



77 Years And Sailing Strong

Commodore's Note

We will be readying our club soon enough for the 2011 season.

It all starts with the General Meeting on March 25th (details below).

Our first work party is scheduled for Saturday, April 16th. Participation is needed to ensure our club will be up and running.

If you are available to help, please email properties@cycsail.org.

Looking forward to a great new season.

Scott

General Membership Meeting

Information on the Annual Membership Meeting.

- When: 7:00 PM On March 25, 2011
- Where: CYC Clubhouse
- Why: Annual Meeting On Club Status and Yearly Budget.

All members are heartily encouraged to attend. *New Members* are especially urged to attend.

Come meet your Board and vote on the budget.

Refreshment will be provided.

March 2011



Fun in the Snow - Don OKeefe

Please take note!

- **Friday, March 25th, 7 PM, Annual General Meeting at the Clubhouse**
- **Saturday April 16th, 9 AM, Work Party #1**
- **Saturday April 30th 6 PM, New Members Party**
- **Sunday May 1st, 1 PM, Tune Up Race**
- **Thursday May 12th, 7 PM, Race Clinic**

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View From The Starting Line- Bob McCorkle

Well it's a bit warmer, the snow is starting to melt and hopefully the Hot Stove league is getting ready to call it a season and is looking forward to actually getting back on the water again. We would like to take this opportunity to again urge our membership to respond to the survey that came with your dues notice. We will have surveys on hand at the General Membership meeting and have results available in early April.

Now to some organizational matters. Pete Van Houtan will be Fleet Captain for the Cruising Fleet, while Greg Northrop remains the Scot Fleet Captain. A number of members have approached us about doing more with the sunfish's than the one club event. There seems to be a fair amount of grass roots interest in this idea, however, like most things in life it will also require some leadership in the form of someone willing to step up and be the Sunfish Fleet Captain. If you have any interest in this role please contact either Greg Northrop or Bob McCorkle.

On the Scot side of the house, we are pleased growing level in interest and participation we experienced last season. We have even heard rumors that there are members who have Scot's hidden in their back yards and are considering breaking them out. We enthusiastically encourage such thoughts and if the thing holding you back is crew, please let Greg or Bob know and they'll actively work to set you up with crew.

How to Save a Wet Cell Phone

If you've ever dropped your iPhone in the pool, run it through the washing machine, or have it slip out of your hands and into the toilet, you know the meaning of the word "panic." Screw things up and you may lose those photos of your newborn you forgot to download and your entire list of contacts. Plus you're out the price of the phone (insurance doesn't cover water damage). The key is to act fast. Here are the most popular methods of saving your cell once it's hit the drink.

1. **It's a truth universally acknowledged that your**

first step should be to remove the battery.

Immediately. "I know it's tempting, but **resist the urge to power up your phone to see if it works—just turning it on can short out the circuits,**" writes Joel Johnson of PopularMechanics.com. Take out the SIM card, too, which may retain data like contacts even if the phone itself is fried.

2. **Your goal is then to try to speed up the drying process without damaging the phone further**—if the phone stays wet for too long it will start to corrode. Skip the hairdryer, as it's too hot for this purpose. **A better choice is a can of compressed air,** an air compressor set to a low psi or a wet/dry Shop Vac.

3. The next step—or the first, if you don't have a compressed air source—is to **wick any remaining moisture by submerging the phone in a bowl or bag of uncooked white rice and/or silicants** if you have them handy. (That's granular stuff that comes in those tiny packets at the bottom of aspirin bottles, beef jerky, the pockets of new clothing—raid your home to find as much as you can). Here are the details on how to do it according to eHow.com.

4. OK, you've ransacked the house for rice and a can of compressed air to no avail. Don't despair. **You may be able freeze the phone to fix it,** as you'll discover at Instructables.com. Again, make sure the battery is removed before placing the phone on two to three layers of paper towel (to prevent frost damage). Then put it in the freezer for about 15-20 minutes. Replace the battery and power up to see if the phone works. If not, remove the battery, stick it back in the freezer for another 5 to 10 minutes and check again. Chances are you'll have a working phone after a couple of tries.

5. Finally, **there are bags known as Bheesties™ that are specifically designed to dry out wet cell phones** and other small personal electronics devices, available at Bheestie.com for \$20 each plus shipping and handling. The problem is that time is of the essence, so if you have an expensive phone and know you're a butterfingers, order one ahead of time and have on hand in case of emergency.

Sources: PopularMechanics.com, eHow.com, Instructables.com



**PROTECT OUR LAKES & STOP THE SPREAD OF ZEBRA MUSSELS
SOMETHING CAN BE DONE
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



Under the supervision and sponsorship of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection

Title: Invasive Investigator

Position: Volunteer

History: Zebra mussels, an invasive species, have recently been found in the Housatonic River system, specifically in Lakes Lillinonah and Zoar. It is important to curb the spread of these species because they are detrimental to the ecosystem and can adversely impact recreational activities. The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CT DEP) believes that public awareness and education are key tools to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species by recreational boaters and other users.

General Description: The Volunteer Invasive Investigator Program is designed specifically to help educate people on ways to keep our waters clean and prevent the spread of aquatic hitchhikers into the lakes and rivers of Connecticut. The Invasive Investigators will check for invasive species and collect information about where boats have been, if any invasive species were found, and what if any cleaning steps were done prior to launch.

Skills: Good communication skills; willingness to work weekend and holiday hours; ability to meet new people; sincere interest in lake protection.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Training: Volunteers are required to attend an initial training of 2.5 hours and visit local boat launches. DEP Boating staff will familiarize you with the local invasive species, teach you how to conduct a voluntary inspection and provide instructions regarding data collection. Annual refresher training will be approximately 1 hour. The program is administered under the authority of the CT DEP and training is held at local sites. Volunteers will be under the regional supervision of the Candlewood Lake Authority. **Cost: The workshop is free!**

Monitoring: At the boat launch, we ask that you interact with boaters, familiarize them with invasive species present at the waterbody, distribute invasive species educational materials, conduct a voluntary inspection to see if there are any visible plant fragments or zebra mussels, and show the boater the steps needed to ensure they are not spreading unwanted plants and animals. Invasive Investigator will also conduct a voluntary survey to determine what, if any cleaning precautions were taken prior to launching, and return surveys and other information gathered to the DEP-Boating Division on a bi-weekly basis.

Hours: Scheduling will be done according to times you are available. While volunteers may schedule boat launch monitoring times to their convenience, we encourage participation particularly on weekends, since that's when most people go boating.

For more information contact Gwendolynn Flynn of the CTDEP at 860-447-4339 or gwendolynn.flynn@ct.gov;
To sign up for the April 9th training program, contact the CLA at (860) 354-6928 or clainfo@earthlink.net.



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The clubhouse in Winter- Don OKeefe