



THE BILGE PUMP

Keuka Yacht Club

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ANSWER: WHAT IS NO RAIN?

Question: What did we not need more of this past weekend? We could have used more sunshine (especially on Sunday), more people around, more reasonable wind, and more racing (or should I say some racing!).



Storm passing Marlana Point on June 6th

RACING

No racing this week. The wind blew too hard and once the morning severe weather threats were gone, it turned cold and decidedly unpleasant. Maybe next Sunday will be a cross between Memorial Day and this past weekend.

RON BEYER

CLUB BAR HOURS

Fridays 5pm—11pm
Saturday 1pm—11pm
Sunday NOON—6pm

There are no weekday hours until Thursday, June 24th. Remember that the Moldee bathroom is open if you are on the grounds and the Clubhouse is not open.

SPOTLIGHT ON LIGHTNINGS

The Lightning is a sloop rigged sailing dinghy originally designed by Olin Stephens of Sparkman & Stephens in 1938. It was first sailed on Skaneateles Lake. More than 15,000 Lightnings have been built since then.

The Lightning's rig is simple, but offers sophisticated sail shape controls. The hull features a unique hard chine design that combines the stability that provides sail-carrying power, with flat bottom sections that promote planing.

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lightning_\(dinghy\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lightning_(dinghy))

There's room in the cockpit for two couples or a family to day sail. The Lightning is easy to launch and light enough to trailer with ease. In the event of a capsized, she can be righted and sailed dry by her crew. Source: <http://www.lightningclass.org/>

Keuka Yacht Club is the home of Fleet 252 from the Central New York District. Here are some thoughts from Peter Gamba—the Lightning Fleet Captain:

If you are thinking about getting involved with sailing and/or sailboat racing on beautiful Keuka Lake, there is no better way for a person to get started than by sailing on a [Lightning](#). However, you don't need a boat to join our fleet. Heck, you don't even have to sail. You just need to like to have a good time. People of all ages and abilities sail Lightnings. They are sturdy, quick, easy to sail, and one of the least expensive boats to own and race. Boats 20 years old are still competitive! The Lightning class is one of the most active classes in the world and probably the most fun. If you want to expand your horizons beyond Keuka Lake, there is a Lightning Regatta in our region almost every weekend of the summer.

The [Keuka Lightning](#) fleet places as much emphasis on socializing (ok, more emphasis) as we do on getting our boats out to race on Sundays. Since 1954, when our fleet started, newcomers have always been welcome, with or without a boat. While

the time on the boats is always a wonderful adventure, and our racing is competitive, we can guarantee that the friendships you make with others in the Lightning fleet will be the most rewarding and lasting benefit of sailing a Lightning.

Please give me a call or email me if you would like more information or to arrange for a trial sail in a Lightning. If you would like to learn to crew, we can arrange to get you out for a race and if you want to start racing your own boat, we will be glad to assist you with more help and advice than you probably want.

PETER GAMBA

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42nd CHAMPAGNE REGATTA

Presented by Keuka Fleet #252
[One Day of Fun](#) on beautiful Keuka Lake!

Saturday June 26, 2010

Registration Fee \$35.00 / Boat
Registration 11:00 AM to Noon
Skippers Meeting - Noon
First Race - ASAP after Skippers meeting
The goal is Five Races, No throw-outs
Champagne Trophies

[Keuka Yacht Club](#) www.keukayc.org
12980 West Lake Rd (Rt. 54A-approx. 8 miles
from either Hammondspport or Branchport)
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JUNIOR SAILING

Keuka YC's Junior Sailing program is one of the oldest in the United States. We believe that sailing should be educational, a source of personal satisfaction, and fun. The students' ages this year will be 8 through 18.

Four 2 week sessions Monday through Thursday will be run starting June 21st. Check out the [Junior Sailing](#) website for details and more information. Some classes fill up early so register early to reserve the session that best fits your schedule (see the KYC website for the [application](#)). Private and adult lessons are also available and organized upon demand.

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IN THE KITCHEN

Have you tried any of our food offerings yet this year? The chicken sandwiches are very tasty and I've been tempted by a few of the other goodies I've seen served—nachos, burgers and pizza. Stop in and check out the full menu!

The kitchen is open:

Fridays 5-8pm
Saturdays 1-8pm
Sundays NOON-6pm

Send submissions for the Bilge Pump to:
bilge@keukayc.org.
Please note Bilge Pump in subject line.
Thank you,