

the breeze

News from the
Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club



Commodore Comments

I again want to thank all of you who have continued to support the Club, ensuring the ongoing delivery of amenities and the financial strength of the Club. In this edition of the Breeze you will read descriptions of many activities that are offered to enhance your member experience.

As contemplated in the 2020 Strategic Plan, the Board has recently named Tom Bertges and Ben Eckwahl as Co-Chairs of a Committee to develop a Master Plan for the Club's diverse assets. The development and execution of a Master Plan will facilitate the Club's ability to deliver a first-class member experience to all of us. Over the course of the next several months you will hear more about the Master Plan. I encourage each of you to continue to enjoy all the Club has to offer.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Annual Meeting to be held on August 28, 2021

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Summer of Fun

Social/Entertainment

Hello CLYC Members! Well, it's been a much better Social summer than we thought it would be when the last Breeze came out. It was great to see you all at the Derby Party and all of the other events and music nights we have had so far.

Our next big event will be the Shore Party, August 21. If you are new to the club this year I highly encourage you to come, it's a great party and a nice chance to meet even more of your fellow members. We do expect a large turnout for the party so for now we will be keeping it members only, no guests at this one.

September 3rd we'll be having our End of Summer Bash. Expect great food and music, more to come on this one!

We'll continue to have music nights throughout August and September; as we move into fall the pace of our parties will slow a bit but expect a lot of fun around Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas!

If you have any interest in being part of the Social Committee please don't hesitate to reach out, and as always we appreciate your recommendations for Music and Events, keep them coming and have a great August!

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Pool

Greetings all of you sun-worshippers. Hope everyone's 4th of July was spectacular. It appears the weather has finally blessed us with some non-rainy days so get out to the pool and take advantage of the greatest spot on the lake with plenty of open chairs and shade for those that need a break from the sun. Just remember to sign in and please no food or glass in the pool area. See you all at the pool.

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Race Committee

It's been a very active sailing season to date, with a growing eScow fleet participating in regattas and racing locally on the off-weekends. The rescheduled 2020 NCESA National Championship was held in Little Egg Harbour Yacht Club, from June 11 - 13, 2021, with a strong showing by Rick Turner, Thomas Kelly, William Turner and Cameron Turner, finishing 17th overall out of 56 boats. Leg 1 of the New York State Championship Series, also known as the Home & Home Regatta, was sailed July 10th & 11th. Winds were mostly light for the weekend and the fleet raced four races on Saturday and one on Sunday. The entire fleet provided great competition, with Rick Turner taking home the Irv Spear Memorial Trophy for his first-place finish, George Welch taking second in a tiebreaker over Bradley Turner and Jackson Smith took 9th overall. The second leg of the Home & Home is scheduled for July 31st and August 1st. And capping off the local action this year, CLYC will be hosting one of the largest events of the eScow season - the Eastern Class E Sloop Association 2021 Championship Regatta, from August 5 - 8th. We anticipate a very large turnout of the best sailors throughout the midwest and northeast traveling to CLYC to compete for the title. Come down and enjoy the action!

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Junior Program (JP)



This year was an amazing year for our little program. For six weeks running, we averaged 30 participants per week, many of whom had never sailed or set foot on CLYC grounds before. The first week of JP was a record turnout of 37 kids. Our staff did an amazing job teaching sailing, swimming and water safety and keeping it fun all at the same time. There were obstacles to overcome- the constant rain during weeks two, three were a challenge for both kids and counselors. Our club space does not exactly provide a good "rain day" plan but with creativity and perseverance they managed to learn about sailing

and still have fun. Through our relationship with the Chautauqua Lake Community Sailing Foundation (CLCSF) we have been able to provide access and training for our advanced kids who can now sail on the Precision and 420 fleet with Coach Hunter. This has allowed kids who would be aging out of OPTIS a chance to progress to the next level and exposes them to the potential of future high school sailing.

This program takes a village to run and it wouldn't be possible without the support of the CLYC club membership. Thank you for continuing to make it a priority to offer this opportunity for young people in our community. Special thanks to our Head Counselor Autumn Bertges, whose experience has made my job a breeze this year. She has grown into an amazing leader and I so appreciate all her efforts & knowledge. Our staff of Counselors consists of many experienced sailors, racers and boaters and are exemplary young people who have shown leadership, demonstrated competence and worked hard to set excellent examples for our young sailors. You are the heart of JP, thank you all for your hard work & dedication, the program would not be a success without you. I would also like to thank you Chris Brown, the staff of CLYC and our Board of Directors who have supported the program throughout the summer. Thank you to the parents and grandparents of JP who have trusted us with their children and allowed us to share in the joy of sailing and water enthusiasm. Most importantly, on behalf of myself and the Counselors, I would like to congratulate the kids who participated this epic year, who have grown as sailors, progressed as swimmers and who will all hopefully continue to love the sport of sailing and the enjoyment of being on the water. It has been my pleasure to serve in this position and see progress the kids have made.



All my best. Respectfully,
Melanie Stein, Director Junior Program (JP)
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A Message from Our Club Manager/Chef

Hi everybody!! What an exceptional turnaround for our club this summer!! We have come back from a rough 2020 stronger than ever. We can't thank our members enough for their support of the club we all love.

We are coming up on some exciting events to cap off a busy 2021 summer season. We will be hosting the Easterns National Regatta as well as our always popular annual Shore Party quickly approaching. Our online calendar/website is full of useful dates and information on all the goings on around the CLYC, so make sure to visit often for updates.

I look forward to your feedback and suggestions and implore you to reach out by phone, email, or in person to discuss what is on your mind. We will continue to make improvements around the club and listen to all of your suggestions and ideas as we begin to flow into the offseason. Another overwhelmingly big thank you to our membership for their continued support and as always, I will see you at the club!!

Christopher Brown, Club Manager/Chef
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Merchandise & Retail

CLYC members stay tuned for new merchandise coming with a self ordering website.

Once I get items in I will be available to do a "show & tell", take orders, and discuss other items you would like available on site.

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Technology & Website

Last year, we began an initiative to give our website a long overdue makeover, and we made considerable progress during the long quarantine months. In addition to much behind the scenes cleanup, some of the new features that we have introduced include current dining menus, a marketplace for members to post classified ads for boating related items, expansion of the pictorial directory, and updated general information about the club.

We plan to continue to add features and content over the coming months and we would be delighted if any members would be interested in providing content for the site such as photos, graphics, articles, or ideas for improvements. Work in progress includes the ability to accept payments from the website, more detailed guides about club features and policies, enhanced news feeds, and more. I have one official reminder for the membership in my capacity as Technology Director; be sure to take time to untether from all of your digital devices and enjoy summer on Chautauqua Lake!

Chris Swanson, Technology/Website
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New Members

Russ Leslie
Melissa Phillips, Gerard Britton and 2 kids
Camille Wicher & Alex Herlovitch
Tara Maugham, Andrew Hartman and 2 kids
Tiffany and John (JP) Martha and 2 kids
Debra and Dennis George
Emily and Paul Stark
Katherine and Bill Johnson and 2 kids
Stuart Strother (Sailing Associate)
Deanna and John Lubic
Lisa Semple, Gregg Mason and daughter
Lisa and Stephen Sferra and 3 kids
Christina and Leon Slojowski and 2 kids
Morgan and Matt Dinger
Stephanie and Noah Miller and 3 kids
Kim and Tony Rosenberger
Susan and Tyler Gustafson

Returning Members

Megan & Eric Hall & daughter

Welcome!

A new addition, **Parker Charles Churchill**
born May 13, 7 lbs 15 ounces to parents
Megan & Chase Churchill.

Goodbyes

With a heavy heart we say goodbye to:
Lynda Younker
Barb Yahn
Nancy Blears

Annual MEETING

August 28th 10 AM

Polls open from 8 am to noon



Membership & Communications

What a start to the 2021 Season; the membership committee has never been busier! As mentioned in the last Breeze we had 220 memberships last year. Not only have we hit our max of 250 active memberships, we now have a waiting list and it continues to grow! We're lucky to have such a diverse group of people and all the new members have only enhanced who we are. There are a lot of new

faces at the club, so reach out a hand and make them feel welcome!

The membership committee's obvious role is guiding new members through the approval process, but we're also here to answer any questions and to listen to any suggestions from you, our existing members. I, along with the rest of the committee of Kathi Anderson,

Terry Turner, Joan Erickson, Michelle Turner and Myra Blasius can be reached at membership@sailclyc.org if you'd like to contact us.

As a side note, the 2021 Roster and membership cards are about to go to print. It took a little longer to wrap up the final additions and subtractions to make sure all 250 memberships were included. So, thanks for your patience...it will be worth the wait!

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Save the Date

Friday, August 6th - Sunday, August 8th

Easterns 2021 Regatta

Saturday, August 14th

Reservation Deadline for Shore Party

Regular Price \$65 plus t&t

Friday, August 13th

Last Day to announce slate running for Board

Saturday, August 14th

Reservation Deadline for Shore Party

Regular Price \$65 plus t&t

Tuesday, August 17th

Reservation Deadline for Shore Party Late Price

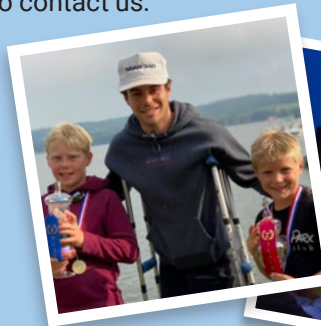
\$75 plus t&t

Saturday, August 21st

Shore Party

Saturday, August 28th

Annual Meeting



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