



THE BILGE PUMP

Keuka Yacht Club

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RACING

Sunday brought a wind from the west. Typically the west wind is punctuated by strong gusts and big shifts as it spins off the hill. The E-Scows put four boats on the water for two quick races. With the wind shifts they got plenty of practice tacking. No Lightnings were sighted.

In the afternoon seven MCs had two races. They tried for a third race but gave it up when the wind died.

The race committee set a reach mark to accommodate cruisers but none showed up at the starting line. Perhaps we need to rethink cruiser racing as there has been little interest on Sunday afternoons.

RON BEYER

FJ SAIL—SATURDAY, JULY 24, 2010

At the KYC we have 6 (new to us) FJ sail boats which were bought last fall from Roger Williams College. These boats were purchased to be used for the Junior Sailing Program. We would like to expand the use of these boats for other Club sailing. The FJ is a very popular two person boat with a main and a jib. These are used throughout the country for high school and college competitive sailing.

Starting at 10:00AM on Saturday July 24th, we're planning an FJ Sail open to all interested Club members and guests who would like to try out these boats. We will have a few experienced hands to go with anyone needing instruction or assistance.

If anyone has questions, please call or email Art Wilder: Phone: 607-292-3717 or akwilder@roadrunner.com

FAMILY COOKOUT-THURSDAY JULY 29th

Come join the Chervenec family (Jenna, Dave, and Chloe) at the Second Annual KYC Family Cookout/Campout. This is a great opportunity for families of all ages to get together and have some fun. We are planning a potluck dinner and would ask those attending to bring a dish to pass. There will be games and activities, a big campfire with S'mores, and hopefully a movie (camping out is optional). Setup around 5pm on Thursday July 29th, dinner around 6:30ish.

Please contact Jenna at (607) 846-2905 or by email at chervenecja@gmail.com if you are interested.

MORE RACING! WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday evening, July 14 was a beautiful time for a sail on Keuka Lake. Wind from the North at 5-10 mph stayed with the group of four MCs and one Sunfish. A simple course of two marks for Windward-Leeward was used by Brent Gillette, Sean Treacy, guest Jason Walsh, Bob Wilder, and Bob Cole. Bob Wilder, ever the starter, acted as the "rabbit" to start the MCs 5 or 6 times on once-around, then twice-around. Results favored everybody at some point. All the boats and marks were away with plenty of daylight remaining. Activity adjourned to the Waterfront for some food, beverage, and chatter. Plans are to meet again next Wednesday July 21st and each Wednesday into August. Can you sail on Wednesday evening?

BOB COLE

THE KYC "a friendly club without airs"

The KYC welcomes new members interested in having access to Keuka lake and participating in a club that runs on the volunteer spirit of its members. Membership fees are kept low because of the volunteer force of its [membership](#).

So, are you thinking 'how can I help out'? There are two days each year—just before the Club opens in May and again at the end of the season generally in early October that are "clean up" days when all members are invited to join in for the day to help run down a list of tasks to either prepare the club for opening or closing it down for the winter.

While there are a large number of members that turn out to lend a hand as they can on these days, often other personal commitments on those dates preclude members from being able to participate. So, 'what then' you ask?

Well there are lots of little things that can help keep our Clubhouse and grounds shipshape during the season. See an empty bottle or can on a table? Take it into the bar when you walk in. See a loose wrapper that got away in the wind? Pick it up and get it to a trash can. Flower pots looking dry? Give them a drink of water. If you have other ideas (what happened to our bottle recycling bins?) contact the Commodore or another Board member and offer to help or make a suggestion. When we all pitch in everything just runs better!

JUNIOR SAILING SESSION 2

The second session was filled to the brim with both morning and afternoon sessions filled. The morning session had one male and all the other students were females. The afternoon session males and females students were more balanced. The weather was good for most days and the students got out on sunfishes, FJs and Lasers. This session the instructor team included Paul, Anders and John Brown. We also had Emily White and Nicholas Hudson help out for a few days.

The age range of the instructors was such that Anders was ½ Paul's age and John was a little more than twice Paul's age. This was greatly received by the students and parents. A short questionnaire was given to the parents after the class and they gave honor to a top notch instructor team. If you see Paul, Anders and John give them thanks.

Session three begins this week with Paul, Anders and Debbie Koop as the instructor team. PETER GAMBA

LUSITANIA RACE RESULTS

The article on the Lusitania Cup in the July 6th *Bilge Pump* only listed adjusted time finishes and places. Here are the award winners, trophies to be presented at the annual meeting:

Lusitania winner..... Joe Buck
 Lusitania 2nd place ...Dave Chervenik
 Lusitania 3rd place....Brent Gillette
 Vespucci winnerMarie McKee
 1st acrossDave Tierson
 Last across.....Bruce Bozman

RACE RESULTS

E-Scows		Race 1	Race 2
KU 2	Stenger	3	4
KU 9	Cole	1	1
KU 18	Andersen	2	3
KU 99	Braman	4	2

MC scows

929	Andersen	4	7
1808	Bender	5	3
1856	Treacy	7	5
1903	Penwarden	3	6
2307	Hawk	6	2
2520	Cole	1	4

Send submissions for the Bilge Pump to:
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 Please note Bilge Pump in subject line.
 Thank you, ANN PENWARDEN, editor.

FROM YESTERYEAR

More tales from the KYC past can be found on our own [KYC website](#). In the 1970's Bonnie (Hawk) Barney began to take an interest in the stories she was hearing from older members of the KYC. She decided to investigate a number of these stories, since they seldom were the same story from different members. During the next few years, she discovered past members still holding onto photos, newspaper articles, notes, meeting minutes, trophies, and many other memorabilia and published them in the *Bilge Pump*. Check out "[What Blew the A's Away?](#)" [Part Eleven](#) for more on that fateful 1933 storm.

CLUB BAR HOURS

Our bar is well stocked with a variety of liquors and a nice selection of wines from the Finger Lakes.

Thursdays 5pm—8pm
 Fridays 5pm—11pm*
 Saturday NOON—11pm*
 Sunday NOON—6pm*

*Kitchen Fri. 5-8pm, Sat. 1-8pm, Sun. Noon-6pm

OVERHEARD ON THE GROUNDS

Maureo asks Paul (who hails from Ireland) "Did you know that Ireland is the richest country in the world?" Well now Ireland is nearly bankrupt, so Paul says "No, why is that?" She replies "Well their capital is always dublin' [*sic*] (Dublin)."

GEESE!

The Board is aware that we have a developing Canada Geese problem and are working on control measures. The [NYS Department of Environmental Conservation](#) recommends that the first step to discourage waterfowl or geese from congregating in an area is to discontinue feeding them. It is fun to see baby ducks and other waterfowl come up close, but please do not feed them as that promotes unnatural behavior, poor nutrition and disease, and contributes to waterfowl problems.

The NYS DEC recommends discouraging geese from settling and beginning control measures as soon as you notice geese and to be persistent. Aside from discontinuing feeding and installing physical barriers (such as grid wires or fences), visual scaring devices are suggested such as Mylar tape strung from stakes along a shore or use of "bird-scaring" balloons and movement of these devices so that the geese do not become acclimated to them.

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