



# THE BILGE PUMP

**Keuka Yacht Club**

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**RAIN RAIN...**

Rain, rain, go away  
Come again another day

This popular English language nursery rhyme dates back to the seventeenth century and has been used in more recent times as lyrics in songs recorded by various artists ranging from Bobby Vinton to Electric Light Orchestra to Counting Crows and Nine Inch Nails.

Another twist on this rhyme is the fantasy short story written by Isaac Asimov "Rain, Rain, Go Away" published in the September 1959 issue of *Fantastic Universe* and reprinted in the 1975 collection *Buy Jupiter and Other Stories*. Why is it that the Sakkaros family runs away from the rain?

Plenty of rain fell in mostly calm air at Keuka Lake on Saturday putting a damper on too many outdoor activities.

**RACE RESULTS**

MC scows		Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4
1808	Bender	3	3	2	2
1903	Penwarden	2	2	3	1
2076	Gillette	4	4	4	3
2307	Hawk	1	1	1	DNS

Sunfish

Andrew Braman	DNS	1	1
Cara Bender	2	DNS	DNS
Bob Wilder	1	2	2

**RACING**

A very gray day with rain, lightning, and thunder in the AM. Wind came in from the north and once the rain stopped it was a good sailing day. The cloudy skies kept the motorboats to a minimum so there was little chop. The MC Scows and Sunfish sailed in the afternoon and really enjoyed it.

Sean Treacy took the fleet MC Scow out because his boat needs repair. He didn't get to the race course because the ring that retains the pin in the forestay "failed" and the mast came down. Fortunately Sean was okay and the race committee towed him in. We are looking forward to comments from Steve Andersen who put this boat together and pronounced it ready to sail. Two more E-Scows were put together. Next week there should be enough of them to sail in the morning given good sailing weather. RON BEYER

**Cruising Fleet**

This is a reminder that Club Racing has begun and new this year, the Cruising Fleet is included in the Sunday afternoon race sequence. Racing typically starts around 2:00 pm on the water and a triangular course will be set up. Scoring will follow corrected time based on boat PHRF ratings. Given that differentiating cruisers may pose a challenge for the race committee it is suggested that you personalize your boat's entry in some visual fashion (flag, bow numbering, sail number, etc) and verification of race results is always a good practice. Racing as always is weather dependent so please review race day forecasts for the threat of severe weather that will no doubt impact scheduled racing events.

More details may be found at <http://www.keukayc.org/SailboatRacing.html>.

**Basic Racing Rules** is a reference to some basic sailboat racing rules that you might want to review before getting out on the course.

Cruising racers wishing to be added to a Cruising Fleet distribution list for future Fleet specific communications, please send interest including preferred email address to David Chervenik at [liaison@keukayc.org](mailto:liaison@keukayc.org). DAVE CHERVENIC

**BLOOMS!**

Thanks to Nancy Jenkins for filling the flower pots on the main dock and adding the one near the scow hoist!



**CLUB BAR HOURS**

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

## CLUB BOAT USE POLICY

The KYC Boat Use Policy has been modified by the Board to read as follows:

7. Skippers must be Boating Members via Family, *Single*, or Student memberships.

Full requirements for participation in this service are found under [KYC Boat Use Policy](#) on the KYC website. Interested and qualified applicants are encouraged to complete a [Boat Use Membership Application](#) to be considered for this annual service offering.

Boat Use Memberships:

◆ Full (\$110/year)

◆ Per Sail (\$30/sail)

DAVE CHERVENIC

## HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

There are a few boats on the lot that are due to be in slips or elsewhere, lingering winter or transitional storage. These boats need to be attended to this week. If they remain on the lot this coming weekend, June 18-20 the owner will be assessed a summer livery fee of \$6 per boat foot. There is strong demand for boat storage on the lot this year and I will do my best to ensure we can accommodate these requests. This is a membership and revenue issue for the club.

Because of the strong interest for boat storage on the KYC grounds, it may become necessary to move a boat or boats to optimize use of space. I will try to keep a boat in its general vicinity if possible. If you have a concern regarding finding a place to park your boat, or boat parking issues otherwise, please do not hesitate to contact me:

[harbor@keukayc.org](mailto:harbor@keukayc.org), or 607 426 7224.

Empty boat trailers or dollies will not be allowed to occupy boat storage space; except when that trailer/dolly is of a boat in use, that is regularly stored on the lot, and with current summer livery paid. Please try to occupy only enough space to safely maneuver and manage your boat. Please do not obstruct other boats. Please be courteous to your fellow members. I will be removing any lingering empty trailers from the lakeside lot up to the uppermost lot.

Boat slip renters please remember snubbers on your dock lines. Any member interested in renting a boat slip should advise me at the earliest opportunity so that I can get your name on the wait list. I will be going through that list over the next several days to fill a few vacancies that have become available. There also will be at least one slip available for sublet.

BOB MEYER

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## KNOT BASICS: THE BOWLINE

There are eight knots that the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps recommends learning. As rope is a vital part of any boat's equipment, a good boater should be familiar with tying some basic knots. This week features the [bowline](#) (see the Wikipedia article for animated illustrations).  
Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bowline>

The bowline is sometimes called the King of Knots because of its importance. It is an ancient and simple knot used to form a fixed loop at the end of a rope. It has the virtues of being both easy to tie and untie. The bowline knot is thought to have been first mentioned in John Smith's 1627 work *A Seaman's Grammar* under the name **Boling knot**. Although generally considered a reliable knot, its main deficiencies are a tendency to work loose when not under load and the bight portion of the knot to capsize. Capsizing (or spilling) a knot refers to changing a knot's form and rearranging its parts in certain circumstances. Often the capsized form of the knot offers little resistance to slipping or unraveling. There are several variations of the bowline that are more secure than the traditional bowline—the water bowline, Yosemite bowline and double bowline.

## THE KITCHEN

A number of members had the same idea to beat the humidity and heat by allowing someone else to do the cooking on Saturday! Remember the kitchen is open:

Fridays 5-8pm

Saturdays 1-8pm

Sundays (and Holidays) NOON-6pm

## LUSITANIA CUP—JULY 3rd

The historic Lusitania Cup race is planned for July 3<sup>rd</sup> 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Mark your calendars and pray for sunny and windy conditions. This is an Open Boat Race whose results are based on boat PHRF ratings. This is always a great time.

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Send submissions for the Bilge Pump to:  
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Thank you, ANN PENWARDEN, editor.