The Wave



April 2025



Open Water once More - Brian Mau

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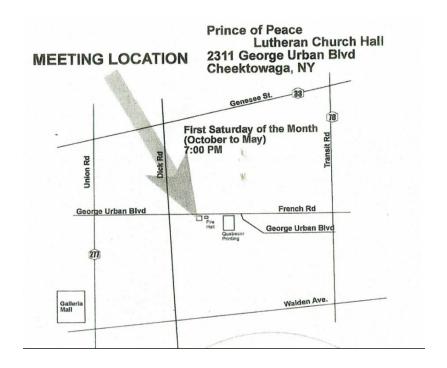
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Upcoming Events

Membership Meeting April 5, 2025, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Hall 2311 George Urban Boulevard Cheektowaga NY. 7 pm

April 6, 2025, BUFFCON 40 Knights of Columbus Event Center 2735 Union Road Cheektowaga NY for more information see advertisement behind newsletter.



May 3, 2025, Membership Meeting Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Hall 2311 George Urban Blvd Cheektowaga NY 7 pm.

Saturday June 7 The Triple R campground run will be Saturday June 7 starting at 10 am and running for as long as you want to be there, this event is always a great time. Since this would also normally be the day, we would hold our June club meeting it was decided to move the June meeting back 1 week. So the June meeting will be Saturday June 14, at the pond, weather permitting.

Saturday June 14 Membership Meeting at Muir Lake 6:30 pm

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church by Commodore Don Spielberger. 15 members were present.

The Recording secretary's report was read and approved by Brian Mau (Sail Fleet Captain) and seconded by Scale fleet Captain George Specht.

The Corresponding secretary was absent and a substitute report was provided by Don Spielberger. The report was approved by Paul Kolbe and seconded by George Specht.

Treasurer's Report read and approved

Fleet Captain reports

Sail: Schedule is available see back of newsletter. There will be races at Muir Lake and some at Fairmount Park. The park director at Fairmount Park really likes this.

Scale: drydock

Fast Electric Kurt is working on boats and buoys

Committee reports:

The Toy and Train show was two weeks ago. Saturday there were 1700 people through the door. Unfortunately, Sunday there were only 700 due to bad weather. Ryan and Mike Carroll, Bob Waldraff, Don Spielberger, Ron Redlinski, Ron Brounschidle, Garry Ball and George and Doug Specht were at the tables. Bob brought sailboats. We picked up two names Sunday. We had a pool this year but it did not hold air so we were not able to use it. Don found he could get a larger inflatable pool which we will get for next year. Bob and Ron Brounschidle Doug and George took down the display at the end of the show. Thank you to all who helped.

Pond -frozen

Education Mark Cultrara gave a presentation about the footy class sailboat.

Old Business we will be setting up a display at BUFFCON #40. We have two tables rented and the vendor doors (that's us) open at 8 am Technically but they will try to have them open by 7:30. The show starts at 9 am. This event will be held at the Father Justin Knights of Columbus at 2785 Union Road East side a quarter mile north of William Street.

Triple R Campground Franklinville NY Saturday June 7 since this is the first Saturday of the month the membership meeting has been moved to June 14 at Muir Lake Start time 6:30 pm.

No new Business.

No new announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm George moved, and Mike Carroll seconded. The motion was approved.

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Muir Lake



Dock and buoys



Mark Cultrara discusses the Footy Class Sailboat



Mark's footy Collection



Scale fleet Captain George Specht shows off his tugboat hull l



Fast Electric Fleet Captain Kurt Hansen's projects



Sail Fleet Captain Brian Mau

Buffalo Model Boat Club 2025 Sail Schedule

Apr 27 DF 95/65

May 11 All 1 Meter boats

May 18 Santa Barbara and Marblehead

June 8 Footy at Fairmount Park*

June 22 Soling Team*

July 13 Footy Team at Fairmount Park

July 27 All Sail* *

Aug 3 Footy Regional at Fairmount Park

Aug 24 Soling

Sept 14 DF 95/65

Sept 28 All 1 Meter boats

Oct 5 Santa Barbara and Marblehead

Why do I recommend Fairmount Park as a sailing venue? There are two reasons: first it a very pleasant pond with a shelter and a bathroom. Just as important sailing at a community park showcases what our hobby is all about. With all the people watching the regatta perhaps we can generate some interest in joining the club. After the race is finished, I'm inclined to ask if anyone wants to try RC Sailing. I never know who our next new member might be if I don't ask. Who doesn't like watching sailboat skimming along in a beautiful setting.

*Team event is a 4-lap race and a great opportunity to share these races and provide 1 on 1 mentoring or provide someone the sailing experience that doesn't have that class boat. The race starts with skipper #1 at the helm. That skipper runs 1 lap and turns the controller to skipper #2 when the vessel crosses the starting gate. At the end of lap 2 as the vessel crosses the starting gate, the controller is passed back to skipper #1. At the end of lap 3 as the vessel crosses the starting gate, the controller is passed back to skipper #2 who finishes the race. This is a great opportunity for mentoring.

After a 10-minute break for sail trim adjustments or a quick coffee break the event is repeated for a total of 8 laps with two skippers.

**All Sail

All sail boats are welcome to enjoy the fun. All vessels will start at the same time and will have 1 lap. Footy's and DF65's will have a ½ lap start. All other vessels will start at the same time. Individual classes will be scored. The event will last as long at the participants wish.

These 2 events are an experiment to generate more interest is racing. If it doesn't work, it doesn't work.

Racing rules:

A, Small Pond Racing rules, applicable at Fairmount Park

- 1, No boat shall touch either mark at the starting line, violators must complete a 360 degree turn and reenter the race thru the starting gate.
- 2, Boats may touch any racing mark on the course assuming they pass on the designated side.
- 3, Touching or bumping another boat causing a loss of position the offending boat must take an immediate 360 turn. In the event no loss of position no action is required.
- B, US sailing rules appendix E including Standard Submission 201-11 of Sailing.org rules are applicable at Muir Lake.

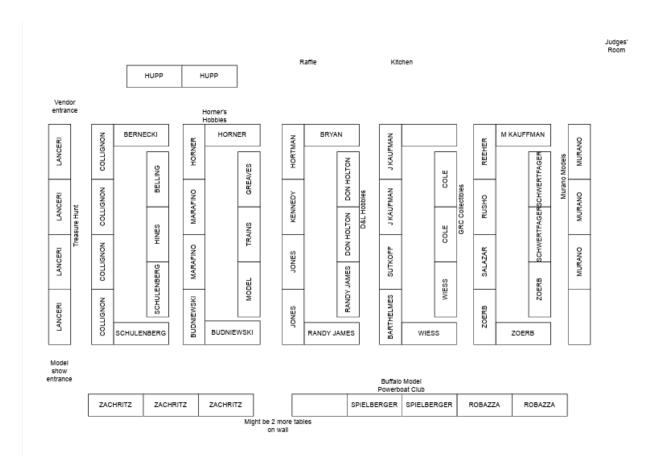
Scoring:

The Race Director (RD) is responsible for scoring the race. The RD can appoint any member or observer to record the finishing sequence.

In the event the RD has not been established the first skipper to finish should record the finishing sequence.

It would be most beneficial if all race results could be published. Race results can be sent to bdmau@msn.com with race results in the subject line. The purpose of this request is to establish the actual number of race and participants. Race results will be distributed to all club members. Hopefully this will generate some interest in joining in either the casual or competitive fleets. This data can also be used to recognize shippers that are improving as the season develops.

How many races are conducted is one season? There are 12 "formal" races scheduled. There are approximately 16 Sunday DF races and approximately 16 Thursday night Soling races. That's 44 opportunities to join in the fun. As Gary Player, golf extraordinaire, said "the more I work and practice the luckier I seem to get". If you want to gain confidence and increase your sailing enjoyment, come out and sail. You will not find a friendlier group of competitive sailors. If it seems overwhelming just come out and try it a couple of times.



Floor Layout IPMS Buffalo BUFFCON 40

BUFFCON



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1940's Theme Award

Sunday April 6,

The Knights Event Center

2735 Union Rd, Cheektowaga, NY

2025

Doors Open at 9:00am



Special People's Choice Award: Cut the Herd!

See category page for details

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$10.00, under 12 Free

Model Entry Fees include Admission: Entries 1-3 / \$10.00, \$2.00 each additional Junior (Ages 11 to 17): \$ 1.00 each entry. Bantams (Ages 10 and Under): Free

REGISTRATION CLOSES AT 1:00, JUDGING FROM 1:00 - 4:00, AWARDS AT 4:00

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