

The Bilge Pump

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Nice September Weekend

It is getting harder to fit in time for relaxing at the lake with work, school, and soccer practice getting in the way. However, this weekend was too good to pass up, and we made a trip to the lake after Saturday soccer games. Jack and Griffin were around for a pick-up football game. The kids went in the water, but the duration of their swims are getting shorter. Several adults ventured in as well – they stayed in longer than the kids – probably because they remember how cold our area gets in February.



Clean Up Day/ Soup Supper

Submitted by Paul Schnipelsky

The annual Cleanup Day will take place on Saturday, October 6th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In case of rain, the date will be moved to October 13 from 10 to 4.

You've enjoyed the club all season now is the time to clean it up and put it to bed for the winter. If everyone puts in a few hours of work we can get most of what needs to be done to winterize the club and prepare for the next season.

Please bring useful tools and cleaning supplies for the tasks outlined:

TOOLS

- Rakes - leaf and garden
- shovels for dirt and gravel
- hedge loppers, pruning shears and saws
- wheelbarrows
- hammers, hand saws, electric drills
- window cleaning supplies

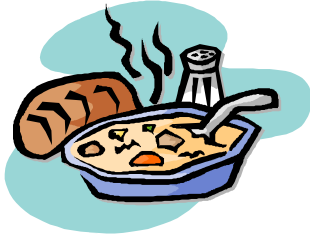


- sponges, buckets
- tarps for leaf removal
- Brooms to clean sidewalks and parking areas
- leaf blowers
- work gloves
- safety glasses
- step ladders (club has some)
- vacuum cleaner , shop and carpeting(we need several)
- electrical extension cords

TASKS

- Mow lawn
- Clean up borders and edges of leaves, brush and debris
- remove weeds from sidewalk cracks (weed eater)
- clean club house windows and window sills
- clean club house restrooms including; toilets, urinals, sinks, floors ,shower stalls
- vacuum club upstairs and down
- clean surfaces in kitchen, stove, hood, sinks and counters
- clean surfaces (inside and out) freezer,refrigerators
- clean bar area including floor, sinks, beer coolers
- clean bar, bar stools
- vacuum upholstered furniture
- clean and straighten junior sailing room in moldee,
- remove non-sailing gear and debris
- clean moldee toilet and sweep floors and hallway
- clean and sweep steward apartment in moldee
- empty and clean trash cans
- clean and rake swimming beach
- clean and rake sandbox
- clean and straighten beer shed
- clean and straighten south side of club house trim
- weeds and remove debris

As you can see there is plenty to do. Sign up sheets will be posted in club house so we don't have everyone trying to do the same thing. Every bit helps.



Soup Supper (and Free Beer!)

After the cleanup on October 6, from 6 p.m. until it's all gone, there will be free beer and a soup supper.

Bring enough of your favorite recipe so that you can convince everyone that your soup is worth one of the fabulous prizes. If you don't make soup, bring a few loaves of good bread. We will supply coffee and dessert.

If you have never come to a soup supper you don't know what you missed. Remember to bring a serving utensil and to label your bowl and server so that you get it back. Also bring a list of ingredients on a 3 by 5 card so we can avoid any food allergies.

Seneca-Cayuga Cruise

Submitted by Brent Gillette

Over the Labor Day weekend, Robin (Crist) and I took our 22 foot sailboat "Missing Will" from its home berth at KYC and in short order towed it to the Village Marina in Watkins Glen and relaunched into neighboring Seneca Lake. Our goal for the extended weekend was to sail from Watkins Glen through the Seneca-Cayuga canal and finish in Ithaca.

Our first day (Saturday) showed us a really nice breeze out of the north of 14 kts. Seneca feels like a very large lake due not only to its dimensions (about 30 miles in length by 3 miles wide and 600 feet deep) but also due to its fetch. When looking north you can see water all the way to the horizon which also allows for some fairly large waves to form. The boat performed admirably with a reefed main and jib and Robin performed admirably in making sandwiches in the junction of the cabin floor and wall while the boat heeled per the wind conditions. We decided to call it a day after 6 hours of bashing to weather and stopped at The Sampson Marine Basin on the east shore of the lake. There was just enough water under our keel to enter and find a dock for the night. It is a very nice state facility with showers and is totally protected.



We started off early Sunday morning and had a beautiful 3 hour down wind sail to Geneva while we watched the Seneca Yacht Club conduct their Sunday races. As there are low bridges soon after you enter the canal we "borrowed" a slip whose owners were away and quickly lowered our mast and prepared for the canal portion of our trip. The canal section is approx. 14 miles and was very enjoyable. The scenery was wonderful with great bird watching and lots of interesting homes and boats to look at. Although we didn't stop, the village of Seneca Falls looked like a great place to explore and provision.

We had a bit of trepidation about going through the locks and weren't sure of what to do. However, it was quite a simple procedure, and after the first one we knew just what to do for the next two. We were surprised by how large and intricate the locks were and how far they raise/lower transiting boats.

We exited the canal late in the afternoon and entered Cayuga Lake. After finding the route not to take (we plowed a bit of a furrow with our centerboard), we motored a considerable distance into the lake before it got deep enough to leave the marked channel. We arrived at the Red Jacket Yacht club about 5 pm and after introducing ourselves and the fact that we were from another yacht club we were welcomed with open arms. We were not only given our own mooring and free access the club's facilities, but were invited to join in the barn dance being held that evening. I can only hope that KYC will be as generous should a visitor visit us on a similar trip.

After meeting up with some friends on their 34' Canadian Sailcraft, we headed south and soon were deserted by the good wind we had enjoyed to that time and spent the rest of the day motoring and stopping for swim breaks while headed to Taughannock Park. Once we arrived we anchored off the North side of the park and settled in for more swimming and visiting with our friends who anchored by our side. On cue, the wind came back during the night which necessitated an untwisting of anchors lines, but after a quick trip on deck the problems was resolved and we slept well for the remainder of the night.

Tuesday morning didn't look promising with regards to the wind, so we decided to end our trip and motor to the launch ramps in Ithaca and prepare the boat for the trip back to KYC. After the usual procedure of taking the boat apart, packing and repacking and what seems like hundreds of trips up and down the ladder we use to get on and off the boat while it's on the trailer, we were ready to drive back. It was fun to look out at the

lakes that had just taken days to travel while taking only a couple of hours to accomplish the same trip while towing the boat with the truck.

We would highly recommend this little cruise to anyone that wants an excellent adventure while staying close to home.

From the Harbor Master

Trailer Storage

Submitted by Bruce Bozman

Keuka Yacht Club has completed its "Labeling" Program to identify all boats and trailers on KYC grounds. Unfortunately, we still have about 16 trailers whose owners have not responded to our requests for information.

At this time, we have no way of knowing if these trailers have been abandoned or are, indeed, legitimately being stored.

This collection of unidentified trailers (i.e. any trailer without a current "Keuka Yacht Club" numbered label) will be grouped together in the upper lot, and secured with a locked chain. If these trailers have not been claimed within a reasonable amount of time, they will be removed from KYC's grounds.

If you find that your trailer has been locked, please contact the Harbormaster personally. My contact information is: Bruce Bozman; KYC Harbormaster; 607-868-3001; kycharbor@roadrunner.com

Meet the Board— David Stenger



Family: Nancy & I were married in 1984 out in the middle of Keuka Lake on a flotilla of E-Scows. I have (2) children, John & Audra. John was club steward about 10 years ago during his junior year at Rensselaer. John has (2) children and now lives & works for the VA in Washington DC. Audra graduated from SUNY Brooklyn in 2001 as a Physician's assistant, is married & lives in Ashland, Oregon but in the process of moving to Crystal Lake, Michigan, (2004 E-Scow Nationals).

Grew Up In: I'm originally from Painted Post and spent summers at my parents cottage about (5) places North of the Yacht Club.

I started sailing E-Scows in 1975 and have owned and raced a Sunfish, Laser, J-24, Star, Lightning, MC-Scow, and (7) different E-Scows, currently I'm looking at buying # 8.

How Long on Board of Directors: I have been a member of the Board of Directors on & off for about 20 years. Recently I have been assisting the Waterfront director, Pat Shane, with dock projects.

Goals for the KYC: Some goals I have as a board member are to help facilitate a seamless transition with the new board, and to get more members involved with volunteer activities.