

# The Bilge Pump

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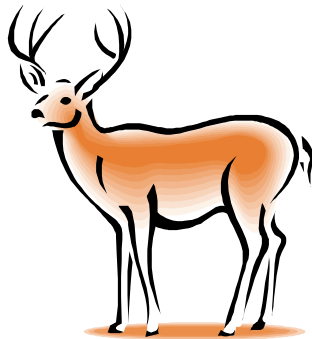


The start of Day 2 of the FLACE regatta. *Photo Credit: Dave Stenger*

## Fall and Deer arrive at KYC

The KYC E Fleet hosted the Annual FLACE (Finger Lakes Autumn Classic E) Regatta this Saturday and Sunday. Keuka's strong and chilly winds challenged 9 E scow skippers and crew on Saturday. Sunday was a different story -- the winds were light and extremely variable and the skies were beautiful.

The water was warm enough on Sunday to allow several people and one six point buck to go for a dip in the lake. The deer pranced through the club grounds before plunging into the water and swimming away. George Welch Jr. sent me a picture but it nearly crashed my computer so I couldn't include it here. In response to this incident, the KYC board is considering amending the bylaws to limit naked buck swimming to non-race days.



## Kid's Korner -- The Swing

*By Robert Louis Stevenson*

How do you like to go up in a swing,  
Up in the air so blue?  
"Oh, I do think it the pleasantest thing  
Ever a child can do!"

"Up in the air and over the wall,  
Till I can see so wide,  
Rivers and trees and cattle and all  
Over the countryside ----

"Till I look down on the garden green  
Down on the roof so brown ----  
Up in the air I go flying again,  
Up in the air and down!"



## From the Harbor Master

### Winter Storage, Trailer Storage

The Upper Parking Lot has been expanded, cleaned up, and reorganized. We still have about 20 UNIDENTIFIED trailers! **PLEASE!** - If your trailer does not yet display a new "KYC Label", contact Bruce Bozman at [kycharbor@roadrunner.com](mailto:kycharbor@roadrunner.com) (or 607-868-3001). We ask that you simply provide a full description of the trailer so that we can install an identifying label.

Also, please **DO NOT LOCK** your trailer. We'll need to move it occasionally for grounds maintenance.

No empty trailers are allowed on our Lake Level lot (unless that boat is being used that day). **Thanks for your help in keeping our systems working!**

## Race Results

Submitted by Bob Wilder

Boat	2007 FLACE Regatta				
	Race1	Race2	Race3	Race4	Position
George Welch Jr.	1	1	2	1	1
Rick Turner	2	3	1	2	2
Bob Cole	5	5	3	4	3
John Sellstrom	3	2	5	8	4
Bill Nolden	4	8	4	3	5
Steve Andersen	6	4	7	6	6
Fritz Mattern	7	7	6	5	7
Dick Turner	DNS	6	8	7	8
John Bowland	DNF	9	DNS	9	9



The 2007 FLACE Champions: Jessie Miller, Chris Hawk, George Welch Jr., and Bryan Lanahan

## KU1 Discovers Sailing Pro

As the winds kicked up prior to Saturday's E-Scow races, all those brave crew who typically line the shores of KYC had disappeared. The skipper and crew of KU-1 were helping themselves to seconds at breakfast hoping to hold the rail down until young Jessie Miller of Lavellette Yacht Club came to their rescue. Just back from the Americas Cup, Jessie's courage and sailing prowess got the boys from KU-1 out of the doughnut line and into their boat.

For those wanting more details about the FLACE weekend, see Bob Cole's submission on page 3.

## Upcoming Events

Typically, there will be a Fall Cleanup Day in October with a soup supper, but I'm not sure of the date.

Details to Follow.

**Meet the Board— Roxane Drost**  
*(This is the second in the Bilge Pump's series to better acquaint readers with the personalities on the KYC Board of Directors. This week's interviewee is **Roxane Drost**, a newly elected member of the Board.*

**Family:** Sean- 10 years and Serena 8 years. One cat, one fish, 2 leopard geckos and 1 dwarf hamster!!!

**Grew up in:** Waterford CT

**Live now:** Big Flats NY

**Member of KYC since:** Spring 2006

**Member of Board since:** This election (2007)

**Favorite Activities at the KYC:** Boating, socializing at the bar, relaxing in a chair looking at the beautiful view!

**Your goals for the KYC:** To improve communication between the board and KYC members. To introduce myself to the members and learn what their vision and ideas for the yacht club are. I believe this information will assist the board in satisfying both the boating and the social members' needs. It is my belief if we successfully fulfill the needs of our members an increase in our membership will naturally follow.

## Calendar Update

Submitted by Melanie Plummer

Thank you to all who sent photos for the Keuka Yacht Club calendar. I received some great shots of our beautiful area. I will still need a few more pictures, so do not hesitate to send any last minute pictures to me. My email is [Melanie@bythebasketful.com](mailto:Melanie@bythebasketful.com).

## FLACE 2007

*Submitted by Bob Cole*

The weather report may have convinced some to stay away, and Saturday did dawn cool, under broken cloudy skies, with a mist rising from the lake, but nonetheless FLACE was a test of skill over conditions from 0 to 28 miles per hour on Lake Keuka, New York, September 15 and 16. The calm under the west shore belied the wide oscillations and deep gusts to be found increasingly on moving east to the race course. Competitors from Chautauqua, Lavallette, Pigeon Lake Ontario Canada (site of the future Canadian National E Championship) and Keuka took to the water in the late morning for the first experience.

The start of the first race was somewhat delayed, to right visitor Joe Bowland, languishing just above the start line. As start time was approaching a back sent half the fleet to the pin and the start was a tossup between George Welch, Jr. and Rick Turner, each of whom crossed the fleet immediately on port. Others at the boat, were left to turn to port and see some space to close. George Jr., led wire to wire and the space remained.

Cool day chili lunch was the next order of business as those assembled shook off the tough first race. Returning to the race course, the question was one more today, or two?

The throng was lulled at the start of the second race only to be hammered once again. The left side proved illusory as Rob Anderson, Canada's favorite E son of the moment, led from the right at the first mark. Spectators were seen following on plane as the fleet scooted downwind on renewed gusts. Left side down George, Jr., and Rick coming from behind after a starting line "how do you do", were out ahead. Those riding the right down were left to ponder what might have been. Steve Andersen, having recently brought out his measuring tape, found the right side up and remained near the top. Final George, Jr., Rick, and Big John Selstrom.

The lunchtime question was answered by a quick call to start yet a third contest in these fallish conditions. The day continued to test the group, but Rick, "sailing where the wind was" the first time down, bypassed the fleet handily, and took the gun to narrow George's lead. Finish Rick, George, Jr., and Bob Cole's group making a first appearance in the top three.

Day one standings: George, Rick and John.

All survived the day, so why not celebrate with "Thanksgiving in September", dinner with all the trimmings?

Sunday morning brought a remarkable change and completed the test of skill. From the time the first sail was raised, the air dropped to seemingly less than nothing, if occasional motion in reverse is the measure. The backs and veers continued and once again George Jr. found the port layline soon after the start, never to be seen again. Finding some pressure in this was the test and Rick, with Bill Nolden nearby, took a chance on the right down, only to come from behind to second. Bill was third followed by Bob. John found the mirror and followed Dick Turner.

Final: George, Rick, Bob, John, Bill, Steve, Rob, Dick and Joe.

And a good time was had by all, basking in the sunshine with a grilled sausage in hand at award time.

Congratulations to George Welch, Jr., Brian Lanahan, Chris Hawk and Julie on winning the Phil McHenry Memorial FLACE trophy and the Triple Crown (Hopatcong, Lavallette, Keuka fall series).