



The Jib Sheet

Newsletter of the Rochester Canoe Club

Commodore's Notes

--- Mary Ellen Ingham, Commodore

What a great season we have had at RCC! The club looks great. Our members are using the facility and enjoying our events. I celebrate all the talent and willingness to get things done at RCC.

It's very nice when members are able to spend a little time and effort to support RCC. Even something as simple as weeding the beach or a portion of the garden or cleaning the bathrooms has a positive impact.

Parties

If you have a party or gathering, please take some time to empty the bathroom trash and clean the facilities, make sure the sink drains are cleaned and think about how it will look when the next club member comes down to use the facility. If you or your guests bring your dog down, pick up the dog poop (especially keep track of the dog if it's loose) and be sensitive that club members also use the property during your events.

Highlights:

Membership Committee (Sharon Mattson, George Smith, Barbara Harmer) have brought in a really great group of new members who are coming to the club frequently. Take a look at the wall to the left of the kitchen cut through to see who has joined us. I hardly remember when some of them were not part of our club!

Rear Commodore, Mark Weider and his team, have taken our back lot maintenance to its next level by bulldozing excess soil, renting dumpsters to get rid of debris and whacking down the phragmites in the retention pond. Mark has also installed the flooring in the downstairs ADA bathroom and other general maintenance.

Vice Commodore, Bill Dexter with Trish Reinhardt, have led several well attended and run events this summer. It's very nice to have these social events so popular. They have organized staffing the support boats and Race Committee for Sunday racing.

Harbormaster, Kevin Loftus with Jim Malecki, have worked on cleaning up and improving the support boats as well as keeping them reliably running. The safety of our docks has been improved with the addition of handrails, and grip tape, padding along the sides and general maintenance to keep them working and safe.

Our Fleet Captains, Don Stehle (Thistles) and Kira Munger (Sunfish) and Jean Blasdell (JY) have led the fleets in sailing every Sunday. We held the Thistle Fall Frontier and the Sunfish Don Van Vechten regattas. Thanks to Kira for arranging the Upstate NY Regional to be held as part of the Sodus Centrals. We also are cultivating learning environments in the fleets. The Thistle fleet held crew training in the spring which has led to several regular Thistle crews and some new members. The Sunfish Fleet has continued with Sunfish Monday practice days and several Sunfish Lesson days. We added covers and dollies to 2 donated race quality Sunfish which are used frequently. We have also done a deep dive on

Sunfish maintenance, so our Sunfish are easy to sail and they work. Don't hesitate to ask questions and be persistent to get opportunities to sail.

The Goose Committee, George Smith and Diane Altman, have upgraded our goose fencing and often chase the geese away. There is significantly less goose poop on the property with the upgrades. They added fencing that can be easily rolled up to provide water access. The instructions are on tags next to the fencing. Please use the fencing even if you are out sailing so we can reduce the impact of geese on the RCC property.

Others are working hard to keep our club running including our Purser Diane Altman, our Grillin' Night volunteers, folks who clean and do general maintenance and so many others who quietly just get something done.

Roc City Sailing, Ralph Simpson and his team, continue to grow the program for both group classes, sailing on the bay and private lessons. It's impressive what they are doing and how much benefit it brings to RCC. I had the pleasure of teaching a few days at the Racing Clinic and it was fulfilling to be part of bumping up the sailing ability of our students so they can enjoy sailing and racing more.

The University of Rochester Sailing Team is an integral part of RCC. Many of the team members are coming to Grillin' Night, studying at the club, going for sails in Sunfish, 420s and JYs, racing with us on Sundays, helping us with Boats Out and In days and practicing. They held their annual regatta in April.

Brown Jug: Newport YC and RCC work together each year to host the Brown Jug which has been consistently raced for many years. We had a great time at the post racing social and several folks who didn't race joined us. Newport YC cooked burgers and hot dogs and it is nice to connect with the other sailing club on the bay. We have plans to work with Newport YC to continue to make the Brown Jug a nice club event.

Gardens: The Kate Weider memorial tree and garden have been installed next to the grill patio area. Kate has been a key part of RCC over the years including being our Purser and being part of our community. She is missed.

Racing: Our Race Committee (RC) continues to run quality racing on Sundays and in support of regattas. Our RC team supports the SenaCanoe regatta held at Seneca Yacht Club every spring. We can count on them to efficiently and accurately set courses and run races. We are very fortunate to have them at RCC running races for us.

We have some very good racing sailors at RCC who have represented us well at many regattas. We had solid placements at the Thistle Nationals, Sunfish North Americans, several Sunfish regionals, Sunfish Nationals, Masters and International Masters. RCC has a fairly reliable thermal breeze and a collaborative group of sailors who are willing to share and provide opportunities for learning for both the racers and non-racers. It's a secret sauce that produces results. I find it wonderful to come down and see empty dollies on the beach and sails out on the bay.

Looking Forward

Next year, we will continue to focus on working on the drainage issues on our property and we will keep working on improving other aspects of the property. Kevin and Mark agreed to continue in their roles and are going to work on collaborating on plans for what's next and how much it will cost. The needed improvements, while we can do much of it ourselves, will require investment and we need to

pace ourselves to ensure we have manageable costs. It's important to keep ahead of our maintenance so we don't end up with large bills to have an emergency fix or to do a big job. Club members want to have a nice place to come down to and support.

Feel free to contact club leads or to read the list in the kitchen next to the sink if you are able to pitch in – do what you can at the level you can. Every little bit is appreciated and needed.

I'm excited about what we are doing to support RCC and as we wrap up this season, I'm looking forward to taking the next steps on improving our club infrastructure and having yet another wonderful season sailing at RCC next summer. Your Board of Directors and club membership is full of talent, and I greatly appreciate their efforts.

Vice Commodore

--- Bill Dexter, Vice Commodore

What a wonderful and busy summer it has been at RCC!

Club members hosted Thursday Night Grilling every Thursday night in June, July and August, with as many as 45 people attending some weeks. Grilling combined with dish-to-pass is definitely our forte. We will plan to keep this rolling next summer. If you've never attended or hosted, please give it a try next summer.

Our Sunfish Fleet hosted the Don VanVecten Memorial Regatta on August 31, with 15 boats competing. Congratulations to Kira for organizing a great event, to PRO Jackie, and to the top three finishers: Doug Kaukeinen (1), Adam Gesner (2) and Mark Weider (3). Club space was shared with a Water Polo Tournament with at least 100 participants and spectators.

On Labor Day, the annual Brown Jug Regatta was hosted by our neighbors to the north, Newport Yacht Club. This race is open to all sailboats that sail on Irondequoit Bay and members of both clubs participate. The course is one or two laps of the bay, depending on the wind. This year a very strong north wind limited the number of competitors. Adam Gesner won the overall in the Sunfish and Eric Gesner was the first Thistle. After racing, awards and a cookout were held at Newport Yacht Club.

The following weekend, Sept. 7 & 8, our Thistle Fleet hosted the Fall Frontier. A windy weekend was in store for the ten boats that, despite the forecast, made it to Rochester. Saturday races are normally held on Lake Ontario. Competitors sailed one race on the lake, then high wind and waves forced the RC to move the remaining races to the bay. Onshore, we had our typically awesome happy hour followed by the famous roast turkey dinner. Many sailors say this is their favorite Fall Series regatta. Team Kaukeinen (Doug, Deirdre, Adam Gesner) won the regatta followed by team Duffet (Jon, Peter Hudson, Nicole Gindling), and team Gesner (Eric, Judy and Nick Harkola).

Next up was the Clambake on Sept. 14. Over 60 members, families and friends enjoyed a beautiful, sunny Saturday. They consumed 80 dozen clams, 8 dozen ears of corn and 40 lbs. of salt potatoes! We celebrated Jackie Ingham's 90th with Guinness chocolate cake and ice cream. We should also recognize Jackie's contributions since she joined RCC. She runs races for spring, summer and fall Sunday racing, Wednesday RC Laser racing, fall Sunfish frostbiting at RCC and winter InterClub frostbiting at RYC, in which RCC members compete.

It bears repeating that Sunday racing and club events could not happen without our many volunteers... on race committee, on safety boats, chairing regattas, shopping and cooking for events, cleaning up before and after, maintaining and improving the clubhouse and grounds. **Many thanks to all.**

The 2024 Thistle Nationals were held at Toms River Yacht Club in Toms River, New Jersey August 3-9. Sixty-five boats competed in four days of challenging conditions; the fifth day was cancelled due to Hurricane Debbie. The Canoe Club was represented by four teams, with two teams placing in the top ten. You can see all of the results here <https://thistleclass.com/regatta-results/thistle-nationals-2024/>.

4th place - Doug Kaukeinen, Deirdre Santos-Kaukeinen, Adam Gesner

5th Place - Mike Ingham, Brian Kitchen, Sarah Paisley

16th Place - Dave Hansen, Eric Gesner, Judy Gesner

20th Place - Don Stehle, Bill Dexter, Mary Ellen Ingham

The Canoe Club was also represented at various Sunfish Regattas across New York and the East Coast. Doug Kaukeinen, Mike Ingham, Dom Simonetti, Mary Ellen Ingham, Kira Munger, Adam Gesner and Mark Weider have been making the rounds this summer. Mike, Dom and Mary Ellen will be going to the Sunfish Worlds in Rush Creek, Texas in October.

- Sunday racing continues through Oct. 6.
- Year End gathering with Awards Oct 6 at 3:30.
- Boats In is Oct. 12.

Tree Falls in the RCC Boatyard



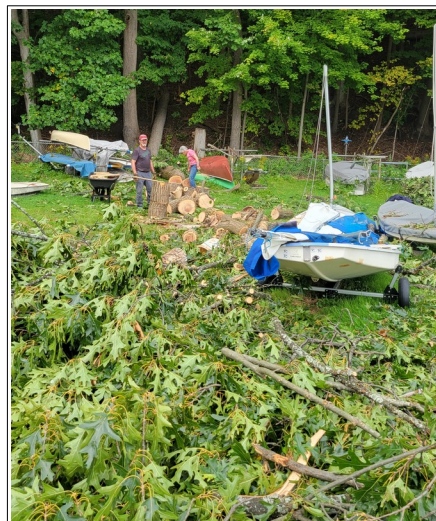
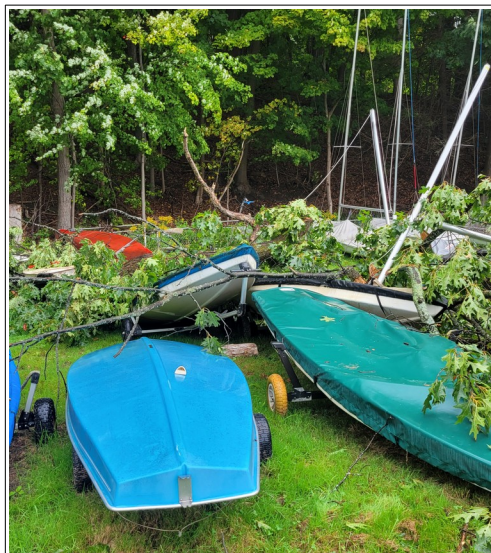
On Tuesday afternoon, September 24, 2024, Doug Kaukeinen, Adam Gesner and I arrived at RCC to discover a large oak had fallen into the boat yard on top of several Sunfish. A few of us tried to identify the boats so we could contact the owners on Tuesday. On Wednesday morning, Jason McCaffery cut up the tree and Mark Weider with Jim Hauck spent a good portion of the day cutting the tree, splitting logs and wheelbarrowing them to the fire pit log storage. The plan is to enlist someone with a pickup truck to move the branches to the back and to finish cutting the tree up. Kira Munger helped with boat ID and Jackie Ingham with tree debris and I'm sure there have been others assisting to get it cleaned up...many thanks to our RCC family for pitching in.

The tree fell across the creek on the north west side of the field, just to the west of the JY's. It landed between 2 racks. The fence is crushed and we will need to fix a rack. There were a lot of leaves and small branches which made it look a lot worse than it was and could have been. We were very sad about the damaged boats - it hurt our hearts.

We have probably 3 Sunfish totaled. One is completely squished. They seem to have "popped" when the logs landed on them separating the top from the hull. There are maybe 2-3 others that need fiberglass and gel coat work and are repairable. One canoe has a dent. We have a tree guy coming in October to take down the big tree that is on the edge of the road near Bayshore Blvd. At that time, we will walk the woods and see if there are trees that should come down or be trimmed. We will do our best and, unfortunately, it's a risk of being a club surrounded by woods.

We were very glad to have the dolly tags on the boats with names. It made the identification a lot easier and we could make some calls immediately. There was one boat that didn't have a tag. Please put your tags on!!!!

Mary Ellen, RCC Commodore



ROC CITY SAILING 2024 Polo on the Bay Tournament

by Ralph Simpson, 20 Sep 2024



The Saturday Aug 31, third annual Polo on the Bay water polo tournament was a great success. Nine teams, about 100 players, 15 games, the weather cooperated and the BBQ was cooking overtime!

1. Hamilton, Canada Masters Men
2. Hamilton, Canada Masters Women
3. Syracuse University Coed
4. Cornell University Men
5. Cornell University Women
6. University of Rochester Coed
7. Binghamton University Coed
8. Upstate Masters Coed
9. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Coed

All team, player, and spectator donations went to non-profit Roc City Sailing to help fund 2025 sailing school operations. Next year's tournament is set for Saturday Aug 30 pending approval by the RCC Board. See you there!



Have fun sailing or swimming the Bay!
Ralph and the Roc City Sailing Team
<https://roccitysailing.org/>



Note from the Editor:

Thank you to all who contributed to this issue. Please think about what you would like to see in the Jib Sheet and feel free to contact me **any time** with articles and/or ideas at: [this3782@frontiernet.net](mailto:his3782@frontiernet.net) or jtgesner@gmail.com. I will send out emails with reminders as we get closer to publication time.

Thank you Judy Gesner, RCC Jib Sheet Editor