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2007 Lightning Regatta (File Photo)

Lightning Regatta Success

Submitted by Peter Maier

The 40th Annual Lightning Champagne Regatta took place on June 28th. Nine boats competed in four races with good air -- a great day at the races on Keuka Lake.

Some "old regulars" returned, some newer visitors and a former member, now out of the Adirondack North Country, turned up to enjoy a surprisingly good day. Winning bottles of Dr. Frank's "Celebre" (nice stuff!) were:

- 1st place – Dan Pope and crew with No. 15250;
- 2nd place – Bob King and crew on board No. 15279; and
- 3rd place – Clay and AJ Murphy and crew on No. 14849.

KYC's Lightning Tradition Award for the oldest numbered boat to complete went to former KYC member Barry Brogan and crew on beautifully restored No. 10490.

Thanks to Peter Gamba who planned and prepared the way, set up the event team and made key arrangements all well in advance of the races. Thanks too to the Event Team volunteers: Cheryl and Dave Tierson (great job at Race Committee duty, Dave!), Fleet

252 Key Person Robin Crist, Paul Schnipelsky and Peter Maier. Thanks also to staff member Stephanie Malone who aided Dave with Race Committee duties.

E-Scow Championships

Submitted by Bob Cole, KYC E Fleet Captain

The Eastern Class E Scow Association's annual regatta is coming soon – July 30th to August 2nd. We expect to have at least thirty boats in the fleet. The Keuka E fleet still needs volunteer assistance for a number of items from Wednesday evening July 30 to Saturday afternoon August 2. We are seeking volunteers to assist with the race committee, safety boats, hoist operation supervision, and parking supervision, among other items.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP US!! There are sign up sheets on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Also you can contact Bob Cole at rhcolejr@stny.rr.com or by calling 607-936-1830.

Firewood Needed:



Rick Bates reports that he donated a bunch of "kindling" wood for members to use for bonfires at the club. It is located at the south side of the club building. This wood is good for starting fires but will quickly disappear if members use it as the main firewood.

Is there someone willing to donate real fire logs to use for the bonfires also? It would nicely supplement Rick's donation. Thanks for your help!

Race Results

Submitted by Dave Tierson

It has been very quiet on the racing front. The wind has been absent -- if anyone knows where it went, please let me know! We did complete a short, slow Lusitania Cup race on Saturday July 5th. The results are not official yet as we are waiting for rating information before we can complete them.

The next race for cruisers will be Saturday July 19th at noon.

Membership Cards

Membership cards are available and should be picked up at the bar. If yours isn't there, contact Fred Schulte.



The "Ark" – early KYC Clubhouse

Keuka Yacht Club History

Here are some facts about KYC history extracted from Bonnie Hawk Barney's history of the KYC. Many more details about the History of the KYC can be found on the website (www.keukayc.org).

In Penn Yan in 1869 fifteen interested sailors formed the Keuka Yacht Club. Each founder paid a \$1.00 initiation fee and \$.50 annual dues, and then voted in 34 additional honorary members. The first few years were rocky, and the club failed to reach a quorum

at meetings. However, by the 1880s a more regular pattern of KYC activity on the lake was established. The first regatta was in August of 1880 at the Ark in Penn Yan. Prizes ranging from \$25 to \$3 were awarded for the five winning places. In 1884, at the fifth annual regatta, 20 yachts were registered for the races. The location of these regattas, known as the Ark, served as the base for many of KYC's races during its hundred-plus years. The Ark was located about midway between Red Jacket Park and the golf course.

Clubhouse Hour Correction

The last Bilge Pump posted incorrect hours for the Clubhouse on Sunday. On Sundays, the clubhouse is open from 12 to 5. Here are the complete hours again, this time correct:

Monday & Tuesday:	Closed
Wednesday & Thursday:	Open 5 to 8
Friday:	Open 4 to 12
Saturday:	Open 12 to 12
Sunday:	Open 12 to 5

Upcoming Events

- July 31- 8/2: Eastern E-Scow Championships at KYC
- Aug. 23-24: MC Nor'Eastern Regatta (Cocktails and Dinner on the 23rd)

Bilge Pump

Since we will be taking an extended vacation at the end of this month, I will send out another Bilge Pump next week before taking a hiatus until mid August. Submissions are welcome and 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