

WILLOW BANK YACHT CLUB

NEWS

FROM THE BRIDGE

June 2002

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The Club is in great shape for the start of the season despite the wet and raw weather impediments that were no match for the driven and focused volunteers. Those that deserve special recognition include: Gene Barrilla who tirelessly organized people and equipment during the last several weeks, painted the Galley, and moved stored boats; and Eric Johnson who, as Vice Commodore, committed himself to direct each work party session, with support from Bill Walter and Dick Ryzcek. Appreciate the efforts of all who contributed to the opening... somehow it always comes together...

held on May 24, 2002. Please extend a warm welcome to the new family and individual members (see listing).

Take note that the Commodores' Ball is scheduled for June 8, 2002, and will be catered by Lucy Wheler of L.M. Townsend Catering with dancing from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. to the sounds of Club Ed. Please contact Barb Cudney for reservations (655-5477). If you are using email, please make sure that Barb received your request (a problem with internet service was identified).

Activities are in full swing at the Club with the beginning of sailing and swimming lessons, the Father's Day Pancake Breakfast (June 16), informal racing on Tuesday evenings, and WOW on Wednesday evenings. June also means that we are hosts to the annual regattas of the Laser Fleet (June 1), Lightning Fleet (June 15 and 16), and Comet Fleet (June 22 and 23).

Please be mindful of safety at all times as you play at the Club - use common sense, wear life jackets where warranted, and stay away from the Finn sailors on land and Lightning sailors on the water.

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ARTICLES

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Major improvements to the Galley planned last year are now complete. Thanks to Hugh Roszel and Eric Johnson for volunteering their time to research improvements to the obsolete ventilation and fire suppression systems, and administering the renovation work this Spring. The renovation looks great and includes a new ventilation hood and exhaust fan, new fire suppression system, new flooring, and new paint. We also eagerly await the start of major improvements envisioned by Mary Rogers in her "Operation - Restore our Dignity" program. Mary's initiative is intended to greatly improve the appearance of the mid level, where race results are posted, trophies are displayed, and Ship's Store is located. Please contact Mary if you would like to lend a hand.

Special thanks go out to Steve Burrell, who was brilliant in his role as membership chair, and Marybeth and Richard Roche for preparing the feast at the new member orientation meeting

Ray Cudney
Commodore

From The Vice

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

Despite frigid winds, high water, graupel, rain and almost anything else that nature could throw at us, Willow Bank has been put back together after the winter — thanks to the volunteer efforts of so many members.

It's always a little nerve wracking when you're facing a fixed social schedule not knowing whether the weather will cooperate or enough volunteers will show up. "Don't worry," Ray Cudney kept saying, "it will all come together."

It did. Thanks Ray.

There are some others volunteers to thank, as well — members with special skills.

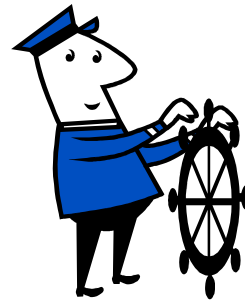
- **Don Wahl** set up a table saw at Willow Bank, measured and ripped all the "Burrell Boards" that were attached to the sailing dock as a safety feature;
- **Andy Rutz** removed a window and made several carpentry-related galley changes that were necessary before the contractor could start installing the galley improvements;
- **Barry Dorn** toiled quietly in the workshop repairing the rotten transom in a club workboat;
- **Kevin Dewan** brought in his heavy equipment and restored a large section of the upper lawn;
- And after the gallery improvements were completed **Jim Hole**, **Steffen Wolff**, **Tom Vogt** and **David Stehle** risked their backs and other parts to move the range, broiler, two fryers and freezers back into the galley after the new floor was installed;
- If anyone hasn't seen the new floor, take a look and then thank member **Joe Anthony** for a job well done.
- **Bob Haege**, WBYC's treasurer, also deserves our thanks for all the hours he spends at the club making physical improvements, helping move boats around and making runs into Syracuse for equipment and supplies.

- I want to offer another well-deserved "thank you" to WBYC Steward **Gene Barilla**. If it weren't for Gene's planning and preparation, us "grunts" would have to start the work parties in March to make the Memorial Day opening. A list of the behind-the-scenes details to which Gene must attend would fill this page. Yes, it's his "job," but Gene takes it way beyond the 9 to 5 standard.

As this is being written on May 22 the one thing we can't control is still painfully obvious — the lake level. Some of the docks were nearly awash and it was impossible to install some of the powerboat and outside sailing docks.

A New York State Canal Commission representative said the setting at the lake spillway was now at its normal summer level and there were no plans to alter it to let more water out. He said the lake is almost a foot above normal levels and that under normal conditions, the lake level goes down about a half inch a week. So you may have to exercise some caution and patience when docking. Stay tuned.

Eric Johnson
Vice Commodore



From the Rear

I would like to take this time to say "thank you" to both Robin Lucas and Chris Jenner and their committee for their excellent job of planning, organizing and coordinating the Memorial Day Picnic. They did a spectacular job and their hard work is greatly appreciated. It was a great time for all! Please be sure to mark your calendars for the Father's Day Pancake Breakfast on Sunday June 16 at WBYC.

The Friday Night Fish Fry will begin June 28 and go through August 9. Barb Cudney, will once again be creating her delicious fish with homemade batter for our enjoyment. Rumor has it that a dinner addition will be available on our Friday Night Fish Fry-something of a

salad nature! Stay posted for details.

I want to thank all the members who completed the membership survey sent out this past spring. There were several great ideas to consider concerning the Galley. If changes are to be made, I sincerely hope we members of WBYC will support the Galley by being consistent patrons.

See you on the water.

Bitsy Namy
Rear Commodore

NEW MEMBER LIST

Please welcome the following members to the Club:

1. Tim and Dolores Byrnes, and children Gavin (13) and Brigid (10)
2. Andrew and Gail Boone, and children Caden (5) and Alec (3)
3. Rob and Mary Connor, and children Crozer (8), Edie (6), Lucy (3) and Laura (13 months)
4. David and Grace Cordeau, and children Yves (8)
5. Laurie and Scott Cornell, and children Alayne (12) and Evan (5)
6. Brian and Jenny Coughlin, and children Elsa (4) and Teddy (1)
7. Amanda Courtwright, and children Hillary (9) and Alexandra (6)
8. George and Anne Gescheider, and children George, Jr. (1) and Olivia (1)
9. Frank Girardi and Anne Mackenzie, and children Peter (14) and Benjamin (12)
10. Ronni Grosskopf and Chris Ballway, and children Jennifer (19)
11. Jeff and Leigh Haines, and children Samantha (18), Cassandra (17), Benjamin (15), Jonathan (12), Christopher (10), and Daniel (7)
12. Victoria Henkes, and children Julia (16) and Eve (13)
13. Richard and Katherine Huftalen, and children William (1)
14. BettyAnn and Richard Kram
15. Timothy and Ingrid Mahoney, and children Nicolas (6) and Emily (3)
16. David and Megan Monahan, and children Griffin (2) and Caverly (5 mos.)
17. Richard and Robyn Peck
18. Gary and Cindy Powers, and children Natalie (5)
19. Donald and Regina Raleigh, and children Jenna (9) and Julia (6)
20. Bob Ridler
21. John Romig, Jr. and Karen Love, and children Nathan (2)
22. Richard and Cindy Schicho, and children Andrew (13), Eric (11), and Jamie (7)
23. Thomas and Mary Beth Shust, and children Kathleen (11)
24. James and Georgette Snyder, and children Thomas (10) and Megan (8)
25. Doris E. Webster
26. Bob Wiley
27. Brian and Jeanne Willard, and children Cole (4) and Chloe (1)
28. Damian and Amy Vanetti, and children Megan (7), Micaela (6), and Allie (2)

THE RED SHIRTS ARE COMING!

It's time to remind everyone of the "red shirt rule."

WBYC Steward Gene Barilla and his assistant, Bruce Campbell, are long-time Willow Bank members, as well as paid employees. They do have time off to enjoy themselves and take advantage of their membership privileges.

The "red shirt rule" was initiated last year and seemed to work well. When Gene and Bruce are wearing their red (or pink) staff shirts, they are on duty and will help members any way they can. But when they're *not* wearing their red shirts they are enjoying the club like any other member and deserve their peace.

WARNING - MASTS AND ELECTRICITY DON'T MIX!!!

As you are all aware, there are boats dry moored adjacent to the power line providing service to the yacht club. The energized (top) wire of the electric line is high enough to clear the masts of the boats that are moored there. The club has placed mooring markers (buried blocks with mooring numbers) at each mooring to identify locations where each boat should be parked. The mooring markers have been positioned so that when your trailer wheel is placed on them, the top of the mast of your boat and the electric service wire are separated by at least ten feet.

Even with these safeguards, your continued awareness of the presence of these lines and respective positioning of your boat can act as added safeguards to insure maintaining appropriate clearances. You can help

by paying attention to where and how your boat is positioned.

Please follow these guidelines:

- Always park your boats bow-out.
- Assure that your trailer wheels are positioned on the mooring markers.
- Keep the stern of your boat lakeside of the power line, so that no portion of the boat is under the line.
- When working on or stepping your mast, please move your boat away from the mooring.



MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS

When former WBYC commodore Andy Arms received the e-mail in April alerting her to spring work parties, she admitted she probably wouldn't be flying in from Aspen to participate.

But the announcement of these annual rites of spring, as regular as the return of trilliums to the May woods or swallows to Capistrano, did move her to remark on the solid anchor Willow Bank is to some:

"I will not be coming back to Caz. for the work parties, but I have to say in this world of craziness and terror

it really is good to know that some things stay the same — as they should.

"Willow Bank should remain as much the same as it possibly can. Many upon many memories for young children are created there. These memories are precious jewels in life and create very fine people. My whole family has been blessed with the time we have spent at the club. Do not change.

"My best to all my forever friends." — Andy Arms

PRESS RELEASE

May 15, 2002

To: Commodore of WBYC
From: Sam Wasserman, CIDA

Cazenovia Industrial Development Agency

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 14, 2002

FIBERGLASS FACILITY TO OPEN IN CAZENOVIA

The Cazenovia Industrial Development Agency is pleased to announce the recent signing of a Contract with Gougeon Brothers, Inc., a worldwide manufacturer of fiberglass products, for the construction of a 30,000 square foot production facility in Cazenovia, New York.

The local plant, which is expected to provide employment for up to 30 people, will begin production of the Company's line of fiberglass repair products in time for the 2003 season. A company representative, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed that the Cazenovia site was selected in response to the increasing demand created by the active Lightning fleet sailing at WBYC.

BOAT U.S. MEMBERSHIP

Join Boat U.S. and take advantage of savings and conveniences while supporting an organization that preserves and improves boating. Membership includes an annual equipment catalog with member discounts, marina discounts on repairs, low-cost insurance, Boat U.S. magazine for a full year, and an on-line store. Conveniently, there is a local Boat U.S. store located in Syracuse. A

group of ten or more members qualifies each applicant with a 50% savings on the annual membership fee from \$19.00 to \$9.50. Mike Kellstrand is attempting to organize a group membership and can be reached at 662-3885.

YOUNG BOATER'S SAFETY COURSE OFFERED AT WBYC

On Mondays, July 8th and July 15th, 2002, a Young Boater's Safety Course will be offered at Willow Bank Yacht Club from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. each evening.

Youth between the ages of 10 and 18 who want to operate a motor boat in New York State must successfully complete this course and receive an operator's certificate.

Individuals between the ages of 18 and 27 who want to operate a personal water craft (jet ski) are also required to take this course.

The course 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 attended and an exam passed at the completion of the course in order to receive the certificate.

The course is sponsored by the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Madison county, the Cazenovia Lake Association, and the Madison County Sheriff's Department

association with Willow Bank Yacht Club and the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

There is no fee for the course and all materials needed will be provided. You must pre-register by calling

the Cooperative Extension at 655-2075, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call Ann King at 655-2244.

SAILING CORNER

Junior Sailing Lessons

Once again this summer we have an excellent, experienced group of sailing instructors at Willow Bank. Beginner lessons are Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon and Intermediate lessons from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. the same days. Each session is two weeks with the first session starting on June 24th. We recommend that children wishing to take part in the lessons are at least eight years old, and competent swimmers who are comfortable in the water, as one of the first lessons they learn is to capsize a boat.

Space in the first sessions is filling up rapidly. Usually the sessions at the beginning of the summer fill up more quickly than those later in the summer. For more information call Anya Woods at 682-4654

Adult Sailing Lessons

This year we have decided to try a different approach to adult sailing lessons. Rather than continue with the group lessons we believe that our program will be more successful if adults who wish to have lessons contact the individual Willow Bank sailing instructors and arrange private lessons with them.

Willow Bank Junior Fleet

The goal of Junior Fleet is to give Willow Bank's junior sailors the opportunity to learn advanced boat han-

dling and racing techniques, participate in regatta's in Central New York and hopefully become lifelong sailors.

Junior Fleet sails on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the summer with many members attending regattas at other clubs on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. On sailing days the sailors learn advanced sailing technique in the mornings and race in the afternoons.

Eligibility: To participate in Willow Bank's Junior Fleet program each sailor must complete at least Beginner and two Intermediate sailing sessions. *Upon completion of these sessions, the sailing instructors and junior sailing coordinators will then consider their application to join Junior Fleet.*

This year for the first time Junior Fleet sailors will wear junior fleet t-shirts so they can be recognized around the club. The cost of Junior Fleet will be \$100.00 for the summer.

The fleet has grown rapidly over the past couple of years and Andrew Rogers and Peter Bushnell hope to continue to expand the program again this year. If you have any questions, please call Andrew Rogers at 655-2938.



SOCIAL CORNER

The season has begun and unlike last year when we had sunny skies, this year we are wearing hats and mittens. Our next big event is June 16, Fathers Day...it is a great event to honor Dad. This event is prepared by Marilyn Glass and Joyce Koesterer and has awesome food. Please review attached flyer. We had a great annual Memorial Day Picnic, many thanks to Robin Lucas and Chris Jenner and all that helped make this a great day. The food and get together was great!!

I know it is hard to call ahead to make reservations for the many events we hold, but it allows us to plan and make sure that we can accommodate everyone. I am asking you to please call at least 1 week prior to event. We hate to have to turn you away, but many caterers require 1-week commitment to come. Please note if you call and commit for an event and do not come you will be charged for event.

I already have some great volunteers for many of our events. I still have some openings, so please call early. Remember you earn **1 credit per event**. This is a great way to really get to know other club members, have fun and know that you helped make an event great.

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

Barbara Axelson
Social Chair



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 Genoa's - 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

Optimist For Sale - '98 Vanguard Winner Optimist, excellent condition; blade bag, top cover, sail bag, compass and mount, fiberglass blades; \$1900. Please contact Dana or Ian Oviatt at 682-2993 or oviatt@traknet.com

Sunfish Wanted - Sunfish preferably 1995 or more recent in great shape with low sailing hours and sail with full view window. Call Ann King at 655-2244.