

9th ANNUAL STEAK AND SHRIMP BOIL

The 9th Annual Steak and Shrimp Boil coming to you Saturday, July 3rd. Sponsored by the KYC MC Fleet. Information will be in your mailbox within the next few days. 12 oz. Strip Steak with 'All you can eat shrimp', free keg beer, appetizers, and all of the trimmings for \$20.00 per person. Hope to see you all there!

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SUMMER IS OFFICIALLY HERE!

June 21st is the Summer Solstice—the first day of summer. The Summer Solstice occurs exactly when the Earth's axial tilt is most inclined towards the sun at its maximum of 23° 26'. We are now at the point where days will start shortening and nights lengthening. *The Old Farmer's Almanac* has an online tool at www.almanac.com/Astronomy where you can get rise and set times for the sun and planets by zip code. For those of us in the 14840 area, there will be 15 hours and 19 minutes of sunlight on June 21st (we also enjoyed 15 hours and 19 minutes of sunlight on Sunday, June 20th).

The period of time around summer solstice is often referred to as Midsummer. Midsummer Day is June 24th—which represents the midpoint of the growing season (halfway between planting and harvest) according to *The Old Farmer's Almanac*.

RACING

We had a good day of racing. We started in a southwest wind. But shortly after the start of the first E-Scow race it shifted to the west. After the first race ended Bob Wilder, Kim Gerwig, and Liza Gerwig did a great job of changing the course. The second race was better although the wind was very shifty. This was the first real E-Scow racing of the season and it was great to see these fast boats on the water. Five boats went out for both races but only four sailed.

In the afternoon seven MC Scows had five races and the Cruisers one. Again the wind was very shifty as it tends to be in a west/northwest wind.

RON BEYER

RACE RESULTS

E-Scows		Race 1	Race 2
KU 1	Welch	2	1
KU 2	Stenger	4	3
KU 9	Cole	1	2
KU 12	Hudson	DNS	DNF
KU 99	Braman	3	4

MC scows		Race 1	Race 2 *	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5
1808	Bender	4		6	5	6
1856	Treacy	2		5	3	3
1903	Penwarden	3		1	7	7
2076	Gillette	DNS		3	6	4
2307	Hawk	1		2	2	1
2390	Meyer, R	5		7	4	2
2520	Cole	6		4	1	5

Ports-mouth		Elap.	Corr.	Race #1	Elap.	Corr.	Race #2
Chervenik	Beneteau	21:34	24:04	2	19:43	22:00	2
Matoon	Beneteau	24:15	27:04	3	27:30	30:42	3
Wilder	Sunfish	22:30	22:35	1	20:30	20:35	1

***MC Race #2 results had a discrepancy and will be posted at the KYC and published next week.**

42nd CHAMPAGNE REGATTA

Remember Saturday June 26th is the Lightning Champagne Regatta. Sailing will start as soon as possible after the Skippers' meeting which is scheduled for Noon. It should be an exciting day of racing!

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LUSITANIA CUP

On July 3rd we will have our annual cruising boat race. This race, originated by Vasco Raposo a number of years ago, pits all boats against each other using the Portsmouth Handicap Racing Factors (PHRF) to account for differences in boat design. The elapsed time for each competitor is recorded and then adjusted by the published factor for each boat. The race is open to all sailboats on the lake. If you have friends who are not club members please feel free to invite them. This is a fun race intended to get cruising sailors to sail their boats to the best of their ability. Building a thirst and appetite for the annual Steak & Shrimp Boil is also an objective.

The race will begin at approximately noon. The course will be a single lap triangle with marks north and south of the club and a third mark set across the lake in the neighborhood of the Switz. Depending on the prevailing direction of the wind the start will be either to the north (north wind) or the south (south wind). The start/finish line will be set between a buoy off the main dock and the large steel piling in the center of the main dock. If the start is to the north then the marks will be rounded on the starboard side of the boat. If the start is to the south then the marks will be rounded on the port side.

The starting sequence will be the standard 3-minute sequence as described on Page 2 in the [KYC Race Instructions](#). Normal racing rules apply except for protests. Any and all infractions are to be settled on the water.

Cruisers should sign in at the clubhouse by 11:00 and get on the water by 11:30am at the latest unless the race committee has other directions.

The prize for winning is a distinctive trophy designed by Vasco (held at the KYC).

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KNOT BASICS: THE FIGURE-EIGHT KNOT

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 [figure-eight knot](#) (see the Wikipedia article for links to animated illustrations).

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Figure-eight_knot_\(ropes\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Figure-eight_knot_(ropes))

The figure-eight knot is very important in both sailing and rock climbing as a method of stopping ropes from running out of retaining devices. Unlike the overhand knot, which will bind iron-hard under strain, often requiring the rope to be cut, the figure of eight can be easily untied after even the greatest strain. In heraldry, this knot is known as the Savoy knot. It can also be seen on the Alfa Romeo automobile badge (which is basically the emblem of the city of Milan, Italy).

THE KITCHEN

Philly Cheese steaks have arrived! Try one with a draft or with a glass of Hunt Country Hunter's Red—an unassuming table red that is a nice match with the beef and cheese of the Philly sandwich. According to the Hunt Country winery website, the Hunter's Red is "mellow, the perfect red for white wine people" and one suggested food pairing is "fantastic with barbeque". Give them both a try!

Fridays 5-8pm

Saturdays 1-8pm

Sundays (and Holidays) NOON-6pm

CLUB BAR HOURS

Bar open Thursday evenings starting June 24th!

Fridays 5pm—11pm

Saturday NOON—11pm

Sunday NOON—6pm

SKY WATCHING FOR EARLY BIRDS

On June 25th-26th there will be a partial eclipse of the moon. Lunar eclipses are technically visible from the entire "night" side of the Earth. This partial eclipse will be fully visible from Hawaii, but for most of the east coast only a penumbral eclipse will be visible starting on June 26 at 4:56 am EDT until MoonSet at 5:30am for those of us in the 14840 zip code area.

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