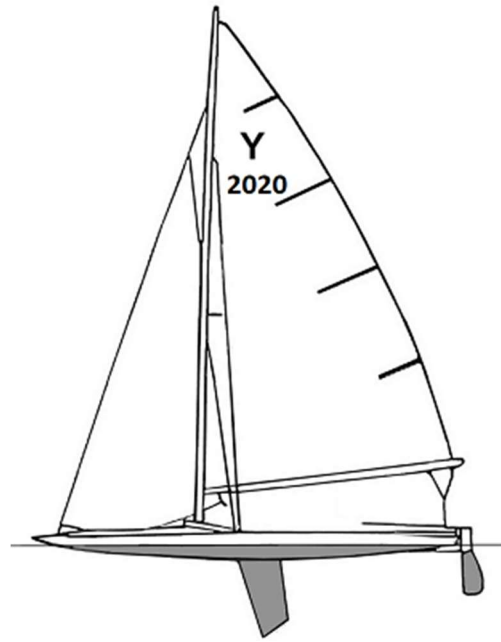


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The Newsletter of the American Y-Flyer Sailing Association

Saratoga Nationals Canceled

By Terry Fraser

It is with great disappointment that Y-Flyer Fleet 63 of the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club must announce the cancelation of the 2020 Y-Flyer National Championship Regatta that was scheduled to be held July 13th through July 17th. The Covid-19 Pandemic has had a devastating effect on New York State and it was decided that too many issues remain unsolved to hold a safe regatta.

Midwinters Rescheduled for October

Report by Nile and Lavon Hatcher (from an announcement on Facebook and partially edited to the past tense---Ed.)

Considering the closures of schools and cancelled events/regattas around the country, it was with great disappointment that I had to inform you the 2020 Y-Flyer Midw^Ynter Regatta scheduled for March 20-22 was **postponed**. This was a tough decision to make, but Y-Fleet #1, Lavon and I believe this is the most prudent decision considering the events.

For the last 57 years, a Y-Flyer Midwinter Championship Regatta has been sailed and that trend will not be broken on my watch. So, Lavon and I have agreed to move our commitment to the fall, and it will be sailed in conjunction with the Beers Memorial Regatta October 10 -11.

So... we are rebranding to "Midw^Ynters 2020 2.0 at The Beers."

Additional Information:

Please send a check to Paul White, 7349 Scarborough Blvd E Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46256, (\$40 for an active skipper, \$20 for a junior skipper and \$15 for crew) for your AYFSA annual dues.

As you know, the Midwinter Championship is when most folks' dues are collected, and because we had to postpone, mailing your check in would be greatly appreciated.

All the usual regatta information will be distributed as it is put together.

New Y-Flyer Fleet

Information by Paul White

A fleet charter has been granted to members of the Beaver Lake Sailing Club near Fayetteville, Arkansas. Fleet 64 now becomes the newest Y-Flyer fleet and has been formed by:

Bill Corley Y-2654

Peter Lane Y-2809

Susan Sisco Y-2656

"The Flyer" welcomes Fleet 64 to the American Y-Flyer Sailing Association. Next month there will be a special feature all about the new fleet.



Sailing Through the Covidiocy

Hello again, Y-Flyer world!

Okay, it isn't like we haven't seen each other for years. It was The Beers last fall and many or most of you were there and it was great. Then, some things happened. We had Thanksgiving, then a few holidays like Hanukkah and Christmas and Boxing Day and Kwanzaa and New Year's and such. Then Florida in February. If only the Y Midwinters could be held in Key Largo. The ride to Nest Key would be done in about 2/3 the time. The double handed races would basically be the regatta since we tango with two anyway. And the bar at the clubhouse. Man, would they make money on us! But I digress.

Then we came home and got going with our lives again. And then...

The thing. The virus. The Corona Virus. Covid-19. Sars-Cov-2. 2019-nCoV. A rose by any other name. Actually, "a rose by any other name" would have had me about 3 Y-Flyer regattas into my year. But alas, we all needed to make adjustments to our otherwise comfortable lives to make sure the thing didn't get out of hand.

Oops! That didn't work too well, mostly because we Americans were too late to the idea of prevention and avoidance. Hence, the prudent decisions were made to start canceling regattas. On the upside, Lauren and I are probably about \$2000 to the good on our regatta budget. Yeah right. Like we "budget" for regattas. Unless by "budget", one means "Okay, got all the credit cards? Let's go!"

Given that sailing any regattas this year will be a matter of luck (my prediction is that Lake Lemon will be the first. Remember this, folks!), I thought I'd brainstorm all the things that one can do to enhance their boating experience once we get past this little hootenanny.

First of all, you can go sailing. Really. You can. I've been sailing the Force 5 a number of times in Wednesday evening races. There haven't been a lot of boats out, but we've been doing it. As of this writing, Lauren and I will be taking the Y out this coming Memorial Day Sunday for some sloop racing...finally.

This coming Wednesday, a number of the keelboaters will be launching their boats...including us. We're now the proud owners of half-a Catalina 22. We'll be doing the "snooze, booze and cruise" thing before long. But we can also launch the Y when the wind is great!

I've been working on "Termite Chow". The deck is pretty much done. Waiting for my self-determined cure time for the varnish. Then I'll flip 'er over and paint the bottom. Then another waiting period, followed by flipping and rigging. There are a few things to do. Rig a mast. Rig a boom. Line splicing. Making a new spray rail. Redoing the floorboards with some SeaDeck. Probably some sanding and buffing. If there's a Lake Lemon Regatta this year, chances are, you all will get to see her for the first time in a few years. Because you're all coming...if we have the regatta. Anyway, I've been doing work on my boats for a change. How about you?

There has been some other boat work, too, because I need a paycheck like everyone else. I did a fair amount of gel coat work on a powerboat. I also fixed up my #2 Force 5 which I just sold. Another friend's Force 5 needed some work, so I did that. I managed to dodge a Thistle rail re-glue job because my estimate was too high (It was a "I kinda don't want to do it" price). Not too high for me, just for the client. Kinda hard to spend a couple grand on a boat that's worth not quite a couple grand. I have a guy bringing a boat for me to check out and possibly work on, so that's more to do. A friend at BYC is having me do some rigging work on his "free" Snipe. Ain't free no more! I have a couple of things to do on "Mudslide" before she gets sold at some point. I'm remodeling a bathroom. Busy, busy, it seems.

I did rehab on Rick Manser's Y, but that was back in November and December before any of us knew the word "Covid". His boat is "trapped" here in Indiana until it is safe to make delivery/pick up arrangements. No doubt, I'll have to wash it again. So that'll kill 30 minutes of Covid time.

Lauren is working at home at this point. It's nice to have her here a lot, but it was an adjustment. My computer time has been rationed, which is probably a good thing. At about 8:30, she starts pacing at the office door. Then again after lunch at about 1:15 or so. Because of this, I'm getting more done in the real world. Never fast enough, though. There's another option: LESS computer time.

My hair is getting pretty long. I should call "Locks of Love" to see if they'll accept "old fart" hair. Because I'm about 25-30% of the way there. I'm still a couple of inches from being able to do a pony tail. I was growing my "corona beard", but decided against it when Lauren told me that I was looking like some underemployed bum. I know, I know...it didn't occur to her. 😊

Interestingly, BYC has picked up 2 or 3 new member applications since this all started. It's probably just a coincidence, but it's a little weird to think that a pandemic would be good for the growth of sailing clubs. Perhaps it's a desire to do new and different things. Of course, the downside is that we'll be adding another one design class to a club with way too many of them. But on the upside, the Y fleet now has 5 boats while all but one of the Thistles are for sale. Now, if we can just get those Y guys to show up for racing all at the same time. Meanwhile, we have 2 C-Scows, 5 Thistles, a Rebel 16, a Coronado 15, a Snipe, 2 Flying Scots, a Flying Junior, a Capri 14, potentially a Wayfarer, 3 Lasers, a couple of Sunfish, a Porpoise, a Hobie 16, 3 Hobie 14's, a Hobie Tiger, another catamaran that I can't think of the class and hasn't been at the club for 2 years, some cat-rigged boat that I can't remember the name of...and about 16 Force 5's. I need to work on the sloop problem. Maybe I'll just start hanging "For Sale" signs on many of those boats and see how long it takes the owners to notice. Given that many of those boats seldom or never leave the trailer, I'm guessing it'll be a while. You can lead horses to water, but you can't make 'em drink. [Update: we got an application from someone with a JY15. There's another class to add to the list. Somebody shoot me.]

So that's what I've been up to of late. What have you all been doing? It's a really good time to fix up your boats, or wash them at least. Perhaps some semi-expensive thing you've been putting off that could be paid for by the money that you're saving by not going to regattas? Social distancing is fairly easy in non-regatta mode. Get out there and get things done. Go sailing. Enjoy yourself. Be responsible and safe and all that. And hey...if you go to Lowe's and you find that people don't want to stay away from you, just start coughing like crazy. That'll bring change.

With some really good luck, I'll see all of you at the Lake Lemon Regatta. We'll let you know in plenty of time if we need to call it. There should be so many Y's here this year that we'll have a boat parking catastrophe and you'll be drunk by the time you get to the hoist! It'll be great!





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A Virtual Interview With Area Vice President Pat King

By The Wandering Wondering Y

What is your name: Patrick King

What is your nickname: Pat is one I care to share. The others are rather uncomplimentary.

What is your Y-Flyer's name and number: "Peggy's Washer", 2584

Who built your boat...and who was the previous owner (if you know): Paul White is the prior owner.

Where do you live: Porter Corners NY

What Club, Fleet, and Lake are you a member of and sail on: Saratoga Lake Sailing Club, Fleet 63, on Saratoga Lake, NY

At what age was your first time on a sailboat: I was 7

What was the kind of sailboat: O'Day 16

How did you end up as a Y-Flyer sailor: It was a Y sailor that took pity on me and let me crew at SLSC. He also sold me a boat for \$1.

When did you get your first Y-Flyer: 2016

When you began your Y sailing who were the sailors you looked up to: John Smith, Terry Fraser

How often do you sail your Y: Last year, twice a week. This year, not so much.

What and when was the last Y-regatta you sailed: Last year (was it last year?), the internationals.

Do you prefer to travel to a regatta or stay home to race: I travel for work. I prefer to stay home when I'm off.

Have you considered offering to be an officer of your club or the Y-Association: I am currently Vice President for the Northeast of the Y Flyer Association. I did not consider it – I was shanghaid.

Rank these from 1 to 5...1 being the most important....when you go to a regatta or race at home:

- 3---Winning or a good finish
- 1---Safety of myself and other competitors
- 2---Competitors following and enforcing the rules
- 5---Race Committee setting a good course and a good regatta
- 4---The onshore party and after race activities

Would you go to protest or do penalty turns even if you think you are in the right:
That's very situation specific. I can imagine doing turns as insurance, rather than risk DSQ. In complex situations, I can see two boats doing turns and carrying on.

Are you concerned about the future of One Design racing, if so, why: Very much so. Just look at the demographics of the Y – we are for the most part old farts, on what is a young person's boat. We must recruit youth, be willing to sail with the less experienced, and work to keep costs low, so that more young people can afford a boat.

Tell us what you think about One Design sailing: One design is very important for keeping costs down. I could wish there were fewer designs, so that there could be more economies of scale.

What opinions do you have about the America's Cup of recent years: The new boats are very exciting, and give the sport much needed publicity. They are, perhaps, rather intimidating, and so less likely to make people want to sail.

Can you tell us a story or two about your sailing experiences that you like to tell: I can tell you I'm hard on tillers. I snapped a Sunfish tiller against a dock in about 1976. The same for a Hinterholler Shark in 1993. I snapped my Y tiller against an Ensign last year. It's currently held together with screws, glue, and duct tape.

Any other opinions you have and want to tell us about: I love dinghy racing and the people who do it.



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A Report From The Bigus Family

By Ellyn

Hello to all our Y flyer friends and family! Since we can't see each other personally to share family stories and catch up on life, in general, this is the next best thing, right? We Bigus's are well and taking all life throws at us in stride. To help us get through all the not so good times there are the fun life changing events we are experiencing. Julia is working the summer as Ed's secretary twenty hours a week. Since a lot of it is remote work from home I get to see them working together. Much fun! Samuel had just moved to the Kansas City mid town area where all the action is right before covid 19 became a reality and the lock downs began. So, instead of being cooped up alone in his apartment, for god knows how long, he continues to pay rent but is living here with us to keep some sort of sanity. Incidentally, the fabulous job he was enjoying just a few minutes from his home had to let him go since they lost quite a bit of revenue from this virus. On to better things, hopefully, but we love having him here with us so we can keep the little bit of sanity we like to think we have?? Jacob and his family-- Wait. Maybe you missed out. Jacob has a family now! He married Amanda last April, who already has a son, Krynn, of her own, and now they have a second. **Izidore Owsley Mordecai Bigus was born January 17, 2020.** I have to say he is gorgeous and amazing in every way. He takes after our side of the family, (of course.) They live in Lawrence, Kansas only 50 minutes away, but when the shut down happened they too moved in with us so the baby could continue getting to

know us and we could enjoy some of those baby milestones that are so much fun. They were here for six weeks. What a packed house we had! Our home got smaller all of a sudden. There, too, are many stories that I will not bore you with! In the mean time, Ellyn is starting to blog and when she feels more comfortable she will share her site with every one. We hope all are well and look forward to seeing everyone again, hopefully next year.

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It is with great sadness that The Flyer publishes the notice of passing of two of our long time members.

Tom Guy of the Lake Norman Yacht Club near Mooresville, North Carolina lived next door to the club and always was present at the 20 or more years of the Y-Flyer Midwinters that were sailed on Lake Norman.

Johnny Dotterer was a member of the Columbia Sailing Club on Lake Murray in South Carolina and for many years was the driving source once the Y-Midwinters moved to Lake Murray.

Both passed on April 13th of this year.

OBITUARY



(from Legacy.com) Thomas Marion Guy Jr. passed away Monday, April 13, 2020 at the residence of his daughter, Kathy Guy, in N. Charleston, SC.

He was born on August 3, 1922 in Chester, SC to the late Thomas Marion Guy and Blanche Porter. Mr. Guy formerly resided in Mooresville, NC. He later moved to Virginia as a young boy and resided mainly in Norfolk. He graduated from Granby High School where he lettered in four sports. After graduation, he attended William and Mary College before enlisting in the Navy in 1943 and serving during WWII as an aviator in the Pacific. He flew numerous missions fighting the Japanese and air dropping supplies to the POW's. He flew security patrol over Tokyo Bay during the signing of the Peace Treaty ending WWII. He was honored with other veterans by President H.W. Bush.

After being honorably discharged in 1946, he enrolled at Davidson College where he played football and baseball and was a member of SAE Fraternity. After graduating in 1948, he went to work for Celanese Corporation in S.C. and N.C. He retired as Director of Quality Control for Fiber Industries/Celanese.

After retiring, Mr. Guy and his wife, Alice, moved to Lake Norman. In 1967, he became and remained a member of the Lake Norman Yacht Club. He was an avid sailor and racer and was awarded numerous trophies. Mr. Guy also served as a past commodore of the Yacht Club.

Besides sailing he also enjoyed building sailboats, making sails, sewing quilts and woodworking.

Mr. Guy was preceded in death by his wife, Alice Ware, and a daughter, Deborah Ann Guy.

He is survived by his daughters, Allyson Guy Aldrich (Robert) and Kathy Guy; son, Charles Guy; brother, Dr. Edward Guy; grandchildren, Claire and Deva Guy, Brahm Deschaux Guy; step granddaughter, Amy Cooper (Greg) and step great grandson, Evan Cooper. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be planned for Mr. Guy at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of Charleston SC, 4975 Lacross Rd #200, North Charleston, SC 29406, Davidson College, Box 7170 Davidson, NC 28035 or Barium Springs Home for Children, PO Box 1, Barium Springs, NC 28010.

OBITUARY



(from Legacy.com) John B. Dotterer, Jr. (Johnny), 75, of Columbia, loving husband of Rebecca, died Monday, April 13, 2020. Born in Charleston, Johnny was the son of the late John B. Dotterer, Sr. and Marie Arms Dotterer. He was a 1962 graduate of the Camden Military Academy where he served as the Corp Commander in his senior year. After briefly attending the Citadel, he transferred to the University of South Carolina serving as president of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity in his senior year. After two years in the US Navy, he began his career in public service with the State of South Carolina. He was Supervisor of the Merit System with the Budget and Control Board until he transferred to DHEC and completed his 44 years of service as Contracts Officer in the Office of Chief of Staff.

Johnny was an avid duck hunter, fisherman and sailor. He loved hunting and fishing in the Santee Swamp. One of his favorite traditions was his annual duck-hunting trip to North Dakota. He also loved offshore and surf fishing and in his later years pond fishing.

Johnny and Rebecca spent many years sailing competitively in the J/24 and Y-Flyer classes. He served as a Race Officer, served on the Board of Stewards, and was a past Commodore of the Columbia Sailing Club on Lake Murray. There was rarely a club regatta in which he was not an active participant. As a lifelong member of the Carolina Yacht Club (CYC) in Charleston, Johnny was known as M1 (Mark 1) for many regattas in the harbor. He served briefly on the CYC sailing committee and in March of 2020 he was honored to receive the coveted Katrinka trophy given each year to a CYC member who has shown dedication to the club through his actions and devotion to the sport of sailing. Johnny and his wife were thrilled to have been a part of the 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics where they served as volunteers for the sailing events held in Savannah, Georgia.

After retirement, Johnny and Rebecca enjoyed numerous trips traveling the United States and Europe. They excelled at dancing the Shag, South Carolina's state dance and loved each opportunity to "show off their stuff".

Johnny is survived by his beloved wife of 42 years, Rebecca Hughes Dotterer; his nieces, Barbara (Maribel) Herrera and Jane (Kenny) Neese; and 4 great nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and sister, Beverly Sherwood Dotterer Bryant. In addition, he is survived by his best friend of 53 years, Ford Douglass with whom he spent countless hours hunting, fishing and sharing many "dubious" adventures, some of which only the two of them share. His 4-legged pal, Dee Dee who is the last of many special Labs, also survives him.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made in his name to the Columbia Sailing Club, PO Box 922, Columbia, SC, 29202 or to a charity of your choice.

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About me

Gender	MALE
Industry	Manufacturing
Occupation	Yield Engineering, Technical Writing
Location	Annapolis, MD, United States
Introduction	Bald but my eyebrows are growing at a prolific rate. Sailed Windmills and Y-Flyers in the 1960's. Founded Miami University (OH) sailing team. Sailed International 14's and Lasers in the 1970's. Sailed International Canoes in the 1980's to mid 1990's. Sailed Classic Moths since 2002. Enjoy boatbuilding though I'm very, very slow at it (the Internet doesn't help matters). Name in real life: Rod Mincher After choosing this username (Tweezer is the name of my Classic Moth), further research on the Internet turned up that Tweezerman is a corporate name for a line of pedicure products. Let me emphasize that I do not work for, nor endorse these products.
Interests	Sailing , YouTubing , boatbuilding , dinghy racing , Classic Moth , Vintage sailboats , International 14 , International Moth , scow sailing , Vendee Globe

The Y-Schedule For 2020

DATE	REGATTA	LOCATION	
Mar 21-22	Midw Y inters	Atlanta Yacht Club, Acworth, GA	POSTPONED to Oct 10-11
Apr 4-5	Schultz Hospice	Harbor Island Yacht Club, Nashville, TN	POSTPONED
Apr 25-26	AYC Open	Atlanta Yacht Club, Acworth, GA	CANCELED
May 2-3	Keowee Cup Open	Keowee Sailing Club, Seneca, SC	CANCELED
May 16-17	Animal Cracker	Browns Creek Sailing Assn, Guntersville, AL	CANCELED
May 23-24	Hawg Wild	Grande Maumelle Sailing Club, Little Rock, AR	CANCELED
Jun 6-7	Riviera	Lake Matton Sailing Association, Neoga, IL	CANCELED
Jul 13-17	Y-Nationals	Saratoga Lake Sailing Club, Ballston Spa, NY	CANCELLED
Aug 1-2	Rockville Regatta	Sea Island Yacht Club, SC	
Sep 5-6	Bluegrass, Bourbon and Boats	Louisville Sailing Club, KY	
Sep 5-6	Labor Day Regatta	Lake Norman YC, Mooresville, NC	
Sep 12-13	Beer & Boats	Carlyle Sailing Association, Carlyle, IL	
Sep 12-13	Hospice Regatta	Lake Norman Yacht Club, Mooresville, NC	
Sep 26-27	Lake Lemon	Bloomington Yacht Club, Bloomington, IN	
Oct 10-11	Beer's Memorial	Atlanta Yacht Club, Acworth, GA	
Oct 10-11	Midw Y inters 2.0	Atlanta Yacht Club, Acworth, GA	
Oct 24 – 25	McDougall Open	Harbor Island Yacht Club, Nashville, TN	
Nov 7-8	Midlands Open	Columbia Sailing Club, Columbia SC	



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If you'd like more detailed pics or have further questions, let me know and I'll post ASAP.

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From Your Editor, [Captain Terryble](#)

I've been dreaming about taking this job for a long time. But there has always been someone more talented than me in the position. Finally an opening occurred and I jumped at the chance.

I soon found out I had no idea how to do this job so the past few weeks have been a learning process and I've still got a long way to go.

I bought a thumbdrive from Nile Hatcher that contained all of the issues of "The Flyer" that were ever published and while reading some of the old issues I became quite inspired.

So, that, in a nutshell is the story of how this June 2020 issue of our newsletter came to be.

Oh yeah, that reminds me.....I have to send Nile a check for that thumbdrive.....



Coming Next Month:

A “The Flyer” special feature about Jack Helms

An updated Y-Calendar

A “The Flyer” special feature about the new Fleet 64

Another interview by the Wandering Wondering Y

More class news

Another Opposite Tack

Remember: Please give us a virtual “thumbs up” by paying your 2020 dues or give the Y-Class a donation!!!



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