

WILLOW BANK YACHT CLUB

NEWS

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Welcome to the start of the 54th season of Willow Bank Yacht Club. The summer season is fast approaching as evidenced by Gene's hustling to get the Club ready, a Colgate regatta held at the Club on April 13th and 14th with five other colleges, including Army and Penn State, and rumors concerning several children seen swimming up to their necks in the swim area.

The Club, founded in the Fall of 1948 has had a distinguished sailing and waterfront history. The success of the Club and the reputation that we have earned among the sailing community has been the result of the volunteer participation of our members in maintaining the Club, in hosting well-organized regattas, and in the administration of the racing, waterfront, and social activities. Despite the increase in dues this year, the Club continues to be an excellent value. The Club provides a balance of well-maintained facilities, informal atmosphere, effective use of volunteers, and affordability, which continue to be very effective. I wish the tradition to continue.

Despite many competing distractions, participation in the Willow Bank Junior Sailing program has increased from two to sixteen participants over the last several years under the tutelage of Andrew Rogers and Peter Bushnell. This year, they will again lead the Junior Sailing program in sailing instruction and guidance in competitive racing. Willow Bank Yacht Club will enthusiastically host several Junior regattas, including the Sears and Bemus Cups. Please support this program, as the Junior Sailors repre-

sent the future of our Club. In regard to support of the Junior Sailing program, thanks to everyone who purchased a calendar and contributed to the Junior Sailing program. A total of 150 calendars were sold this year with donations and profit totaling nearly \$500. The Board of Directors recognizes the importance of Junior Sailing and has budgeted \$7,500 toward the purchase of replacement sailboats.

Willow Bank Yacht Club has been selected to host the Sailing competition for the 2002 Empire State Games. This event will bring 24 of New York States best sailors to Cazenovia for a three-day regatta beginning July 31, 2002. This event was last hosted by Willow Bank in the 80s under the direction of Bruce Campbell. This year, the Laser Fleet will assemble a group to run the Regatta, with Carl Boller directing the race committee. Carl is coming off a similar role for the 2001 Empire State Games held on Delta Lake in Rome. Volunteers are needed to assist with the regatta, not only with the on the water assignments, but with meals, lodging, trophies/awards, public relations, etc. Please contact me with any support that you can provide.

Don Deifendorf has agreed to provide race committee duties for all (or most) point racing and free-for-all handicap racing this year. Thank you, Don. Many in our Club do not know the challenges and headaches that result when regular race committee is not available. We have been spoiled by the dedicated and unwavering service offered by our race committee volun-

teers, including Don, Dave Bull, and Scott Baldwin.

The Board, Gene Barilla, Dot and Don Stehle, and Bob Hague are acknowledged for their unheralded efforts during the winter months in planning for the summer season.

Looking forward to a long, hot, safe, and windy summer season.

**Ray Cudney
Commodore**



From The Vice

“Work Party” is *not* an Oxymoron! You’ll Have Fun and Help WBYC.

As previous vice commodores have discovered, there’s a lot more to maintaining Willow Bank’s “physical plant” than is apparent on the surface — sometimes quite literally.

Overall, however, the club’s buildings and grounds remain in good shape, thanks to members’ previous volunteer efforts.

We’re counting on the same skills, enthusiasm, and strong backs, to help reclaim the club from winter’s grasp during work parties scheduled each Saturday and Sunday (except Mother’s Day) through May 19. Your help, in any form you can offer, is essential.

There’s a listing of work parties arranged alphabetically in this newsletter (and the calendar you’ve been enjoying since December), but if you’re a Zyminski who can’t work on May 19th, don’t let the alphabet stand in your way. Please come any time you can.

As you enjoy the club’s official opening on May 25th, you’ll encounter some changes that have been in the planning stages since last fall.

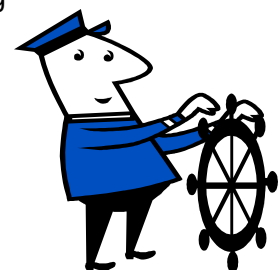
- There will be some new furniture on the upper deck this year thanks to the off-season work of Bruce Poushter and his committee. The old furniture, a chiropractor’s delight, was retired. The new chairs and tables will be more comfortable and durable — as well as weighing half as much.
- The galley will experience change, as well — not

very glamorous, but needed. A much more powerful exhaust fan will suck heat and grease-laden air out of the workspace before it has a chance to settle on human or inanimate surfaces. A new fire-suppression system and stainless-steel heat shield will bring the galley into compliance with current fire codes. The overall result should be a safer, more comfortable atmosphere in which to prepare meals for those who call the club home each summer.

- Sunfish, Laser and canoe racks will have been repaired, and the “seawall” in front of the board boat area will receive an extra dose of concrete to reduce any further erosion.

There will be a dozen smaller changes, as well — each designed to subtly benefit members’ enjoyment. Keep in mind that several of these changes resulted from members’ suggestions. If you think of a way in which Willow Bank can be made more “user friendly,” please let me, another flag officer, or board member know. It’s one way to insure that WBYC keeps getting
b e t t e r.

Eric Johnson
Vice Commodore



From the Rear

Welcome to the 2002 season at Willow Bank! The ice on the lake has melted and summer should be here soon.

A very special THANK YOU goes to our Social Chairman Barb Axelson and her Social Committee for all of their hard work in planning and organizing a spectacular social calendar for this season. I encourage members to volunteer for any of the social events this year. It's a great way to meet other members and earn a work party credit!

Junior Sailing: Andrew Rogers and Peter Bushnell will again volunteer their time to coordinate the sailing and swimming programs.

Fleet Captains for this season:

Gene Barilla	Comet
Sam Woods	Lightning
Art Diefendorf	Finn
Dorte Hammond	Sunfish
Peter Bushnell	Flying Dutchman
Dick Mitchell	Snipe
George Smith	Laser

Eileen Lowe
Jean Doering

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Please contact the above Fleet Captains with questions in regard to their respective fleet.

Race Committee: Don Diefendorf has again agreed to donate his time to provide consistent race committee duty for all club races.

Regattas: The fleet captains are reminded that the primary responsibility for regattas lies with the individual fleet hosting the event. This is especially true before the Club officially opens or after the Club officially closes, as the yard boys are not available.

P.S. Friday Fish Fry's are coming back-mark your calendars now!

See you at the Club!

Bitsy Namy
Rear Commodore



Spring Work Parties

It's that time of the year again and we need everyone's help to get the Club ready for the summer. 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 Eric Johnson at 655-2955.

April 28	Sunday, 1-4	Work Party for Last Name Initials A—B
May 4	Saturday, 9:45-12:45	Work Party for Last Name Initials C
May 4	Saturday, 12:30-3:30	Work Party for Last Name Initials D—F
May 5	Sunday, 1-4	Work Party for Last Name Initials G—I
May 11	Saturday, 9:45-12:45	Work Party for Last Name Initials J—K
May 11	Saturday, 12:30-3:30	Work Party for Last Name Initials L—M
May 12	Sunday—Mother's Day	ENJOY—NO WORK PARTY
May 18	Saturday, 9:45-12:45	Work Party for Last Name Initials N—R
May 18	Saturday, 12:30-3:30	Work Party for Last Name Initials S
May 19	Sunday, 1-4	Work Party for Last Name Initials T—Z



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.

From The Social Committee Chair

I am very excited about the upcoming summer events. I have attached a calendar that lists the events, dates, and contacts for your convenience. Plan ahead and secure your babysitters now. You will not be disappointed in this summer's events.

Many individuals have already volunteered to chair or help out with one of the upcoming events, but we still have some openings. Remember, you can earn **2 credits if you chair an event (NO work parties will be needed)** or **1 credit if you help out**. In addition this is a great way to really get to know other club members, have fun and know that you helped make an event great.

We start the social season with the Commodores' Ball on June 8th. Our Commodore and his wife have a great evening planned for all that attend, it is a **MUST NOT BE MISSED** event.

Our first family picnic is the Memorial Day Picnic on May 26th at 4 p.m.. This year Robin Lucas and Chris Jenner are co-chairing the event, but we still need additional volunteers. Please call Robin (662-3257) or Chris (655-4511) if you are interested in helping out or want to make a reservation. The Golden Pheasant will be catering the event and a true picnic menu will be offered. Please see the attached flyer for all the details.

I want to thank all of you that responded to the survey and to let you know that the board and social committee will be addressing all of the comments that you offered. To recap a few of the comments that we received:

- Everyone loved the Friday Night Fish Fry's.

- Extending the Galley hours and adding additional menu items.
- Additional theme social events and kids day or night programs.

Thanks in advance for your help and I look forward to a very SOCIAL SUMMER.

Barbara Axelson
Social Chair

P.S. I received a survey from someone volunteering to help out on Fathers day, but they did not include their name. Please give me a call at 655-5447.



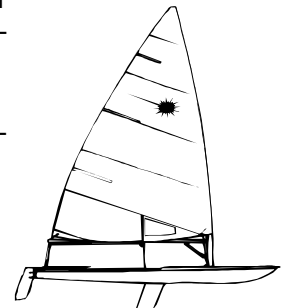
Moorings 2002

The Moorings Committee will be meeting early in May to go through all moorings applications. If you would like to request a change from last year or are getting a new boat this year you need to fill out a **NEW** application this year (ASAP). Motor boat slips are always at a premium and this year is no exception. Motor boat slips are normally given to active, contributing members (such as Commodores). Rumor has it that Commodore Cudney has purchased a "power" boat. You can call me at 655-8224 or email me at campbell101@earthlink.net for a 2002 moorings application. Any questions please call me 655-8224 or email me.

Any member with a motor boat slip needs to call me asap if they are not planning on using their slip this summer.

Thank you!

Bruce Campbell



Scuttlebutt...

Finn For Sale

Want to feel like an Olympic sailor? Try this 1980 Finn designed especially for the ill-fated Moscow Olympics. The GRP Taylor hull from the U.K. was mated to a Vanguard deck under the guidance of Finn guru Gus Miller. It's been updated with a Willetts carbon fiber mast, North sails and a new rudder. The \$2,000 price includes a trailer and aluminum dolly. Please contact Gunter Vorlop at vorlop@traknet.com.

Laser For Sale

\$800—Call Cindy Vogt at 655-2397 for further information.

For Sale—1973 MADER FLYING DUTCHMAN (US 1434)

Very good shape— Ready to sail—Fiberglass hull—Mahogany deck—Proctor mast
Full set of sails (Main—North, 2 Genoas—North & Hyde, Spinnaker (used one season)
New long spinnaker pole—Lindsey rudder—New top cover—Trapeze vest—Trailer and dolly
\$1900

Call: Lou Kempton at 315-682-9513 Or lrkemp1@ix.netcom.net

Sunfish Sail Wanted

Looking for a replacement sail, preferably with window, for sunfish.
Please contact Maryann Lansing at 662-7241