



THE BILGE PUMP

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RACING

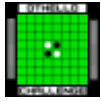
If you didn't get to the club on either Saturday or on Sunday you missed some great weather.

Sunday was by far the best sailing wind of the season. The Lightnings got two races in the morning. The first race started well but the wind dropped causing a slow finish. It came back for the second race and the sailors were in to shore in plenty of time for lunch.

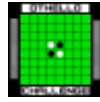
In the afternoon a strong breeze from the southwest provided some exciting racing for the MCs, Sunfish, and Cruisers. Sean Tracey and Andrew Braman washed their sails.

Let's hope that the wind continues to be favorable for the rest of the season.

RON BEYER



OTHELLO



An Othello tournament is planned for Friday August 20th. Five dollars to enter. Cash prize for 1st through 4th place. See Bob Wilder for details.

Note: Bob is just organizing the tournament, not playing in it.

Editor's note: You need not be an expert to join in this fun tournament which attracts young and old. You'll be sure to enjoy yourself and learn something as well!

IN REMEMBRANCE

There will be an informal *casual* gathering of family and friends in remembrance of Dr. Brent Penwarden at the KYC on Friday August 13th from 5pm on. Please feel free to join us.

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either Hammondsport or Branchport)
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FJ OPEN SAIL DAY—SATURDAY AUGUST 21st

We're planning another FJ OPEN SAIL DAY on Saturday, August 21st. We'll start off at 10AM as before, and we'll hope for nice sailing conditions.

Bring your friends and introduce them to sailing. Club sailors are invited to help again. Thanks. ART WILDER

Editor's note: Reports from Junior Sailing are that these are really fun to sail. Come try one out yourself!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, August 14th—Private wedding
(Bar open as usual, Kitchen closing at 5pm)

CLUB BAR HOURS

Nota bene special Saturday kitchen hours this week.

Have you noticed that aside from NYS wines, and our selection of beer and spirits that our bar also has a nice variety of liqueurs? Stop in sometime for an apéritif on your way out to dinner.

Thursdays 5pm—8pm

Fridays 5pm—11pm*

Saturday NOON—11pm*

Sunday NOON—6pm*

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

An aperitif is an alcoholic drink that is usually served to stimulate the appetite before a meal. This French word is derived from the Latin verb aperire, which means "to open." The aperitif was introduced in 1846, when a French chemist, Joseph Dubonnet, created a wine-based drink as a means of delivering malaria-fighting quinine. The medicine is a bitter brew, so he developed a formula of herbs and spices to mask quinine's sharp flavor, and it worked so well that the recipe has remained well-guarded ever since. Fortified wines and liqueurs are commonly used as aperitifs. Sherry, a fortified wine, is a very popular apéritif. In Greece, ouzo is a popular choice, vermouth or bitters (amari) such as Campari may be served in Italy.

SOURCE: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aperitif_and_digestif

RACE RESULTS

Lightnings

12711	Brown	3	3
14431	Fontier	2	2
15156	Chervenik	1	1

MC Scows

1808	Bender	3	4	3	2	3
1903	Penwarden	2	2	4	1	1
2076	Gillette	4	5	1	4	4
2307	Hawk	1	1	2	3	2
2445	Treacy	5	3	DNF	DNS	DNS

Sunfish

Braman	1	DNF	1	1
Wilder	2	1	2	2

Portsmouth

		Corr.	Pos	Corr.	Pos	Corr.	Pos
Braman	SF	20:35	1	DNF	DNF	21:57	1
Chervenik	BNT235	22:19	4	22:42	2	23:20	3
Lambert	LASE	DNS	DNS	41:54	4	29:27	5
Tierson	J-80	22:12	3	22:16	1	22:50	2
Wilder	SF	21:55	2	24:26	3	24:20	4

LOOKING AHEAD

August 28th and 29th—[MC Nor'easter Regatta](#)

Sept. 5th 4pm-Annual Meeting (followed by cocktails and dinner)

Sept. 18th and 19th-Finger Lakes Autumn Classic E Regatta ([FLACE](#))

Don't forget to check out the [KYC calendar](#) online.

RACING RULES

US Sailing has some great new tools to help those of us who have not committed the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) to memory to learn and understand these rules.

My favorite is the [Animated Handy Guide](#). This is an animated narrated presentation that illustrates some of the most important rules for anyone engaging in a race. Check it out—it's free!



Future KYC racers in an Optimist.

Photo from Jenna Chervenik.

SPOTLIGHT ON SCOWS

Scow comes from the Dutch word 'schouwe', one of nine classes of flat-bottomed boats sailed in Dutch waters for over 400 years. In the late 1890s this type of boat was introduced to England. Used for racing, it was called the Half-Rater. Interest in these boats also developed in the US. The Massachusetts Bay Yacht Racing Association established classes ranging from 15 to 21 feet. In 1902, dual bilge-boards, angled at approximately 19 degrees from the vertical, replaced the single centerboard. Soon after dual rudders followed. The scow also found strong supporters in the inland lakes area of Wisconsin and Minnesota. Johnson Boat Works at White Bear Lake was one of the first to build scows there, and celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1996.

The A-scow, B-scow, C-scow, D-scow, E-scow, M-20, I-20, M-16 (M-scow), MC-scow, SuperScow and M-17 are members of the scow family. On Keuka Lake, A-scows were seen often in the past, M-16s were raced out of KYC in the more recent past and E-scows are an active fleet. On any given day, one can still see M-16s and M-20s out for a sail.

SOURCES:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scow> and <http://www.mcscow.org/scowfam.htm>

KNOT BASICS: OVERHAND KNOT & SLIP KNOT

This week features the overhand knot and the slip knot. The overhand knot is one of the most fundamental knots and forms the basis of many others including the simple noose. The overhand knot is very secure, to the point of jamming badly, and should be used if the knot is to be permanent. It is often used to prevent the end of a rope from unraveling. It is a common stopper knot. with the figure-of-eight knot and double overhand knot which is simply an extension of the regular overhand knot made with one additional pass. The result is slightly larger and more difficult to untie.

The slip knot (or running knot) is most commonly used to attach a line to an object. These are generally created by attaching a rope to itself, creating a loop which is tightened when tension is applied to the free end of the line. The slip knot is also used to bind one end of a rope to the middle of another, allowing the knot to slide along the rope. Any knot which is used to secure a line to an object such as a post or ring (the half hitch, bowline and clove hitch for example) can be turned into this sort of slip knot by tying it around the standing part of the line. The slip knot is also generally used as a starting point in knitting and crochet .

SOURCES: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slip_knot and http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Overhand_knot

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 Thank you, ANN PENWARDEN, editor.