



May 12, 2009

Dear Chautauqua Yacht Club Members:

Spring is here, and our first starting gun will be fired sooner than we think, with the first race of the July series on June 27th. We will try to have a practice race on Sunday, June 21, depending on the Lightning District Schedule.

All C-Scow sailors are reminded that the **2009 Eastern C-Scow Regatta is being hosted at Chautauqua, this June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>**, and you can register to participate on our web site [www.chautauquayc.org](http://www.chautauquayc.org). Stuart Strother and David Beeson are running the regatta this year, so plan to show up and support the regatta.

All Lightning sailors should know that the **2009 Lake Erie District Regatta is being held at Chautauqua this June 20 and 21**. Tim Scanlon is chairing the regatta, and he has indicated that the details of the regatta can be found on the Lightning Class web site [www.lightningclass.org](http://www.lightningclass.org). Hit the Racing button and go to the calendar and then event calendar and you will find it listed in June.

**New Racing Rules of Sailing** have been issued by US Sailing for the 2009-2012 period. The change that may impact us the most is a change to **rule 18 Mark Room**. This rule refers to the **zone**, “the area around a mark within a distance of three hull lengths of the boat nearer to it. A boat is in the zone when any part of her hull is in the zone”. Within the zone the right of way boat must be given **Mark-Room**, “room for a boat to sail to the mark, and then room to sail her proper course while at the mark. However, mark-room does not include room to tack unless the boat is overlapped to windward and on the inside of the boat required to give mark room”. You should familiarize yourselves with this new right of way rule at marks.

I hope to be able to forward more information on this subject with your dues receipt.

Enclosed, you will find two membership registration forms for the CYC 2009 Season – one for you and another for your primary crew or a potential new member. If you are not racing any longer, please consider a social membership and remain active in our club.

As in past years, we encourage the “Commodore” membership level for those members who are able to help add reserves to the club’s treasury, to be able to absorb any unexpected expenses.

**Please include your current e-mail address on the registration form.** We have had good success communicating with the membership via e-mail, but we do not yet have every member’s e-mail address. So, please include your preferred address so you are able to receive all the summer notices.

Continuing our support of Chautauqua Institution, there is a section for pre-registering for the **Old First Night Race**, which will be held on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> this year. To participate in this competition you must make a donation (minimum of \$10.00) **payable by SEPARATE CHECK to Chautauqua Institution.**

The 2009 Season racing schedule is included here as well as a current list of officers, directors and staff.

This summer we have scheduled one Sail-In in the middle of the season, hoping that all the sailors will attend. It is being held at Debbie & Marty Digel's cottage on Prendergast Point and will be on Saturday, August 1st, following the races.

Last season the Board approved the addition of several race courses that could be used on Saturdays, to allow each fleet to have two races and not require the committee boat to move up and down the course. These courses have a mid-leg start and finish, and the starting line was closed on the downwind legs. Your Board of Directors has elected to continue the courses in our sailing instructions, but **the starting line will not be closed during the race.**

Keep an eye on the club's WEB page [www.chautauquayc.org](http://www.chautauquayc.org). It is our hope that we can post information on this site that is of interest to the membership. As was the case last year, we will have our official documents in electronic format for downloading

For those of you who missed the Awards Banquet last year, I have included here a list of the winning sailors of the fleets and the recipients of the club's special awards. Congratulations to the winners.

Enjoy the rest of spring and plan to attend the **General Membership meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00am at the Chautauqua Sailing Center, at the south end of the Grounds.**

Sincerely,

Bob Park  
Secretary/Treasurer

Attachments

**CHAUTAUQUA YACHT CLUB**  
**OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND STAFF - 2008**

Commodore	Robert Park
Vice-Commodore	David DeLancey
Sec.-Treasurer	Robert Park
Rear Commodores of Power	Rich Viehe
Rear Commodore of Sail	Martin Digel
Board of Directors – Members at Large	
Class of 2010	Chris Martin Sam Hazen
Class of 2012	Robert Fletcher Tad Newell
Board of Directors (Past Commodore)	Paul Burkhart
Social Chairperson	Open
C Scow Fleet Captain	David Beeson
Flying Scot Fleet Captain	Bill Cornell
Starters	Mike Minor

## 2009 CYC MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address - (for summer mailings)

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Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Address - (for winter mailings)

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Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Boat(s) Class \_\_\_\_\_

Boat # \_\_\_\_\_

Please list additional boats racing.

Class \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Boat # \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership

Fees\*\*

<i>Commodore</i> * (includes fee for one boat)	\$270.00 _____
Family * (includes fee for one boat)	\$190.00 _____
Primary Crew Member	\$45.00 _____
Social	\$30.00 _____
Junior (up to age 18)	\$20.00 _____

Enclosed is my check **payable to the Chautauqua Yacht Club** in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ covering the membership fees checked above.

Notes: \*If family members are sailing more than one boat, each racing vessel must be registered and paid for separately, and please include additional primary crew member or junior fees as appropriate.  
\*\*All fees include New York State Sales Tax

I would also like to register for the **Old First Night Race**. Enclosed is my tax deductible donation, **payable to the Chautauqua Institution** in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Please return the form and your check(s) to: Chautauqua Yacht Club  
PO Box 1122  
Chautauqua, NY 14722