

WILLOW BANK YACHT CLUB

NEWS

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Just prior to 1948, several individuals had a vision of a sailing organization that eventually found life as Willow Bank Yacht Club. Despite some struggles and hardships that challenged the Club at several points during its history, WBYC has never lost sight of the founder's original dreams. Sailing remains the primary focus at WBYC, whether it is racing, pleasure, or instruction. While it is true that some fleets may be shrinking, others are growing, and overall sailing at WBYC is healthy, despite the numerous other activities and distractions that are present in today's society. There is strong growing interest in sailing among the youth, with whom rests the future of the Club.

As my term draws to a conclusion, I want to thank everyone who has assisted in sustaining the founder's vision by promoting/enhancing sailing at WBYC. With risk of not recognizing all involved, I specifically want to recognize the efforts of Andrew Rogers and Peter Bushnell with the Junior sailing program, each of the sailing instructors (Anya Woods, Melissa Kirschenheiter, Joe Kelly, and Kathleen Mueller), Gene Barilla, Don Diefendorf, Bob Hague, all the fleet captains, Tuesday night sailors, the WOWs, the many weekend sailors, yard staff, race committee volunteers, and many others who directly and indirectly support sailing. It was satisfying to hear the frequent praise from the parents of sailing students about our programs and admiration from out of town racers about the appearance and atmosphere of the Club.

Second, the waterfront and social

programs have enhanced the Club and provide further enjoyment and pleasure for family and friends. Special thanks to all that have also made these programs successful this year, including Barb Axelson as social chair, the many individual event volunteers, K.C. Hill for his efforts in maintaining the quality and content of the newsletter, and many others. Like many other local volunteer based Clubs, the sense of community is alive and well at WBYC.

Last, I am grateful to all Board members for their time in helping to manage and guide the Club this year and who kindly volunteered for special assignments. I wish to offer special recognition to several other Club members whose wisdom and guidance mean more to the Club than they are willing to take credit for. They include Bob Hague, who continues to provide valuable support in every aspect of the Club, Dot and Don Stehle for their expertise in club finances, Gene Barilla who rarely receives adequate credit, Bruce Campbell as assistant Club Manager, and the numerous past Commodores whose frequent conversations/suggestions has been greatly appreciated. This year has been satisfying and enjoyable.

Just a final reminder that the Annual Meeting will be held at WBYC on September 22, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. Plan on attending, show your support, and vote in next year's Board and Flag officers... please!

Ray Cudney
Commodore

Annual Meeting
Sunday, September 22, 4:00 PM
At WBYC's Owahgena Room

FROM THE VICE

WBYC — What a Beautiful Yacht Club

Visiting Finn sailors can be a quarrelsome bunch, but while they were waiting for the wind to start during August's Toilet Bowl Regatta they were unanimous about one thing — Willow Bank is one helluva club!

Even before the keg was tapped they openly marveled at the facilities and how smoothly the club operated in contrast with many others they'd seen in their travels. It was really gratifying to remind them that virtually everything they saw was the result of volunteers working together under the direction of a dedicated staff.

It's time to prove that boast as we ready the club for its well-deserved winter respite. We each need to check the work party schedules in this newsletter and pitch in at our scheduled time between September 28 and October 13. If you've noticed over the years, how well the club is put to bed has a direct effect on how easy it is to reawaken in the spring.

I want to thank Gene, Bruce and the yard staff for their daily efforts this season to keep the club looking neat and fixing all the things that need fixing that we never even know about.

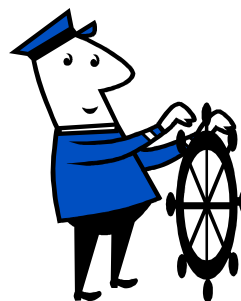
The galley staff, headed by Emily Laubscher and Jen Thibert, deserves our congratulations. They earned

the praises of the Madison County Health Department recently for a perfect inspection. We're accustomed to reading inspection reports in the newspaper that often deliver a lot of gory details we never wanted to know about our favorite restaurants. But the snap inspection of the WBYC galley reported no such findings. Cleanliness, food storage, safety — everything passed with flying colors.

Likewise, the WBYC waterfront staff, headed by Jenny Rees, deserves credit for a flawless inspection. The inspector's checklist is more than 30 items long, and everything, from the "active swimmer assist drill" to lifesaving equipment and communications, passed with flying colors.

And finally, a blanket "Thank You" to all the members who have made my job easier during the past year by helping maintain the club in a way that draws compliments — even from visiting Finn sailors.

Eric Johnson Vice Commodore



FROM THE REAR

Since I missed last month's newsletter, I want to be sure to thank Leigh Garber, Beth Prieve and Maureen Fellows for the July 4th festivities. Thank you also goes to Kim Dewan and Debbie McCullough for the Member Guest Dance. Thank you to Kelly Flannery and Sue Woltman for chairing the Annual Dance Party. Thank you also goes to Shea Palmer for chairing the Labor Day Picnic. All events were terrific and were enjoyed by the attending members. Thank you ladies for ALL your hard work!

I would like to recognize the professionalism and dedication of Gene Barilla and Bruce Campbell in the managing of our club this season. When the New York State Health Department came to WBYC for our seasonal inspection, it was very impressive to see the entire staff pass the inspection with flying colors. The Life Guards, Galley Girls, Yard Boys, Sailing Instructors, Bruce and

Gene should be commended for a job well done.

Congratulations to our Junior Olympic sailors! We had five Junior Fleet sailors participate in the Junior Olympics, bringing home three silver medals. Great job Thomas Shaw and Marisa and Campbell Woods! Congratulations to the other sailors for placing in competition.

Welcome back Don Diefendorf! We missed you and are very glad for your speedy and complete recovery from surgery. Special thanks go to Dave Bull, Don Stehle and Steve Burrell for running the Race Committee in Don's absence.

Thanks for the great season-see you at the work parties!

Bitsy Namy Rear Commodore

WINTER BOAT STORAGE

Storing your boat at the WBYC this winter?

Please complete the attached Winter Storage Form and either mail it to WBYC or leave it on the clipboard attached to the shop door.

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 Bitsy Namy at 655-4748.

Sept 28	Saturday, 9:45-12:45	Work Party for Last Name Initials T-Z
Sept 28	Saturday, 12:30-3:30	Work Party for Last Name Initials S
Sept 29	Sunday, 1-4	Work Party for Last Name Initials N-R
Oct 5	Saturday, 9:45-12:45	Work Party for Last Name Initials L-M
Oct 5	Saturday, 12:30-3:30	Work Party for Last Name Initials J-K
Oct 6	Sunday, 1-4	Work Party for Last Name Initials G-I
Oct 12	Saturday, 9:45-12:45	Work Party for Last Name Initials D-F
Oct 12	Saturday, 12:30-3:30	Work Party for Last Name Initials C
Oct 13	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.

STAFF APPRECIATION

As another summer draws to a close, and you recall your Willow Bank memories-no doubt those memories were enhanced by the WBYC Staff.

Several WBYC members have already made a donation to a staff tip pool, as a way to say thank you. Gene will determine the amount that each staff member will receive. A thank you letter, along with a "tip check" will be sent to each staff member later this fall.

If you would like to contribute, please send/drop off your check/cash to:

Molly Gabor
19 Hickory Lane
Cazenovia, NY 13035

*Checks should be made to Molly Gabor

*Donations due by September 20

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS

The Board is pleased to announce that the following lifetime membership applications were received and approved this year.

Dot and Don Stehle
Wallace and Gail Moreland
Lu and Jeanne Kempton
Sandy Diefendorf
Fred and Ellie Weir
Doris Webster

Just a reminder that it is the obligation of the members to determine whether they meet the requirements needed for lifetime membership status, and if so, a

written request to the Board is required for approval.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

At the written request and recommendation of Jack Hill, founding member and first secretary-treasurer of WBYC, an honorary membership was recently extended to Connie Hancock Getman. Connie is also one of the founding members and sailed/owned/raced a Cape Cod. Jack remembers that Connie won the 1945 Cape Cod series, just prior to the formation of WBYC. Congratulations!

WBYC AWARDS – 2002

2002 LIGHTNING FLEET AWARDS

2002 Lightning Fleet Awards:

First Place: Federico and Julie Meira
Second Place: Dick Tuttle
Third Place: The Woods Family



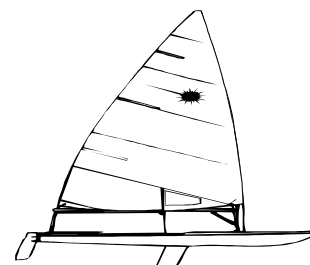
2002 Lightning Perpetual Awards:

Charter Members Winner: Dick Tuttle
Crewettes Winner: Leslie Tuttle
Don Sanford Trophy Winner: Federico and Julie Meira
Jack Tuttle Memorial Trophy Winner: Dick Ryczek

LASER FLEET AWARDS

Laser Fleet Awards:

First Place: Ray Cudney
Second Place: Bruce Poushter
Third Place: Herb Schrayshuen



Laser Perpetual Awards:

First Overall Laser Winner: Ray Cudney

FINN FLEET AWARDS

2002 Finn Fleet Awards

First Place: Eric Johnson
Second Place: Art Diefendorf
Third Place: Steve Burrell



2002 FLYING DUTCHMAN AWARDS

2002 Flying Dutchman Fleet Awards:

First Place: Peter Bushnell
Second Place: Carl Boller



WOW AWARDS

2002 WOW Fleet Perpetual Awards:

Most Improved Award: Kathy Meira
Spirit Award: Arlene Abend
Senior WOW Award: Pat Crosby

COMET AWARDS

2002 Comet Fleet Awards:

First Place: Bill Smith
Second Place: Gene Barilla
Third Place: Bruce and Terry Campbell



Comet Perpetual Awards:

2002 Comet Fleet Trophy Winner: Bill Smith
2002 Outstanding Service to Comet Fleet Winner: Gene Barilla

2002 SUNFISH FLEET AWARDS

2002 Sunfish Fleet Awards:

First Place:	Jack Howell
Second Place:	Bob Haege
Third Place:	Dorte Hammond



2002 Sunfish Perpetual Awards:

2002 Estelle Lyon Half Century Cup Winner:	Jack Howell
2002 Sunfish Summer Series Winner:	Alan Glos

JUNIOR FLEET 2002 AWARDS

Junior Fleet Awards:

420s	First Place:	Campbell Woods and Marisa Woods
420s	Second Place	Eric Magnuson and Erin Kinney
Laser	First Place	Ian Oviatt
Laser	Second Place	Colin Wright
Optimist	First Place	Nicholas Rogers
Optimist	Second Place	Thomas Shaw

2002 Junior Perpetual Awards:

Nate Roberts Memorial Winner:	Nicholas Rogers
Sportsmanship Winner:	Andrew Smith
Junior Shipshape Winner:	Kyle Crandall
Most Improvement Winner:	Colin Wright
Carol Jaquith Memorial Winner:	Erin Kinney
Optimist Cup Winner:	Nicholas Rogers
Junior Fleet Northrup Trophy:	Patrick Yehlick
Junior Preston Cup:	Colin Wright

OVERALL WILLOW BANK YACHT CLUB AWARDS

Milton J. Rubenstein Memorial Winner:	Dick Tuttle
American's Cup Winner:	Carl Boller
Eric Trammel Memorial Winner:	Carl Boller
Commodore Freeborn Trophy Winner:	TBD
Fairchild Kennard Memorial Winner:	TBD
Preston Centennial Cup Winner:	TDB
John D. Wilson Sportsmanship Winner:	Art Diefendorf
Commodore Diefendorf Winner:	Bob Haege

Congratulations to all of the winners and to all of the members that participated in this year's events.

Scuttlebutt...

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.

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.

Sunfish Sailboat For Sale - 10 years old and in good shape. Call Susan at 655-9246 asking price \$700.

Note: I will continue to run all notices until you let me know that you no longer wish to have it listed. The best way to get this information to me is by email. Thank you.