking for used boats in good condition. The kids already are sailing used Sunfish that were donated to the program years ago, but they (the boats) are getting a little ragged, and heavy.

The WBYC Board has authorized the sailing program to start shopping for used 420s so that young racers can be competitive with larger, richer clubs in the

area. But the instructional program must continue to rely on donated boats.

If you're interested in donating your used Laser, Sunfish or Opti, please contact Gene Barilla, Andrew Rogers or Peter Bushnell. They'll put it to good use.



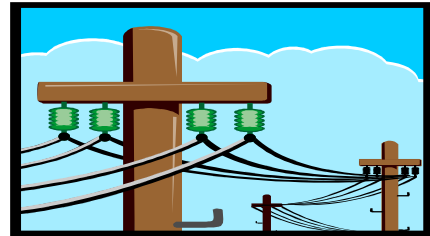
## Warning Masts and Electricity Don't Mix!!!

With the season ending before too long, sailors will be de-rigging their boats for storage and they need to pay attention to power lines, especially along the east boundary of the upper lawn where the Lightnings and other sailing vessels are dry moored.

There is a 7,620-volt NiMo power line along the east boundary that is 32 feet off the ground. There is also a 120/240-volt ground wire 25 feet above the ground. A Lightning mast extends to 29 feet above the ground. Do the math carefully.

**Before you lower your boat's mast, please pull your boat forward to make sure you are far enough**

**away from the overhead lines should you lose control of the mast. NiMo says the masts should come no closer than 10 feet to the power lines.**



## Winter Storage

If you will store your boat at WBYC this winter, please complete the attached **Winter Storage Form** and leave it on the clipboard on the shop door at the club. Due to the limited storage space, preference is given to those that have stored their boats in the past. If you will not be storing your boat at the club, please remove it from the club prior to the start of the work parties or clearly mark it "DO NOT STORE".

Please ensure that all inflatable tubes are removed from WBYC property prior to the start of the fall work parties.

## Social News

**Thank You, Thank You, Thank You....**

I hope everyone agrees with me that we had some great events this summer. I couldn't let the summer slide by without personally giving thanks to all those who gave up their time and energy, Special thanks to the following individuals who's leadership, commitment and time were key to the success of the events and all the fun

that we had.

- ◆ Cindy Dziobia/Laura Naughton & crew - Memorial Day Picnic
- ◆ Marilyn Glass & crew - Fathers Day Picnic
- ◆ Leigh Garber/Jackie Wingert & crew - Fourth of July
- ◆ Kathy Hahn/Sue Woltman & crew - Member Guest

(Special thanks to Mike Kellstrand for securing an awesome Band)

- ◆ Andrea Stehle/Sue Brown/Kelle Flannery & crew - Friday Night Dance and Karaoke Party
- ◆ Shea Palmer/Chris Jenner & crew - Labor Day Final Event

I mean it from the bottom of my heart, we had a great summer and I know that next year will be even better. I have already had several people volunteer to chair events for 2002 and I would like to ask any other individuals who want to chair an event to let me know by the end of October (655-5447).

The only way we can improve our events is to get

a head start: to secure the best music, food, and ideas prior to the start of the season. I would welcome any new suggestions or idea for social events in 2002, so please do not hesitate to give me a call. My goal is to let you know the calendar of events early, then you can schedule the dates, your babysitter needs and know what each event has to offer.

As summer comes to a close we have to look forward to winter and all it has to offer..... I will see you all next season.

Barb Axelson...

## **Finn Toilet Bowl Regatta**

### **A Word of Thanks . . .**

The Finn Fleet is greatly indebted to all those who provided housing and assistance during our recent regatta.

While many of the 20 participants stayed in their vans or tents, others enjoyed the first class accommodations offered by the Lowes, the Mitchells, the Cudneys, the Vorlops, the Burrells and the Diefendorfs.

Ray Cudney did a superb job as RC Chairman, and was ably assisted by Dick Mitchell and John Carter. Bob Haege led a great group of power patrollers. The Willow Bank staff, particularly the Galley women, was very helpful.

The success of this regatta was another example of the terrific spirit of cooperation which has been in evidence all summer at Willow Bank.

Many, many thanks!

### **. . . And for the Record**

This year's running of the Finn Toilet Bowl (the 32nd Edition) provided much enjoyment and education for the local Finn sailors. A group of 22 boats, the largest number in years, competed for the heaviest, if not the largest, trophy in North American sailing — perhaps the heaviest trophy in the world. The Toilet Bowl, which reappeared this year after a four-year absence, was won by John Fallon of North Falmouth, Mass. John said he had

been putting the trophy to "personal use" for four years — as a planter, thank goodness.

Not wishing to be greedy, or risk straining his back, he graciously reawarded it to the winner of the Master's Group, Tim Slater of North Carolina.

Local sailors and their positions were Art Diefendorf (11), Steve Burrell (12), Eric Johnson (15), Gunter Vorlop (16), Herb Schrayshuen (18) and Jerry Menter (20). The competitors ranged in age from 14 (Tyler Andrews of Indianapolis) to 66 (Gus Miller of Portsmouth, RI). Seven races were sailed under the terrific management of Ray Cudney.



# Scuttlebutt...

**Upcoming Events:**

<b>Sept 8th:</b>	Laser Death Roll Regatta
<b>Sept 9th:</b>	Preston Cup
<b>Sept 15th:</b>	Comet Transom Regatta
<b>Sept 22nd:</b>	Lighting One Day Regatta

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

**Finn for Sale:** Finn 742 - Year old North sail, Needlespar aluminum mast and everything else needed for exciting Finn racing. \$750 O.N.O. Call Eric Johnson at 655-2955.

**E-Boats** (electric powered), the clean, quiet, comfortable way to cruise Cazenovia and other lakes! For information and sales contact Art Diefendorf (655-9655).