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NORTH SHORE YACHT CLUB AND HIGHLAND PARK LAKE ACCESS THREATENED

by Gail M. Turluck

After a couple years of hard work, support from sailors, and leading appearances of a positive outcome to maintaining access to the roadways, ramps, launching beach and yacht club at Highland Park, Illinois on the shore of Lake Michigan, the group "Friends of Park Avenue Beach" recently learned the City of Highland Park is planning to go against recommendations from its own constituency. Please see their recent email below:

Dear Friends of Park Avenue Beach:

The City of Highland Park plans to install a gate to close the west road between the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and the bluff at Park Ave Beach in the Spring, 2016, and eventually to erect a fence around the WTP.

The Park Avenue Task Force (PATF) has completed its work and presented its report to the Park District Board. The Park District (PDHP) staff met with City staff to present the PATF report. The City rejected both recommended solutions:

- Plan A, to move the fence along the west side closer to the WTP in order to maintain the current one-way traffic
- Plan B, (if the City installs the west road gate) to open the gate during peak summer weekend and holiday periods to allow one-way traffic around the WTP. During non-peak times when the gate is closed, operate with two-way traffic on the north, east, and south sides of the WTP. Widen the one-lane north side road to facilitate two-way flow.

In response, the Park District decided to close the boating facility to power boaters.

The former members of the PATF, members of NSYC, other boaters and users of Park Avenue Beach, and other concerned citizens are organizing to pressure both the City of HP and the Park District to work together to maintain access to Park Avenue Beach for ALL users, including power boaters. We are conducting a petition drive, and we plan to speak to the City Council during the public comment period at their meeting on Monday, February 8.

We need the support of everyone in the community! Please contact Alan Cohen, Commodore, North Shore Yacht Club, commodore@northshoryachtclub.com, with any questions.

What you can do:

- IMPORTANT: Come to the City Council meeting at 7:30 PM, Monday, February 8, at City Hall, 1707 St. Johns Avenue, Highland Park and share your thoughts.
- Contact Alan Cohen to get the petition, print and circulate it, and fill with local signatures.
- Go online to read and sign the petition at <http://tinyurl.com/2016HP-NSYC-Petition>.
- Talk to your family, friends, and neighbors to spread the word. Forward this message to them.
- Contact members of the City Council by email, phone, and postal mail
- Stay up-to-date and learn the facts at www.FriendsOfParkAveBeach.com
- Share the Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/North-Shore-Yacht-Club-316889349544/?fref=nf>

Together, we can maintain access for ALL to Park Avenue Beach!



North Shore Yacht Club, Highland Park, Illinois, on the shore of Lake Michigan. A busy, thriving club. Photo courtesy: North Shore Yacht Club.

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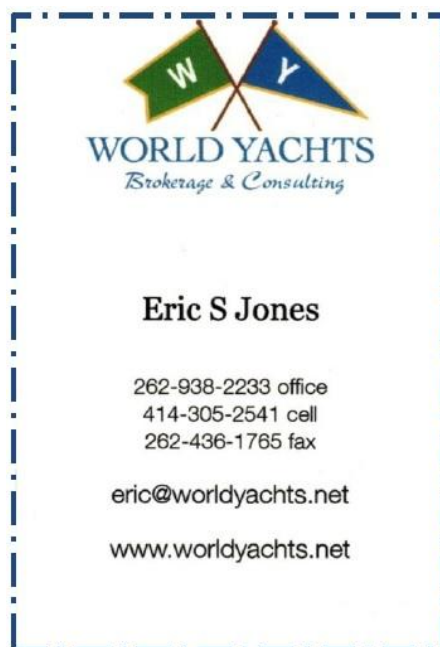
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Come back after February 12 and a version with the Contents will be posted. Sorry for the delay, folks!



GET YOUR SMALL BOAT ONE-DESIGN REGATTA DATES SUBMITTED

by Gail M. Turluck

There are dozens of small boat one-design regattas held all over the Lake Michigan area every year. Build your attendance by getting your regatta listed in our annual calendar that will be published on our web site. We will be happy to provide the URL for information about your regatta and want to report on your regatta by including complete racing results with boat name, skipper and crew(s) names, race by race results, total score, what the sailing conditions were like, and information about the fun stuff that went with your regatta. Send your promotional information now to LMSRF by email to lmsrfadministration@lmsrf.org.

WE ARE CANNIBALS EATING OUR OWN TRIBESMEN

by Glenn McCarthy

In a phone call with a friend in the past week, he described how he is working on a marketing plan to grow his Inshore One-Design Class. Simply put, he wants to target you and no one else but you. He wants you to bail out of whatever fleet you are sailing in today and come sail in his Class.

This isn't new, it is an old song and has been playing over and over for years. Each existing Class or new Class targets those who already own a race boat to grow their fleet ... at the expense of some other Class shrinking. The logic is simple, they believe that their boat is "too competitive" to take on someone without experience. I have yet to meet a Class of boats that thinks that they are "not competitive" who can take on rank amateurs. Or whose leaders don't think, "Our boats are too technical or complicated for someone new to sailing, they'll be slaughtered." Well, ain't your britches a bit too big with that type of thinking?

The ego to think that each one of us is as good as Russell Coutts and we are just too good to sail against commoners astounds me. The people I talk to who are doing the raiding, well, they ain't Russell Coutts in talent, boat handling or skills, not even close.

This begs the question, why do we not see young people entering and owning boats? The answer is already explained above. It can either be said that they "aren't experienced" to come race against us, or it can be said, that "we don't want them." Aren't those two answers identical?

Why is it so bad to put a novice on their own boat, give them all of the support and friendship you can, coach them ashore and on the water from your boat and bring them up to speed in a year or two? Why is this not the real marketing plan to grow your fleet, stop cannibalizing other fleets, and grow sailing overall?

Or is the real problem is that we are legends in our own mind?

Won't someone new to your Class buy into it and wear it as a badge of honor for a lifetime? Isn't it who they become and who they are? You've met those people and I am one of them. I sail a Star boat and think that there is no other boat as good as it is (and I know many people in other Classes say the same thing about their boats). It becomes an allegiance, it becomes who you are; people identify me as a Star sailor. I tell everyone that if I win the lottery, I will go out and sail a Star every day for the rest of my life. You won't pry the icy grip of my fingers off the tiller of a Star when I die, so why do you think you can get me to sail some other Class now?

Find new blood of any age, look at crews who don't own boats yet, and talk to them about buying a boat in your Class. It wouldn't hurt to go over to the "cruisers" and see if any of them would like to crossover to the dark side and buy a racing sailboat. It wouldn't hurt to give up a weekend and get on a newbies' boat and coach them for 2 days around the course and maybe a single day later in the season. How about developing a list of people who haven't raced in the past 15 years, track them down and do some "cold calling." See if they are ready to come back, make the invitation, get them back on the water. It would be good for you and good for them too.

The tribe does not grow when we cannibalize ourselves.



MEET CLARK PELLETT, LMSRF'S NEWEST LIFE MEMBER

by Gail M. Turluck

Clark Pellett is an attorney, who was in-house counsel for MCI Telecommunications. Now he does mostly pro-bono consulting work for non-profit social service organizations.

It's a cool story how Pellett became a sailor. After college, he went sailing with a college classmate and his friend from high school, who's Dad had a Cal 2-30 at Larsen's Marine in Waukegan, Illinois, that he was trading in. Pellett's dad trucked the Rhiannon down to New Orleans, Louisiana, and they started their adventure in the Gulf of Mexico in the summer of 1976 (smack in the middle of hurricane season, using celestial navigation). Pellett had never set foot on a sailboat, but loved to swim and they lived to tell the tale. Pellett says that he really learned how to sail on Viking, a wooden, engineless 27' sloop out of Monroe Harbor after moving to Chicago, Illinois in 1981 (after graduating from law school). He learned how to race aboard Siren Song with Joe Wright, Jr., Bill Uhle and John Lynch.

While Pellett has many favorite experiences from racing sailboats, he chose to share one about the best performance in a single race from 2009 as an owner of Sealark, a 35' long J/105, winning the historical Navy Cutlass Race in an elapsed time of 1 hour, 59 minutes from



Clark Pellett.
Photo by Gail M. Turluck.

Waukegan, Illinois to just off Belmont Harbor in Chicago, Illinois, (a 26+ nautical mile race course). The crew of five set a spinnaker at the starting gun in 25-30 knots of wind, caught the Tartan Ten fleet that had started ahead of them on the second wave and blew by the rest of the early starters on the third one. Everyone on the boat was in "freeze-frame" for the first hour, until one of the chute trimmers had to answer nature's call. We found out that we could stay on the waves even longer with him back there, so he never left the back of the bus. We finished 13 minutes ahead of the next boat (another J/105) and 20 minutes in front of the first Tartan Ten, Norboy.

Pellett sees that there are so many aspects to racing--seamanship, camaraderie, strategy/tactics/execution, winning (or losing) a close finish, weather, sky and stars ... and just the beauty of moving along under sail (a mode of transportation stretching back across the ages of mankind), that he struggled to choose a most exciting single memory. He shared that having successfully skippered Sealark through 50+ knot winds during the 2011 Race to Mackinac, accompanied by blinding lightning and driving rain, was very gratifying, but tempered by the loss of life aboard Wingnuts. His next goal in sailboat racing on Lake Michigan is to win the Mackinac race overall.



LMSRF Donations Chair Glenn McCarthy, LMSRF Area III Vice Commodore welcome Clark Pellett to Life Membership at a small reception at Weather Mark Tavern in Chciago. Photo by Gail M. Turluck.

Choosing Life Membership in Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation is notable. Pellett was inspired to do so by the actions to promote the sport and sail racing on Lake Michigan by Deirdre Martin. Her article about membership being a requirement for racing in the Tri-State Race in August 2015 spurred him to investigate the possibility of making a contribution to LMSRF. Martin has done a lot of work to keep racing available to true sailors who love their boats. It is a sport that he would very much like to see continue for another century or two. Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation has been doing good work way before he learned how to sail. Hopefully it will keep on going.

Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation sincerely thanks Clark Pellett for his support. To learn about membership options in the association, visit www.lmsrf.org > Join.



LAKE MICHIGAN PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OUTREACH

by Gail M. Turluck

The Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LM-PHRF) was at the Chicago Boat, RV and Strictly Sail Show to visit its members, help people understand how to acquire handicap racings for sailboat races on Lake Michigan this summer, and held a workshop to educate participants on all the parameters that are used to determine Offshore Boat LM-PHRF handicaps. The LM-PHRF office is in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and Paul Ansfield is the Executive Director.



The Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LM-PHRF) is a not-for-profit corporation serving individuals who competitively sail monohull and multihull boats in offshore races conducted under this handicap rating rule, primarily in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin. LM-PHRF is a handicap certificate issuing organization; it does not sponsor, organize or manage competitive sailing events. It is a completely separate organization from Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation.

It is the intention of LM-PHRF to fairly handicap monohull and multihull cruising/racing offshore sailboats for competition with as little expense to the owner as possible. If LM-PHRF refuses to provide a handicap, it is usually because it is not possible for handicappers to obtain information accurate enough to assess the boat's speed potential or the boat does not meet minimum safety standards. LM-PHRF operates using procedures consistent with those of the United States Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (USPHRF), and abides by all applicable regulations and rules of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing). LM-PHRF annually reviews its operating procedures and rules and regulations to improve services to its constituents.

LM-PHRF handicap ratings are reviewed annually. A boat owner must apply annually, with adequate lead time for determination, examination and preparation of its Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet certificate. The LM-PHRF office sends out a reminder early every year to owners of record that it is time to renew their "cert." For individuals who have bought a new or previously owned/raced boat, they must apply for a new "cert." If you know someone who has recently bought an offshore sailboat, please be sure to share this information with them to welcome them to the opportunity to race successfully on Lake Michigan in 2016.

Offshore sailboats, including offshore one-designs, will need an LM-PHRF "cert" for races like the Hook, Waukegan, Bi-State, Tri-State, Little Traverse Yacht Club Annual Regatta and One-Design Series, Tripp Cup, Queen's Cup, and many, many more.

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SCHOONER CAPTAIN TO KEYNOTE WOMEN'S SAILING CONFERENCE

by Phyllis MacDonald

The 2016 Midwest Women's Sailing Conference is going to be on Saturday, May 14, 2016, 8 AM - 7 PM, at the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center, 1450 North Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

This year's keynote speaker for the Midwest Women's Sailing Conference will be Captain Tiffany Krihwan, senior captain of the S/V *Denis Sullivan* of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Krihwan sailed on the schooner's maiden voyage and returned in the fall of 2008 as Senior Captain. Having spent more than 20 years on boats, her passion for sailing has found her in command of sailing vessels from racing dinghies to chartered yachts to tall ships. Her experience from Thistles to tall ships is a range that is hard to match.



When Team SCA racer Sally Barkow accepted the card to be the first female skipper in the World Match Racing Tour, a date conflict prevented her from completing her participation in the 2016 conference. Captain Krihwan enthusiastically stepped up and into the position. She will present the keynote speech, along with two breakout classes.

The Midwest Women's Sailing Conference gathers women sailors from throughout the country to attend workshops, share trends, and network. This continuing education opportunity assists women to improve their skills in the areas of safety, boat handling, maintenance, and seamanship. The conference has sold out every year. Registration is open: www.midwestwomenssailing.org.

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Saturday, May 14, 2016

8:00 am to 7:00 pm

Milwaukee Community Sailing Center



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Tiffany's racing career began at age 10 as she raced Thistles and Flying Juniors and reached a high in the semi-finals of the junior racing circuit. Following her racing career she taught sailing at the Erie Yacht Club, her home town. After receiving her first USCG Master's license she was employed by her first tall ship, Appledore IV as the chief mate in 1997 and her love for tall ships was born.

Tiffany has worked in almost every capacity aboard tall ships from deckhand to master, thus honing her skills while continuing her educational development. She has served as Captain of the STV Unicorn, Chief Mate aboard Pride of Baltimore II, Second Captain of the Denis Sullivan, Captain of the historic Schooner Roseway, and Chief Mate and Relief Captain of the Brigantine Exy Johnson in Los Angeles, California.

Among other awards, she is a recipient of the Rod Stephens Trophy for Outstanding Seamanship and the 2001 Governor's Award for Environmental Education Excellence. As part of a team of three she won the Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Medal from US SAILING for the rescue at sea of a lost seaman.

Tiffany has a passion for the environment and an educational background in Environmental Science from Edinboro University. She holds numerous mariners' licenses and certificates from the United States Coast Guard and for a career she cannot see herself doing anything else in this world. When she isn't thinking about boats she enjoys being with her family and watching her young daughter grow up on the Sullivan.

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THE EVOLUTION OF THE "LONGEST FRESHWATER RACE ON EARTH"

by Craig Juel, Michigan City Yacht Club

After participating in the 2015 Super Mac sailboat race, I was curious about the history of the race, but unable to find the 40 year history documented. Over five months, with leads from many generous fellow sailors and an extensive search of online documents, yacht club records, book/magazine/newspaper archives, and many follow-up discussions, there is good supporting documentation for the race history below.



The Super Mac is a non-periodic 568 mile (about 500 nautical miles) sailboat race from Chicago, Illinois to Port Huron, Michigan, or vice versa. Recent editions have been jointly sponsored by the Chicago Yacht Club, Bayview Yacht Club and Port Huron Yacht Club. The 2015 race was promoted as "The Longest Fresh Water Race on Earth," a debatable claim.

The race was originally known as the *Centennial Race*, then the *Chicago-Sarnia International Yacht Race* for several years, and the *Millennium 600* before it was officially called the Super Mac. Although there are "Super Mac" references in newspapers dating back to 1983, the race wasn't officially known as the Super Mac until the 2009 & 2015 editions. Start & finish locations, course and lengths, and sponsoring yacht clubs have varied over the 40 year history.

History

As of 2015, there have been 10 "Super Mac" sail races since 1975 of roughly 500 nautical miles.

The "Super Mac" races have always followed immediately after the annual Chicago Race to Mackinac OR the annual Bayview Mackinac Race. In Super Mac years:

boats participating in the Chicago Mac Race continued directly on to Port Huron, MI or Sarnia, ONT without stopping at the Chicago Mackinac Island finish line, **or**
boats participating in the Bayview Mac continued on to Chicago, IL without stopping at the Bayview Mackinac Island finish line.

Since 1939, the Chicago and Bayview Mackinac races have begun on Saturdays one week apart, Chicago first and then Bayview in odd years, and Bayview first then Chicago in even years.

"THE LONGEST FRESHWATER RACE ON EARTH?"

The 289 nautical mile Chicago Race to Mackinac and the 300 nautical mile Lake Ontario 300 'Main Duck Course' both claim the title of longest annual freshwater race. The Chicago race has the distinction of longest annual port-to-port race on Lake Michigan-Lake Huron from Chicago, Illinois to Mackinac Island, Michigan. The Ontario race is an out and back course beginning and ending at the Port Credit Yacht Club in Mississauga, Ontario on Lake Ontario.

The 338 nautical mile biennial Trans Superior International Yacht Race may also lay claim for longest race on the Great Lakes. The race starts in the vicinity of Gros Cap Light in Whitefish Bay, near Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and finishes near the entrance to the Duluth Ship Canal in Duluth, Minnesota.



1975 Centennial Race winner Scaramouche, owned by Chuck Kirsch. Photo courtesy: Craig Juel.



2015 Super Mac winner Hope, owned by Michael Leland. Photo by Pete Curtner.



The 500 nautical mile Super Mac has been publicized as the “longest freshwater race on earth” and it may be the longest freshwater race with a field of its size, with 30-50 boats competing. The Super Mac Notice of Race requires a minimum of 20 entries, substantially more than those races noted below.

However, eight boats competed in a 600 nautical mile Lake Ontario 600, twice around the Lake Ontario 300 Main Duck Course, in 2014. The Lake Ontario 600 is scheduled again in 2016.

And though often contested by four boats or less, there are several Great Lakes Singlehanded Society sponsored races ranging from 500 to 1034 nautical mile “Super Mac and Back” run in 2008, 2011 and 2014.

Craig Juel is an offshore racing enthusiast from Michigan City Yacht Club, Michigan City, Indiana. He developed this story and it now is posted, with the winning records for each race on Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Super_Mac_Race. The version with images of all of the winners is available at the Michigan City Yacht Club web site: <http://www.mcytc.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Super-Mac-Wiki.pdf>.

LMSRF MEMBER CLUBS INVEST IN THEIR FUTURE AT STRICTLY SAIL BOAT SHOW

by Gail M. Turluck

Our clubs present at this year’s Chicago Boat, RV & Strictly Sail Show were busy meeting new people and even signing up new members right on the floor. Is your club in our photo montage?



Lake Forest Sailing, Lake Forest, Illinois



Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club, Chicago, Illinois



Jackson Park Yacht Club, Chicago, Illinois



Sail Chicago, Chicago, Illinois





Midwest Open Racing Fleet, Chicago, Illinois



Kenosha Yacht Club, Kenosha, Illinois.

Thanks to credentialed photographer Laura C. Beck.

MICHIGAN CITY PLANS ACCENT GROWTH

by Bruce Carter

Michigan City Yacht Club, Michigan City, Indiana, has completed its planning process and is setting up next year's program. There is great energy in the club and the willingness of our members to step up and volunteer is strong. We have grown and now have a broad and diverse membership and our event and program schedule for 2016 will reflect that diversity.

The Planning Process:

Our planning process consisted of two meetings this past fall facilitated by Maggi Spartz. The first meeting was held on October 13 and served as a brainstorming session and established a list of ideas that the planning committee felt would meet the needs of our membership. The second meeting was held on November 17 and used these ideas as a basis for developing a plan for 2016 and establishing committees to accomplish these goals.

The first item on the agenda on our November 17 meeting was to prioritize our ideas developed from our 10/13 October 13 meeting.

Priorities - Members were asked to vote for three - here is the tally (votes in parenthesis):

1. Find a home - A place for club members and guests to meet and socialize (11)
2. Diverse and broad membership supported by a well organized Board of Directors (9)
3. Make MCYC a fun organization for family and friends (8)
4. Continue to develop a thriving Junior Sail Program (7)
5. Offer adult boater education (5)
6. Outreach and Connectivity (5)
7. Improve MCYC visibility "well known" through social media (3)
8. Bridge Junior Sail to adult sailing (3)
9. Make MCYC a gateway to boating (similar to 5) (3)
10. A place for boating visitors (2)



Clearly, we need to find a home, continue our march to grow a broad and diverse membership and make Michigan City Yacht Club a fun organization for family and friends. Along the way we'll be working to improve our outreach and boater education programs by getting our youth sailors into adult boating and making Michigan City Yacht Club a gateway to boating for non-boaters.

Once we developed our priorities, we established goals. As a group, we developed the following goals. It reads like a vision statement and establishes the framework for our 2016 programs and events:



2016 Goals:

1. Growth and Leadership- develop a diverse and broad membership supported by a well organized and diverse Board of Directors
2. Find a home that can serve as a meeting place for social and boating events
3. Improve Michigan City Yacht Club outreach and communication- this includes building on our 2015 program, adding social media (Facebook) and doing a better job of reaching out to the community.
4. Develop an organization that is fun for members and guests
5. Develop Michigan City Yacht Club as a gateway organization that provides programs to get potential mariners into boating. Included are:
 - Youth Sailing - including Junior Sail and Sea Scouts
 - Boater Mentoring
 - Boater Education-introductory programs for both sail and power
 - Cruising Buddies (flotilla cruising)
 - Safe Boating Programs

Using these goals, we asked for volunteers to work on committees and developed strategies that meet these goals.

2016 Strategies and assignments:

1. New and Prospective Member Packets and outreach- Port Authority mailings to Marina boaters, reach out to former members, Packet to B&E Marine customers, Facebook to reach out to Marina boaters and dock captains.
2. Improve Community Outreach - include Chamber events, speakers to get the message out to the community.
3. Expand Junior Sail leadership and program.
4. Events - Events Committee established.
5. Sail racing program - Race director and committee established.
6. Communication - Committee established.
7. Finding a Home - Committee established.

Thanks to all that volunteered we have a wealth of talent on our committees and our 2016 program is already being developed with a draft of our sail racing program being circulated, winter socials mostly locked in, cruise schedule being developed and a cool wine tour being set up.

LMSRF Area II News

2016 QUEEN'S CUP QUERY

by Jerry Kedziora

Special Events Chair Jerry Kedziora is considering some innovations for South Shore Yacht Club's 2016 Queen's Cup Race, this year being sailed from Milwaukee, Wisconsin to St. Joseph, Michigan on July 1. He has found interest for his idea to move up the fleet start by several hours in 2016. His rationale: everybody stands a better chance of having good wind to get offshore quickly and out into the more-constant lake breezes.

Daylight sailing time would also be increased. Already, several years ago, the club launched the increasingly popular Queen's Cruise jib-and-main fleet, giving that group a nice head start. If you have thoughts one way or the other, they would like to hear directly from racers. Email Jerry Kedziora at qc@ssyc.org.



SAILING EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF SHEBOYGAN GROWTH ORIENTED

by Leslie Kohler, SEAS Chairman

2015 was very exciting for Sailing Education Association of Sheboygan (SEAS), Sheboygan, Wisconsin. We had the opportunity to expand our involvement with the adaptive community. Steve Heronemus who has been battling ALS for a decade now was able to get back out sailing due to a partnership with SEAS and Harken. We were able to make solutions for one of our Sonars that kept Steve in the "driver's seat" and able to control both tiller and sail trim. He grew up sailing and truly believed that he would never be able to get back out on the water and be in control of the boat.



Using the term driver's seat reminds me of the comment we got from BJ Blahnik last year. BJ had never sailed until 2014, when he was taken out by his friend Jason Berdyck. Through Jason, BJ was introduced to SEAS and became a wonderful advocate for our organization with Lions International. We asked him if he would like to learn how to sail and he jumped at the opportunity. His comment after having a chance to helm the boat was, "sailing gives me back the sensation I thought I had lost when I gave up my driver's license..." BJ is a B1 visually impaired sailor that was able to participate in the Blind Fleet Racing World Championship held in Chicago in September 2015. He will be participating in our Blind Match Racing World Championship in September 2016 along with Mark Schowalter.

Mark Schowalter is a visually impaired [totally blind] person with over forty-two [42] years of sailing experience. He had his sight for the first eight years of learning how to sail. Mark learned how to sail out of the Sheboygan Yacht Club as a Sea Scout and has sailed on Lakes Michigan and Superior. During those early years he performed both as crew-member and skipper, racing one-design sailboats: Lightnings and Penguins. He also had his share of offshore racing aboard a 32' sloop. In 1985 Mark earned his "bare-bones charter skipper" certification through Superior Charters, Inc. His "Skipper" certification requires him to have someone with vision on board at all times but I'm sure he does a wonderful job none the less. Mark has the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to handle any sailboat up to thirty-five [35] feet in length. We are excited that he will be representing Sheboygan.

2016 will be an exciting year. Our goal is to get 100+ new individuals with needs out on the water. We will be working with RCS, the Wisconsin Military network, the Lions, and any other individuals we make contact with that would like to have an opportunity to get out on the water and possibly learn how to boat themselves. We will be working on creating more adaptive solutions and it is our goal to obtain a boat that we can outfit specifically to address the needs of the adaptive community. We are working on finalizing the plans for the new building and we are looking forward to having you all over for a drink at SEAS new home.

We cannot express how much we appreciate the support of our friends. We are still just getting our feet wet but we will continue to provide a wide and wider range of opportunities for people to be involved with boats and the water.

LMSRF Area III News

GARBACZ SHARES CHICAGO CORINTHIAN'S CREW SCHOOL AT STRICTLY SAIL SHOW

by Gail M. Turluck



Chris Garbacz, Director of the Crew School program at Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club, presented two sessions to educate attendees at the Chicago Boat, RV & Strictly Sail Show at McCormick Place in Chicago in January.

She described how in six weeks the program shares information on equipment, how to find boats to sail or race on, how to use things, how to come prepared, how to best help aboard and much more.

The program starts in April and runs through May. Please see the next page for more details.

Chris Garbacz speaking at the 2016 Chicago Boat Show.
Photo by Gail M. Turluck.



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LMSRF Area V News

LITTLE TRAVERSE SAILORS SIGNS DUROCHER AS RACE TEAM COACH

by Dan Thompson

Little Traverse Sailors, of Harbor Springs, Michigan, has announced that Corinne Durocher will be their Race Team Coach this summer. Corinne brings years of experience as a competitive sailor and race coach, having served in a similar position for the last several summers at North Cape Yacht Club, LaSalle, Michigan, and Edgewater Yacht Club in Cleveland, Ohio. She has been a nationally-competitive sailor throughout her high school and college years, with podium regatta results in Lasers, J/70s, Thistles, Melges 30s, and more. As a varsity member of both the dinghy and offshore sailing teams at the College of Charleston, Corinne competes daily at the highest levels of the sport. Greg Fisher, the Head Coach of the College of Charleston, describes Corinne as "a spectacular sailor, outstanding teammate, and very effective teacher of younger sailors."



"We can't wait for next summer!" said Dan Thompson, Little Traverse Sailors Director. "Corinne is a tremendous asset for LTS, with her strong sailing skills and broad experience as a racer and coach. With her help, the LTS Race Team will continue to be a leader in training junior sailors, providing one of the country's most varied junior race training in our fleet of Lasers, 420s and J/70s, as well as offering experiences in bigger boats."

Durocher said, "I'm excited to join the program and begin to work with sailors of all ages — especially the Race Team. I love teaching young people, and I've already seen how enthusiastic the group at LTS is about sailing—this is a perfect fit. I am eager to join the local sailing and racing community. In addition to this I am also really looking forward to being able to spend my summer in such a beautiful location as Harbor Springs."



Corinne Durocher. Photo courtesy Little Traverse Sailors.

Durocher, a Communications major at the College of Charleston, is also taking on the role of Director of Communications for Little Traverse Sailors, helping to set strategy and manage their expanding outreach efforts. When not at school or working with Little Traverse Sailors, Corinne lives with her family in LaSalle, Michigan and sails out of the North Cape Yacht Club.

OPEN HOUSES

SOUTH SHORE YACHT CLUB, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, open house: Saturday, February 6, 2016, 1 - 4 p.m. The club's various committees will have representatives there to answer prospective members' questions.

WALLOON LAKE 17'S STRENGTHENING

by Colin Texter

LMSRF Area V is home to the Walloon Lake 17 square meter. They are an active part of sailing in Northern Michigan and it takes consistent effort preserve the history behind our great sport. One great opportunity has been helping to maintain the fleet of the 17-square-meter boats unique to Walloon Lake.

These beautiful sloops are a staple of summertime for the residents around the lake and beyond. Since the first Walloon Lake 17 was built in 1934, these 24-foot sailboats have been racing on Walloon Lake with growing popularity in recent years. Nine 17s were on the starting line for the Commodore's Cup in 2015.

Currently, Irish Boat Shop is working on several of the 17s, getting them ready to take the title in 2016. They have two big projects involving the recoring of one of the 17s' decks and completely replacing the deck on another. Meanwhile, their riggers are hard at work improving the rigging on a few of the boats.



Walloon Lake 17s. Photo courtesy: Irish Boat Shop.

It takes this kind of effort to keep our one-design fleets all around the lake active, growing and thriving!



2016 GREAT LAKES TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE



In the summer of 2016, Tall Ships America will once again bring a fleet of tall ships to the Great Lakes, the world's largest body of fresh surface water, as part of the TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® Great Lakes 2016 series. Join us as the tall ships race through all five Great Lakes making port appearances in cities throughout the US and Canada.

Founded in 1973, Tall Ships America is a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching youth education through character building and leadership programs aboard tall ships. It is the hub for tall ship activity, expertise, and information in North America, and is commended by Congress as the Sail Training organization representing the United States in the international forum. Tall Ships America supports the people, ships and programs of sail training through grants, scholarships, conferences, education, publications, and public events and advocacy.

The mission of Tall Ships America is to encourage character building through sail training, promote sail training to the North American public, and support education under sail.

TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® races and cruises are held at sea, between ports. Precise race routes and schedules will be announced. <http://www.sailtraining.org/tallships/2016greatlakes/TSC2016index.php>

Cool Things Clubs on Lake Michigan Have Done

Get your club's fun events noted here. Send a report to Lake Michigan SuRF at lmsrfadministration@lmsrf.org.

KENOSHA YACHT CLUB has an annual Cribbage card game league that runs for 15 weeks to keep its membership active and a long standing tradition alive. They make mention about some kind of liquid refreshments ... wonder what that's about?



Race Management News

RACE MANAGEMENT WINTER THOUGHTS

by Eric Lind

A few of our ice sailors ventured to Minnesota in early January for the Western District Regatta, but we are still waiting for some sailable ice here in Northern Michigan. There was some limited sailing downstate, but so far we are snowed out. Hoping for some of the bigger lakes to kick and allow us to get some sailing in before it snows again. The North American Championship Regatta for DNs is scheduled for Feb 22 - 27 and is hosted by the Central Lakes District this year. That's basically Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana, but if there's no sailable ice in this area it could go anywhere. If it lands near you I would encourage you to get out and watch as it is an extremely competitive event and the competitors are a very open and friendly group. DN Regatta notices can be found here: <http://dnamerica.org/forum/index.php?PHPSESSID=9ca26129c331bcb6eabe715792e4446e&topic=1917.msg6107#new>. One of the best websites is the Four Lakes Ice Yacht Club in Madison, Wisconsin, (<http://www.iceboat.org/index.html>) with a ton of useful info and links to many other sites.

The 2-day Advanced Race Management Seminar scheduled for March 12/13 at Chicago Yacht Club's Belmont Station is still showing 17 spots available. Registration deadline is March 7th and the cost is \$130 (<http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/become-a-race-official/race-officer-seminar-calendar/>). This includes breakfast and lunch both days. Instructors for this event are John Strassman and Hank Stuart, both excellent. If you are a Regional or National RO in need of renewal or a Club RO wanting to raise your level of certification, this is your chance. I'm sure one of the topics of discussion will be the proposed rule changes for 2017 (<http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/Race Admin/Racing Rules/2017-2020 RRS/Combined US Submissions for RRS 17-20.pdf>) and maybe Appendix T (<http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/Race Admin/Racing Rules/Documents/2013-2016.US.Sailing.Prescriptions.rev.06.24.14.pdf>).

Appendix T??? I just received an email from USSailing asking me to complete a survey regarding Appendix T. I'm not sure I'll be able to provide them with any input as I've never worked an event that used it. What is Appendix T??? It's title is Alternative Procedures For Dispute Resolution. There are 4 sections including Penalties While Racing, Post-Race Penalties, Expedited Hearings, and Arbitration. One or more of these sections may apply only if the sailing instructions so state. I won't go into detail here as you all have Rule Books and can read it. I may suggest its use to several of the OA's that I work with and see if it works. If you have used it or have any experience with it USSailing and I would appreciate your feedback.

If you are considering the 2-day Advanced Race Management Seminar in Chicago now is the time to start the study questions as it will only be about 5 weeks away when you read this (<http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/Race Admin/Seminar Student Materials/ARMSQ2013-v1.pdf>). That means you will have to do 37 questions per week or about 5 per day to complete them prior to the seminar. There are 186 questions in 14 sections so 3 sections each week should get you there. I would encourage you to do them anyway as it really keeps you in touch with the Rule Book and on top of things for a quick start this spring.

Last month I wrote about our Team Trivia Night and some other possible off-season activities. If your club has anything going on during the off-season let me know and I'll add it to a future article. Last evening was Team Trivia for January and it went to a tie-breaker between Team PRO, my team, and Team Liberty, with our team winning on the 3rd tie-break question. The Club was packed and a great time was had by all!

In case you missed the Jan 5th Sailing Scuttlebutt, here's a great photo spread taken IN Lake Erie (<http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2016/01/05/47896/>) with some amazing pictures of how wild our Great Lakes can be!!!

All for this month. See you on the ice???



Youth Sailing News

MOCK TRIALS

Have you ever lost an important protest? Have you never been in a protest hearing? Do you want to hone your skills for your next protest or just get a better understanding of the rules and how judges think? If yes, then join us at Columbia Yacht Club on February 27th from 9am-4pm on the rail deck.



Local judges will be running "mock trials" to help every level of sailor enhance their knowledge of the rules and understand exactly how protest hearings work.

Juniors are just \$10 and adults \$20. Lunch will be provided for all guests and beer will be available for those who are of age. Register at the link below.

[Adults Register Here!](#)

[Juniors Register Here!](#)



2016 AFTER SCHOOL MATTERS APPLICATIONS OPEN

by Joey Harris

Chicago Park District's Sailing Apprenticeship Program is taking 2016 applications. The program is open to high school aged students and is designed to help them learn the skills of sailing, safe powerboat handling and environmental stewardship that will help them both enjoy the on the water activities, as well as gain the ability to pass the US Sailing Level 1 Instructor Certification which would allow them to apply for Sailing Instructor positions with sailing programs around the country.

The program is designed to with an apprenticeship approach, utilizing classroom instruction where the students are first exposed to sailing and boating skills and techniques, then on the water learning, where students practice those skills teaching and working with each other under the supervision of Certified Sailing and Powerboating Instructors. At the end of the Spring season's program the teens are eligible to be hired on as interns with the Chicago Park District's Sports 37™ Unit to work in the Judd Goldman Sailing Program, which provides sailing and on the water lessons and training to the entire Chicago community including people with physical disabilities through the award winning Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Program.

Please forward the attached flyer to any high school aged teens you know who may be interested. They would make a profile through the After School Matters Website: <http://www.afterschoolmatters.org> and use the key word SAILING to search the programs and apply to the Sailing Apprenticeship. The program is selective and has 20 spots to fill with young people from diverse backgrounds from all over the city. Previous experience in sailing or boating is not required just the desire and commitment to work hard and learn. Deadline to apply is February 18, 2016.

For more information feel free to call me at 312 735 9534.

Joey Harris, CPRP, USCG Master 50GT
Manager of Sailing Programs





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- Interested teens should apply today at www.afterschoolmatters.org
 - Click on 'apply for a Spring 2016 Program'
 - Click on 'start new application'. Fill out your information.
 - Enter 'Sailing' into program keyword search field

**For more information please contact:
Joseph Pittman (312) 287-2042 or Michael Anderson (773) 691-4215**



Lake Michigan Major Championships

JUNE 16-19, 2016

J/111 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Chicago Yacht Club, Chicago, Illinois

<https://www.chicagoyachtclub.org/>

AUGUST 6-7, 2016

SUNFISH U.S. MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Gull Lake Yacht Club, Richland, Michigan

www.sunfishclass.org

AUGUST 8-12, 2016

BUCCANEER 18 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Racine Yacht Club, Racine, Wisconsin with the help of Kenosha Yacht Club, Kenosha, Wisconsin

<http://buccaneer18.org/>

AUGUST 16-19, 2016

RHODES 19 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club, Chicago, Illinois

<http://www.corinthian.org/Default.aspx?p=dynamicmodule&pageid=67&ssid=79&vnf=1>

AUGUST 20-21, 2016

S2 7.9 PRE-NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Michigan City Yacht Club, Michigan City, Indiana

<http://www.mcy.com/sail-race-program/>

SEPTEMBER 1-4, 2016

BENETEAU 36.7 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Chicago Yacht Club, Chicago, Illinois

<https://www.chicagoyachtclub.org/>

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OCTOBER 6-9, 2016

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Lake Bluff Yacht Club, in Sunfish, Lake Bluff, Illinois.

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/adult/cofc/>

Get your championship listed here. Simply email lmsrfadministration@lmsrf.org with the date, event title, host club, and web site URL for the event or club. Thanks!

LMSRF Grants-In-Aid Reports

The Grants-In-Aid Committee considers applications and makes grants to LMSRF members for sailing education and events from the proceeds of the LMSRF Endowment Fund. Not one penny comes from dues. Learn more and locate the application by visiting: <http://tinyurl.com/LMSRF-GIA-Ap>.

LMSRF GRANTS-IN-AID FUND GROWTH; 2016 TOTAL ANNOUNCED

by David F. Radtke, Finance Committee Chair

The Account Balances as of December 31, 2015:

Grants in Aid Fund	\$ 3,810
Donation Fund	\$ 14,674
Endowment Fund	\$502,061



As of December 31st, the Endowment Fund was up +3.16% for quarter-to-date, in line with its benchmark, which was up +3.61% for the same period. As a reminder, we distribute 4% of the 12 quarter rolling average value of the Endowment Fund to the Grants in Aid Fund at year end. The rolling average value of the fund was \$491,443 as of 12/31/2015. As a result, the 2016 distribution to the Grants in Aid Fund will be \$19,657.72.

Special Member Benefits

Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation's Corporate Member program provides the opportunity to provide current LMSRF Individual Members with special benefits annually only available to our members. Current offers:

World Yachts: LMSRF members who are thinking either of buying or selling a boat get a **free market analysis**, a \$25 value. Click link at right and contact Eric Jones.



Letters to the Editor

What do you think would make sailing better on Lake Michigan? What would you like to see LMSRF do for our sport in our area that it is not doing already? Write to: lmsrfadministration@lmsrf.org.

U.S. SAILING LETTER REGARDING WORLD SAILING YOUTH WORLDS AND ISRAELI COMPETITORS:

As a member of U.S. Sailing and Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation, my e-mail response to U.S. Sailing was as follows:

"In essence, all the countries, including the U.S., that did not pull out of Malaysia, by action only, supported the Malaysian political agenda for their own gain. Politics and corruption will always taint world sports, including the Olympics. U.S. Sailing is hypocritical.

Resisting politics and corruption and by speaking out with truth, and acting upon those words, is the only way to insure that sailing will be an honorable sport in the U.S.

--Susan Ann Herer, Member ID 3737768G

Sailing Education

To have your event listed here, please email title, host/location, date and time, very brief description of program, who to contact with phone and email, and pre-registration or web site link to lmsrfadministration@lmsrf.org.

Learning To Predict The Weather Using Local Resources. Hooper Sailing Club, 800 Langdon Street, Madison, Wisconsin. Wednesday, February 3, 6:30-8:30pm, Check Today in the Union posting boards for location. Membership is not necessary to attend. For more information, visit <http://hoofersailing.org/HooperSailingClub>. Limited seating, call the OutdoorUW desk (608-262-1630) at Hoofers and have them put you on our course roster. Instructor: Dan Sutton (max participants: 30).

Nautical Communication, Part 2: VHF, AIS, EPIRB and the Rest of Alphabet Soup of Technology. Hooper Sailing Club, 800 Langdon Street, Madison, Wisconsin. Wednesday, March 23, 6:30-8:30pm, Check Today in the Union posting boards for location. Membership is not necessary to attend. For more information, visit <http://hoofersailing.org/HooperSailingClub>. Instructor: Mark G.

Saturday Showroom Series--Navigation, Larsen Marine, 625 Seahorse Drive, Waukegan, IL, February 6, 2016, 10:00 am-12:00 noon+. Free coffee and munchkins in the morning, followed by free hot dogs and chips after the last seminar. Brian Earl, owner of Sea Safaris and certified ASA instructor, will be speaking about Navigation Essentials. Learn about some of the skills necessary for coastal



cruising or crossing the lake. Kevin Kriegel is the Electronics Product Manager at Larsen Marine. Kevin has years of experience designing and installing electronics installations for our customers. He will talk about today's electronics and using them to navigate safely on the lake.

Winch Way To Go? Winch repair and troubleshooting. Hoofer Sailing Club, 800 Langdon Street, Madison, Wisconsin. Wednesday, February 10, 6:30-8:30pm, Check Today in the Union posting boards for location. Limited seating, call the OutdoorUW desk (608-262-1630) at Hoofers and have them put you on our course roster. Membership is not necessary to attend. For more information, visit <http://hoofersailing.org/HooferSailingClub>. Instructor: Dave Elsmo.

North U. Expedition Advanced Module Webinar: Weather & Routing. Live Webinar with Peter Isler. Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 7:00-10:00pm EST. Expedition expert Peter Isler leads the module webinars with a combination of demonstrations, hands-on simulation exercises and case studies. For more information on each course, visit: www.NorthU.com.

CPR/First Aid/AED Classes, Columbia Yacht Club, 111 N. Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, IL, Saturday, February 13, 2016, 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm. You must attend each class to its entirety in order to obtain your certification. All class materials are included in the fee. The cost is \$60 for members and \$70 for non-members. For additional information please contact the Columbia Yacht Club Purser at 312.938.3625 or info@colyc.org. Register here: <https://clients.mindbodyonline.com/classic/home?studioid=136846>.

Saturday Showroom Series--Navigation, Larsen Marine, 625 Seahorse Drive, Waukegan, IL, February 13, 2016, 10:00 am-12:00 noon+. Free coffee and munchkins in the morning, followed by free hot dogs and chips after the last seminar. Mark Kish of Larsen Marine, Diesel 101; Kevin Novak, Rigging and Mast Tuning.

North U. Expedition Advanced Module Webinar: Expedition v. 10 Whats New. Live Webinar with Peter Isler. Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 7:00 -10:00pm EST. Expedition expert Peter Isler leads the module webinars with a combination of demonstrations, hands-on simulation exercises and case studies. For more information on each course, visit: www.NorthU.com.

North U. Expedition Advanced Module Webinar: Picking up where the Expedition 101 Course leaves off, Peter Isler teaches these six live and recorded on-demand courses that offer an in depth look at Expedition's features and modules:

00) Expedition v10 - What's New!

- Available Live on Tuesday, February 16
- Available On-Demand anytime thereafter

11) Polars and Sail Chart

- Available Live on Tuesday, March 29
- Available On-Demand NOW

22) Weather and Routing

- Available Live Wednesday, February 10
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33) Buoy Racing & Starting Module

- Available Live Monday, January 11
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On the Fourth Lake: A social history of Lake Mendota. Hoofer Sailing Club, 800 Langdon Street, Madison, Wisconsin. Wednesday, February 17, 6:30-8:30pm, Check Today in the Union posting boards for location. Membership is not necessary to attend. For more information, visit <http://hoofersailing.org/HooferSailingClub>. Instructor: Don Sanford.

Saturday Showroom Series--Navigation, Larsen Marine, 625 Seahorse Drive, Waukegan, IL, February 20, 2016, 10:00 am-12:00 noon+. Free coffee and munchkins in the morning, followed by free hot dogs and chips after the last seminar. Rich Stearns of Stearns Boating, Upwind Sail Trim, Keith Church of Quantum Sails, Downwind Sail Handling and Trim.

Splicing 101, Columbia Yacht Club, 111 N. Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, IL, Saturday, February 20, 2016, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Learn how to splice 3-Braid line and mooring lines. For registration and additional information please contact the Columbia Yacht Club Purser at 312.938.3625 or info@colyc.org.



Nautical Communication, Part 1: The Words and Means of Communicating at Sea. Hoofer Sailing Club, 800 Langdon Street, Madison, Wisconsin. Wednesday, February 24, 6:30–8:30pm, Check Today in the Union posting boards for location. Membership is not necessary to attend. For more information, visit <http://hoofersailing.org/HooferSailingClub>. Instructor: Mark G.

Mock Protest Experience, Columbia Yacht Club, 111 N. Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, IL February 27, 9am-4pm on the rail deck.. Have you ever lost an important protest? Have you never been in a protest hearing? Do you want to hone your skills for your next protest or just get a better understanding of the rules and how judges think? Local judges will be running "mock trials" to help every level of sailor enhance their knowledge of the rules and understand exactly how protest hearings work. Juniors are just \$10 and adults \$20. Lunch will be provided for all guests and beer will be available for those who are of age. Register here: <https://clients.mindbodyonline.com/classic/home?studioid=136846>.

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Great Lakes Basic Marine Weather Seminar for Sailors & Power Boaters, Columbia Yacht Club, 111 N. Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, IL, Saturday, March 5, 2016, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Fee (includes lunch): Early bird fee of \$50 until February 16, 2016. After February 16, fee is \$65. For registration and additional information please contact the Columbia Yacht Club Purser at 312.938.3625 or info@colyc.org. Seminar Website: <http://www.lakeeriewx.com/Seminars/ColumbiaYC/ColumbiaYC.html>.

Racing Trim and Boatspeed with a cool new Sail Trim Simulator, North U. Seminars. Chicago, Illinois, March 5. We offer LMSRF Members a \$30 discount for North U Seminars. Full info at NorthU.com.

Racing Trim and Boatspeed with a cool new Sail Trim Simulator, North U. Seminars. Indianapolis, Indiana, March 5. We offer LMSRF Members a \$30 discount for North U Seminars. Full info at NorthU.com.

Introduction to the Racing Rules of Sailing: Marks and Off-wind Tactics. Hoofer Sailing Club, 800 Langdon Street, Madison, Wisconsin. Wednesdays, March 2 6:30–8:30pm, Check Today in the Union posting boards for location. Membership is not necessary to attend. For more information, visit <http://hoofersailing.org/HooferSailingClub>. Instructor: Dave Elsmo.

Racing Trim and Boatspeed with a cool new Sail Trim Simulator, North U. Seminars. Milwaukee, Wisconsin, March 6. We offer LMSRF Members a \$30 discount for North U Seminars. Full info at NorthU.com.

Two Hulls Are Better Than One! The Building of Saideira. Hoofer Sailing Club, 800 Langdon Street, Madison, Wisconsin. Wednesday, March 9, 6:30–8:30pm, Check Today in the Union posting boards for location. Membership is not necessary to attend. For more information, visit <http://hoofersailing.org/HooferSailingClub>. Instructor: Joe Reis.

Advanced Race Management Seminar, Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station, Chicago, Illinois, Saturday-Sunday, March 12-13, 2016, 9:00 am-5:30 pm. \$130 seminar fee includes breakfast and lunch both days, as well as handout materials. Registration closes Monday, March 7th. Late registration (with additional \$25 late fee) through Wednesday, March 9th. Contact: Jay Kehoe, kehoe@chicagoyachtclub.org, Instructors: John Strassman, john.strassman@gmail.com, Hank Stuart, hstuart8m@gmail.com.

CPR/First Aid/AED Classes, Columbia Yacht Club, 111 N. Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, IL, Saturday, March 13, 2016, 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm. You must attend each class to its entirety in order to obtain your certification. All class materials are included in the fee. The cost is \$60 for members, \$70 for non-members. For additional information please contact Columbia Yacht Club Purser 312.938.3625 or info@colyc.org. Register: <https://clients.mindbodyonline.com/classic/home?studioid=136846>.

Sailing with Spinnakers Made Easy. Hoofer Sailing Club, 800 Langdon Street, Madison, Wisconsin. Wednesday, March 16, 6:30–8:30pm, Check Today in the Union posting boards for location. Membership is not necessary to attend. For more information, visit <http://hoofersailing.org/HooferSailingClub>. Instructor: Dave Elsmo.

Racing Trim and Boatspeed with a cool new Sail Trim Simulator, North U. Seminars. Detroit, Michigan, March 19. We offer LMSRF Members a \$30 discount for North U Seminars. Full info at NorthU.com.



US Sailing Safety at Sea, Columbia Yacht Club, 111 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL, Saturday-Sunday, March 19-20, 2016, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. Contact: Kurt Thomsen, 312.465.3514, kurt@colyc.org, Moderator: Brian Adams. Pricing (includes lunch & keg beer) Members: \$100 (register here: <http://clients.mindbodyonline.com/classic/ws?studioid=136846&stype=41&prodid=10244>), Non-members: \$120 (register here: <http://clients.mindbodyonline.com/classic/ws?studioid=136846&stype=41&prodid=10243>).

Learning To Predict The Weather Using Local Resources. Hoofer Sailing Club, 800 Langdon Street, Madison, Wisconsin. Wednesday, March 30, 6:30-8:30pm, Check Today in the Union posting boards for location. Membership is not necessary to attend. For more information, visit <http://hoofersailing.org/HooferSailingClub>. Limited seating, call the OutdoorUW desk (608-262-1630) at Hoofers and have them put you on our course roster. Instructor: Dan Sutton (max participants: 30)/

Preparing for Your First Charter, Captain. Hoofer Sailing Club, 800 Langdon Street, Madison, Wisconsin. Wednesday, April 6, 6:30-8:30pm, Check Today in the Union posting boards for location. Membership is not necessary to attend. For more information, visit <http://hoofersailing.org/HooferSailingClub>. Instructor: David Jeter.

One Day US Sailing Judge Seminar, Columbia Yacht Club, 111 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL, Saturday, April 9, 2016. \$60 seminar fee includes sandwiches for lunch and keg beer following completion of the course. Registration closes on Monday, April 4, 2016. Please contact the organizer and/or instructor for information about walk-in registration. To register click <http://www1.ussailing.org/enrollment/selectregistrant.aspx?courseid=13211961>! Contact: Kurt Thomsen, kurt@colyc.org, Instructor: Allan Teske, ateske821@aol.com.

Proper Sailboat Rigging, Tuning and Troubleshooting: Prep for the 2015 Season. Hoofer Sailing Club, 800 Langdon Street, Madison, Wisconsin. Wednesday, April 13, 6:30-8:30pm, Check Today in the Union posting boards for location. Membership is not necessary to attend. For more information, visit <http://hoofersailing.org/HooferSailingClub>. Instructor: Dave Elsmo.

Racing Trim and Boatspeed with a cool new Sail Trim Simulator, North U. Seminars. Boyne City, Michigan, April 23 (tent). We offer LMSRF Members a \$30 discount for North U Seminars. Full info at NorthU.com.

Water Clarity in Lake Mendota - Hoofer Sailing Club, 800 Langdon Street, Madison, Wisconsin. Wednesday, May 4, 6:30-8:30pm, Check Today in the Union posting boards for location. Membership is not necessary to attend. For more information, visit <http://hoofersailing.org/HooferSailingClub>. Instructor: Robin Rohwer.

2016 Midwest Women's Sailing Conference, Milwaukee Community Sailing Center, 1450 North Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Saturday, May 14, 2016, 8 AM - 7 PM. Keynote speaker is Captain Tiffany Krihwan, senior captain of the S/V Denis Sullivan of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Women sailors from throughout the country will attend workshops, share trends, and network and improve their skills in the areas of safety, boat handling, maintenance, and seamanship. The conference has sold out every year. Registration is open: www.midwestwomenssailing.org.



Advanced Buoy Racing Weather Seminar, Columbia Yacht Club, 111 N. Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, IL, Saturday, May 14, 2016, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Chris Bedford is coming to Columbia Yacht Club so all area racers can hear from one of the top meteorologists in the sport. The member pricing for this seminar is \$65. Non-member pricing will be \$75. After May 1, everyone wishing to register will pay \$80. Includes lunch & keg beer. For registration and additional information please contact the Columbia Yacht Club Purser at 312.938.3625 or info@colyc.org. To register: <https://clients.mindbodyonline.com/classic/home?studioid=136846>.

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(tattle on your friends!)

NEW BOATS & OWNERS ON LAKE MICHIGAN

With the new year, the boat shows, and approaching season, we expect many new acquisitions. Share the great news with your fellow competitors here!

THEY DONE WENT AND GOT HITCHED!!

Best wishes to Brian Kennalley ...

BABIES ... WE LOVE BABIES!!

A new sailor has joined the fleet on Little Traverse Bay, Harbor Springs, Michigan! Congratulations to Josh and Krystal Scott on the arrival of their third son on December 4, 2015. He'll be causing mischief in no time!



TO A LAST SUNSET

With sadness we share the news of our sailors now off with the breeze always on the stern quarter ...

➤ Helen (King) Scheuerman, 86, of Holland, Michigan, formerly of Adrian, died January 6, 2016 after a 10 year battle with Alzheimer's. Helen was born in Tipton, Michigan on April 21, 1929 to Owen and Marie (Bornfleth) King. She graduated from Onsted High School in 1946. In 1950 Helen married Ernie Scheuerman at St. Joseph's Shrine in Irish Hills, Michigan. They lived and worked in Adrian until 1968, then moved to Howell, Michigan. In 1978 they moved to Holland. Helen was a career woman before that term became popular. Always good with numbers, she combined a bookkeeping career with successfully raising her family. In Howell, she worked in Human Resources at McPherson Community Health Center, until the move to Holland where she worked as an Administrative Assistant at People's State Bank and a computer operator at DeBoer Bauman. Helen was an avid boater and enthusiastic golfer. Retirement years were spent cruising Lake Michigan, RV traveling, and golfing between Michigan and Florida. Helen was a charter member of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church and Bayshore Yacht Club. Helen is survived by her loving husband of 65 years, Ernie; daughters Barbara (Steven) Naber and Karen (Jim) Gardner;; grandchildren Jeff (Peggy) Naber, and Kelli (Nathan) Linneman; nieces and nephews. Helen was preceded in death by her parents, brother George King, and sisters Willow (Richard) Wednig and Eunice (Robert) Roe. Cremation and services have taken place. Memorial gifts to Alzheimer's Association are suggested.



US Sailing News

2016 SAILING LEADERSHIP FORUM

Sailing Leadership Forum 2016 offers a unique experience for all types of sailors to connect on important and relevant issues on all aspects of our sport. It is being held at the Hilton San Diego Resort, San Diego, California, February 4-6, 2016. Leaders from sail training and education, yacht club and sailing organization management, race officials, and industry professionals will meet and learn from one another.



Complete details available at: <http://sailingleadership.org/general-information/>.



US SAILING SEMINARS, TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP

TRAINING

If you have questions about training, contact our local representatives to the US Sailing Training Committee: Cappy Capper, Member at Large, 3645 Laurel Dr, Wayzata, MN, 55391, 612.961.1756.
Don L. Glasell, Member at Large, 1360 N Sandburg Terr, Apt 2202, Chicago, IL, 60610, 773.276.2333.



US SAILING SANCTIONED SAFETY AT SEA SEMINAR

Visit <http://www.ussailing.org/education/safety-at-sea/find-a-seminar-near-you/> for the up to date schedule and to register for any session.

RACE OFFICER, JUDGE, UMPIRE AND CLASSIFIER CERTIFICATION

Visit <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/become-a-race-official/> for the up to date schedule and to register for any session. Check frequently, as once posted, events often fill quickly.

SMALL BOAT INSTRUCTOR, SAILING COUNSELOR, INSTRUCTOR TRAINER, KEELBOAT, WINDSURFING INSTRUCTOR, Reach-STEM INSTRUCTOR, ADAPTIVE SAILING INSTRUCTOR, JUNIOR BIG BOAT, COMMUNITY SAILING, OR POWERBOAT CERTIFICATION

Visit <http://www.ussailing.org/education/> for the up to date schedule and to register for any session. As sailing season nears many instructor sessions will be added. Check frequently as once posted, events often fill quickly.

2016 US SAILING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR

Visit <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/> for details on each of these Championships and also for qualification requirements. As they are made available to us, *Lake Michigan SuRF* will publish information about Area K qualifying events.

BENJAMIN, HAEGER NAMED 2015 ROLEX YACHTSMAN, YACHTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

Steve Benjamin and Annie Haeger were named US Sailing's 2015 Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswoman of the Year. These two sailors, at different stages of their sailing careers, amassed a year to remember and will be recognized as the best of 2015. A total of 12 men and six women had been named candidates for the 2015 honors based on nominations submitted by members of US Sailing, with these two sailors then selected by a diverse panel of sailing journalists.

Established in 1961 by US Sailing and sponsored by Rolex Watch, U.S.A. since 1980, the annual presentation of US Sailing's Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswoman of the Year awards are considered the sport's ultimate recognition of an individual's outstanding on-the-water achievements for the calendar year. The winners will be honored on Thursday, March 3, 2016, during a luncheon at the New York Yacht Club in Manhattan, when they will be presented with specially-engraved Rolex timepieces.



Steve Benjamin. Photo courtesy: US Sailing.

STEVE BENJAMIN, ROLEX YACHTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Steve Benjamin (Norwalk, Connecticut) has been named the 2015 Rolex Yachtsman of the Year in recognition of a year that featured 10 wins, including the Etchells North American Championship in Rye, NY. Benjamin skippered his team to victory in the 35-boat fleet, aboard *Terrapin*. Benjamin, along with crew George Peet, Luke Lawrence and Julian Sudofsky, won the championship by 15 points through eight races.

Benjamin's dominance in the Etchells went beyond the North American Championship. He placed second out of 43 boats at the World Championship in Hong Kong. His teams won at the Piana Cup, Long Island Sound Championship and Coral Reef Cup, among others.

In reflecting back on his successes, Benjamin commented on how everything came together for him and his teams in 2015. "It came down to all the quality time we were able to spend on the water together. We raced and practiced so much this year, it really helped us continue to improve from one event to the next, and be better teams."



"This award goes to all the great sailors and crew I've had the opportunity to race with this year," added Benjamin. "I had some incredible team members to help me every step of the way, and perhaps the biggest supporter of them all is my wife, Heidi."

Steve and Heidi Benjamin's Carkeek 40, *Spookie*, had a clean sweep of overall wins in every offshore race they entered in 2015, including Fort Lauderdale to Key West, Marblehead to Halifax, Ida Lewis Distance Race, and the Vineyard Race.

"I've been at this a long time, so this is truly an astonishing honor."

Benjamin, son of a boatyard owner, started sailing at the age of nine when his parents introduced him to the sport through a junior sailing program at Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club in Oyster Bay, NY. Benjamin went on to experience an outstanding college sailing career. He earned College Sailor of the Year honors in 1978 as a member of the Yale University sailing team.



Steve Benjamin (back - left) - Photo by John Payne.

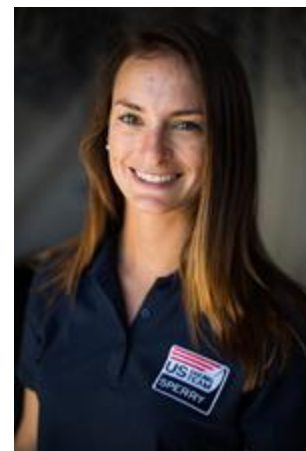
ANNIE HAEGER - ROLEX YACHTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

Annie Haeger (East Troy, Wisconsin) has been named the 2015 Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year in recognition of her impressive list of top results in 470 Class competition throughout 2015.

Haeger and crew Briana Provancha (San Diego, Calif.) made their mark on the international stage by winning gold at the Olympic Test Event in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. They won the event by seven points through 10 races in a highly competitive fleet featuring the gold and silver medal-winning boats from the London 2012 Games.

"Winning gold at the Olympic Test Event was a major confidence booster, and it reinforced that if we can earn US Olympic Team selection we have a chance to medal at the Games."

Haeger and Provancha experienced success in other high-caliber women's 470 events, including the European Championship (3rd place) and the South American Championship (4th place).



Annie Haeger



Annie Haeger (front) and Briana Provancha (back) - Photo by Will Ricketson/US Sailing

"Winning this award was never something I was ever expecting or aiming for, since Briana and I have been totally focused on the Olympics," said Haeger. "To be on a list with so many amazing sailors, and to win this on behalf of my incredible teammate and the US Sailing Team Sperry, is unbelievable. I am just so honored."

"In winning this award, I'm not representing myself, but Team Haeger/Provancha as a whole. I am very blessed to have Briana in the front of my boat. I think she is the best crew in the United States." Haeger also noted that her fellow national team athletes have played a prominent role in her development. "Our US Sailing Team Sperry veterans like Stu McNay, Dave Hughes, and Paige Railey have pushed us to improve. They have been so helpful, and we want to represent them well."



Haeger started sailing at age eight on Lake Beulah in Wisconsin. Coincidentally, she was in the same "Learn to Sail" junior sailing program as the 2014 Yachtswoman of the Year, Stephanie Roble.

In parallel with the Yachtsman of the Year, Steve Benjamin, Haeger was also a tremendously successful college sailor. She was named College Sailor of Year in 2011 and a three-time ICSA Women's Singlehanded National Champion as a member of the Boston College sailing team.

2016 US SAILING TEAM SPERRY NAMED

With 200 days remaining until the start of the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, US Sailing, the national governing body for the sport, has named 21 of America's best sailors to the 2016 US Sailing Team Sperry, the national sailing team. While the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Sailing Teams, which will be selected later in 2016*, are selected every four years, the US Sailing Team Sperry is selected annually. The team is comprised of multiple American athletes and teams in the ten Olympic and three Paralympic sailing classes. Additional sailors will qualify for the roster after Sailing World Cup Miami, North America's premier Olympic and Paralympic classes regatta (Jan 25-30).

"US Sailing Team Sperry athletes have worked hard over the past three years as they have trained for the Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games," said Josh Adams, Managing Director of U.S. Olympic Sailing. "Earning a spot on the national team roster is a sign of progress and skill in their chosen class, and of their commitment to pursuing high performance while representing their country."

With the series of U.S. Olympic Sailing Team selection events set to begin in Miami in late January, and with the Paralympic Team selection series already underway, the names on the US Sailing Team Sperry roster offer insight into who is excelling as American sailors enter a pivotal period of the four-year Olympic cycle. For sailors pursuing dreams of the podium, becoming a part of the national team is an achievement with clear benefits.



© US Sailing Team Sperry / Photo: Will Ricketson

Pictured: US Sailing Team Sperry athletes Brad Funk (foreground) and Helena Scutt rigging up at the team's training base in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

"It's a priority to make the US Sailing Team Sperry each year, since the team has a lot to offer athletes that are campaigning for the Games," said Laser Radial sailor Erika Reineke (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.). "We get world-class coaching and resources, and a team atmosphere that helps us improve. At our training camps, the other American sailors are definitely trying to individually get faster and beat each other, but it's a learning process that helps everybody."



Two-time Olympian Stu McNay (Providence, R.I.), one of the team's veteran leaders, agreed. "Being on the national team is a signifier of the time, effort, and commitment to achievement that we have all put forward. I'm proud to be on this team with other athletes who have dedicated themselves to a similar pursuit."

A major US Sailing Team supporter for decades, Sperry has been the team's title partner since 2012. "Sperry has such a legacy in water sports, and we're all proud that they're a part of this team," said 49erFX athlete Helena Scutt (Kirkland, Wash.). "The US Sailing Team Sperry supports us at every stage in our journey, from our first years in the boat, through the Olympic Team selection events, and hopefully to the Games. We're proud to represent our national team, and a truly great brand, as we compete around the world."

US Sailing Team Sperry: 2016 Roster

(*Note: Additional athletes will be named to the US Sailing Team Sperry on January 30, 2016. The US Sailing Team Sperry is separate from the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Teams, which will be named later in 2016, after approval by the USOC.)

Men's 470 (Men's Two-Person Dinghy):

- Stuart McNay (Providence, R.I.) and David Hughes (Miami, Fla.)

Women's 470 (Women's Two-Person Dinghy):

- Annie Haeger (East Troy, Wisc.) and Briana Provancha (San Diego, Calif.)

49er (Men's Two-Person High Performance Skiff):

- Brad Funk (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.) and Trevor Burd (Marblehead, Mass.)

49erFX (Women's Two-Person High Performance Skiff):

- Paris Henken (Coronado, Calif.) and Helena Scutt (Kirkland, Wash.)

Finn (Men's One-Person Heavyweight Dinghy):

- Caleb Paine (San Diego, Calif.)

Laser (Men's One-Person Dinghy):

- Chris Barnard (Newport Beach, Calif.)

Laser Radial (Women's One-Person Dinghy):

- Erika Reineke (Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.)

Nacra 17 (Mixed Two-Person Multihull):

- Sarah Newberry (Miami, Fla.) and Matthew Whitehead (Panama City, Fla.)

Men's RS:X (Men's Windsurfer):

- Pedro Pascual (West Palm Beach, Fla.)

Women's RS:X (Women's Windsurfer):

- Farrah Hall (Annapolis, Md.)

Sonar (Paralympic Three-Person Keelboat):

- Rick Doerr (Clifton, N.J.), Brad Kendell (Tampa, Fla.) and Hugh Freund (South Freeport, Maine)

SKUD-18 (Paralympic Two-Person Keelboat):

- Ryan Porteous (Pacific Beach, Calif.) and Maureen McKinnon (Marblehead, Mass.)

2.4mR (Paralympic One-Person Keelboat)

- Dee Smith (Annapolis, Md.)

Learn more about the selection procedures for US Sailing Team Sperry and the U.S. Olympic Games:

- US Sailing Team Sperry (annually selected national team) Selection Procedures:
<http://www.ussailing.org/olympics/selection/>
- Rio 2016 U.S. Olympic Team Athlete Selection Information:
<http://www.ussailing.org/us-sailing-olympic-team-trials-system-amended-paralympic-trials-system-announced/>
- Rio 2016 U.S. Paralympic Sailing Team Athlete Selection Information:
<http://www.ussailing.org/us-sailing-olympic-team-trials-system-amended-paralympic-trials-system-announced/>



What Happened ...

Guarantee your club's regatta and sailing stories, photos and results are in the Lake Michigan SuRF newsmagazine. Write it up and be sure to include the fun stuff, the unexpected, and the social stuff, then email lmsrfadministration@lmsrf.org as soon as the regatta is over!

2016 Lauderdale Olympic Classes Regatta Lauderdale Yacht Club, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida January 16-18, 2016

Finn Dinghy 8 boats

1.	Martin Robitaille	Deux-Montagnes, Quebec	2	1	2	[3]	1	1	2	1	10
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Laser Radial 35 boats

1.	Evi Van Acker	Zaffelare, Oost-Vlaanderen	1	7	1	2	1	1	2	[DF]	15
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Laser 46 boats

1.	Sam Vandormael	Kontich, Antwerpen	5	1	1	6	3	4	2	[12]	22
3.	Malcolm Lamphere	Lake Forest, IL	2	3	[14]	13	4	8	4	10	44

45TH ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship Langkawi, Malaysia

December 27, 2015-January 3, 2016

The US Sailing Youth Worlds Team concluded a successful event in Langkawi, Malaysia, where American sailors secured a victory in the boy's International 420 class and finished in the top ten in four other classes. Will Logue (Cos Cob, Connecticut) and Bram Brakman (Darien, Connecticut) earned the first American gold medal at the world's premier youth regatta since 2007. "The US Sailing Youth Worlds Team put on a strong showing for USA youth sailing at the ISAF Youth Worlds in Langkawi," said Josh Adams, Managing Director of US Olympic Sailing. "Will and Bram sailed a commanding gold-medal performance in the 420, and the whole team contributed to its 5th place standing in the Nations Trophy." Logue, the 420 helmsman, was still absorbing the win a few hours after arriving back on U.S. shores. "Standing on the podium was pretty surreal, and incredible. All of our competitors were cheering us on as well. The International 420 class as a whole is very close, and the fact that everyone is good friends made it even more special." For Logue and Brakman, consistency was the goal from the outset. "We tried to round the first mark in the top seven every race, and run down as many boats as we could. [The breeze] was so shifty in Langkawi that trying to win the first leg of the race was too risky. It was actually pretty similar to Newport [Rhode Island] where I sail most of the year." The team finished 5th in the ISAF Youth Worlds "Nations Trophy" standings. "In the US, we are seeing solid signs of growth and an increase in competitiveness in the Youth Worlds classes, and we are on the right track with the new Olympic Development Program," said Spina. "Youth Worlds is the pinnacle event for young sailors, and future Olympians will come out of these teams." For many of the sailors on the U.S. team, competing for their country was a new and special experience. "We've performed better as a team than we have in recent years, which is promising for the future of US Sailing," said Nic Baird. "I'm proud to have represented the U.S. I think we were able to prove the country's skills on the water, and gain the respect of competitors from around the world."

Final Results ISAF Nations Trophy

MNA		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9								
1.	AUS	37	40	36	34	35	30	37	27	27								
2.	NZL	31	28	31	37	30	38	31	23	30								
3.	FRA	25	29	23	28	30	25	28	36	21								
4.	GBR	20	35	21	27	15	29	29	30	36								
5.	USA	37	27	34	34	22	21	26	18	12								
420 Boys																		
1.	Will Logue	Bram Brakman	2	2	2	3	6	2	4	1	[16]	22						
420 Girls																		
8.	Christine Klinger	Victoria Thompson	1	6	7	3	12	21	6	[24]	15	71						
29er Boys																		
8.	Romain Screve	Quinn Wilson	2	12	2	14	[16]	16	7	10	8	12	8	11	1	103		
29er Girls																		
17.	Alexandra Toppa	Liza Toppa	13	[DQ]	13	18	14	14	14	17	DF	18	18	18	17	200		
SL 16																		
6.	Mark Brunsvold	Anderson Brunsvold	2	4	1	1	5	3	6	4	2	3	2	[DQ]	6	7	7	53
Laser Radial Boys																		
4.	Nicholas Baird		3	5	5	3	4	[23]	2	19	19				60			
Laser Radial Girls																		
18.	Christina Sakellaris		18	18	9	15	7	9	33	[34]	28			137				
RS:X Boys																		
16.	Maximo Nores		10	7	17	7	8	9	6	22	21	20	20	[27]	22	169		
RS:X Girls																		
No USA Entry																		

