

# The Armchair Yachtsman

Mayfield Yacht Club • July 2010



Photo: Don Howe

## Commodore's Report

The Annual **David L. Wilson Long Distance Race** was held on June 19th. The weather was fair and the winds were steady. All racers finished by mid-afternoon.

Thanks to **Duncan Watt & Kathy Day** for an outstanding job in organizing this event. It takes a lot of work and requires lots of help. Thanks to all who volunteered to man the committee boat, stake boats, rover boats, and radio, finish line and breakfast.

We had a terrific 4th of July thanks to the organizational efforts of **Jane Coyle** and to all of you who contributed to the wonderful covered dish dinner. Friday night's fireworks around the lake were spectacular! The paper sailboat race was highly competitive, and the winds were favorable. **Jack Rickert** showed his genius as a future naval architect.

The annual golf outing took place on July 16. Thanks to **Andy & Betty Harnichar** for organizing this very popular event again. Nice weather, and we had a sell out for dinner!

We discussed some very significant business at the July membership meeting. Every year, the Vice-Commodore

must request funds be transferred from the dock improvement fund so that steel and associated hardware can be bought, consistent with the dock replacement plan. This transfer requires two separate votes of the membership. At the July meeting, there was further discussion, and a separate motion, to transfer additional funds in order to accelerate dock replacement. Refer to the Vice-Commodore's report for details.

It has occurred to us that if both of these motions pass the second membership vote, we would be ordering parts and supplies to build eight 24' x 6' dock sections in October. If we vote at the September meeting, we may not be able to get all the steel required in time for October work parties. Therefore, I am convening a special membership meeting to discuss these motions.

Please keep your calendars open for:  
**Boater's Breakfast** on Sunday August 8th  
**Special General Membership Meeting** at 10 AM, Saturday, August 14

Regards,  
*Joe Pitoniak*  
Commodore



## Vice Commodores' Report

With the summer half over it's time to turn my sights to the dock work that needs to be accomplished this fall. This past Tuesday, according to the dock improvement plan, the membership approved the transfer of \$7,730.00 from the Long Range – Dock Improvement budget to this years Docks budget. This money, combined with already budgeted funds, allows us to build the four sections that the dock improvement plan calls for. In addition I presented a plan to accelerate our dock improvement by building four additional 24' sections this fall, for a total of eight new sections in 2011. This will bring the wider docks down to in front of **Dave Jablonski's** boat and leave us with just ten more sections to build. In order to pay for the additional work a motion to transfer up to \$17,300.00 from this years unreserved funds was approved by the membership.

Both of these motions require a second vote by the membership. Unfortunately in order to ensure timely delivery of the parts and supplies for the October 16th work party I need the second vote before the September 14th general membership meeting. So please plan on attending the special general membership meeting at 10 am on Saturday, August 14th. It shouldn't take long but it is a very important vote; it's not just about moving money around it's about committing ourselves to getting the work done to move our dock improvement into high gear.

Thank you, and let's be safe out there...

*Bill Brandt*  
Vice Commodore



## House & Grounds Report

Many thanks are due to **Bob Zima, Bob & Michele Peryea, Gerry Lefebvre** and **Greg Harnish** for repairs to the Ladies Room toilets and the Men's Room faucet.

Big thanks go to **Commodore Pitoniak** for purchasing and installing a new clothes drying rack near the house. The old rack was taken out by the tree that fell on the house.

I need to ask everyone to do their part to share refrigerator space – especially during the big weekends. When possible, please consider bringing a cooler to the club for the storage of beer/soda. The cooler can live in your car or on your boat for easy access. Not storing this sort of material in the refrigerators saves a lot of space. As an added bonus – keeps your beverages colder. If you forget a cooler, the MYC does own some that we keep in the barn. Feel free to use them during your stay, but please don't take them home, and keep them clean and ready for use by the next member. With a little common sense and ingenuity, everyone can pitch in to help alleviate this problem. Ice remains to be just \$1 for a 5 pound bag, and is sold in the barn.

At the last membership meeting, the membership asked that the board review the Rules of Conduct in respect to Rule 2.10, which deals with dry and refrigerated food storage in the house. Specifically, a member asked that they be allowed to leave items in the refrigerator when they aren't at the club. Permission to leave items in the refrigerator during an extended absence requires a **majority vote of the membership** and subsequent notification of the H&G chairperson. Approval is on a case by case basis and requires that the caretakers be advised not to remove these goods on cleanout day.

Lastly, thank you to all of you who pitch in to help keep our clubhouse and grounds looking great. From cleaning a dish left out on the counter, picking up soda cans in the TV room, collecting trash abandoned on the island, or picking up toys on the lawn – no task is too small to be ignored. Thank you!

Sadly, despite the recent deluge, the lake level is finally trending downwards. Enjoy the rest of the season!

*Safe boating,*  
*Don Howe, Rear Commodore*



## News from the Great Sacandaga Lake Association (GSLA)

Peter Byron

This month's **Hudson River-Black River Regulating District** produced a few surprises but for the most part continued the 'waiting' pattern that has become standard for some time. The District continues to owe property and school taxes and has various court actions pending which may increase their fiscal liability.

The legislative proposals to either transfer the Regulating District to the Power Authority, to separate them from the Black River portion of their area or to transfer funds from the Black River operation to the Hudson River were all pending legislative action. The State Senate approved the transfer of the funds but there was not accompanying action in the Assembly. Thus... no transfer of funds.

However, because the District has not scheduled a meeting for August, they took action to approve the transfer between the two parts of the District, if a bill is signed! The plan is to use the funds to secure the Tax Anticipation Note which they hoped to sell publicly to help to pay their bills!

Although the District promised to complete a review of the District's 'Mission Critical Activities' for their October meeting, they presented their report during the July meeting. As is their practice, they spoke of the report in general terms and did not reveal the types of activities which they considered 'critical'. However, staff indicated that they thought the 'critical' activities they selected could be managed by existing personnel. This statement is interesting because they laid off a large portion of their staff! It appears that the existing staff is doing their best to handle activities through non-stop shifting of personnel! It will be interesting to follow this thread into the future.

One of the Board members, Pamela Beyor, was replaced after her term of office expired. Ms. Beyor was a hard worker who always asked for details on contracts and projects before she voted in their favor. Her requests for clarifications on contracts often provided the public with their only insight into the projects as the written documents were never shared publicly during the meetings. Ms. Beyor has been

replaced by Thomas Stover who owns and operates a motel and marina on Alexandria Bay. Mr. Stover describes himself (see [www.hrbrdd.com](http://www.hrbrdd.com)) as a "lifelong environmentalist and boater" who appreciates the value of "our water resources". Mr. Stover who has a history of federal government service was quick to ask the Board to explain acronyms used by staff during the July meeting so that the public could better understand the discussion. Thank you, Mr. Stover!

At this time, there is another vacancy on the District Board to be filled by the Governor and an anticipated vacancy in the fall. It will be interesting to see if the change of Board members results in a partnership with the lake community. The Board also reported that in order to be fair in offering the early retirement incentive, they reviewed staff records and determined that both Executive Director Glenn LaFave and the administrator of the Black River Area, Carol Wright, were eligible. There were no announcements during the meeting.

The Board meetings are open to the public. The next meeting will be in Saratoga Springs in September. Check [www.hrbrdd.com](http://www.hrbrdd.com) for the dates and while you are at it, you can look at the webcam broadcast of the July Regulating District meeting to gauge the accuracy of my memory!



### Secretary's Report

#### Membership stats as of July 20, 2010

Seniors	125
Junior	28
Prospective	6

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Jim Daly, Secretary*

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## News from the Island

As we reported at the May membership meeting, the Board of the Hudson River Black River Regulating District has voted to reinstate the “exclusive use” provision of the permit system. We have a special permit for Beacon Island as well as one for the Club property. This means that we have exclusive use of Beacon Island as well as the Club property. This also means that you may feel free to ask uninvited guests to leave the Island. (More on that later).

After the HRBR Board made their decision, I met with their attorney and administrator to resolve the issue of our signs on the Island – which you may remember is what started all this. After a lot of discussion, we arrived at what I feel is a reasonable compromise. First, we must display one of their big permit signs which we will be given for free. They are being printed with the new language that will reflect the fact that the Island special permit is for the exclusive use of the Mayfield Yacht Club. Second, we will incorporate the language of the permit in a small version on our metal signs that we had on the Island and reinstall them. What the signs will have on them is a 4” by 4” mini version of the permit text on top and then Mayfield Yacht Club in big letters below. We have permission to install up to 8 of these – which is convenient since we have 8 sign posts.

Finally, we discussed the issue of people climbing the banks and how it would be nice to have some sort of sign explaining why it is important to stay off the banks and minimize erosion. They liked the idea and they will be developing a sign that we can put up and they can use elsewhere around the lake where there is a similar issue. These will be free from the HRBR who will give us two signs.

So, about the unwanted guests. We have a policy of asking non club members to leave the Island but this is a little hard to do without having the signs up that we

can point to. I appreciate that and hopefully the sign printing will move along quickly. Also, I hear that a lot of lake people think that the exclusive use clause is dead, making Beacon Island a free for all – or at least they pretend that when I explain the situation to them.

What’s a poor member to do then when asking someone to leave? I have found that the friendly, educational approach works most of the time. I introduce myself, welcome them to Beacon Island, and ask if they knew that the Island was under a special permit from the HRBR to Mayfield Yacht Club. Usually, they say no. I take the opportunity to explain how we take care of the Island, have a special permit, and explain that it is for use by MYC members only. At this point they usually either get hostile or keep listening. With the receptive ones, I suggest that they can stay to finish their swim or lunch (if it’s obvious that’s only what they are doing) but after that we would appreciate it if they left the Island. If they look like they are camped out for the day with beach stuff all around, I tell them I am sorry but I have to ask them to pack up their things and respect our permit.

The hostile ones, we walk away from. Don’t tell them that you are going to call the police if they don’t leave or get into any sort of confrontation with them. If they are hostile and look like they want to be a jerk about it just walk away. We are not the Island police and can’t make people be reasonable and respect our rights. I have discussed the scenario with the Fulton County Sheriff and the reality is that they probably won’t come out to the Island to throw off a trespasser. They will, however, come out – or they will call the State Police – if you are threatened, or your unwanted guest is abusive in any way. Their number is **518-736-2100** if you need it and make sure if you call that you get the offending party’s boat registration number. They might not search the lake to chase them down but they keep an eye out for jerks and if they stop yours doing something else they will factor your incident into how they deal with them.

Please use and enjoy the Island. The more we do, the more it will be ours.

See you on the beach.

*Tom Field,  
Island Chairman*



## Calling All Junior Sailors

We had twelve junior sailors in our July camp, and had a great time sailing prams and Jet 14s. Our second camp is **Saturday, August 21 and Sunday, August 22.**

Children and grandchildren of MYC members and prospective members are eligible to participate.

If you have junior sailors that plan on participating, please let me know at your earliest convenience (email [kpokalsky@nycap.rr.com](mailto:kpokalsky@nycap.rr.com) or phone: **518-339-5894.**)

As we plan this sessions, it would be helpful to know what junior sailors plan on participating, and what boat they have, or would like, to sail. Importantly, if you plan on using any boat that was not used in the first camp, we need to know at least two weeks prior to camp, so we can add them to our insurance coverage.

Registration and release forms will be posted on the sailing bulletin board at the clubhouse, and are available by contact me direct.

Please feel free to contact me at regarding your plans, and/or with any questions you have.

Thanks,  
Ken Pokalsky

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**Keep your information current!**  
Email changes to: [infosys@mayfielddyachtclub.com](mailto:infosys@mayfielddyachtclub.com)

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## MYC Golf Day 2010

MYC Golf Day 2010 was held at Kingsboro Golf Club on Friday July 16, 2010. Thirty-two "avid" golfers teed off between 10:00am and high noon that day and here are selected results.

Women's low gross went to the team of **Betty Harnichar, Jo Moore, Linda Sutliff, and Anne Toothaker.** They shot a 95. Men's low gross score went to the **Ed Grover, Andy Harnichar, Andy Sutliff, Bruce Toothaker** foursome who were 9 under par. Men's long drive was won by **Pat Daly. Betty Harnichar** out drove the rest of the women's field to capture long drive honors. **Ed Grover** was closest to the pin in the Men's Division with a shot that was only 47 inches from the pin. The dynamic foursomes of **Deb Bedford, Karen Lefebvre, Sue Ledbetter, and Helen Schnitzer, Chris Daly, Dolores Byron, Jean Ludlum, and Marion Mehner** were acknowledged for their perseverance and stamina. They completed nine holes of the tournament and had a great time. The field contained three junior players this year – **Andy Klug, Nate Peryea** and **Tyler Shaw.** A special thanks to **Michelle Peryea** who kept pace with these three energetic and long hitting teenagers.

Following the great golfing adventure, forty-four epicureans enjoyed a fine meal as well as a little bit of humor. Everyone was happy to have Honorary Members, **Bill & Peg Aubrey** as well as past members **Bruce & Anne Toothaker** join us for dinner. We will do it again next year! Thanks to all the participants.

*Andy Harnichar*





## Entertainment Report

The summer wind is blowing and your Entertainment Committee has been hard at work arranging enjoyable events for you. We began the boating season with our **Memorial Day Opening Ceremonies** and dinner catered by Saati Caterers. This is the signature event for our club and we received a number of requests to bring back Captain Squeeze and the Zydeco Moshers. The food went fast and the dancing went on for hours.

July of course, brought the **annual potluck**, paper sailboat race, and ice cream sundaes (with red, white and blue sprinkles). Our young members had fun making their boats. A large contingent watched the races and boy, did those pizza boxes fly! **Congratulations go to our winners: Margaret Peterson and Carter Evans** in the 6 and under category, **Jack Rickert, Rachel Winuk, and Zachary Stephan** for the 7-13 year olds, and **Nick Artur, Andrew Klug, and Sarah Dean** in the 14 and older category. Special thanks go to **Andy and Bill Evans** and **Joe Pitoniak** for race help as well as to **Jared Daly** and **Alex and Max Shear** for decorating assistance.

Please join us on August 7 for the **Star Party** and **Potluck Supper**. Janie Schwab from the **Dudley Observatory** will show us the stars and Barbara Chepaitis, an author and master storyteller will entertain us. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

We are always looking for ideas and member talents. Anyone want to teach dancing? Do a craft? Guide us through knots? Feel free to volunteer.

*Happy Boating!*

*Gail Sacco, Paula Rickert, and Jane Coyle*



## Sunshine News

Prior to Memorial Day, prospective member, **Susan Killgallon** lost her father. A card was sent from the club with "Our Condolences".

Nothing else to report!

STAY HEALTHY AND ENJOY THE SUMMER BOATING!!

Please remember to contact the Sunshine Chair as needed!

*Debbie Bedford,*

*Sunshine Chair*

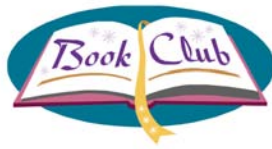
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### 2010 Entertainment Committee Financial Overview | 01/01/2010 – 7/16/2010)

Date	Event	Income	Expense	# people
3/12/2010	Commodore's Banquet	\$1,872.00	\$1,618.07	52
5/27/2010	Opening Day	\$3,523.00	\$3,800.70	144
7/3/2010	July 4th Party	\$75.00	\$271.00	

N.B. The income for Opening Day includes approximately \$160 in donations.



## MYC Book Club

We are getting the MYC Book Club back in full swing. We met on Sun July 18th to discuss **"The Necklace"** by Cheryl Jarvis.

This book is a true story of 13 women who purchase shares in a diamond necklace. We noted how our MYC club offers many of us a similar infusion of camaraderie and support and occasionally, too much sharing ;)!

Our next book is **"Still Alice"**. This is a novel about a 50-year-old female linguistics professor's descent into early onset Alzheimer's disease, written by first-time author Lisa Genova. "You will gain an understanding of those affected by early-onset Alzheimer's and remain moved and inspired long after you have put it down." While the subject matter is serious, it is written in a "slice of life" journal style that I did not find depressing despite having an affected family member myself.

### We will discuss **Still Alice** on **Saturday, August 28th**.

Even if you have not yet read the book, you are welcome to participate in the topical discussions inspired by the book. You might prepare by at least reading the book summary, comments and discussion questions that can be found with an internet search. We do maintain a focus based on the book being discussed.

Our Autumn novel is **"The Help"** by Kathryn Stockett. The story is set in 1960's Mississippi, and is told from three points of view. "Skeeter, an educated and prosperous young woman with no real plans for the future, is white. Aibileen and Minny, the titular help who reveal their stories, are black." We will meet on this book on **Sunday, September 12th**. I believe this book may only be out in hardcover but there are a few copies circulating in our clubhouse.

At our August meeting we will be looking for suggestions for our Winter book.

*Ann Brandt*

## Save the Date!

### AUGUST

Friday, August 6

7:30 pm

#### **Board of Directors Meeting**

Saturday, August 7

#### **Ladies Race**

Sunday, August 8

#### **Boater's Breakfast**

Saturday, August 21

#### **MYC Jr. Sailing Camp #2 Day 1**

Sunday, August 22

#### **MYC Jr. Sailing Camp #2 Day 2**

Saturday, August 28

#### **MYC Book Club**

### SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 4

#### **Back to School Regatta**

Sunday, September 5

#### **Labor Day Party**

Friday, September 10

7:30 pm

#### **Board of Directors Meeting** – Review LRP & Budget

Saturday, September 11

#### **Bring Your Multihull Day**

Sunday, September 12

#### **MYC Book Club**

Tuesday, September 14

7:30 pm

#### **Membership Meeting**

Saturday, September 25

#### **Boaters Party – Covered Dish**



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## For Sale...

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**2001 Pram Sailboat hull #573** – Excellent condition. With hiking straps, all lines clippable, oars with new oarlocks, great for starting sailor to learn the basics offered at \$1,000. Call Jon @ 495-4066 or [jon@jonrickert.com](mailto:jon@jonrickert.com)

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**Pontoon Boat** – 20 feet long, built in 1989, 55 hp engine with power tilt. Seats are in good shape – covers included. Stored in-side in winter. Very good condition overall. Asking 2,750. Call or email Bill or Lynette Metz 399-2042 [wmetz@nycap.rr.com](mailto:wmetz@nycap.rr.com)

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**Catalina 25** – Standard rig, wing keel (converted from swing keel) with trailer (new 2004 \$6000) and Nissan 9.9 2 stroke, electric start and extra long shaft ob (new 2005 \$2000) roller furling for 150 Jenny, also 155 mylar kevlar Jenny (hank on), 135 Jenny (hank on), 80 storm jib (hank on), symmetrical spinnaker and asymmetrical spinnaker. Asking \$7120. Will exchange Nissan ob for Honda 9.8 4 stroke and will reduce price to \$12000. Call Don Peet 661-7763, e-mail at [osnepneo@hotmail.com](mailto:osnepneo@hotmail.com).

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**Lost last year:** Jib in sail bag. Please contact Denis if found. 475-9674 or [foleyd@sunyit.edu](mailto:foleyd@sunyit.edu)