



# THE BILGE PUMP

Keuka Yacht Club

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## HOUSE UPDATE

**H**oping the worst of winter is behind us now, we can start to think about sailing and swimming. With your help I am starting the process of hiring a steward and helper for the upcoming season. Please spread the word concerning the open positions at KYC.

The steward position is approximately 40 hours per week starting the end of May continuing through the first week of September. This position involves bartending, food preparation, grounds upkeep/clean-up. This person should be a minimum 21 years old with a drivers license. Included in this position is a beautiful lakeside apartment lovingly rebuilt by Paul S. and his crew. Thanks Paul.

The helper position is also open. This position is approximately 15-18 hours per week starting toward the end of June, continuing through Labor Day. Food prep and clean-up is required in this position. This person should be a minimum of 18 years old.

**P**lease help us staff the club by referring anyone you know who can contribute to the club this summer. Please contact Cheryl Tierson at [catierson@yahoo.com](mailto:catierson@yahoo.com) or phone 585-739-2871. I will forward a detailed job description to qualified applicants. Thank you in advance for your help.  
CHERYL TIERSON

## MC FLEET MIGRATES SOUTH

**W**hile most boats are put to rest and in storage for the winter months, some members of the MC fleet have headed south for some 'off-season' racing in Georgia and Lake Eustis, Florida. Enticed by reports from Bob Cole of warm weather, fine racing, and good camaraderie at the LEYC. Five other MC fleet members will be racing in Florida this winter. We'll see if the extra time in boat and sail fast clinics pay off this summer.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

**P**reparations are ongoing for the 2010 Keuka Yacht Club season. The restoral of the non-boating membership category has led to the return of several former members; Bonnie and Keith Gustin, Sherry and Timothy Parke, and Gigi and Chuck Morse. We are excited at the return of our friends. We hope the membership will reach out to former non-boating members to encourage more to rejoin. We are pleased to welcome new members Betsy and John Mattoon and their children Christopher and Gabrielle, John and Pam Tooker, Bill and Bobbi Hunt and their daughter Alexa, and Ken and Beth Winsor and their boys Alexander and Ethan.

I would welcome the help of any member interested in being involved in promoting membership in KYC.  
ROBERT COLE

## FLYING JUNIOR SAILBOATS

**D**uring the Fall, the KYC purchased six used Flying Junior (FJ) sloops. These are the most popular collegiate racing boat. We are going to use these boats for the Sailing School for intermediate students and also in adult instruction. In addition these boats, along with the Sunfish, will be available to qualified members for both pleasure sailing and racing. The FJ is a centerboard boat slightly over 13 feet in length and slightly under 5 foot beam. Rigged with a main and jib this boat will provide an excellent platform for learning advanced sailing techniques.

**W**atch future Bilge Pumps for more information on qualifications to sail the FJ's and Sunfish. We are developing the policy. If you are interested in racing these boats on Sunday afternoons please contact me at:  
[racing@Keukayc.org](mailto:racing@Keukayc.org)  
RON BEYER

## CRUISING HORIZON

**H**andicap racing will return to the KYC next summer. This is a great opportunity for every sailor to share in the racing fun.

Short of crew? There is sure to be someone available and willing to sail a few laps (maybe for some free refreshments post racing at the club).

**H**ere is a preview of the plan:

- ◆ Race format will continue to be a triangle course with one lap.
- ◆ Depending on the conditions, there will be multiple races (up to 3 time permitting).
- ◆ A start time will be selected and posted at the start of the season.
- ◆ Racing to be every week there is not a conflict with other fleet regattas.      DAVE CHERVENIC

## THINK SPRING!

**M**arch 20th marks the first day of spring. With boating season just around the corner, here are some tips from Boat US on getting your boat ready for the season to prepare for a trouble-free season of boating.

1. For motorboats: Inspect mechanical systems—powertrain, water and waste systems, and electrical systems should be checked for wear and damage and regular maintenance done that was not completed when winterizing. All trailers should be checked for wear before taking out on the road.
2. For boats in slips and on moorings: Use a bottom paint to reduce marine growth of plants and algae. A clean bottom is safe, fast, and efficient.
3. Cosmetic Maintenance—Now is the time to scrub your boat clean and give it a good waxing. Unprotected gelcoat oxidizes and becomes porous, creating a chalky appearance and allowing dirt to become trapped causing stains. Mostly all gelcoats can be restored.
4. Regulatory Checkup: Make sure all your safety gear is up to date and in good condition.

## BUILDINGS & GROUNDS UPDATE

**P**rojects for this year will include putting up a new awning that is being donated through Bob Cole. We'll be looking for members to help with the installation.

We are postponing re-building of the two South docks due to budget constraints. We have proceeded with getting six dollies built by Craig McMinn in Guyanoga. These will be fabricated and welded up out of aluminum, similar to the Sunfish dollies but slightly larger, will include a sling for the hull, & large wheel barrel tires.

Craig is also going to repair and strengthen up the RC Float boat roof frame structure. The scow hoist dock connecting roller brackets will be modified to have a 3 point roller restraint design, this should help eliminate roller wear problems.      DAVE STENGER

## ARMCHAIR SAILORS

**S**pend some time tuning up your racing skills with some reading before the season starts:

*Getting Started in Sailboat Racing*  
by Adam Cort and Richard Stearns.

A complete course in the fundamentals, *Getting Started in Sailboat Racing* dispels the sport's elite aura and makes racing accessible to any sailor who wants to give it a try.

*The Physics of Sailing Explained*  
by Bryon D. Anderson

*Sail it Flat the Sunfish Racing Primer*  
by Chuck Millican and Larry Lewis

**O**r sit back and enjoy some sailing travelogues:  
*Blue Horizons: Dispatches from Distant Seas*  
by Beth Leonard (Winner of the National Outdoor Book Award for Literature)

*The Way of a Ship: A Square-Rigger Voyage in the Last Days of Sail* by Derek Lundy

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