

Lake Ronkonkoma

ICE BOAT and YACHT CLUB

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FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING NOTES



Members present nominated and elected a new Rear Commodore, "The Most Prestigious Position In The Club". Filling this post created by the passing of Brian Weeks is Rich Cruet. There is no doubt Rich is the person for this position and will fill the shoes of all the past Rear Commodores.

The Club had 19 paid members as of the meeting and held \$2155 in the account. Several new members have joined during February so the membership is growing.

A donation of \$105 was made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation by the Club in the memory of Brian Weeks.

Rich gave a demonstration and discussion on the starting system adopted by the Club using a tagged line instead of the old metal plates. This system was tested during the Long Island Championships and worked well. Thanks Rich for bringing this system onboard.



FEBRUARY MOVES FROM REPAIRS, BUILDING & WAITING TO SAILING AND RACING



Joe Natale sent in some photos taken while he and Pete Truesdell worked on Pete's Stern Steerer. Seems we all have to own more than one boat. Cradle of Aviation Museum

The Sailing Season Begins For Real At Mecox

Club DN's with Stormsails by Henry Bossett



J14 with South Bay Scooters

LONG ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE RACED - FEBRUARY 12TH



TO ALL:

A great day of sailing was had by 35+ ice sailing skippers on Mecox Bay Southampton for the Long Island Championship Ice Sailing Regatta Saturday February 12, 2011. Several types of iceboats including Gambit, DN, J14, Yankee, Skimmer, Arrow, Renegade, South Bay Scooter, and many home built designs appeared for the fun.

The weather provided the skippers with plenty of wind from the west at 16 to 22 mph. Wind at the windward mark was noticeably lighter than the leeward mark which made for some challenging tacks to windward and very exciting down wind runs to the finish line.

Four classes were competing for the coveted championship trophies. Four races were run for the 2 DN classes and three for the Skeeters and J14s until the wind shifted and started producing steady 25+ mph winds late in the day.

A big thanks has to go to the race officials Rich Crucet for flagging and announcing, Ralph Hilbert and Fred Krause for scoring, and Doug Adams for the great behind the scenes organization that many skippers do not see. Without these people we could not have had the great day we all experienced. All the races ran very smoothly and without incident. Many of the procedures during the events were like attending the North Eastern, North American or World DN Championships.

Chip Maran gets the "IRON MAN" award for entering and setting up boats for 2 classes. The torturous DN class and the Skeeter class. Each race was back to back. I have no idea how he did it and he did well in both classes.

A big THANK YOU goes to local resident Tom Halsey and family for their gracious hospitality and for providing the public convenience green room.

Hardship commiserations go out to Doug Hardy, Rich Clark and Fred Krause for equipment failure.

Most of the snow ice stayed in racing condition with the windward mark starting to get a little soft by the end of the day. Many skippers raved at the great rides and the well organized events of the day. I can't wait for next year.

John Ziermann DN-US5426



Ralph checks the starting order



Rich starts the fleets



Race Committee Raise the Checkered Flag

DN GOLD:

Skipper - Sail Number

- | Skipper | Sail Number | Location |
|--------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1. Tom Halsey | - 3460 | Water Mill, NY |
| 2. Peter Truesdell | - 5350 | Sea Cliff, NY |
| 3. Doug Adams | - 5249 | Eastport, NY |
| 4. Chip Maran | - 3826 | Water Mill, NY |
| 5. Jordan Glaser | - 500 | Brooklyn, NY |
| 6. Rich Clark | - 3700 | Southold, NY |
| 7. Jake Glaser | - 4902 | Brooklyn, NY |
| 8. Bob Hoguet | - 3778 | |
| 9. John Ziermann | - 5426 | East Northport |
| 10. Fred Krause | - 3931 | Hauppauge, NY |

DN SILVER:

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|--------------------|--------|-----------------|
| 1. Dave Brown | - 3249 | Southampton, NY |
| 2. Scott Valentine | - 4925 | Bayville, NY |
| 3. Chris Miller | - 3747 | |
| 4. Lucinda Hurley | - 3260 | Sea Cliff, NY |
| 5. Joe Natale | - 5488 | Oceanside, NY |
| 6. Hank Kaiser | - 3388 | Remsenburg, NY |

SKEETERS:

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|-----------------------|--------|-----------------|
| 1. George Neyssen | - 152 | Northford, CT |
| 2. Chip Maran | - 1364 | Water Mill, NY |
| 3. Warren Darress Jr. | - 278W | Hauppauge, NY |
| 4. Keith Kennedy | - 136L | |
| 5. Chris Geminski | - 414 | Southampton, NY |
| 6. Rich Geminski | - X941 | Southampton, NY |

J14:

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|---------------|-------|-----------------|
| 1. Mike Acebo | - 242 | East Marion, NY |
| 2. Bob Boyle | - 9 | Oakdale, NY |
| 3. Dave Hardy | - 26 | Southold, NY |
| 4. Doug Hardy | - 27 | Southold, NY |



*DN Gold & Silver Fleet
16 Boats - A Great Turnout
this Year*



The Start

Photographs of the weekend sailing on Mecox can be found at:

<http://www.northforkmemories.com/f1017150614>

by Bridget Walters,
and
Photography by Craig Snyder

<http://www.acsnyder.com/>

The only view most sailors had of Gold Fleet
Winner Tom Halsey - DN 3460

When Tom wasn't racing he kept an eye on the Bay
and kept us all informed of the changes to the ice
and made sure we kept our minds in the game. A safe
weekend was enjoyed by all thanks in a large part to
Tom's watchful eye.

*On a safety issue it should be remembered that the
Mecox sailors use BLACK flags for danger warnings
while we use RED. Let's stick with BLACK when we
visit.*



Send your photos & stories for publication in the LRIBYC Newsletter: macebo@mac.com

SKEETER CHAMPIONS



1st George Neysen - 152



2nd Chip Maran - 1364
4th DN - 3826



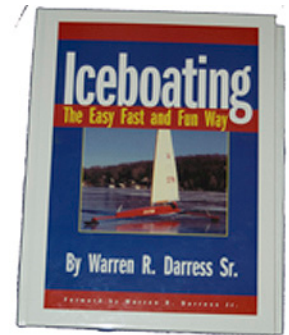
3rd Warren Darress Jr. - 278W



SKEETER STRATEGY TABLE

Looking for a Classic Long Island Iceboating Book pick up a copy of Warren Darress's book. You can email Warren Darress Jr. and purchase a copy before they are all sold. It's a classic.

warren.darress@yahoo.com



TROPHIES

Please return the trophies you have at home. Bring them to the next meeting or possibly to Rich's house, or give them to another member who is going to the meeting

Club Meetings:

First Tuesday: January, February, March
Weeks Shipyard

7:30 PM BS, Videos, Officers Reports, Business
snacks & refreshments,