

The *Bilge Pump*

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Future Bilge Pump Authors enjoy the KYC in 2007

KYC Opens this Weekend

The clubhouse will open for the season on Friday, May 23rd at 4 p.m. Come by and say hello.

The weather forecast looks okay, so maybe it will really feel like summer. If not, remember this:

**Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass...
It's about learning to dance in the rain.**

On Sunday, May 25th, the 3rd Annual Cups and Flags Dinner will take place with the Keg tapped at 5:30 and Dinner served at 7:00. If you have any questions, contact Steve Anderson at (607) 522-6436 or by email at flatoakfarm@hotmail.com.

Safe Boating Week

As we begin the boating season, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation has named May 17-23 National Safe Boating Week. Throughout the season, the Office of



Parks and Recreation reminds boaters to practice safe and responsible boating, including:

- wearing a life jacket
- completing a safe boating course
- properly equipping and inspecting their vessel
- maintaining a prudent speed
- helping fellow boaters in distress
- refraining from mixing alcohol with boating

In New York State, children under 12 must wear a life jacket at all times unless situated within the cabin of a vessel. Each vessel must have one United States Coast Guard approved life jacket for each person on board. In nearly 80 percent of fatalities associated with recreational boating in New York State, the victim was not wearing a life jacket.

In recent years, fines and penalties for boating while intoxicated have been increased and now match those of driving while intoxicated. The state blood alcohol limit for boating while intoxicated is .08. In addition, New York has a zero tolerance provision for individuals under 21 convicted of boating while intoxicated.

All personal watercraft operators, regardless of age, are required to complete a safe boating course. Children between the age of 10 and 18 must complete a safe boating course if they are operating a vessel without adult supervision.

Kid's Corner

Where do generals keep their armies?

Answer: Up their sleeves!

Reminder – Dues

Outstanding dues should be paid by May 30th. There will be a 10% penalty on the unpaid balance if dues are not paid by that date.

Junior Sailing Sign-ups

If you are interested in signing up for the junior sailing program, contact Peter Gamba by e-mail at Pgamba1007@aol.com or calling him at (315) 595 8899. The first of four two-week sessions begins on June 23rd.

Reminder -- Boat Removal

In the past, there have been a number of neglected boats and trailers stored on the grounds. In case you missed it, May 15th was the deadline for boats to be in their proper locations for the season. This means that all boats parked on the club grounds for the winter must be either: 1) in the water, 2) ready for the season, or 3) moved to one of the upper lots. The removal of boats by this date will help with mowing, lake access for members, and general clean-up and maintenance. Thank you for your cooperation.

Instructor Training Offered

A Level 1 Sailing Instructor Training Course will be offered June 19 through June 22, 2008 at KYC.

For more information and to sign up for the class go to the US Sailing Web site under instructor training "LEVEL 1". If you have any questions, please call Peter Gamba at (315) 595- 8899 or Debbie Koop at (315) 595-2523.

Upcoming Events

May 23rd: Clubhouse Opens at 4:00 pm

May 25th: Cups and Flags Dinner

June 19 -22nd: US Sailing Instructor Level 1 Training Course at KYC

July 23: Session 1 of Junior Sailing Begins

July 31- 8/2: Eastern E-Scow Championships at KYC (details to follow)

Bilge Pump Updates

I've had lots of emails asking me not to get rid of the beloved "Bilge Pump" name. So the name will remain the same.

I welcome pictures from the club, jokes, riddles, and other information that may be helpful or interesting to fellow members. All submissions can be made by emailing me at clearyjw@hotmail.com or by leaving a note at the Bilge Pump box at the bar. —Janet Cleary