



THE BILGE PUMP

Keuka Yacht Club

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SPRING IS HERE!

What would spring be like without clean-up day at the KYC? **Save the day-Saturday May 15th!** On Monday, April 5th, Paul Schnipelsky and I took out the ice pumps. The power cables needed to be picked up from the lawn before any preliminary grass mowing could be done. Really slimy and heavy pumps, it took us about 3 hours. We had to roll up five 200' romex extension cords and place everything in the old beer shed. The water will be turned on within the next week or so—after the frost warnings subside. A quick check was done on April 17th in order to identify any frozen and split pipes. So the first two of many springtime projects to get the KYC in shape for the season will be checked off our list!

We have a number of projects for clean-up day—we hope you can join us! Each project completed puts us all closer to enjoying the KYC during the season. Here are the grounds projects—place the donated awning on the front of the club house; move the sun-fish and FJs outdoors; trim trees & brush and pick up fallen tree limbs around the South end of the property; launch the floating scow hoist dock (provided we have calm conditions and 3–4 people to commit to this); remount the lightning hoist on the overhead beam (the motor and starter have been re-built—Danny White and Dan Gerwig did the take down but anyone that can lift a hundred pounds on the top of a scaffolding will be acceptable to get it remounted!). Repairs to overhead piping in the kitchen are done so the drop ceiling panel can be replaced and new parts are in to replace the supply lines to the toilets to stop those leaks! Also we have white oak planks to be cut to length and dropped in at the scow hoist seawall to replace those that have been lost; mow the lawn and rake grass; and remount the repaired KYC sign.

DAVE STENGER

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

The Membership Committee (so far that's me) will produce a new membership directory. Please have a look in your camera or on your computer for photos of KYC times. Photos of all fleets, sailing school, parties, just a day at the lake—all would be welcomed for possible inclusion. Thanks for your help. Digital photos can be attached to email directed to: membership@keukayc.org.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR

BOB COLE

HOUSE NEWS

Happy times at the House as we have hired a Steward for this summer. Many may already know Bryan Braman from his time spent at the club. He is excited to start his new position and move into the waterfront condo! Please welcome him. We continue to look to hire kitchen staff to help Bryan in his new duties. Please contact me with any leads at catierson@yahoo.com.

Club scrub is **Sat. May 15th** and the House needs a good scrub. Many hands make light work so please plan to volunteer to help Bryan, me, and other members clean our club for the season.

As this is my last summer as House and Social Chairperson (darn!) I would like to begin to train KYC's *next* House and Social Chairperson. This position requires someone who is able to volunteer time and effort to make KYC a success—please contact me at: catierson@yahoo.com.

CHERYL TIERSON

MC NEWS

The MC Fleet has grown again. With the additions of Brent Gillette, Steve Bender, Chris Hawk and Tim Meyer, the KYC MC Fleet has grown to 12 strong boats. Bob Cole has also purchased a fleet boat 1856 (which I can say is very fast) for the use of people interested in racing an MC. With Sunday afternoon starts, it looks to be an exciting time for the fleet as we should be averaging 10 boats for each race. Come on down, get in the action and enjoy the fun.

KYC Invades Florida. Bob Meyer, Sean Treacy, Brent Penwarden and I traveled to Lake Eustis, FL in March for the MC Midwinters. I am proud to say that we were all quite fast against most of the best MC Sailors in the US. The fleet was big with 72 boats. Eustis is a great winter getaway with good wind and tricky shifts. Stories of alligators also kept us alert. Bob & Brent had great regattas and were always in the hunt. Sean and I did well too, even though we missed two races each. It was a fantastic time but don't try to drive it in one day like one knucklehead did—19 hours and 32 minutes is a long drive.

STEVE ANDERSEN

Sincerely, Steve—aka COMMODORE'S REPORT

The 2010 season is approaching quickly and before we know it, it will be Memorial Day. The Board of Directors have done a fantastic job to prepare for the season and they must be congratulated for all of their hard work. You will see many improvements around the club as well as greater communication for all of our members. Sean Treacy has done a splendid job updating the website while Ann Penwarden is working hard on the Bilge Pump. Many thanks to Sean and Ann.

Spencer and Nancy Jenkins have agreed to take over the daunting task of the Treasurer position. This is one of positions that goes unnoticed by the membership but is the most time consuming. For the past 10 years, Fred Schulte has done a masterful job as our Treasurer and I want to take this moment to thank him for all he has done for us. Thank you Fred!

If you do happen to visit the club before the season opens, I'm sure you will find Paul Schnipelsky lurking around the corners. Paul is finishing up on the almost two year renovation of the Moldee and it looks great. Paul along with the hard work of Spencer Jenkins have taken a building that some wanted knocked down and made it into a place that I wish I could live in during the summer—to be 20 years old again and have the opportunity to live on the Keuka waterfront. Many thanks to Paul, Spencer along with the help of Dave Stenger and Pat Shane.

With the season almost upon us, please mark **May 15th on your calendar for KYC Clean-Up Day.** Being a complete volunteer organization, all of your help is needed to get KYC ready for 2010. The more hands we have to help, the quicker we can cook out and enjoy our favorite beverages, so come on down!

A few reminders for this year. When your boat is at the club or is moored in a slip, please make sure it is secured when you leave the club but do not lock your trailer in case of an emergency. All unused trailers should be moved to the to the third level trailer parking area. In trying to keep KYC a beautiful place to visit, please make sure to pick-up after yourself and if you do bring a guest, please make sure to have them sign the guest book at the bar. Since the placement of boats is the parking priority on the lake level, please try to park in designated parking areas across the street or on the second level parking area. If you do park on lower level, please leave your keys in the vehicle and do not lock your doors. In case of an emergency or if a boat is blocked in, we need to be able to move your vehicle.

Always remember to Volunteer! Please volunteer as much as possible to help make Keuka Yacht Club a great place for all of us. Without your help, it makes some work harder for the enjoyment of all. Any help is always appreciated. After another long winter, I look forward to seeing everyone this summer. Let's make it the greatest ever! STEVE ANDERSEN

2010 KYC RACING

Racing sailboats can be seen off the yacht club on Sundays and a few other days from Memorial Day weekend into September. See the KYC Calendar at www.keukayc.org for a complete schedule.

Race results will be published weekly in the *Bilge Pump*. Ongoing season results will be on the website and posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. This year we are again blessed to have Bob Wilder setting the courses and providing the scoring. Helping him on the water will be Kim Gerwig. In the morning at 10am we will have E-scows and potentially Lightnings. In the afternoon the Sunfish, MC-scows, and Cruising boats will be starting at 2pm. Any fleet that puts two or more boats at the starting line will get a start. Racing at the KYC is mostly fun as the fleets are friendly and the racers help each other to improve their skills.

The scoring will be by fleet and finish position. For the Cruising boats, the elapsed time will be recorded for each boat. That time will be adjusted using the PHRF system to determine the order of finish. This evens the playing field by taking into account the differences in boat design.

We would also like to see the Flying Juniors (FJs) participate in the afternoon races. These boats as well as the Sunfish will be available to club members. Stay tuned for more information on qualifications to use these boats.

Participating on Race Committee gives a front row seat to the action on the water. Volunteers are important to regattas. Chase boats provide a valuable service in increasing safety in case of unintended capsizing or sudden bad weather. Please consider offering your services for the regattas we host. RACE COMMITTEE CHAIR RON BEYER

EMBROIDERED YACHT CLUB GEAR

Examples of KYC embroidered sweatshirts, polos, and hats will be on display and available for order at the Club Bar this season. Children through adult sizes will be available. More information on costs and selection will be forthcoming via the *Bilge Pump*. DAVE CHERVENIC

FAMILY NIGHT

Last summer's Family Night was a great success and although plans have not been finalized for this year's event, we would like to solicit ideas for children activities beyond our traditional "Movie on the Lawn." Some great ideas have already come in. Further event communications will be primarily via the *Bilge Pump*, so stay tuned. Please send ideas and interest in participating to Jenna Chervenec (chervenecja@gmail.com).

HARBORMASTER REPORT

Greetings Keuka Boaters! These warm sunny days sure get us thinking of being out on the water. At least they do for me. As the new Harbormaster, I will try to make regular contributions to the *Bilge Pump*.

April 30-May 1 marks the transition from Winter Storage Livery to Summer Boat Livery on the shore level of the club grounds. I will be making inventory rounds periodically. Please keep me informed of any boat/trailer changes. I will be trying to follow the labeling system instituted by my predecessor, Bruce Bozman, but putting your name on your trailer tongue with adhesive letters is another way to help me identify your boat/trailer. If I cannot identify your boat or trailer, I will try to attach a note asking you to contact me. I really don't want to get into situations of locking up trailers or removing them from the grounds, so please help me by keeping me abreast of any changes.

To Boat Slip Renters, please remember your responsibilities to secure your boats. This means adequate dock lines with rubber snubbers and proper fenders. If damage occurs to another boat or to club property, you can be held responsible. I will plan on having some extra dock lines available for urgent/emergent circumstances priced at cost.

Anyone interested in a boat slip should let me know so that their name can be put on the waitlist. I am expecting full occupancy this season, but there has been some turnover this year.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I welcome your input and look forward to a great summer. CU @ KYC. BOB MEYER

JUNIOR SAILING

KYC's Junior Sailing program is one of the oldest in the United States. Founded during WWII, KYC maintains the philosophy that sailing is an excellent way for children to learn self-reliance, self-esteem, and sportsmanship. Today's KYC Jr. Sailing Program is U.S. Sailing approved. Our Head Instructor is a U.S. Sailing Level One Certified Instructor. We believe that sailing should be educational, a source of personal satisfaction, and fun. The students' ages this year will be 8 through 18.

There are four two-week sessions, from 9am-12 noon, Monday-Thursday. Classes are small and limited to twelve students per class. Introduced in 2009, we will continue to feature a racing focus during Session 3 tailored to interested returning Jr. Sailor program attendees. This year we have added the Flying Junior Sloop (FJ) to the KYC Jr. Sailing Fleet. The FJ is sailed by more collegiate sailing teams than any other double-handed sailboat. Also popular as a junior trainer, the FJ is a light, tough, agile performer. Especially popular on lakes and rivers, the FJ tacks and accelerates quickly, making the best use of restricted sailing areas. This boat's addition adds another dimension to the Jr. Sailing education at KYC.

Weekday sessions:

Session 1: June 21-July 1 Monday-Thursday

Session 2: July 6- July 15 1st wk: Tues- Fri, 2nd M-Th

Session 3: July 19-July 29 Monday-Thursday

Session 4: Aug. 2- Aug. 12 Monday-Thursday

Tuition: KYC members \$195 (2nd student \$170)
Non-members tuition: \$225 (2nd student \$200)
Textbook: *Start Sailing Right* \$14.00

Register by May 1st and receive a \$10 discount!

Some classes fill up early so register early to reserve the session that best fits your schedule (the application is available on the KYC website—www.keukayc.org). Private and adult lessons are also available and organized upon demand.

We are also in the process of considering sailing lessons for juniors on selected Saturdays. Stay tuned for details. We hope to see you this summer!

Jr. Sailing Contact: Peter Gamba, 315-595-8899, school@keukayc.org

Jr. Sailing Committee: Peter Gamba, Dave Chervenec, Ron Beyer, Bob Wilder, Art Wilder, Debbie Koop, John Brown, Paul Terrell (Lead instructor 2010), Jenna Chervenec (Assistant Instructor 2010).

VANGUARD CLUB FLYING JUNIOR



Photo courtesy of DAVE CHERVENIC

The “FJ” is sailed by more collegiate sailing teams than any other double-handed sailboat. Also popular as a junior trainer, the FJ is a light, tough, agile performer. Its large comfortable buoyancy tanks ensure that the FJ is both self rescuing and safe. With a tough untapered mast, external halyards, and a simple layout, the Flying Junior is suitable for Optimist sailors and college All-Americans alike. With over 900 boats in use in club programs today, and more than 100 active college fleets, the Flying Junior is a fantastic choice for clubs, high schools, or colleges looking to introduce young sailors to double-handed sailing.

DAVE CHERVENIC

IN THE NEWS

Some of you may remember watching Andrew Campbell, grandson of Kay and Art Wilder compete in the Olympics in the Laser class on the new TV at the KYC in 2008. Recently Andrew was interviewed by US SAILING on his new campaign to compete in the Olympics as a Star skipper just before competing at the renowned Bacardi Cup in Miami, where he finished 13th out of a field of 84.

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