

**OKEMO SKI  
WEEKEND**

**JANUARY**

**19 - 21st**



**VALENTINE'S  
BRUNCH**

**FEBRUARY 11th**

# THE MUSKET

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2007

The Minuteman Yacht Club Board of Governors has already been hard at work planning an exciting roster of events for 2007. Mark your calendars now and please join us for the following:



New York Boat Show	December 30 - January 7
Okemo Ski Trip	January 19 - 21
Commodore's Okemo Reception	January 20
Valentine's Brunch	Sunday, February 11
General Meeting	Thursday, March 8
General Meeting	Sunday, April 1
Sail Regatta 1	Saturday, May 19
Commissioning Day Reception and Parade of Boats	Sunday, May 20
King Cup Race (Sail Regatta 2) and New Member Reception	Saturday, June 2
Kayak Trip on the Saugatuck	Sunday, June 24
Fireworks Raft Up	Tuesday, July 3
Board of Governors Reception	Wednesday, July 4
Sail Regatta 3	Saturday, July 14

Toes in the Sand	Friday, July 20
Summer Social	Sunday, July 29
Family Day	Saturday, August 4
Overnight Cruise to Port Jeff	August 11 - 12
Toes in the Sand	Friday, August 17th
Commodore's Reception	Monday, September 3
Sail Regatta 4	Saturday, September 15
Shore Dinner	Sunday, September 16
Sail Regatta 5	Saturday, September 22
Sail Regatta 6	
Commodore's Cup	Saturday, September 29
Annual Meeting & Change of Watch	
Dinner Dance	Sunday, October 14

## THE MUSKET

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# HOLIDAY ON ICE

## Greetings from the Commodore

The leaves have all fallen, yet the snow is yet to arrive. The holidays are upon us and the boating season feels like a fond but distant memory.

Your Board of Governors has been hard at work putting together some exciting new offerings for the 2007 season. I hope many of you can join us for our "Ski Weekend at Okemo". I know many in the club that do as well on frozen water as they do on the Long Island Sound. It will be a great opportunity to enjoy the beauties of Vermont. I am particularly excited about meeting many of you at our Saturday night reception over a bowl of chili and a cup of grog!

Former Commodore Per Sorensen has agreed to be our Fleet Captain for 2007. He has put together an outstanding and challenging racing program for the upcoming season. Details can be found on page 4 of this issue. We are hoping to see many new sailors coming out to try racing in the season ahead.

To shake things up a bit, Janice and Chris Dewart have arranged for us to enjoy our annual Valentine's Brunch at the Red Barn this coming February 11th. The Red Barn has been voted "Fairfield County's Best Brunch" by Connecticut Magazine. Please get your reservations in soon (form on page 5) as seating is limited.

The MYC Bridge and Board will keep you updated on the menace of Broadwater. Hopefully, banding together with other boating organizations, we can defeat Broadwater and keep our Sound as a safe place for boating enjoyment.

I have had several suggestions to bring back the Parade of Boats, which was last seen in 1969 when the proposal to put a nuclear power plant on Cockenoe was defeated. We want to bring back this tradition for Commissioning Day this coming May. Any members who participated in the last Parade, please contact me with advice and suggestions!

Safe waters (frozen or not!).



Dona McKenzie  
Commodore



### GALLEY GOURMET

This is a great recipe to make for a holiday brunch. Either serve it as a side dish or a main course – whatever works for you. Happy boating!

#### Oven French Toast

*Ingredients:*

1 16 oz. French baguette cut into 1" slices  
2 cups half and half  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg  
1 package cream cheese, softened  
6 large eggs  
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

Butter a 9 x 13 baking dish. Arrange and overlap sliced bread. Beat eggs first and then mix all liquids and the cream cheese and spices together in a blender or food processor. Pour over the French bread. Refrigerate covered overnight.

In the morning mix together 1/4 cup softened butter, 2 tablespoons of light corn syrup and 1/2 cup brown sugar.

Spread on top of French bread slices.

Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 40 minutes or until golden crust forms.

*Galley Gourmet, will bring you some great recipes that can either be easily prepared in the Galley of your vessel or in advance to serve tasty morsels to your captain, crew and guests. To share your favorite boating recipe, send an email to Lorraine Kennedy at [rjklsk@optonline.net](mailto:rjklsk@optonline.net) or mail to 6 Barry Lane, Westport, CT 06880.*

# OKEMO SKI TRIP

Co-chairs: Dona McKenzie and Lorraine Kennedy

## Minuteman Yacht Club Ski Weekend at Okemo January 19 - 21, 2007

Please join your friends from the Minuteman Yacht Club for a ski weekend at Okemo! Join us for a Winter Reception at the home of Commodore Dona McKenzie, 113 Ellison Loop, Ludlow, VT 05149. Saturday night, January 20th from 5 - 7 pm.

If you wish to book a ski and stay package, please call Okemo directly at 1-800-78-OKEMO. If you prefer to stay elsewhere, please see the list of lodging possibilities below. If you will be joining the reception, please RSVP to dmckenzie@mckenziehubbell.com or 203-221-1067 so she can forward directions.

### The Okemo Inn 802-228-8834

800-328-8834

www.okemoinn.com

Rate: \$190

The Okemo Inn features 10 comfy guest rooms, all with private bath.

### Ludlow Colonial Condominiums

802-228-8188

www.ludlowcolonialcondos.com

Rate: \$200-400

Ideally located in a country village setting, all units are within easy walking distance of village facilities.

### Slopeside Only Condo Rentals 802-228-8999

www.slopesideokemo.com

Rate: Call for availability & prices

Slopeside Only Condominium Rentals is Okemo's only independent rental agency focusing only on condominiums, only up on Okemo Mountain.

### Trails End Accommodations 802-228-8363

888-872-4544

www.skivt.com

Rate: Varies

Offer private homes, condos and rooms / suites.

### Vermont Properties 802-228-8877

www.vtprop.com

Rate: Varies

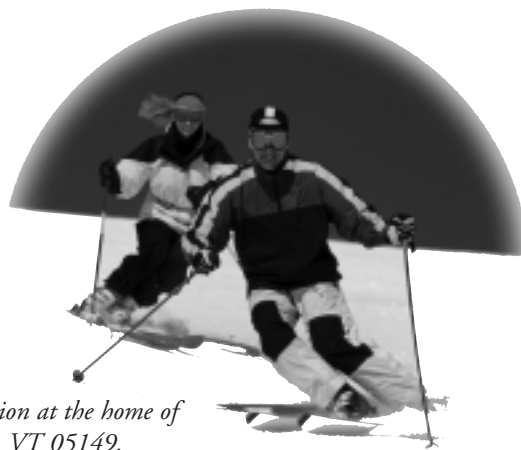
Our company is committed to the highest level of real estate service possible. We never forget that our customers and our clients are of the utmost importance and we are extremely qualified to meet their needs.

### Echo Lake Inn 802-228-8602 800-356-6844

www.echolakeinn.com

Rate: \$139-229

All of our rooms include a private bath and full breakfast.



### Andrie Rose Inn 802-228-4846

800-223-4846

www.andrierooseinn.com

Rate: \$165-330

Come join us and allow the tradition of impeccable accommodations, fine dining, and true Vermont hospitality to continue.

### The Governor's Inn 802-228-88.0

800-468-3766

www.thegovernorsinn.com

Rate: \$154-319

Located at the east end of the town green, The Governor's Inn is within walking distance of village shops and restaurants.

### The Inn at Water's Edge 802-228-8143

888-706-9736

www.innatwatersedge.com

Rate: Stay and Ski Rates starting at \$100 per person. Enjoy a romantic inn in Vermont, a fabulous getaway with many attractions.

### All Seasons Motel 802-228-8100 888-228-8100

www.allseasonsmotel.com

Rate: \$145-190

In the heart of the village of Ludlow: walk to everything. Stay & Ski packages for two or more days, which include a room and two lift tickets per day to ski Okemo Mountain.

### Best Western Ludlow Colonial 802-228-8188

www.bestwesternludlow.com

Rate: \$220-330

### Ludlow Village Inn & Suites 802-228-8686

Rate: Unknown

### Timber Inn Motel 802-228-8666

Rate: Unknown

## Upcoming Events

*Details will follow as we get closer, but please mark your calendars now.*

**December 30, 2006 -  
January 7, 2007.**

### New York National Boat Show

Javits Convention  
Center  
35th St. & 11th Ave..  
New York City,  
NY 10001

**Jan. 19 - 21, 2007  
Minuteman  
Yacht Club  
Ski Weekend  
at Okemo  
Mountain**

*Details in this issue.  
Lodging information  
available sat left. Ski  
Reception at the  
Vermont Home of the  
Commodore, Saturday  
night, January 20th,  
5 - 7 pm*

**February 11  
Valentine's Brunch**

*Brunch at the  
Red Barn from  
11 am - 1:15 pm.  
Reservation Form in  
this issue.*

**March 8th  
General Meeting**

*Dinner at the  
Silvermine Tavern.*

# MYC 2007 RACING PROGRAM

Over the years, Minuteman sailors have enjoyed a summer series of Saturday morning yacht races, the highlight of which is the Commodore's Cup race held each September.

The club's philosophy about racing is to offer competitive but fun races. We seek to encourage participation by sailors who are interested in racing, and we encourage sailing members to improve their sailing skills and extend their sailing activities. Racing is a great classroom for the development of all-around sailing skills.

In 2005 and then again in 2006 we raced as a fleet in a few of the Norwalk Islands Sailing Fleet (NISF) races competing not only against all entries, but among ourselves for the rights to the Commodore's Cup. The races challenged us with a larger fleet and a new and longer racecourse. NISF provides an experienced committee boat, adheres strictly to the official Racing Rules of Sailing, and plans races of 9 to 12 miles across Long Island Sound.

All MYC races with the NISF are on Saturdays with 1st Gun at 11:00 AM off R26 on the other side of Cockenoe Island. The MYC races will be run as a subset of 6 of the 11 NISF race series, with participating in 4 of the 6 to qualify for the MYC Series.

- MYC Race 1    May 19
- MYC Race 2    June 2 - Kings Cup Regatta
- MYC Race 3    July 14
- MYC Race 4    Sept. 15
- MYC Race 5    Sept. 22
- MYC Race 6    Sept. 29 - MYC Commodore's Cup

The June 2 Race is the MYC sponsored Kings Cup Regatta, a YRA Invitational Regatta (Yacht Racing Association). The MYC will be providing the Committee Boat, referees, and scoring. We will also be planning on a social event following the race for the MYC membership and the crews from the NISF fleet. The usual outstanding MYC hors d'œuvre and refreshments to be provided. Later in the season, Race 6 will be the MYC Commodore's Cup race.



Additionally, Norwalk Islands Sailing Fleet holds the following races:

- June 9            Chanteyman Cup
- August 11/12    Overnight Race
- August 18        Greens point Women's Cup
- Sept 8            Greens Ledge Cup
- Oct 6             Partner's Cafe Cup

The clubs that make up the NISF include Norwalk Yacht Club, Noroton Yacht Club, Saugatuck Harbor Yacht Club, Sprite Island Yacht Club, the Shore & Country Club, and now starting in 2007 the Minuteman Yacht Club. Each of these clubs contributes to the success of the NISF series by sponsoring at least one race. A number of Cedar Point Yacht Club sailors also participate in the series.

For 2007, the MYC has accepted the opportunity to run the Kings Cup... there will be more on this subject as we start approaching spring. The MYC is moving to a new level! I'm sure that we can hold our own... looking forward to some great racing in 2007 and beyond. Additional articles and news on the 2007 season will be presented in upcoming Muskets.

Per Sorensen  
Fleet Captain and Race Committee Chairman

**WARM YOUR HEART AT THE  
MINUTEMAN YACHT CLUB  
♥ ANNUAL VALENTINE'S BRUNCH ♥**

*Sunday, February 11th, 2007 ♥ From 11:00 am until 1:15 pm*

*The Red Barn Restaurant*

*292 Wilton Road, Westport*

*Price: \$27.00 per adult*

*Kids under 6 are \$9.00*

*Kids 6 -12 are \$16.00*

*Please see [www.redbarnrestaurant.com](http://www.redbarnrestaurant.com) to review the full  
Sunday Brunch Menu.*

Tear off form below with check made out to: Minuteman Yacht Club  
Send to: John Luscombe, Treasurer, Minuteman Yacht Club, 56 Long Lots Road, Westport CT 06880. 203-227-0393.  
**Must be received no later than Monday, February 5, 2007.**

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**MINUTEMAN YACHT CLUB  
♥ ANNUAL VALENTINE'S BRUNCH ♥**

*Attendee* \_\_\_\_\_

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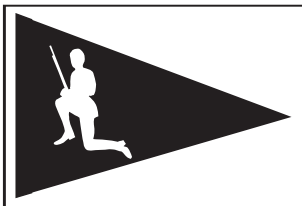
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*Total # of Adults Attending* \_\_\_\_\_

*Total # of Children Attending* \_\_\_\_\_

*Amount Enclosed* \_\_\_\_\_



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### SWAP SHOP

**BOAT FOR SALE - SAIL-** Puff" is up for adoption! Sadly, we are not getting enough "sail" time, so it is time for a "sale". She is a 1984 std. rig, fin keel, Catalina 25. Two sets of sails (2 1/2 yr old main is loose-footed with a full top batten; the 153% genoa is 3 1/2 yrs old). There is a drifter, genneker, whatever as well. All lines lead aft to the cockpit; two batteries; marine head; custom backstay adjuster, main outhaul, main traveler, and 17' carbon-fiber whisker pole, and a new CDI roller furler was installed in 2004. In addition, she has a brand new Danforth Saturn compass. The O/B is a 1994 Merc 9.9 HP, loving maintained by Milford Boat Works each season. Her bottom was just painted this spring, and the cradle is included in the price of \$8750. Dennis Castiglia and I are willing to share winter lay-up expenses and help get her ready for the next season. More information on request. Bob Dutton 222-1487, or cell 829-1026.

**BOAT FOR SALE - SAIL** For Sale by owner. **Asking \$22,000.** Built 1909 in Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, UK. US Documented vessel # 1058670. LOA: 38'. Beam: 8'6". Fuel cap: 10 gal. LOD 29'. Water: 25 gal. Draft: 4'10". Holding: 13 gal. Cutter rigged w/flying jib. Complete set of new sails in tanbark. Complete set of used sails: main - 2 jibs, 2 stay sails, ghoster and a large jib. New Westerbeke 2cyl auxiliary diesel - 12 hp. Completely re-planked in Italy in 1997 by top Italian wooden boat builder using inconel fasteners. Galley: Fresh and raw water hand pumps at SS sink, gimbed cooker w/oven. Electronics: VHF, Depth, EPIRB (new), GPS. Equipment: 35# CQR w/150 chain, 10# Bruce, fisherman's anchor (good for dinghy), 4 man life raft (due for service) in a bag, new bronze LVJ halyard winches (main is self-tailing), new main halyard (converted to rope from wire/rope), tri-color masthead light w/anchor light, clock, barometer, 2 batteries, deck pump-out for holding tank. NEW engine, sails, winches equal \$17K invested. I single-handed this boat from Lagos, Portugal to La Maddalena, Sardinia, Italy in 1996 on my first real sail. She sails herself once sails are trimmed. Very comfortable sailing from close reach to broad reach and on a beam reach she will make 5 knots effortlessly in decent wind under full sail w/o the flying jib. I also have a researched, soft-bound history of this little ship. Researched for me by the man who owned her from 1934-38. I have many photos of her dating back to 1934 and including her work in Italy. I will be retiring and moving out of the area in a short while and must sell TEWK, much to my disdain. Call Dave Ellis @ (203) 956-9717 or my cell (203) 216-5016.

*Items for the swap shop will be posted as space allows. Please send any items you would like posted to Dona McKenzie, Publisher, at dmckenzie@mckenziehubbell.com*