

# Lake Michigan SuRF

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## 2015 LMSRF YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP TO BE SAILED IN AUGUST

by Gail M. Turluck

Youth Program Chairs and Youth Sailors, the LMSRF Youth Council is pleased to announce that all Youth sailors from our Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation member clubs are invited to the 2015 LMSRF Youth Championship to be held Thursday-Friday, August 6-7, 2015, coincident to the annual Skyline Regatta at Columbia Yacht Club, Chicago, Illinois.

Classes to be sailed this year are the Club 420, Laser, Laser Radial, and Optimist Dinghy Red, White, Blue and Green. More information will be available at [www.columbiayachtclub.org](http://www.columbiayachtclub.org) or by contacting the Sailing Director, Kurt Thomsen, 312.465.3514, [kurt@colyc.org](mailto:kurt@colyc.org).

## MIARECKI ELECTED TO HALL OF FAME

by Gene McCarthy, Chair, Lake Michigan Sailing Hall of Fame

The 2015 class of nominees has been voted by the select committee. The Lake Michigan Sailing Hall of Fame is pleased to announce that Gerald "Jerry" Miarecki, nominated by Chicago Yacht Club, has been elected. The date, time and location for his induction will be announced in a coming issue of *Lake Michigan SuRF*.

## 2015 BEST ON LAKE MICHIGAN ADDS FARR 395s

by Gail M. Turluck

The Best on Lake Michigan Series is pleased to announce the addition of the Farr 395 Class for competition in 2015, adding to the PHRF, Beneteau 40.7, Beneteau 36.7, J/105 and Tartan Ten Championships.

There is still time for more offshore one-design classes to be added to the series ... but only a little time! The Notice of Series is to be finalized by March 15.

LMSRF leadership believes there are three or more of the following offshore class boats being raced on Lake Michigan that if coordinated, could have a championship organized for them in 2015:

J/35    J/109    J/111    J/120    J/122    C&C 110    C&C 115

Beneteau 10R    S2 9.1    Jeanneau 409    Farr 40    Shock 35

All offshore racing sailboats racing anywhere on Lake Michigan are eligible to participate in this series. They may be handicapped or one-design. They do not have to be from the same LMSRF Area. They do not have to race in the same LMSRF Area. If at least three boats of an offshore one-design Class aren't entered, they may race in a handicapped championship (PHRF definitely, and a possibility of ORR). Yes, we want all racing boats on Lake Michigan entering this series!

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For a general understanding of the series, see the 2014 LMSRF Best on Lake Michigan Notice of Series at: <http://lmsrf.org/index.php/offshore-championships/best-on-lake-michigan-nos>.

Any offshore one-design Class wishing to have a series are asked to have a Fleet leader contact Offshore Council Chair Mike Hettel as soon as possible at 309.256.3735, [offshorecouncilchair@lmsrf.org](mailto:offshorecouncilchair@lmsrf.org), to have the list of races determined and to understand what will comprise proper series entry. Get your Class signed up today!

New in 2015, offshore boat owners may enter the series by a check box on either LMSRF membership application method (paper or electronic) through [www.lmsrf.org](http://www.lmsrf.org). Early registration is going well; 38 boats have signed up for this year already. The series entry form will be available on the LMSRF web site soon.

### LMSRF ADAPTIVE SAILING COMMITTEE MEETING SET

The LMSRF Adaptive Sailing Committee has set its next meeting for Saturday, March 28, 2015, 10:00 am, at Sheboygan Yacht Club, Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Please contact LMSRF Adaptive Sailing Committee Chair Matt Wierzbach, 920.918.9204, [accessiblechair@lmsrf.org](mailto:accessiblechair@lmsrf.org), if you are able to attend. Skype participation will be available by request. Please invite your Board Members and instructors to attend.



### LAKE MICHIGAN BENETEAU 36.7 2015 SCHEDULE SET

The Beneteau First 36.7 Fleet schedule for 2015 is available on the LMSRF web page at: <http://lmsrf.org/index.php/areas/area-iii>. Scroll down to the "Beneteau First 36.7 Class" link.

You'll note they have their various series championships designated, including the races that will count for the 2015 Best on Lake Michigan Championship for the Beneteau First 36.7 Class.



All three fleet officers were re-elected for 2015: Jarrett Altmin, Fleet Captain; Charlie Wurtzbech, Fleet Treasurer; and Lori Henderson, Fleet Secretary. They look forward to a great season of racing and participation.

### CHICAGO BEER CAN RACING EXPANDED TO INSHORE ONE-DESIGN CLASSES

by Gail M. Turluck

Columbia Yacht Club is adding an Inshore Course to its offering of Beer Can racing venues for the summer of 2015. Racing will occur from May 27-September 2, 2015 and the course will be in the vicinity of the Adler Planetarium and the south outer break wall. It is anticipated that Colgate 26s, J/22s, Cal 25s and Catalina 22s will be racing; other classes may be added.



Prizes will be awarded at Columbia Yacht Club each Wednesday. A winning boat's representative must collect the prize the evening it is won or it will be forfeited. There are more awards, see the Notice of Race for further information. The Chicago Beer Can Series sponsor is Goose Island Beer Company.



For first time Beer Can Racers there will be Prep School in May. Prep School goes over all aspects of the Beer Can Series including rules, race course, sections, and everything else you need to know! Beer Can Racing is about having fun in a less intense competitive environment. You don't need a spinnaker or the latest, lightest hardware to join the fun! There are two sections of JAM (jib and main) and several spinnaker sections.

Columbia Yacht Club is proud to serve as the host club for Chicago Beer Can racing. Each Wednesday night, from May through September, racers can participate in the Beer Can Series to: introduce sailboat

racing to those who are new to the sport in a positive, casual atmosphere; encourage established and entry-level racing teams to rotate crew positions for skill development; build team confidence for more competitive weekend races and regattas; create an opportunity for sailors from area clubs to meet and mingle; and present a viable alternative to Wednesday night bowling.

After the Race--After each race, crew and friends meet at Columbia to get acquainted, have a few drinks, and enjoy the fireworks. At the end of the season, series awards are given to the boats placing in each class.



Race Committee--If racing is not for you but you would like to be involved with the series, consider joining the Beer Can Race Committee. Working on the Race Committee is an excellent opportunity to meet new people. Each week a different boat from the racing fleet volunteers to be the Race Committee boat. As a member of the Race Committee, you will learn all about sailboat racing and all the ins and outs of running a race.

There is a special component to Beer Can racing: there shall be no whining or sniveling – this is Beer Can! For additional information, please contact: Organizing Club Columbia Yacht Club, Regatta Chair: Steve Kindra, 312.938.3625, [beercan@colyc.org](mailto:beercan@colyc.org).

The Inshore and Offshore Beer Can Notice of Race is here:

<http://www.columbiayachtclub.org/Default.aspx?p=DynamicModule&pageid=390692&ssid=311699&vnf=1>.

## LMSRF AREA II VICE COMMODORE PROFILE – ERIC JONES

by Gail M. Turluck

At the LMSRF Annual Meeting, LMSRF Area II gained representation by a very active sailor, Eric Jones. The clubs he will be reaching out to work with include: Fifth Street Yacht Club, Harbor Lite Yacht Club, Kenosha Yacht Club, MAST Yacht Club, Mendota Yacht Club, Milwaukee Boat Club, Inc., Milwaukee Community Sailing Center, Milwaukee Harbor Yacht Club, Milwaukee Yacht Club, Okauchee Lake Yacht Club, Port Washington Yacht Club, Racine Yacht Club, Sailing Education Association of Sheboygan, Sheboygan Yacht Club, Sheboygan Youth Sailing Club, South Milwaukee Yacht Club, South Shore Yacht Club.



Eric Jones. Photo by Cheri Jones.

Jones was raised by Doug and Julie Jones, along with his two sisters. He learned to sail in Menominee, Michigan, at the Junior program at M&M Yacht Club,

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starting at about age 7 on a Penguin. He spent every day walking to the club to sail. His habit was endorsed by his father and grandfather, both sailors.

Today, Jones is married to Cheri Kent Jones, who has been sailing forever. In addition to his early years spent at M&M Yacht Club, Jones was a member at Milwaukee Yacht Club and today calls South Shore Yacht Club, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, his summer home. Cheri's daughters, Whitney Kent, Team Captain of the Wisconsin Badger Sailing Team at age 22 and Alison (Gator) Kent, Commodore of the Minnesota Gophers Sailing Team at nearly age 21, spend lots of time with them, sailing as a family. According to Cheri, "Jones has been huge in teaching the girls what they know and how to win. He is a great family man and has introduced and developed with the family all that sailing offers; preparation, thoughtfulness, strategy, sportsmanship, and life lessons that the girls will carry with them."

Jones is a yacht broker at World Yachts and has been selling boats since the early 90s, with an emphasis on performance sailing vessels. After college, an old sailing buddy, Shuff Willman, suggested it would be a good idea for him to go into yacht brokerage. While he did not listen at the time, eventually his avocation also became his occupation.

The first boat he owned on his own was a Sunfish, circa 1970. He has a classic trophy that banged around in the bottom of the boat on his way home across Green Bay. It still sits on a shelf at home. There is a classic tale about him leaving Menominee, Michigan, to sail to Fish Creek, Wisconsin. His mother realized what he had done and had a pilot friend fly over him to direct him to head home, as his mother was worried! He still owns a Sunfish to this day.

Racing is what Jones lives for. It started with the Penguin, then the Sunfish (aptly named "*The Fish*"). In 1969 the family bought a Swan 43 and raced, and a Laser came along somewhere around this time. Next up was the 12 Meter *Weatherly* (the America's Cup winner in 1962), purchased around 1971 by the Jones family. Then he sailed on various keel boats, until his mother purchased a C&C 27, which they raced for 3 years.

Jones' next gig was a captain's job for Pat Haggerty and worked for him on his 46' racing boat, *Bay Bea*. Then, the family replaced the C&C with a Ron Holland design 36. After that, he did some one design racing on J/24, Schock 35 and Santa Cruz 70. His circuit continued with racing on a Santa Cruz 27, N/M 43, N/M 50 and N/M 53. Finally, Jones became an owner with a Mumm 36, *Mrs. Jones*, then a J/30 he purchased for his daughters to rehab and race. Currently he is in possession of his floating condo, a C&C 41, and in a partnership on a Dobroth 43 targeted for some distance racing this year.

There are plenty of flags and trophies commemorating the many seasons and events over the years which are great to have. Most important to Jones, however is his completion of his 40th Chicago-Mackinac Race this past summer. The Old Goats. What a great honor to all.

The most exciting sailing memory for Jones is having made a transatlantic delivery on a Swan 65. He calls it a fantastic event and memory. And of course the 40 year mark for the Mackinac Race. The farthest away that he has sailed is off Portugal and in the Mediterranean Sea.

Jones has developed leadership experience by serving as crew chief, captain, and person in charge of many of these boats. He has also been instrumental in teaching his step-daughters the nuances of sailboat racing, including the need for preparation, communication, and those oh-so-classic "family meetings" before a race begins and the roles and skills expected.

Jones graduated from Ferris State University, Big Rapids, Michigan, in 1982 with a B.S. and a B.A. in marketing. But yes, sailing is what is really in his veins.

LMSRF has gained a sailor's sailor to help guide its future. Welcome, Eric!

## 2015 LMSRF AREA III NOTICE OF RACE FINALIZED

by Gail M. Turluck

Our 2015 racing season must be getting closer. LMSRF Area III's Offshore Racing Steering Committee has posted the 2015 Notice of Race here: <http://lmsrf.org/index.php/areas/area-iii/race-information>.

All boat owners, be sure to note that in 2015 there is an external link being used to join LMSRF for the season: [www.lmsrf.org](http://www.lmsrf.org) > Join. You may choose to use the 'type, print and mail application' or the 'on line with electronic payments application.' There also is NO once yearly LMSRF Area III Registration Fee this year!

If you have any questions, be sure to contact your yacht club's LMSRF Area III Offshore Racing Steering Committee member whose responsibility it is to help you get signed up and entered for our races. Your club office can provide you with that individual's name and contact information.

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## 2015 DASH TO THE DOCK

by Steve Kindra

For the second year in a row Skyway Yacht Works and Crowley's Yacht Yard are hosting a fun Dash to the harbors. There is no entry fee – it's F-R-E-E!

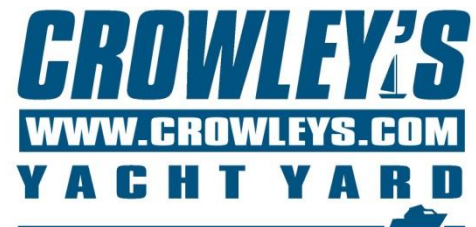
In the spirit of getting people on the water and using their boats, this event is meant to be a kickoff to the 2015 boating season. It is open to everyone – not just Crowley's and Skyway customers. And even though it looks and sounds like a sailing regatta, it is open to power boaters as well.

To the power boaters we will be offering a 'Black Jack Run,' where they get a playing card at the start and one at the finish. They can turn in their cards at the party after the event where they will be redeemable in food and refreshments. Or, if you cannot make it to the party, simply take a picture of the cards and email them to the event organizers at [skywaysocial@gmail.com](mailto:skywaysocial@gmail.com) for a special item of value.

The Dash will be starting pursuit-style at the end of the Calumet Harbor break wall, heading slightly northeast and then turning northwest toward the Shedd Aquarium. Columbia Yacht Club will have one of their Whalers and an orange inflatable mark marking the finish line. Finishing requires participants to pass between the Whaler and the inflatable mark.

After that, head over to the Columbia Yacht Club dock for music, food and refreshments offered by Skyway and Crowley's. Questions? Visit <http://dashtothedock.com>.

Happy Summer and Use Your Boat!



## LMSRF APPEALS COMMITTEE WELCOMES NEW CHAIR, NEW MEMBER

by Gail M. Turluck

By special meeting, the LMSRF Board of Directors has elected Clifford Black of Chicago, Illinois, the new Chair of the LMSRF Appeals Committee and approved the appointment of Thomas Atkins of Kohler, Wisconsin, to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of long serving Chair Tomas Petkus. Black is certified as a National Judge, a Judge Instructor, an International Judge and Umpire. Atkins is certified as a Judge, Club Race Officer and is in training for serving as an Umpire.



Clifford Black, LMSRF Appeals Committee Chair.  
Photo credit: Clifford Black.

LMSRF and sailors region-wide extend their sincere thanks for over 15 years of dedication and service by Tomas Petkus. Petkus served as Chair of LMSRF's Appeals Committee for five years. It was through Petkus' initiative that LMSRF's Appeals process was vastly improved reducing processing time and causing LMSRF to become recognized for being the best Regional Sailing Association for its Appeals process.

The LMSRF Appeals Committee hears all appeals filed for racing in the Lake Michigan area. Individual Members of LMSRF have appeals they file processed with no filing fee. This is a distinct benefit to our Individual Members.

The 2015 LMSRF Appeals Committee is: Clifford Black, Chair; Dean Cady, Dr. S. Fredric Horwitz, Dr. Warwick Coppleson, Dennis Bartley, Deborah Schoenherr, and Thomas Atkins.

## ANCHORAGE YACHT CLUB ANNOUNCES 4TH SCOOP THE LAKE EVENT

by Marian Hoskins, AMS



Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 30, 2015, for the 4th Annual Scoop the Lake Regatta and Poker Run in Waukegan, Illinois. The BBQ kick-off party will have live music on Friday. Sailing and boating on Saturday will finish with awards and raffle prizes. Come and kick off the summer while supporting a great cause.

Green Town Tavern, named for Ray Bradbury's writings, will sponsor the awards party. Prizes for first and last place sailboat, winner of the poker run, and a 50/50 raffle will be center stage for a hungry and thirsty crowd after a fun day on the water.

All proceeds from this fundraiser on-the-water event support the efforts of the non-profit Waukegan Main Street to improve downtown and lakefront connectivity and make the city an even better place to live, work and play. More info: [www.scoopthelake.org](http://www.scoopthelake.org) or 312.315.7362. Registration links will be up soon!

## SOUTH HAVEN READYING FOR FINISH OF 2015 QUEEN'S CUP RACE

by Cleo Miller, 2015 South Haven Yacht Club Queen's Cup Finish Committee Chair

On November 21<sup>st</sup> at a 2015 Queen's Cup finish committee planning meeting, South Haven Yacht Club, South Haven, Michigan, organizers met with the Michigan Maritime Museum team and has secured the Square Topsail Sloop *Friends Good Will* as the Race Committee finish line boat starting at midnight, Friday, June 26, through noon Saturday, June 27. This is awesome because this is the tallest ship in their harbor and will allow sailors to see her from very far away. South Shore Yacht Club, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, sent out a "Save the Date" postcard in early December. Flyers, posters and other materials were to be sent to area yacht clubs in late January to be made available to their members.



## IT'S OFFICIAL—THE SUPER MAC IS BACK!

The sailors asked for it, and the sailors now have it. The Super Mac, from Chicago to Port Huron, is back this year.



Boats will start the Chicago race on July 11, sail through the finish line at Mackinac Island, and continue on down to the Super Mac finish line in Port Huron. Then they'll have a couple of days to get their boats ready for the start of the Bayview race July 18.

"It really was something the competitors asked for," said Bayview Mackinac Race Chairman Peter Wenzler. Wenzler got a call from a Chicago-based boat owner who was planning to do both Mackinac races, inquiring whether Bayview would be interested in supporting a Super Mac if he could drum up enough support.

The boat owner went on to do exactly that—on line, at the Chicago Strictly Sail Boat Show and other places.

The Chicago Yacht Club's race committee gave the go-ahead mid-February for the Super Mac. Wenzler said he sent out an email confirming the Super Mac to Bayview's Mackinac list on February 23.

Details are not worked out, but keep your eyes open because the official Super Mac documents and registration forms will be available soon. (Registration is already open for the Bayview race.) Wenzler expects about 20 to 30 boats to sign up for the Super Mac, and he expects that will include many of the larger boats in the two races.

A Super Mac awards ceremony will likely be planned for Friday night in Port Huron, before the start of the Bayview race Saturday.

## WHAT SHOULD BE ON YOUR YACHT CLUB WEB SITE?

by Glenn McCarthy

When we built a new web site for our business, the first question we tackled was "What type of visitors do we expect?" In my opinion, the answer for yacht clubs is that there are three audiences. How well does your yacht club web site address these three audiences? Frankly, almost all yacht club web sites are about as clear as mud! Did you consider this is your biggest effort to sell your yacht club onto others? Make it clear to these three audiences what they should click on your club home page.



### AUDIENCE 1 – MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Most yacht clubs have addressed the communication needs of its membership. I'm not too sure there is much to comment on here.

### AUDIENCE 2 – GUESTS OF MEMBERS

Most clubs web sites either have this information scattered all over the place in no sensible order, or it is almost non-existent. Guests could be boat crew, club service people, boat service people, visiting boaters (with or without their boat), party guests (regatta, weddings, etc.), amongst others.



Do you have a web page dedicated to this audience? Does it describe what the: parking privileges are; whether they can order food, beverage, or ice; how they can pay – cash, charge (which cards) or debit cards, checks; what hours they are free to come and go; what other services may be available to them such as pool, tennis courts, laundry machines, etc.? In addition, if it is a visiting boat at your docks, does it also describe: dockage, local restaurants and bars (phone number, address, distance); ground transportation; nightlife; boat repair services; points of interest when visiting?

Without this, your club becomes standoffish and seemingly (unintentionally) unfriendly, just at the time you want to make these people your friends!

A real entry point to your club is having a crew board on your web site. About 10% of clubs on Lake Michigan have these. Members can post what they are looking for in crew, and members and non-members can post their availability to crew. Again, these crew become guests of your members and can learn what is available to them at your club and become prospects for growing your membership.

The best future prospects for membership are these people who already enjoy your facilities and are entranced with boating. Treat them a lot better by making it clear what is and what is not available to them, allowing them to enjoy your club to the greatest extent possible, how you expect guests to do so. This keeps the members happy, too!

**AUDIENCE 3 – PEOPLE WITH NO RELATIONS TO THE CLUB BUT WISH TO USE IT**

Ajax Tax Services down the street from the club doesn't boat, is not a member, but they would like to invite their high-end clients for a seminar and lunch and then have a charter boat come and take their clients out for a cruise in the afternoon returning back to the club to their client's cars. Or maybe there is just some curiosity seeker looking for something to do and going to a yacht club sounds like an outing.



Some yacht clubs have pointed to their Bylaws as the answer they give this group. Most Bylaws read incredibly offensively on this group of people. Why not write this or these Sections in a fashion that is either inviting if your club allows this, or at least pleasant in explaining what steps they might have to complete ("get a member to sponsor the event," is pretty common), making it the most positive reading possible.

Anyone who enters your premises is a potential prospect for membership. The more you can accommodate the better. Give all of them the respect they deserve and make it the most inviting entry possible – starting with your web site.

**JUDGES RANT**

by Glenn McCarthy

Don't misunderstand this, let me be very clear that certifying Judges in the sport of sailboat racing is a very good thing.

It's the machinations in the background that makes certifying judges a ridiculous thing. Long ago, originally sail racing judges were appointed for life. After ages, what occurred is there were judges who were literally going senile and kept thumping their chests insisting on judging because they had a badge that said they were certified. Many of these judges had not sailed in decades and had stopped keeping up with the new rules changes that come out each four years. So, the judges program changed to a seminar based system with testing every four years with input on judicial temperament in order to be certified. The senile judges were washed out. That was a very good step. And would have remained good if it stopped right there.



Where things started to fall apart is when they didn't stop. They decided that some judge's poop doesn't stink and needed to separate those judges from other judges, and created "Senior Judges" (recently renamed "National Judges"). In all practicality, there just isn't natural or artificial demand for using certified judges. In most races in the U.S., we grab three sailors who are our competitors that we have respect for and let them judge a protest hearing. You "don't have to have no stinkin' badges" to judge. The only events that I have found that require "National Judges" are those run by US Sailing. Who needs a conspiracy theory? Then, good luck finding any other events nationwide that require certified judges at all (other than national, continental, or world championships, but even then not required in many cases). Demand is quite small for certified judges.



Then the people who run the judges program decided to get even goofier, now they require senior/national judges to travel outside their Regional Sailing Association to events three times a year in order to stay certified, just to see how others handle protests, to get a broader experience, blah, blah, blah. Excuse me? The process and procedures are written in the Racing Rules of Sailing and found in the US Sailing Judges Manual. The format is spelled out and established. Traveling shouldn't change a thing, it is the same thing wherever you go. It's just more of this "some judges poop doesn't stink" thing again limiting the fancy moniker "National Judge" to those who have the money, time and inclination to travel (remember not all events have protests, there's no guarantee they get to hear protests by traveling and many times return empty handed).



This thing just doesn't end - it's a solution looking for a problem. Now there's Continuing Education Events (CEE) and Continuing Education Units (CEU) where certified judges are required to earn 80 CEUs. For what? There's just no major demand for certified judges. The higher the bar is set, the more judges are quitting. There's no loss, protests continue to get heard regardless of how serious they keep making the requirements.

A small glimmer of hope is gleaming; an online course is being created for "Club Judges" (for those whose poop must really stink, at the bottom level). Why can't it be simplified that either you are certified judge, or not, use one training platform for all judges, and one manual for all judges? This ain't rocket science, it's not even close.



One reality of hearing protests is, two boats walk into the room believing they are right. At the end, one or both will have found out they were wrong and they are always upset. It doesn't make any difference if the judges are certified or not.

I've got news for these judge zealots who run the program, either a person "gets the rules and the procedures," or they don't. Period. All we need, or want, are judges who "get it." Just give us one class of people who are "certified judges" who took an online seminar and passed an online test along with input on their "judicial temperament." Don't make it complicated, expensive, or make people travel away from home for a useless waste of their time. This thing has become so utterly complicated and ridiculous, we're already seeing many judges give up their certifications (more are giving up as their 4 year terms expire), and they're not senile yet!

All of the fanaticism you Judge program zealots have and exude should be saved for your religious efforts at your house of worship.

## **SOUTH HAVEN LIGHTHOUSE RESTORATION FUND STARTED**

The Historical Association of South Haven has launched a drive to raise \$300,000 to restore the red metal tower on the pier at South Haven, Michigan. See the complete story available through MLive: <http://tinyurl.com/RestoreSH>.

## **IT'S ALL ABOUT THAT BASE**

*by Glenn McCarthy*

### **SELLING AND GROWING SMALL SAILBOAT SAILING**

Commonly, sailors begin their careers in sailing by buying and sailing in small boats. The numbers prove it. Reality is that some get the itch of one-foot-itis and move up and up into big boats. Many are still happy sailing small boats for their lifetime. The future of big boats depends on a very solid base of small boat sailors today. There's a lot of pressure on big boat sales based on the next quarter's results and the big boat sales forces don't seem to understand their future. The big boat dealers should also stock and push small boats like mad, if they want to sell boats 10 to 20 years from



Sunfish sailboat being rigged on the beach. Photo by Gail M. Turluck.

now. They really don't invest in their future by assuring there will be small boat sailors who advance to big boats.

We need to fix the base to make it as wide as possible. If you want to sell double the amount of big boats in 10 years, you first have to sell double the amount of small boats today. It's all about that base!

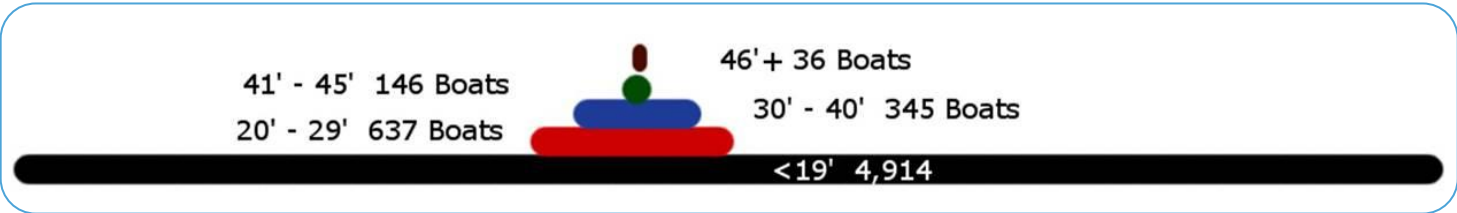


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**WHERE TO PUT SMALL SAILBOATS**

The second side to the base is a place to put small boats. Anywhere and everywhere at the waterfront there should be small boats, all over at clubs, beaches, harbors, and any place that one can fit. In Chicago there are fenced in pens and hoists at Montrose and Belmont Harbors. That leaves Monroe, Burnham, 31st Street and Jackson Park Harbors without onshore small boat public facilities (excluding clubs). Just where are the boats that are represented by the base supposed to go? Scott Stevenson at Westrec, operator of Chicago Harbors, took a moment to discuss this with me.

It comes down to one simple issue – demand. Stevenson says demand just isn't there (in defiance of the graph). There is capacity at Montrose, and not enough capacity at Belmont (the J/70's have maxed it out) and he's looking towards expanding the Belmont compound. The old beach cats, which cost something like \$150 a year for storage, had 20 boats stored before it ended. In a metropolitan area of 8,000,000 people that's all the demand there was. The old facilities at Burnham and Jackson Park had dwindled in usage to the point it wasn't affordable to keep them open and were closed. The biggest open capacity today in the Chicago Harbors are mooring buoys for boats between 20'-25'. Stevenson made it very clear, the demand shows up, he'll get more onshore compounds with cranes built. So if you want your boat at a harbor in Chicago and see on the web site there isn't a place, don't stop there. Call them, tell them to record that you want a space for your small boat, create the demand!

So where are the small boats? Stevenson says a lot of small sailboats are on SUV's, trailers and in backyards, and many come and ramp launch for daily sailing.

**BoatUS FOUNDER RICHARD SCHWARTZ PASSES ON**

The halls of BoatUS national headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia, and in offices in Costa Mesa, California, Jacksonville, Florida, and Annapolis, Maryland, they were deeply saddened with news that after a short illness, their Founder and leader, Richard Schwartz, passed on February 11, 2015. Schwartz created the BoatUS that you see today, an association that has become the nation's predominant advocacy and boater services organization for America's recreational boat owners. Schwartz was 85.

Two years ago Schwartz announced his retirement from his 47-year run as the leader of the over half-million-member boating association, which he began when he asked his boating friends back in 1966 if there was anyone fighting for their interests. The answer was no.

With that, BoatUS was born with a mission of "service, savings and representation." Just a few years later, Schwartz's Capitol Hill testimony resulted in the watershed Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971, creating the US Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety, saving countless lives. Schwartz went headfirst after the problems affecting recreational boaters, sometimes with testimony laced with his characteristic, "That's outrageous!"



His efforts shaped national boating policy with work on the passage of the Recreational Boating Safety and Facilities Improvement Act of 1979, ensuring taxes and fees paid by boaters should support boating programs. He later was a vocal opponent to user fees and taxes, and led the passage of the federal Wallop/Breaux Trust Fund Amendment that now returns over \$600 million annually to federal and state boating and fishing programs.

Schwartz was an early pioneer in discount marine retailing eventually opening a nationwide chain of 62 BoatUS retail stores. He also made BoatUS a major influence on the national boating safety stage with the development of the nonprofit BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water, and created the largest on the water towing service in the nation. He was a consumer advocate and also created the largest circulation boating magazine in the country, *BoatUS Magazine*.

When it came to boat insurance, Richard offered the first recreational boat policy in clear, understandable language that is now standard form in American boat insurance policies. He also helped BoatUS members avoid claims and injuries with a unique damage avoidance program and publication, *Seaworthy*. At home on the Potomac River, his fleet of watercraft grew over the years to include a favored 22-foot Chris Craft rumble seat runabout and 42-foot catamaran deck boat for family runs to the local crab shack. He is survived by his loving wife, Beth Newburger Schwartz, seven children and 16 grandchildren.

Schwartz was bestowed with many public commendations and safety awards. At his 2013 retirement, he said, "We've become the largest boat owners organization in the US and fought major boating battles along the way, making life better, and safer for boaters and all the while creating the services that make the boating experience better. Boating should be a pleasure – not a hassle. I am proud to have led this organization."

### 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:

**Copacetic Stores:** LMSRF members may stop in, or ask with their shipped order, for a Sun Bum sun protective lip balm, a \$5.00 value. Click link at right and contact Mary.



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

### LAKE GENEVA YACHT CLUB NAMES PEGEL RACE OFFICER EMERITUS

On February 14, 2015, in a unanimous decision, the Lake Geneva Yacht Club Board of Directors named Robert E. Pegel Race Officer Emeritus. The event marks Bob's retirement from decades of committee work at the Yacht Club and the Geneva Lake Sailing School.

"Bob's contributions in a number of different capacities over the years have been invaluable to our club and to the sport of sailing. We are particularly fortunate for his dedication and expertise in race management, both at our club and at a national level. It is an honor to present him with this title," said Lake Geneva Yacht Club Commodore F. Terrence Blanchard, who presented the Pegels with a copy of the Board Resolution, which listed many of Bob's contributions during his 60 years of membership.



Bob Pegel, on bow, running multiple class starts. Photo courtesy: ILYA Scowlines.

This is the first time that the Lake Geneva Yacht Club has awarded this title.

## Resolution of Appreciation to Robert Edward Pegel

*The Officers and Directors of the Lake Geneva Yacht Club do hereby express their appreciation to Robert E. Pegel upon the occasion of his retirement from his volunteer activities. Whereas, Robert E. Pegel joined the Yacht Club in 1955 and has served for decades as a member of the Race Committee, Regatta Committee, and Race Committee Associates; as Principal Race Officer and Senior Race Officer; as a member of the Scoring Committee, Class M Blue Chip Regatta Committee, Judges Committee, and House, Grounds, and Waterfront Committee; as Associate, Chief, and Senior Judge; as member and chair of the Trophy Committee and the History and Archives Committee; and as Associate Chief Race Officer Equipment, responsible for support boats, personnel, and the welfare of Flagship II from her construction in 1977 through the 2014 racing season; and*

*Whereas, Robert E. Pegel has received each of the Lake Geneva Yacht Club service awards: the Dr. and Mrs. Will F. Lyon Trophy for Race Committee Service (in 1968, 1977, 1996, and 2001); the Sherman Trophy for Outstanding Service, Dedication, and Loyalty (in 2009); and, most recently, the Marie Kramp Award for Outstanding Service (in 2014); and*

*Whereas, Robert E. Pegel served the Geneva Lake Sailing School as President two times and as a member of its Board of Directors for two decades; and*

*Whereas, Robert E. Pegel's service to fellow sailors includes many years as the Inland Lake Yachting Association delegate to the North American Yacht Racing Union and the United States Yacht Racing Union, as member and chair of the USYRU and National Championship Events Committee, as chair of the US Singlehanded Championship, as member of the Class Committee (Class X), as Associate Appeals Committee member, as chair of the Race Management Committee, and as ILYA Recognized Race Officer and Judge, who in 2003 was the recipient of the Bilge Puller's Cannon "to recognize an outstanding volunteer from the ILYA's race management corps"; and*

*Whereas, Robert E. Pegel was a United States Yacht Racing Union and US Sailing Association Senior Race Officer and Certified Judge, who in 2007 was named Judge Emeritus "in recognition of long and distinguished service to the Judges Program, to race management, and the sport";*

*now, therefore, be it Resolved,*

*We hereby record our gratitude to Robert E. Pegel for his many contributions, and we bestow upon him the title of Race Officer Emeritus. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing resolution is adopted on February 14, 2015, by the Board of Directors to be read into the minutes and thus become part of the permanent record of the Lake Geneva Yacht Club.*

Bob Pegel was the LMSRF Race Administration Chair for eons. He and his band of educators would travel to our yacht clubs providing race management training for any of our members who asked. He put the materials together, provided handout sheets, and improved racing on Lake Michigan. Hear, hear for Bob Pegel, an award that is well deserved!—**Glenn McCarthy, LMSRF Past Commodore**

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## REARICK RECEIVES EILBERG AWARD

Michigan City Yacht Club member Dave Rearick completed a circumnavigation of the earth last year on his Open 40, *Bodacious Dream*. At the annual meeting of the Lake Michigan Singlehanded Society in January 2015, Rearick was recognized with the Ralph Eilberg Award for Outstanding Seamanship.

Eilberg was one of the Founding Fathers, Charter Member, and past President of the Great Lakes Singlehanded Society. Eilberg attended Pennsylvania State University and completed his Ph.D. studies there. While at Penn State, Eilberg was ranked as one of the top ten U.S. collegiate marathon runners. After college, Ralph continued to run; on his 50th birthday, he became an ultra-marathon runner by virtue of completing an 80 mile run! Eilberg was a professor of Biochemistry at the University of Detroit Dental School, and in addition to being a valued member of the staff, held various patents on biochemical items related to dentistry. Sailing was one of Eilberg's greatest loves, and he sailed extensively including a Bermuda round trip prior to moving to Michigan. After bringing his boat through the Erie Canal into the

Great Lakes, Eilberg could be found cruising the lakes every summer, and was a full time liveaboard on his boat in Gibraltar, Michigan. In addition to being one of the Founding Fathers of the Society, Eilberg



established the Port Huron to Chicago Solo Challenge in 1981. Eilberg completed the inaugural Challenge that year, and to this date it is the second longest freshwater solo sailing venue in the world (only the "Super Mac and Back" is longer). Tragically, Ralph was involved in an automobile accident in 1984 and was nearly killed. He was left incapacitated as a result of the accident and was unable to sail thereafter. In 1985, the Ralph Eilberg Award was established, largely through the efforts of GLSS member Phil LePage. One of Ralph's friends, Ralph Ridge, funded the construction of the trophy, and it was hand-built by LePage. The trophy is awarded only to those skippers who have demonstrated remarkable feats of seamanship upon the high seas world wide.

Rearick, in comments of thanks for the recognition, said, "It's an honor to be included with such notable names in Singlehanded Sailing as Steve Pettengil, Tim Kent and many others."

Rearick will be making a number of presentations about his experience sailing around the world. You may sign up for his e-newsletter to get notifications through this link: <http://eepurl.com/n6Re5>.

### COOL THINGS CLUBS ON LAKE MICHIGAN HAVE DONE

**Egg Harbor Yacht Club** had a Snowbird Gathering in Port Charlotte, Florida in February. One of their members invited those who were in the area to a luncheon. The members provided lemonade, a meal was ordered out, and members had the option to bring a supplemental dish. Who says all the club events must happen at the club? And, during winter? Not these guys!



--Get your club's fun events noted here. Send a report to *Lake Michigan SuRF* at [lmsrfadministration@lmsrf.org](mailto:lmsrfadministration@lmsrf.org).

### 2015 LAUNCH! CHICAGO SEA SCOUTS FUNDRAISING EVENT

You're invited to join the Chicago sailing and boating community on Friday, April 24, as we celebrate the start of the season at LAUNCH! the Chicago Sea Scouts annual Spring fundraising event. In addition to a memorable evening, you'll enjoy 360° views of the Chicago skyline and Lake Michigan aboard the historic Columbia Yacht Club Ship, *Abegweit*.



The Sea Scouts program teaches teamwork and leadership skills by providing hands-on experience through its sailing programs, which are supported entirely through the generous donations of the Chicago sailing community. Over 150 youth--girls and boys--participate in Chicago, sailing ships out of Montrose, Monroe and Jackson Park Harbors. Sea Scouts is a division of the Boy Scouts of America.

Kick off the season under the stars in support of the Chicago Sea Scouts! Get your tickets today through this link: <http://chicagoseascouts.com/>.

## FIND YOUR CLUB OF CHOICE – OPEN HOUSES

**Burnham Park Yacht Club**, Chicago, Illinois, is having three spring Open Houses for people to come visit the club, learn about their programs and membership: April 18, 2015, May 17, 2015 and June 20, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**South Shore Yacht Club**, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is planning already for its outreach to grow new sailors with a Neighborhood Open House for nearby residents to attend an Open House on March 29, 2015.

**Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club**, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, is offering a "Sponsor A Friend" membership for the winter/spring season through May. Friend Members may bring guests, participate in club events on a cash, check or credit card basis, and enjoy the club facility and its many features.

**Winthrop Harbor Yacht Club**, Winthrop Harbor, Illinois, welcomes guests the following dates: Storm the Docks, May 23, 6:00 to 12:00; Gen Z Dance Party, May 24, 6:00 to 12:00; Slip Holders' Luncheon, June 6, 11:30 to 2:00; BBQ in the Snow, April 18, 12:00 to 6:00; Kentucky Derby Party, May 2, 2:00 to 8:00; Welcome Back Party, May 16, 6:00 to 12:00; and Progressive Dinner, June 13, 6:00 to 12:00.

Contact these clubs for more information.

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## COLLINS HIRED AS NEW LAKE FOREST SAILING SUPERVISOR

**Jeffrey Wait, Superintendent of Special Facilities, City of Lake Forest**

City of Lake Forest Recreation Department has hired a new Sailing Supervisor, Morgan Collins. Collins has his Bachelor's degree in Psychology, Master's in Higher Education and has completed his course work for a Ph.D. in Applied Sociology and Education. He is a member of the National Faculty of US Sailing where he developed the small boat curriculum, is a Regional Training Coordinator and is chairperson of the Community Sailing Sanctioning Committee.

Collins brings has an impressive list of certifications with him. He is a Level 1 and 2 Instructor, Level 3 Coach, Level 1 Instructor Trainer, Level 2-3 Coach Trainer and is a Safety and Rescue Instructor Trainer. He has decades of coaching and administrative experience. He has coached for the University of Michigan, Columbia University, and University of California, Irvine. For the last 11 years he has served as Executive Director of Sail Sand Point in Seattle, Washington. At Sail Sand Point he created and delivered sailing programs for 1,700 youth and 200 adults, managed and scheduled a staff of 32, managed budgets in excess of half a million dollars, and oversaw the maintenance of a fleet of 134 watercraft.

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## MILWAUKEE LIGHTNING FLEET NEWS

**by Patrick McGuinness**

The Milwaukee Lightning Fleet recently had its winter meeting. They will be racing on Tuesday nights with 6:30 p.m. starts and a short course format with legs of approximately .5 miles. Double windward-leeward courses will be run with the hope of getting in two races per evening, weather permitting. No entry fees will be charged. One more spring meeting will be held in April before they start racing Tuesday, May 26.



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## LMSRF GRANTS-IN-AID RECIPIENT 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>.*

I can't tell you how thankful I am for the generous Grant from LMSRF. You guys have been so incredibly supportive and I am so grateful!! I have been waiting to book flights until the necessary funding came in, and this was it. :) Thank you so much. I promise to write back with regular reports and try to make LMSRF proud!

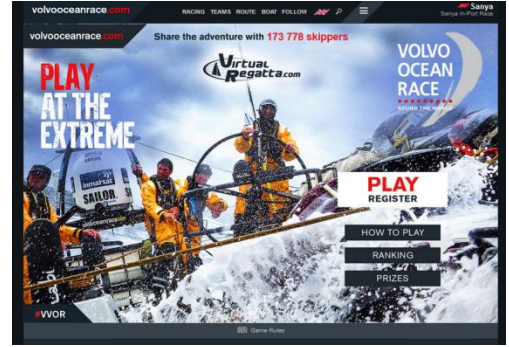
--Maggie Shea



## VIRTUAL VOLVO OCEAN RACERS – FINISH REPORTS!

by Gail M. Turluck

There is the Volvo Ocean Race that has seven VO 65s racing around the world with eight stops. Upcoming is a stop in Newport, Rhode Island in early May to which it is estimated a number of Lake Michigan sailors will be venturing over to see the boats, meet the teams, and learn more about the race and equipment. Learn more about the race at [www.volvoceanrace.com](http://www.volvoceanrace.com). Leg #4's first finisher, Mapfre, arrived in Auckland, New Zealand on Saturday, February 28, 2015, just after 2130.



There is a component to the race that is open to all, the Volvo Ocean Race Game. There are over 181,000 entries in the virtual race; new entries for following legs are accepted. Sailors can set the course for their boat and choose their sails. There are options to purchase upgrades for the boat and sails or you can race with the free version. It is fun to see how many of the upgrade rigged boats you can beat with a freebie. Leg 5 of the race will leave Auckland, New Zealand, on March 15 racing to Itajaí, Brazil. To register visit: <http://www.volvoceanrace.com/en/game.html>.

LMSRF Virtual Volvo Ocean Race Leg 3 Reports:

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26207.	Arcturus-27	Harold Beer	Corinthian
31310.	Pastel Cookies	BadgerSailor	Corinthian

We will do this for each Leg of the race game. Email your VOR Game boat name, your name, and your Leg 4 finish position to [lmsrfadministration@lmsrf.org](mailto:lmsrfadministration@lmsrf.org) now and after the finish of each leg! The highest finishing LMSRF member VOR Game entry will receive a special award for each leg.

Many more finish reports were viewed on social media but not reported. Share the fun in our newsmagazine. Send in your Leg 4 finishes as they are occurring now.

## SAIL CHICAGO A REAL SUCCESS AT STRICTLY SAIL SHOW

By Emma Lynch, Strictly Sail Show Coordinator

The newly combined Chicago Boat, RV & Strictly Sail Show brought nearly 50,000 visitors to McCormick Place January 14th-18th to check out the latest in boating equipment and services and learn more about sailing. This is the largest event of its kind in the Midwest, and thanks to our wonderful volunteers, Sail Chicago was well represented among the exhibitors. More than 40 Sail Chicago students and members generously donated their time to staff our booth and share their enthusiasm for sailing with newcomers and veteran sailors alike.



Sail Chicago's booth at the Chicago Boat, RV, and Strictly Sail Show. Photo credit: Sail Chicago.

Thank you to everyone who helped us out! Your efforts paid off as we have many new Chicago area residents signed up to learn more about the great instruction and racing programs available through Sail Chicago. We also had many former members stop by the booth to share stories about how they got their start in Sail Chicago and about the positive impact our organization has on the community.

## IT'S FROSTBITE SEASON-ALMOST!

As soon as the ice is out the small dinghies will be hitting the water. Skokie Lagoons and Belmont Harbor in the Chicago area for sure, where else? Let us know. Make your plans today!

## NEW LEGISLATION WOULD FIX RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD



New bipartisan legislation introduced February 4, 2015, would help ensure recreational boaters don't put unsafe fuel in their boats, according to Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS). Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA), with 30 co-sponsors introduced the [Renewable Fuel Standard Reform Act of 2015](#). BoatUS urges all boaters to contact their US Representative to support the bill. "The new bill would recognize the failure of the current Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) and its out of date ethanol-mandate, and make the necessary changes so there is a safe fuel for all gasoline powered engines," said BoatUS Government Affairs Program Manager Nicole Palya Wood.

According to Wood, "The RFS Reform Act acknowledges the reality of America's declining fuel consumption, allows for the investment in other more compatible biofuels, and erases the twisted math that forces more ethanol onto a marketplace that neither demands it, nor can physically absorb it at safe levels."

Currently, there are no marine engines in the US warrantied to run on any gasoline blend greater than 10% ethanol (E10). According to AAA, only about 12 million out of the more than 240 million light-duty vehicles on the roads today are approved to use E15 gasoline, based on a survey conducted by AAA of auto manufacturers. Any damage from the use of higher ethanol fuels (E15 or greater) in cars and trucks will void many manufacturers' warranties.

When the RFS was written in 2005, it assumed that Americans' gasoline use would continue to rise and mandated escalating amounts of biofuels to be blended with our fuel. However, since 2005, gasoline usage has actually dropped steadily. The unintended affect is now the law that forces more ethanol into the nation's gasoline supply, and to maintain adherence with the RFS rules, in 2010 the EPA permitted fuel containing up to 15% ethanol (E15) into the marketplace – a fuel many gasoline engines cannot use. It is illegal to use E15 in boat engines, snowmobiles, motorcycles, small engines such as lawnmowers and leaf blowers as well as any vehicle made before 2001. However, this fuel can now be found at over 100 gas stations in 16 states at the same pumps as E10 and ethanol-free gasoline.

The potential for misfueling is significant. In the US, nine out of every ten boaters own a trailerable boat that is most often filled up at a roadside gas station. Additionally, these higher blend ethanol fuels are often the cheapest fuels at the pump.

The new bill would cap the ethanol requirements at E10 (10 percent ethanol), would effectively prohibit the use of corn-based ethanol in the RFS, require more advanced biofuels and take into account actual, real-world production of biofuels when setting requirements.

## 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](mailto:lmsrfadministration@lmsrf.org).

**Sisters Under Sail**, Sailing Education Association of Sheboygan (SEAS) and the Sheboygan Yacht Club, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, March 4, 2015, 6:00 p.m. SEAS and Sheboygan Yacht Club are offering a scholarship for a young woman to join the Sisters Under Sail voyage on the tall ship *Denis Sullivan* this July 25-July 31. All hands on deck to spread the word about this great opportunity for empowering our young women! Dawn Santamaria will be speaking about the program Sisters Under Sail. This is a fundraising event featuring a guest speaker to benefit the program: <http://www.sistersundersail.org>.

**Basic Weather and Forecasting**, US Power Squadron, Chicago District 20; March 7, 2015, 10:00 am, Burnham Park Yacht Club, 1500 S. Lynn White Dr., Chicago, IL 60605. Contact: Mike Omeragic, 312.485.6145, [mizao79@yahoo.com](mailto:mizao79@yahoo.com), pre-register: [www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?S-5835](http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?S-5835).





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*This email communication has been approved by the executive committee of the Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club.*



**2015 North U Seminars** - 2015 LMSRF Members may claim a \$30 discount for 2015 North U Seminars. North U will be doing Tactics Seminars this season. The Great Lakes Region Schedule is:

Chicago	March 7	Indianapolis	March 14
Milwaukee	March 8	Boyne City	April 25

Registration and further information available at: [www.northu.com](http://www.northu.com). Thanks to Bill Gladstone for this special offer.



**America's Boating Course** – US Power Squadron: Chicago District, March 7, 2015, 9:00 am, Standard Bank and Trust Company, 1 W. Roosevelt Road, Villa Park, IL 60181. Contact: Richard N. Spurr, 630.279.0639, [spurrboat@comcast.net](mailto:spurrboat@comcast.net), pre-register: [www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?-15542](http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?-15542).

**Coastal Navigation 501** – a US Sailing certified course, is an essential tool for any mariner. Chicago Sailing Classroom, 3161 N. Elston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, March 10 and 24, 6-10pm (exam TBD). Not only will it make one an accomplished navigator, this comprehensive course will inspire an unmatched level of on-water confidence. Most of all, it is readily achievable and fun. There are no pre-requisites and all boaters are welcome, power or sail. Instructor: Alan Veenstra, US Sailing Certified Instructor and 100 ton Master. Register: <http://www.chicagosailing.com/learning-to-sail/coastal-navigation-501/>.

**America's Boating Course** – US Power Squadron: Marinette-Menominee District, March 12, 2015, Nestegg Marine, 300 Wells Street, Marinette, WI 54143. Contact: Jon N. Kukuk, JN, 715.732.4160, [jon@nesteggmarine.com](mailto:jon@nesteggmarine.com), pre-register: [www.usps.org/php/jgibson/find\\_sqdn/new\\_course\\_gen.php?type=A12&squad\\_no=3140&](http://www.usps.org/php/jgibson/find_sqdn/new_course_gen.php?type=A12&squad_no=3140&).

**Spring Thaw Open House 2015** - Torresen Marine's 35th Annual Spring Thaw Open House is the perfect kick off for the spring season! Join us on Saturday, March 14th, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a day full of fun, educational seminars, manufacturer representatives, new products, refreshments, special pricing and door prizes. Sign up for our Spring Seminar series while you are here. The Torresen Marine service team will be on hand to help plan your spring work. Spring Thaw Seminars: Engine & Generator Maintenance by Tom Sutherland of Westerbeke Corporation, All About Sails for Cruisers by Jason Massaroni of Quantum Sail Design Group; Making Lake Michigan Great Tour by Janet Vail of Annis Water Resources Institute Grand Valley State University Lake Michigan Center; Solo Sailing On The Great Lakes by Ken Verhaeren & Rick McLaren of the Great Lakes Singlehanded Society; and more.

**Great Lakes Singlehanded Society Safety Seminars**--Join GLSS volunteers as they journey around the Great Lakes to encourage safe sailing.

March 14 - Torresen Marine, 3003 Lakeshore Drive, Muskegon, MI 49441  
 March 21 - Larsen Marine, 625 Sea Horse Drive, Waukegan, IL 60085  
 March 28 - Crowley's Yacht Yard, Lakeside, 3434 East 95th Street, Chicago, IL 60617

**Great Lakes Weather Seminar** - South Shore Yacht Club, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, March 15, 2015. This will be offered at a discount for those attending the Safety at Sea seminar. It is open to anyone. Great Lakes Wind Forecasting only - \$60, Safety at Sea only - \$165, both events combo - \$215. REGISTER NOW: [http://www.ssysc.org/safety-at-sea-registration?acm=2911\\_382](http://www.ssysc.org/safety-at-sea-registration?acm=2911_382).

**Anchoring** - Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron District 9, March 18, 2015, 7:00 pm, West Marine, 3500 Marketplace Circle, Traverse City, MI 49686. Contact: David Jeffrey Terrell, 231.938.2521, [dterrell1@charter.net](mailto:dterrell1@charter.net), pre-register: [www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?S-5893](http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?S-5893).

**Atomic 4 & Gas Inboards Spring Seminar** – Torresen Marine Ship's Store, 3003 Lakeshore Drive, Muskegon, Michigan, March 21, 1:00 pm, with Jeff Senf. While admission is free, seating is limited, please pre-register for the event.

**America's Boating Course** – Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron, March 21 & 28 8:30am - 12:30pm. Grand Traverse Yacht Club. Contact: David Terrell 231.938.2521, pre-register: <http://usps.org/localusps/qtbay>.



**Cruising Spinnakers** – Torresen Marine Ship's Store, 3003 Lakeshore Drive, Muskegon, Michigan, March 21, 1:00 pm, with John Schumacher. While admission is free, seating is limited, please pre-register for the event.

**Yachtapalooza** - Crowley's Yacht Yard, 3434 East 95th Street, Chicago, Illinois, March 28, from 9:00 to 3:00. Enjoy a day of free seminars, entertainment, and a great sale. This year's event will feature IACC 80 America's Cup boats from Next Level Sailing Chicago, a model boat regatta, drones, Redmoon Theatre, The Tamale Spaceship, you can fire off your old flares, and watch us break stuff with our new hydraulic rigging tester. Don't miss it.

**Emergencies on Board** – Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron District 9, April 8, 2015, 7:00 pm, West Marine, 3500 Marketplace Circle, Traverse City, MI 49686. Contact: David Jeffrey Terrell, 231.938.2521, dterrell1@charter.net, pre-register: <http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?S-5895>.

**Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club Crew School**, Chicago, Illinois, runs Wednesdays, April 8-May 6, plus May 13 "tune-up" race before the summer Beer Can series starts. Learn the duties of a crew member to get started with sailboat racing. New this year will be guest presenters and hands on equipment demos. They offer an early registration discount available until March 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information visit: [https://www.facebook.com/events/775255812542737/?ref\\_newsfeed\\_story\\_type=regular](https://www.facebook.com/events/775255812542737/?ref_newsfeed_story_type=regular).

**Boating Course** – Muskegon Sail & Power Squadron, Saturday, April 11, 2015, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., a free boating course on at the *USS Silversides* Submarine Museum in Muskegon, Michigan. The course includes four lessons. It is free to monitor the course. If you wish to write and pass an exam, approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Law Enforcement Division, you will receive a DNR Boating Safety Certificate and a certificate from the United States Sail and Power Squadrons. There is a \$15 fee for administrating the exam and registering your certificate with the State of Michigan. If you wish to purchase a package that includes the exam and the following United States Power Squadron material, 240 page book, a CD with the course material and a CD of charts, the charge is \$45.00. If you would like to register or get more information, please call 231-755-3476.

**Small Diesel Engines** – Torresen Marine Ship's Store, 3003 Lakeshore Drive, Muskegon, Michigan, March 21, 1:00 pm, with Jeff Senf. While admission is free, seating is limited, please pre-register for the event.

**America's Boating Course** – US Power Squadron: Grand Rapids District 9, April 13, 2015, 7:00 pm, Rockford High School Freshmen Center, 4500 Kroes St., Rockford, MI 49341. Contact: Randall L. Jones, 616.340.9303, [seo@grsps.org](mailto:seo@grsps.org), pre-register: [www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?-15742](http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?-15742).

**America's Boating Course** – US Power Squadron: Chicago District 20, April 14, 2015, 7:00 pm, Cook County Farm Bureau, 6438 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL 60525. Contact: John DeLuca, 708.205.3550, [jdeluca487@comcast.net](mailto:jdeluca487@comcast.net), preregister: <http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?-15542>.

**America's Boating Course** – US Power Squadron: Grand Rapids District 9, April 14, 2015, 7:00 pm, West Marine, 2975 28<sup>th</sup> St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512. Contact: Randall L. Jones, 616.340.9303, [seo@grsps.org](mailto:seo@grsps.org), pre-register: [www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?-14674](http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?-14674).

**Piloting** (Advanced) - US Power Squadron: Chicago District 20, April 18, 2015, 10:00 am, Columbia Yacht Club, 111 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60601. Contact: Craig Wieneke, 773.281.4169, [craigwieneke@hotmail.com](mailto:craigwieneke@hotmail.com), pre-register: [www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?L-12736](http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?L-12736).

**The Chicago Maritime Festival**, Chicago, Illinois, Saturday, April 18, 2015, Daytime activities: 10:00 am to 5:30 pm; Concert for Kids and Families 2:30 pm. Evening Concert: 7:00 pm-Old Town School of Folk Music, 4545 N. Lincoln Avenue, The Grafton Pub, 4530 N. Lincoln Avenue, CONTACT: 773-575-7244; WEBSITE: [www.chicagomaritimefestival.org](http://www.chicagomaritimefestival.org); Tickets: [www.oldtownschool.org/concerts](http://www.oldtownschool.org/concerts).



**America's Boating Course** – Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron, April 25 & May 2, 8:30am - 12:30pm. Grand Traverse Yacht Club will host. Contact: David Terrell, 231.938.2521, pre-register: <http://usps.org/localusps/gtbay>.

**Race Committee 101 Seminar** - Jackson Park Yacht Club, 6400 Promontory Point, Chicago, IL, Saturday, May 2, 2015, 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Janet Hansen and Olof Andersson will present. A classroom session in the morning and an on-the-water session in the afternoon is planned. It is open to members from any of the member clubs involved in LMSRF Area III.

**2015 Midwest Women's Sailing Conference** - The Midwest Women's Sailing Conference is set for May 16, 2015, hosted out of the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center, 1450 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Katie Pettibone is the Keynote Speaker for 2015. Bring a friend, your daughter, your crew. [info@womenssailing.org](mailto:info@womenssailing.org), 414.530.6528.



**Using VHF/DSC Marine Radio** - Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron District 9, May 20, 2015, 7:00 pm, West Marine, 3500 Marketplace Circle, Traverse City, MI 49686. Contact: David Jeffrey Terrell, 231.938.2521, [dterrell1@charter.net](mailto:dterrell1@charter.net), pre-register: [www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?S-5898](http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?S-5898).

**Practical on the Water Training**, US Power Squadron Chicago District 20, May 30, 2015, 9:00 am, Hammond Marina, 701 Casino Center Drive, Hammond, IN 46320. Contact: Richard N. Spurr, 630.279.0639, [spurrboat@comcast.net](mailto:spurrboat@comcast.net), pre-register: [www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?S-5755](http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?S-5755).

**America's Boating Course** – US Power Squadron: Milwaukee District, May 30, 2015, 7:00 pm. Franklin High School, 8222 S. 51st Street, Franklin, WI 53132. Contact: Thaddeus M. Smyczek, SN, 262.786.2599, [tmsmyczek@netzero.net](mailto:tmsmyczek@netzero.net), pre-register: [http://www.usps.org/php/igibson/find\\_sqdn/new\\_course\\_gen.php?type=A08&squad\\_no=3390&csid=15608](http://www.usps.org/php/igibson/find_sqdn/new_course_gen.php?type=A08&squad_no=3390&csid=15608).

**America's Boating Course** – US Power Squadron: Chicago District, June 1, 2015, 7:00 pm, Columbia Yacht Club, 111 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60601. Contact: Dennis R. McNamara, 773.744.2277, [mackinstructor@gmail.com](mailto:mackinstructor@gmail.com). Preregister: <http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?-15543>.

**Boater Safety class** - The Leelanau County, Michigan, Sheriff's Marine Patrol will offer free Boater Safety classes for boaters who will be 12 years of age or older by the end of the boating season. Classes will be held on:

June 16, 17, 18 at Leelanau County Law Enforcement Center, EOC

July 7, 8, 9 at the Glen Lake Yacht Club

July 14, 15, 16 at the Leelanau County Law Enforcement Center, EOC

All classes start at 9am and conclude at 12pm. Participants must attend all three days in the course sequence and pass a test to receive a certificate. For more information go to

<http://leelanausheriff.blogspot.com/p/new-patrol-vehicles-on-way.html>.

**Man Overboard** - Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron District 9, June 17, 2015, 7:00 pm, West Marine, 3500 Marketplace Circle, Traverse City, MI 49686. Contact: David Jeffrey Terrell, 231.938.2521, [dterrell1@charter.net](mailto:dterrell1@charter.net), pre-register: [www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?S-5900](http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?S-5900).

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I read Glenn McCarthy's article "Message to the Audience" last issue and I could not agree more! Well written and spot-on.

--**Cole Arntzen, Owner S/V Nymphaea, Wauqueiz Pretorien**

From Scuttlebutt: I am the Vice President of Marketing and Communications at National Marine Manufacturers Association and saw your recent piece about PR coverage for the 2015 Chicago Boat, RV & Strictly Sail Show. I'd like to shed some light on NMMA's PR efforts and provide you with background on our efforts to generate positive awareness for recreational boating.



One of the core objectives of NMMA's communications and PR efforts is to educate consumer media on the accessibility of recreational boating while building positive awareness for our industry. In fact, the statistics you cite at the beginning of your article are from an infographic we created for press, which was shared with media far and wide and pitched to them in conversations as we worked to secure press coverage for the show. It was our priority during the newly merged Chicago Boat, RV & Strictly Sail Show to educate media throughout Chicagoland and point them toward power boats and sailboats of all price points while honing in on the message that there's a boat for every budget and lifestyle—boating can be enjoyed by anyone with an interest in getting on the water. What's more, a primary objective of our PR efforts surrounding boat shows specifically, is to drive people to the boat show.

During the Frank Mathie piece you reference, and every media segment that aired from the show, we promoted accessibility and showcased a variety of boats and options. Frank Mathie in particular spent extensive time speaking with a representative from the ASA talking about the sailing simulator, sailing education and accessibility, unfortunately, in editing, media have the final say and that clip was cut and only aired shortly in the beginning.

As a journalist, you are likely intimately familiar with the relationship between media and PR professionals. A PR professional can inform a journalist with facts but it is the journalist who determines the story. In this instance, the producer edited the segment as they desired. And, while larger boats were shown, this segment helped to create interest and attendance. Unfortunately, as often as we point media towards more affordable boats and provide accessibility messages, it doesn't always make it on air, in print, or online. The more expensive 'eye candy' has mass consumer appeal, which is what many TV producers want for better ratings—and they have the final say.

While some of our messaging was edited out, here are a few examples of what did air –this WGN segment (<http://wgntv.com/2015/01/08/midday-fix-chicago-boat-rv-and-strictly-sail-show/>) featuring two small sailboats brought in-studio from the Chicago Yacht Club & Burnham Park Yacht Club. Another clip was this one with CBS clip with Vince Gerasole on the sailing simulator, talking with ASA, which you can watch here ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KdAzCn\\_8Kdo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KdAzCn_8Kdo)). And there are many more than these two. We were able to work with media throughout the Chicagoland area to secure more than 50 news items, all of which portray the various aspects of the show and help create excitement and interest. I'd be happy to share more of these with you if you're interested.

I hope this provides some background on our efforts to attract people to the show and to educate the public on the accessibility and fun of boating. We appreciate your work in spreading positive awareness for boating and hope to see you at the show next year.

Thank you for your dedication to growing our industry.

**--Ellen Hopkins**

From Scuttlebutt: Regarding Glenn McCarthy's article "Message to the Audience," as long as the sailboat manufacturing industry is focused on the next quarter or year of moving product, sailing will struggle to get away from the dock. I plead with all of you to think about building the pyramid and supporting/focusing on the base for a period of time – smaller boats, sailing clubs and community sailing centers - to bust the public's preconception that sailing is only for rich people. There is a tipping point for sailing's popularity like there is for everything else. Once sailing is seen as possible for most of us and not snooty or exclusive, its inherent value as a life activity will shine through. As long as local reporters are allowed to focus on a \$969K boat and there's nothing newsworthy to offer as an alternative, we will be a VERY niche sport.

**--Rich Jepsen, Chair, US Sailing Training Committee**

I read the full newsletter and really enjoyed it. You are doing an amazing job.

**--Mary McCarthy**

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](mailto:lmsrfadministration@lmsrf.org).



**HEARD ON THE RAIL ... (Tattle On Your Friends!)****New Boats & Owners on Lake Michigan**

Congratulations to Bryon Ehrhart from Chicago, Illinois, who recently acquired the Reichel Pugh 63, *Lucky* (nee *Loki*), being added to the Etchells also named *Lucky*. Early plans keep her in Europe through at least 2016.

**New Sailor!**

Babies ... we love babies!! Share your good news here.

**Sailed off to a Last Sunset**

🚩 Catherine Murphy Hoag ("Cathy"), age 68, died peacefully in her sleep on Sunday, November 30, 2014 at home in Deerfield, Illinois. She was born in Manitowoc, Wisconsin in 1946 to the late Frank A. and Helen (Brady) Murphy. Cathy attended Emma Willard School in Troy, New York for high school, graduating in 1965, followed by the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisconsin. She later enrolled in the Katharine Gibbs School in New York, New York, and worked as a secretary for advertising firm Wells, Rich, Greene in New York upon graduation. She later worked for CBS in Chicago. It was in Chicago that she met her husband, William D. Hoag ("Bill"). They married in 1973. Cathy was loved by multiple generations for her wry sense of humor, and much of that humor involved laughing at herself. As much as she could be the life of the party, she was a trusted confidante and an invaluable friend to many, particularly her husband and three children. She was the type of mom whose kids tried every trick in the book to stay home sick from school, just to spend extra time with her. She spent a great deal of time volunteering for a diverse range of organizations. In recent years her health declined as she encountered a formidable opponent in the form of interstitial lung disease. Cathy boldly chose the path that would allow her the greatest chance of returning to her former feisty self, despite the rigors that it would pose in terms of both preparation and recovery. She courageously – and successfully – underwent double lung transplant surgery in October 2014. With two healthy lungs, she looked forward to once again taking walks in her beloved Door County, traveling with her husband, and chasing her grandchildren. A variety of health conditions post-surgery shortened her adventures; however, her courage and zest for life have left an indelible impression on those fortunate to have known her. She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Bill, and their children: Betsy (husband Pete Travnicek; children Max, Miles and Murphy), Maggie (husband Adrian Cockerill) and Willie (wife Kristy; children Calvin and Penelope), as well as sisters Sally Morris and Anne West, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date to take place this summer in Door County, Wisconsin. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Peninsula School of Art, P.O. Box 304 3900 County F, Fish Creek, WI 54212 would be graciously accepted.



🚩 Arvid W. "Arv" Munson, 81, of Fish Creek, Wisconsin, was born August 22, 1933 to Arvid and Alice Munson, and passed away on November 14, 2014 at home with family by his side. He was a kind and gentle husband to his wife Lola, father to Linea (Mark) Edwards and Menina (Mike) Ferguson and grandfather to Katie, Ashley, Kelley and Carolyn. This year marked 60 years of marriage with a family reunion arranged by his daughters at a lodge in Missouri. He loved Door County and became a committed volunteer. He served on the board of Help of Door County and the Door County Community Foundation. He was the recipient of the Hawthorn award and the Butternut award for his involvement in The Clearing. He also served on the Ephraim Gibraltar Airport Commission and was a past Commodore of the Ephraim Yacht Club. Arvid received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Iowa State University and went on to get his Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University after serving over five years in the Army. His career was spent as president of laboratories that tested pharmaceuticals and cosmetics in the United States and Europe. In addition to his wife, daughters and granddaughters, he is survived by his sister Carolyn (Jerry) Berkstresser, brother-in-law Guy (Dorie) Bush, and many nieces and nephews. There will be a gathering this summer in his memory.

🚩 Sallie J. Heidler, 79, of Sister Bay, Wisconsin, formerly of Oak Brook, Illinois died peacefully in her beloved Door County home on November 4, 2014. Sallie was born May 15, 1935 in East McKeesport, Pennsylvania, and was the daughter of the late William and Elizabeth (Betty) Ferguson. Sallie was the

beloved wife of Frank Joseph Heidler III for almost 57 years. She graduated with a BS in Bacteriology from DePauw University. She was an active member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and Ephraim Yacht Club. Sallie was an avid tennis player. Her love of the game was only superseded by her love of having her family nearby. Summer was her favorite time of year, as she had all of her children and grandchildren around her in Door County. She was also active in the Hinsdale Humane Society, and the Door County Kappa Kappa Gamma alumni group. Sallie is survived by her husband Frank, sons Skip Heidler (Debby) of Hinsdale, IL, Scott Heidler (Amy) of Lisle, IL, daughter Betsy Steele (Jeff) of Kenilworth, IL, sister Anne Davin (Bill) of Tryon, NC and grandchildren Lindsey Mazeika (Jason), Kendra Steele, Amanda Steele, Kaela Steele, Gretchen Steele, William Heidler, Bradley Heidler, Woody Heidler and Erica Heidler. Services have been held. Memorial donations may be made to Unity Hospice Care <https://unityhospice.org/donations> or the Kappa Kappa Gamma scholarship fund through <https://www.kappakappagamma.org/idonatc/ifund>.

▲ Gerald J. "Jerry" Schmid of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, went home to the Lord on September 25, 2014, at the age of 66 years. Beloved husband of Phyllis for 45 years. Schmid was a Life Member of South Shore Yacht Club. Loving father of Nicole (Nicholas) Thiel and Bradley Schmid. Special grandpa of Elyse and Leland. Dear brother of Sharon (Arlin) Kittel, Emily (David) Schwartzman, James (Sue) Schmid and the late Jeanette Erdmann. Brother-in-law William Erdmann. Further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Services have been held. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the family appreciated.

## MATCH RACE NEWS

### 2015 RICHARDSON TROPHY SCHEDULED

The 2015 Yacht Racing Union of the Great Lakes Richardson Trophy Regatta has been scheduled for October 1-4, at Sail Sheboygan, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, in Sonars. It is anticipated the regatta will be a Grade 3 Match Race event.

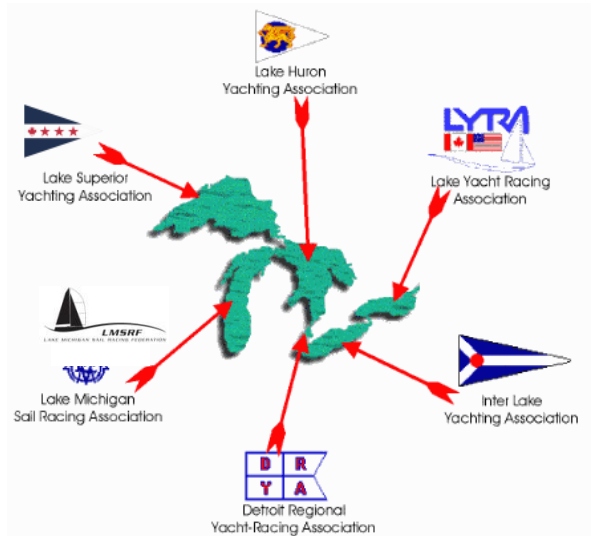
Ten skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the Organizing Authority will be eligible to enter this event. Skippers and crews will be invited from the participating clubs of the YRUGL as determined by each of the Regional Associations (Lake Superior Yachting Association, Lake Huron Yachting Association, Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation, Detroit River Yachting Association, Inter-Lake Yachting Association and Lake Yacht Racing Association).

Complete information regarding the Richardson Trophy championship is available in the Notice of Race:

<http://lmsrf.org/images/stories/docs/MatchRacing/2015RichardsonNoR.pdf>. The Richardson Trophy NOR is also available on the LMSRF web page [www.lmsrf.org](http://www.lmsrf.org) > Offshore Championships > LMSRF Match Championship.

LMSRF's Match Race Championship to qualify our sailors is being held as part of the Chicago Match Race Center's Grade 3 Spring Invitational, May 30-31, 2015. More information on that event is below and at [www.chicagomatchrace.org](http://www.chicagomatchrace.org).

If you wish to be invited, contact your YRUGL Member Lake Association for more information. LMSRF's YRUGL Delegate is Gary Hendrickson, 847.800.1380, [yruigdelegate@lmsrf.org](mailto:yruigdelegate@lmsrf.org).



## CHICAGO MATCH RACE CENTER 2015 SEASON SCHEDULE

The seventh season of world-class match racing will continue at the Chicago Match Race Center this summer, with six regattas and a series of clinics. These events will offer a wide variety of options to the competitive sailor at all levels - beginner, intermediate or advanced - in a unique, full-service environment that offers complete support for all on-water activities, as well as logistical assistance for visiting teams.

All events will be held from the Chicago Match Race Center's home base in Belmont Harbor, Chicago, Illinois, and feature Chicago Match Race Center's signature turn-key service, where the fleet of eight TOM 28 class keelboats are prepared and ready to race. The close proximity of the racecourse area means no time is wasted and lots of racing can be packed into the daily schedule.

The center's two-story, 70-foot houseboat provides on-water support while racing as a mobile regatta headquarters where teams can rest between rotations, get re-fueled with catered meals, entertain sponsors, guests and media, catch up on the wi-fi and watch the races from the upper deck.

The Chicago Match Race Center's staff is also composed of competitive match racers, so competitors' needs are anticipated and met in a fast and responsive manner to keep their focus on sailing. It's no wonder that since its founding in 2009, Chicago Match Race Center has produced the top-ranked talent in both Open and Women's match racing for both the US and the world.



Over May 30-31, CMRC's first event of the season will be the Grade 3 Spring Invitational, with a total of ten teams invited. The highest eligible finishers will be awarded invitations to the US Sailing Match Racing Championship in October; the US Sailing Women's Match Racing Championship in August; the Oakcliff International Grand Slam Grade 2 in August; and as it serves as the Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation Match Race Championship offering two invitations to the 2015 Richardson Trophy.

Grade 2 match racing will be featured over June 19-21 at the Chicago Match Cup Grand Slam Qualifier, where 12 teams will compete for an invitation to two events in the US Grand Slam Series: the Manhasset Bay Match Race for the Knickerbocker Cup Grand Slam in early August and the Chicago Match Cup Grand Slam later in the same month. Qualifiers to this event include the winner from the California Dreamin' Series and the Hardy Cup in Australia.

To help build the match racing talent of the future, Dave Perry will coach the North-U Youth Clinic co-hosted with Chicago Yacht Club over June 23-26, where 40 invitations are issued to sailors 15-22 years old.



In July CMRC will host the season's only doubleheader Grade 3 event, with the two-day Summer Invitational A and B regattas held consecutively over July 23-26th. Each will have 10 teams invited and the team with the best combined score from both will receive an invitation to the Chicago Match Cup Grand Slam in late August.

August will feature the Grade 2 Chicago Match Cup Grand Slam, where 12 international teams will square off against each other August 21-23 to earn valuable points in the four-event Grand Slam series being held in New York, Detroit and Chicago. The team with the top points will receive an invitation to the oldest match racing event in the United States, the 2016 Congressional Cup in Long Beach. Three invitations to the Chicago Grand Slam will come from winners of the Oakcliff Better Chip Match Grade 3 regatta in May, the CMRC Chicago Match Cup Grand Slam Qualifier in June, and the CMRC Summer Double-header in July.

The final CMRC season event will be the Grade 3 Autumn Invitational, held over September 12-13, with 10 teams invited based on ranking and resume.

A three-tier entry system will be used once again this year, where the entry levels and services provided vary according to the needs of the teams. Level A features the full-range of Chicago Match Race Center concierge services: Chicago Match Race Center out-of-town membership, pre-event boat charters and coaching, assistance with travel logistics and assistance arranging custom team gear and photos. Any team with paid crew members will be required to pay Level A entry fees. Level B fees are discounted for Corinthian teams with a skipper over 28 years of age, and Level C fees are discounted even more to encourage the participation of Corinthian teams with skippers under age 28.

"We are excited to offer another great season of match racing to our Chicago Match Race Center Members and visiting teams," said Maggie Shea, Sailing Director at Chicago Match Race Center. "We also want to encourage teams that are new to match racing or want to use match racing as a training tool for competitive fleet and team racing to come out and give this a try."

For more information on entries, contact [invites@chicagomatchrace.com](mailto:invites@chicagomatchrace.com). Requests for Invitation can be found on the Chicago Match Race Center web site at [www.chicagomatchrace.com/events](http://www.chicagomatchrace.com/events).

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## **US GRAND SLAM GRADE 2 MATCH RACING SERIES IN AUGUST**

The 2015 US Grand Slam Series will take place in month of August, 2015, beginning a couple weeks earlier and in a different order than previous years. The Manhasset Bay Yacht Club, Bayview Yacht Club, Chicago Match Race Center, and Oakcliff Sailing organizers are pleased to announce that Requests for Invitation are being accepted now and all venues anticipate high demand.

### 2015 Grand Slam Racing Dates

Manhasset Bay Match Race for the Knickerbocker Cup - August 6-9

Oakcliff International - August 13-16

Chicago Match Cup Grand Slam - August 21-23

Detroit Cup - August 27-30

This premier ISAF Grade 2 series attracts top talent from the US and around the world, and has been an important stepping-stone for amateur skippers to reach the top. Previous winners of the series have subsequently earned World Match Racing Tour Cards and launched highly successful campaigns, such as Taylor Canfield's *US One* Sailing Team who won the Grand Slam Series in 2012 and then went on to win the World Match Racing Tour (WMRT) in 2013.

As in previous years, this year's winner of the overall series will receive an invitation to the 2016 edition of Long Beach Yacht Club's WMRT Congressional Cup.

Manhasset Bay Match Race for the Knickerbocker Cup to be sailed in Sonars this year at Manhasset Bay Yacht Club - The Manhasset Bay Match Race for the Knickerbocker Cup will be the lead event in this year's series held over August 6-9, on the north shore of Long Island, New York. The event will be sailed in



equally-matched Sonar class boats with four crew members. Prizes include a total prize money purse of \$12,000 and an invitation to the 2015 WMRT Bermuda Gold Cup.

Oakcliff International - Oakcliff Sailing will host the Oakcliff International, which will also offer prize money with a total purse of \$10,000. The event will be sailed in Oakcliff Sailing's fleet of Match 40's, the largest keelboat on the match racing circuit, with crews of five or six. Racing here will be held over August 13-16, a few miles east of Manhasset Bay at Oakcliff Sailing's base in Oyster Bay, New York.

Chicago Match Cup Grand Slam - Chicago Match Race Center on Lake Michigan for the Chicago Match Cup Grand Slam. Racing will be held over August 21-23, in the Chicago Match Race Center's Tom 28's with crews of four or five battling each other on courses set close to the shoreline of Lakeview, Chicago.

The fourth and final stop on the US Grand Slam will find the competition will migrate to Detroit, Michigan, for Bayview Yacht Club's Detroit Cup held over August 27-30. The crew size will reduce even further to teams of three or four in Bayview's fleet of Ultimate 20's. Courses will be set on the Detroit River within easy spectator viewing from the Club.

Teams seeking an invitation to the US Grand Slam series or to individual events, there are several qualifiers that can be found in the Notice of Series (<http://tinyurl.com/2015USGSGGrandSlamNOR>). Organizers of each event will also consider requests for invitation based on a team's ISAF ranking and region of origin. Four successive Grade 2 events in a single month makes travel easy and is a great opportunity for skippers to earn valuable ranking points, which is why this series is a favorite for many top-ranked skippers and their teams from overseas.

"We're extremely pleased with the interest and turnout in the US Grand Slam over the past four years," said Dave Perry, Chairman of the US Sailing Match Racing Committee. "We are fortunate to have been able to move the entire series into a month where there are fewer conflicts and more opportunities for our sailors and teams. I expect this fifth year will be another great one for the US Grand Slam, with the best in the U.S. meeting some of the best in the world in one great series."

For results and more information on the US GRAND SLAM, download the Notice of Series or visit the series website at [www.usamatchracing.com/2015](http://www.usamatchracing.com/2015).

#### US GRAND SLAM EVENT CONTACT INFO

Knickerbocker Cup: [www.knickerbockercup.org](http://www.knickerbockercup.org) - contact: [kcup@manhassetbayyc.com](mailto:kcup@manhassetbayyc.com).

Oakcliff International: [www.oakcliffsailing.org/calendar](http://www.oakcliffsailing.org/calendar) - contact: [bsimon@oakcliffsailing.org](mailto:bsimon@oakcliffsailing.org).

Chicago Match Cup: [www.chicagomatchrace.com/events](http://www.chicagomatchrace.com/events) - contact: [maggie@chicagomatchrace.com](mailto:maggie@chicagomatchrace.com).

Detroit Cup: [www.detroitcup.com](http://www.detroitcup.com) - contact: [thedetroitcup@byc.com](mailto:thedetroitcup@byc.com).

## YOUTH SAILING NEWS

### **SERVES AND SAILS--America's only Sailing and Tennis Camp**

This is the summer to launch your 10-16 year old child into two sports that they will enjoy for the rest of their lives, sailing and tennis. In just one awesome week at Serves & Sails camp, your child will acquire the fundamentals of tennis and sailing to the level of competent, independent enjoyment.

Serves and Sails Camp is a comprehensive learning experience, taught by professional instructors. The morning tennis session begins with group stretching and warm-ups, followed by tennis fundamentals and stroke development. Within 1 week, your tennis star will master basic tennis strokes, scoring, and beginner match play.

After a supervised lunch at "The Shack" next to the tennis courts, campers enjoy a 10 minute chaperoned walk in the park to Chicago Sailing for their afternoon of certified, on-the-water sailing instruction. Sailing skills are taught, practiced, and repeated until your sailor knows all boating fundamentals, including:

sailing terms, points of sail, boating safety, tacking/gybing, and docking. In just one week campers will master the basic skills needed to operate a modern 22' keelboat on Lake Michigan in controlled conditions.

Serves and Sails Camp sessions: June 8 through August 28, 2015, 8:45am- 4pm; at Waveland Park/North Belmont Harbor, Cost is \$730.00, includes J/22 sailboat time, Court time, professional instruction, lifejackets and US Sailing Basic Keelboat text. Register--ensure your first choice of dates at <http://servesandsails.com/>. Providers: Chicago Sailing, Inc. and Tennis in the Park

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2015 marks Tennis on the Lake's 14th season of offering quality tennis programs in Chicago. Our mission is to encourage fitness, sense of community, and a lifetime of tennis passion! Participants develop fundamentally correct technique, training exercises, and playing strategies in a FUN, ACTIVE AND CREATIVE environment. [www.tennisonthelake.com](http://www.tennisonthelake.com), 773.278.8877.

## **LITTLE TRAVERSE SAILORS SET 2015 SEASON PLANS**

Although for most of us it is cold and snowy outside, we hope you're looking forward as much as we are to another terrific summer of sailing in Harbor Springs, Michigan. Your friends at Little Traverse Sailors—under the leadership of our Director Dan Thompson—have been hard at work this winter planning for the fun and excitement that is Sail School. As we approach our 54th summer, the 2015 LTS Staff has been hired and we are all eagerly awaiting our opening day: June 15, 2015!

Our Summer 2015 dates have been set: we will run the program on weekdays for nine weeks, from June 15 through August 14. We will offer Morning (10:00am - 12:45pm) and Afternoon (1:15pm - 4:00pm) sessions each week. New for 2015 is a discounted All-Day session (10:00am - 4:00pm - lunch break 12:45-1:15) to encourage even more sailing, fun, and learning. See our website for more information: [www.littletraversesailors.org](http://www.littletraversesailors.org).

Also new for 2015 are substantial discounts for multi-week students. The mission of LTS is to build lifelong sailors in a safe and fun environment, and we have found that a key component to success is simply more time on the water enjoying sailing. To support our students and families who want to spend more of their summer with us, LTS will be offering discounts that increase as more weeks are added.

Of course, even though the costs will drop, the fun and excitement of LTS will not. The program we know and love will return better than ever. Point Day on Wednesday! Registration for the Summer 2015 season of LTS will open by mid-March. Look for further announcements by email and on our website!

The classic LTS program returns for summer 2015 better than ever. Under Dan Thompson's leadership, the 2015 LTS Staff—all veterans of the LTS program—has great plans to make the LTS learning experience even more fun, while enhancing learning and safety. Some highlights include:

- ▲ More "tiller time" for all students, an increased emphasis on sailors "learning-by-doing;"
- ▲ Enhanced coaching and teaching from trained staff members;
- ▲ Fun and exciting new on the water activities;
- ▲ The addition of six 420s—the world's most popular two-person junior training boat—into the program;
- ▲ Updates to the LTS "Skill Sheets;"
- ▲ A revised daily schedule that means more time on the water for all sailors.

Little Traverse Sailors is excited to announce its race team programs for Summer 2015. This summer LTS is offering two Race Teams, the LTS Race Team and the LTS Junior Race Team.



Entering its second summer is the LTS Race Team. Race Team is for sailors age 13-18 who wish to grow as sailors and build their racing skills. The team trains on Lasers, 420's, J/70s, and a variety of bigger boats. To find out more about the Race Team follow this link: <http://littletraversesailors.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e0c20e6b8d5a257a059d7a69c&id=34694a0669&e=d86fc98527>.

Starting its first summer is the LTS Junior Race Team, for sailors 10 and over. The LTS Junior Race Team offers the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of sailboat racing in a low-key and fun environment, and to discover if racing is something they are interested in. The team trains on Bugs and 420s. To find out more about the Junior Race Team follow this link: <http://littletraversesailors.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e0c20e6b8d5a257a059d7a69c&id=a77b2203eb&e=d86fc98527>.

If you have any questions about any LTS programs, please feel free to contact Dan Thompson, Director, Little Traverse Sailors (Dan.Thompson@LittleTraverseSailors.org, Cell: 231-412-0656)

**ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY TO HOST 2015 U.S. YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP**

The U.S. Youth Sailing Championship will be hosted by Roger Williams University on July 7-10 at their new, state of the art Richard L. Bready Mount Hope Bay Sailing and Education Center in Bristol, Rhode Island, on Narragansett Bay. Bristol Yacht Club will be providing additional support at this ISAF Youth Worlds Qualifier.

Sailors may be accepted to compete by placing well at Early Acceptance Events and applying online or by submitting a resume and applying online. Charters will be available for all fleets and information will be provided to accepted sailors. The remaining Early Acceptance Event on the 2015 calendar is the U.S. Junior Women's Doublehanded Championship in Columbia, South Carolina, on June 28-30.

The online application period closes March 15 (Midnight CT). The following disciplines will be sailed at the event:

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| Laser – Open         | I-420 – Girls | RS:X 8.5 – Boys  |
| Laser Radial – Boys  | 29er – Boys   | RS:X 8.5 – Girls |
| Laser Radial – Girls | 29er – Girls  |                  |
| I-420 – Boys         | F-16 – Open   |                  |

Please visit the event website for additional information: <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/youthchamps/>.

## 2015 ISAF YOUTH MATCH RACING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2015 ISAF Youth Match Racing World Championship will be held in Swinoujscie, Poland from September 15-19, 2015. Teams will be racing in Tom 28s. To compete, sailors must be under the age of 23 in 2015. The selection process for the skipper representing the U.S. will be by resume.

In order to be considered for selection, skippers must meet these eligibility criteria:

They must be current members of US Sailing when competing in the ISAF Youth Match Racing Worlds. They must be a US citizen or eligible permanent resident with written authorization from ISAF for an exemption under ISAF Regulation 24.5.4.

They must meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF regulation 19, Eligibility Code.

They must not have turned 23 years of age as of December 31, 2015.

Applications must be submitted by midnight Central time on April 15, 2015. See [ISAF Youth Match Racing World Championship – Notice of Race](#), [US Sailing Code of Ethics](#), [Selection Procedure](#), and [Application form](#).

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## 2015 BROOKE E. GONZALEZ ADVANCED YOUTH RACING CLINIC

Sail Newport's annual Advanced Racing Clinic is dedicated to the memory of Brooke Emmens Gonzalez. "Excellence" is the word most often articulated when those that knew Brooke Gonzalez reminisce about her. Her life cut short in a tragic accident in 1997, Brooke left a lasting impression on those that knew her. The Gonzalez Family and Sail Newport have acknowledged that tenacity, sportsmanship, drive and determination are what set her apart from her peers. "Those qualities are the ones that Sail Newport wishes to instill in all of our young sailors that attend our Advanced Racing Clinic" said Brad Read, Executive Director of Sail Newport. "This clinic will showcase the best in coaching from the collegiate and Olympic level. We will demand hard work and the highest degree of focus from all of the students in this clinic. Championship values that Brooke demonstrated in her life."

In 2001, Sail Newport and the family of Brooke Gonzalez embarked on a plan to create a high-end clinic on the East Coast. We enjoy a reputation for the highest quality coaching, fabulous hospitality, a range of sailing conditions from flat tidal waters to choppy Bay, open ocean a variety of wind conditions and remarkable guest speakers.

The clinic will be held Thursday, June 18 through Sunday, June 21st. Come learn from the best coaches and to jump start your summer. This clinic is held in Lasers, Laser Radials, International 420's, Club 420's, Bytes and 29ers. It is a BRING YOUR OWN BOAT clinic, although limited charter boats are available for most classes.

Applicants 14-18 years of age are selected based upon their resume. This is a very intense, high-level program. Participation will be limited and is by application and acceptance only. The online application/resume builder is available at: <http://www.sailnewport.org/clinicresume>. Deadline for applications is March 29, 2015.

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## US SAILING NEWS

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO LMSRF'S STRASSMAN AND REICHELSDORFER

At the 2014 US Sailing Annual Meeting LMSRF Past Commodore and Milwaukee Yacht Club member John Strassman was appointed Chair of Race Management Committee and Sheboygan Yacht Club and Sailing Education Association of Sheboygan's Rich Reichelsdorfer was appointed as the Area K Race Officer.

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## US SAILING YACHTSMAN AND YACHTSWOMAN OF YEAR AWARDS

After having moved to the west coast for the past three years, US Sailing's Rolex Yachtsman & Yachtswoman of the Year Awards ceremony returned to the iconic Model Room at the New York Yacht Club in Manhattan, New York, to celebrate the sailing accomplishments of Terry Hutchinson (Annapolis, Maryland) and Stephanie Roble (East Troy, Wisconsin).

The honorees, formally announced in January after being chosen for their outstanding on-water sailing accomplishments in 2014, were joined by family, friends, sailing dignitaries, fellow sailors and members of the media for a special luncheon program. Emceed by Gary Jobson, the event included multi-media retrospectives of each winner's sailing life followed by presentations of specially engraved stainless steel and platinum Rolex Oyster Perpetual Yacht-Masters, symbolic of achievement in excellence, by Rolex Watch U.S.A.'s President & CEO Stewart Wicht.

In an emotional speech, Roble, age 25 and a first-time winner, stressed how important teamwork has been in getting to this point in her life and particularly this past year in securing the 2014 Etchells World Championship (as crew) and the U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship (as skipper) while working her way to the top of the latter discipline's U.S. rankings. (In the world, she is currently ranked third.)



Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year Stephanie Roble with President & CEO of Rolex Watch U.S.A. Stewart Wicht. Photo Credit Rolex/Daniel Forster.

"I feel so lucky to be a part of a lot of teams; teamwork is what I'm in love with right now," said Roble, whose current goal is to win the Women's Match Racing World Championship in July with crew Janel Zarkowsky and Maggie Shea. "You need your team to be successful; this award is for all of them.

"I'm beyond the moon excited right now. This is such a special award, and to see all the sailors who've won this before and to join this list means so much to me. It's extremely motivating."

Roble added that it makes her laugh thinking that her first connection to sailing was when she was born. "When my parents first brought me home from the hospital, my dad sailed his MC Scow on our tiny home lake in Lake Beulah with 'It's a Girl!' written on the sail. Little did he know this gesture was indicative of what was to come."

Hutchinson, who is 46 and won this honor in 2008 as well, jetted with Hap Fauth straight from the finish line at the Caribbean 600 where *Bella Mente* took overall and class victories. He pointed out several sailing mentors in the luncheon audience (among them his father, Gary Jobson, Doug DeVos, coach James Lyne, Alex Roepers, and Jim Richardson) who have helped him develop the instinct for doing the right things at the right time.

As the current Rolex Farr 40 and TP52 World Champion, Hutchinson said winning the Rolex Yachtsman of the Year Award this second time around was "different because of how it all happened."



From left, Rolex Yachtsman of the Year Terry Hutchinson with President & CEO of Rolex Watch U.S.A. Stewart Wicht (Photo Credit Rolex/Daniel Forster).

"It was quite a hard thing emotionally not going all the way through with the last America's Cup," said Hutchinson, who "bounced back" to have an exceptional 2014 racing season on the water. "In some ways, it's not how you get knocked down but how you get back up that's going to be the measure. It's a testament to the owners and their faith and trust in the process that we apply to win races. What they have placed in my hands and what they have provided me as an opportunity to do on their behalf is not taken lightly."

As Roble did, Hutchinson thanked the New York Yacht Club and Rolex, saying about the latter, "You are a tremendous asset to sailing and it's a privilege to have this relationship with you."

The two sailors topped a ten men and seven women who were nominated by members of US Sailing and then evaluated by a panel of sailing journalists to determine who was most worthy of America's highest sailing distinction for the calendar year. Jobson, who has emceed the luncheon for the last 15 years, noted that the list of nominees grows in stature every year, reinforcing how well American sailors are doing both nationally and internationally. Past winners in attendance were Brian Porter (2013), Dawn Riley (1999) and Cory Sertl (1995, 2001).

## US SAILING IMPLEMENTING OFFSHORE STRATEGIC PLAN

The US Sailing Board has confirmed the authority of the Offshore Division that empowers the management team to be responsible and accountable for developing and executing a plan to improve Offshore's capabilities.

As part of the organization's commitment to improving service to offshore sailors and expanding offshore racing, US Sailing has hired Jay Hansen, former COO of North Technology Group, to US Sailing's Offshore Department. He will take responsibility for and have the authority to implement the strategic plan.

Dan Nowlan will continue to play a critical role during this restructuring and revitalization, a process that will likely take several years. These developments position US Sailing Offshore to help grow offshore sailing by delivering the services our members require.

## US SAILING SEMINARS, TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP



### TRAINING

If you have questions about training, contact the Regional Training Coordinators:  
Suzanne Reese, 25620 W Long Beach Dr, Ingleside, IL, 60041-9511, 847.546.4430 Home, 847.546.2785 Fax, suzireese@aol.com.

John Garr, 5790 Westward Passage, Harbor Springs, MI, 49740, 313.670.0811 Cell, 313.670.0811 Home, 313.884.4160 Work, jg@garrtrimsales.com.

### US Sailing Sanctioned Safety At Sea Seminar

3/7/2015

Columbia Yacht Club, 111 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL

Contact: Morgan Kinney [morgan@colyc.org](mailto:morgan@colyc.org)

Moderator: Brian Adams

3/14/2015

South Shore Yacht Club, 3200 E. Nock Street, Milwaukee, WI

Contact: Rick Trisco, Pat Nora or Andrew Gawin, Ph: 414-481-2331

Moderator: Brian Adams

### RACE OFFICER, JUDGE AND UMPIRE CERTIFICATION

Visit <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/become-a-race-official/> for the up to date schedule and to register for any session.

### Advanced Race Management Seminar

March 21-22, 2015 at Sail Sheboygan at the Sheboygan Yacht Club, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Cost is \$100 and registration is open.

Learn more at: <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/race-officers/race-officer-program/>

Register today: <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/become-a-race-official/race-officer-seminar-calendar/>

### SMALL BOAT INSTRUCTOR, SAILING COUNSELOR, INSTRUCTOR TRAINER, KEELBOAT, WINDSURFING INSTRUCTOR, OR POWERBOAT CERTIFICATION

Visit <http://www.ussailing.org/instructors/> for the up to date schedule and to register for any session. As sailing season nears many instructor sessions will be added.

## LMSRF CLASSIFIEDS

**Classifieds:** 20 words or less for \$10; 20-40 words for \$20, 40+words for \$1 per word. Email [lmsrfadministration@lmsrf.org](mailto:lmsrfadministration@lmsrf.org) for more information.

### USED SAILS

#### USED TARTAN TEN SAILS.

Great for cruising, beer cans or back ups. The majority of the sails seem to be made in the 90's, half of them seem to have very little wear and the other half are in very decent shape. None have patches or apparent badly worn spots. The spinnakers seem to be newer (early 2000's) than most of the jibs and are all in really great shape. The chutes look awesome!

#### 9 Jibs:

Sailmakers vary from Doyle, Shore Sails, Sobstad and UK.

Half are Dacron or similar and the other half are Kevlar, with one Tape Drive.

1 jib has hanks

#### 4 Spinnakers:

Sailmakers vary from Hood, Doyle and Sobstad.

Believe there are 3 .75oz and 1 1.5oz but it could be 4 .75oz.

#### 2 Mains:

1 Doyle, 1 North, both Dacron. One is worn much more than the other.

Regardless of age, the sails are not badly worn and have not been raised in the last 10 years. These sails can be viewed at my home in southeast Evanston, IL. First come first serve and all prices are negotiable.

Depending on the sail or number of sails purchased, quantity discounts! Prices between \$250-\$500!

Please contact me ASAP. After a couple of weeks, I will post what's left on the internet but I would rather local sailors take advantage if they need them before I blow them out. Deirdre Martin, 847.309.8002, [wndchr@comcast.net](mailto:wndchr@comcast.net).



## 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 [imsrfadministration@imsrf.org](mailto:imsrfadministration@imsrf.org) as soon as the regatta is over!)

### 2015 Jaguar Southeastern Midwinter Championship for the Schoonmaker Trophy Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, Coconut Grove, Florida February 27-March 1, 2015

#### Etchells

36.	Ninkasi	Rick Kaiser	[40]	23	34	35	26	36	154
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### 2015 J/24 Midwinter Championship Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, Florida February 20-22, 2015

16.	Kobra	Tom Kane	Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club	[DC]	SC	25	10	12	6	13	10	95.0
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### 2015 Laser Midwinter Championship East Clearwater Yacht Club, Clearwater, Florida February 18-22, 2015

#### Laser Radial Silver 59 boats

18.	Lawson Levine	Lake Forest Sailing	35	32	28	40	[42]	42	19	21	217
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### Club 420 Association Midwinter Championship US Sailing Center of Martin County February 14-16, 2015

#### Gold Division 51 Boats

20.	Mark Davies & Graceann Nicolosi	Chicago Yacht Club	17	(22)	8	22	4	8	20	18	16	15	17	145
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#### Silver Division 51 Boats

13.	Allison Cahn & Griffin Elliott	Chicago Yacht Club	30	28	26	41	30	(43)	40	23	9	13	13	253
14.	Christian Koules & Alex Fowkes	Chicago Yacht Club	26	23	36	(42)	23	19	31	ZF	ZF	29	3	260
20.	Eamonn Austin & Caroline O'Malley	Chicago Yacht Club	32	33	43	33	27	28	(46)	22	22	28	12	280
37.	Marleigh Belsley & Aesling Sullivan	Chicago Yacht Club	46	(DF)	ZF	36	44	45	33	37	38	39	35	395
47.	Bridget Groble & Anna Cole	Chicago Yacht Club	DS	44	42	47	47	48	(OC)	42	DC	DC	DC	477
51.	Skye Shepherd & Christopher Guido	Lake Forest Sailing	DC	DC	DC	(DC)	DF	DC	DS	DC	DC	DC	DC	517

### 2015 Florida Laser Masters Championship for the Jack Swenson Memorial Trophy Palm Beach Sailing Club, Palm Beach, Florida February 14-15, 2015

#### Laser 54 boats

Pos	Skipper	Yacht Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	w/ Masters Handicap
27.	Paul Wurtzebach - GGM	Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club	29	27	25	29	[31]	25	19	154	154.0
45.	Patrick McBriarty - M	Chicago Yacht Club	[DC]	DC	DC	DC	DC	31	29	280	292.1

### 2015 St. Petersburg National Offshore One-Design Regatta St. Petersburg Yacht Club, St. Petersburg, Florida February 13-15, 2015

In the three days of racing there were winds averaging 10 to 15 knots which made this known as one of the best and most memorable St. Petersburg NOOD Regattas in its 18 years running.

#### J/70 20 boats

7.	Wind Czar	Richard Lehmann	Harbor Springs, MI	7	6	3	7	12	3	4	8	9	6	65.0
10.	378	Jeff Schaefer	Elm Grove, WI	10	11	10	9	7	13	13	9	10	11	103.0
11.	Taipan SB	Lloyd Karzen	Chicago, IL	11	13	15	8	6	7	14	12	12	15	113.0
19.	Bucephalus	Andrea Krasinski	Chicago, IL	DC	17	DS	DC	18	19	DC	DC	DC	DC	201.0

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10.	Decorum	Megan Ratliff	Chicago, IL	12	8	12	11	12	6	5	10	6	5	87.0
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#### J/24 12 boats

12.	P.E.A.C.K.S.	Paula Bersie	Chicago, IL	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	107.0
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2.	Matros	Tom Bryant	Holland, MI	2	3	DS	DS	1	1	2	3	2	28.0
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**2014/15 Alpari World Match Racing Tour**

**2014/15 Final Standings**

1. Ian Williams	(GBR)	GAC Pindar	132pts
2. Taylor Canfield	(ISV)	US One	116pts
3. Mathieu Richard	(FRA)	LunaJets	109pts
4. Phil Robertson	(NZL)	WAKA Racing	77pts
5. Björn Hansen	(SWE)	Hansen Sailing Team	75pts
6. Keith Swinton	(AUS)	Team Alpari FX	73pts
7. Eric Monnin	(SUI)	Team SailBox	56pts
8. David Gilmour	(AUS)	Team Gilmour	51pts

**2015 Monsoon Cup**

**Danga Bay Yacht Club, Johor, Malaysia**

**February 10-14, 2015**

Taylor Canfield and US One Sailing Team finished second overall on the the seven-event Alpari World Match Racing Tour, which is the ISAF Match Racing World Championship. The US One Sailing Team's Monsoon Cup crew was Mike Rehe, Rod Dawson, Morgan Trubovich, Hayden Goodrick and Taylor Canfield. Other crew members that sailed with US One in 2014 include Dan Morris and Brian Janney. Mike Rehe, pitman and trimmer for US One commented that the team had "a great season, and we're thankful for the support from our families, friends and sponsors. Second place may not be the result we were hoping for after winning last year, but we are happy with our performance. Ian Williams and the guys on GAC Pindar sailed very well throughout the season. Congrats to them. We're looking forward to the year ahead of us!"

1. Ian Williams	(GBR)	GAC Pindar
2. Mathieu Richard	(FRA)	LunaJets
3. Taylor Canfield	(ISV)	US One
4. Eric Monnin	(SUI)	Team SailBox
5. Phil Robertson	(NZL)	WAKA Racing
6. Pierre-Antoine Morvan	(FRA)	Vannes Agglo Sailing Team
7. Keith Swinton	(AUS)	Team Alpari FX
8. David Gilmour	(AUS)	Team Gilmour
9. Björn Hansen	(SWE)	Hansen Sailing Team
10. Johnie Berntsson	(SWE)	Stena Sailing Team
11. Maximilian Soh	(SIN)	Team Red Dot
12. Jeremy Koo	(MAS)	Sime Darby Foundation / 1 Malaysia Match Racing Team

**Laser Masters Midweek Madness**

**US Sailing Center of Martin County, Jensen Beach, Florida**

**February 11-12, 2015**

**56 boats**

18. David Wagner	Chicago, IL	GM	17	27	22	12	7	(33)	17	33	4GM	139
28. Paul Wurtzebach	Woodridge, IL	GGM	24	13	27	(40)	13	35	36	20	0GG	168
42. Patrick McBriarty	Chicago, IL	MA	48	20	42	(DC)	42	37	35	29	8MA	261

**Laser Masters Midwinters**

**US Sailing Center of Martin County, Jensen Beach, Florida**

**February 7-9, 2015**

**111 boats**

61. David Wagner	Chicago, IL	GM	38	36	26	12	21	28	(40)	24	7AGM	192
91. Patrick McBriarty	Chicago, IL	AMA	43	47	45	47	13	(49)	41	44	14AMA	294

**2015 Star Zagarino Masters Cup**

**Coral Reef Yacht Club, Miami, Florida**

**February 7-8, 2015**

**22 boats**

Twenty two teams raced for the 2015 edition of the Masters Championship. This regatta concept started by Frank Zagarino has become the highlight of the year's sailing for many longtime Star sailors. This year we had entries from Great Britain, Germany, Canada, and the United States. On Saturday the winds were 15- 20 knots from the East. Rich Raymond, the veteran PRO, postponed on shore for one hour to let the wind settle in direction and velocity. Rich posted the number 5 course, which is a double triangle. It was fun to do reaches in a Star boat, something we rarely get to do. The dinner Saturday evening was at Coral Reef Yacht Club. With music and wine we were treated to many a good sea going story. Myles Pritchard was presented with the "Shot of the day Trophy," a special club made by Frank Zagarino for the golf tournament held on Friday, which saw 14 sailors tee off at the Biltmore Country Club. Sunday saw lighter breezes from 7-12 knots at 120-130 degrees. The final race was somewhat shifty. Next year, the 30th anniversary of the Zagarino Cup, there are special events planned. Many thanks to Mandy Whipple and Kathey Phinney for their part in making it a great event. Congratulations to winners: Augie Diaz and Arnie Baltins - Masters Champions; Larry Whipple and Austin Sperry - Grand Masters Champions; John Chiarella and Rick Burgess - Exalted Grand Masters Champions; Tony Hermann and Mark Hermann - Father & Son Champions; and Doug (tougher than steel) Steele - Oldest Sailor Award!--Larry Whipple

13. Ukraine	James Babel	Scott Benson	Gull Lake	13	20	7	40
17. Tony	Tony Herrmann	Mark Herrmann	Western Lake Michigan	14	11	[OC]	48

**2014/2015 Quantum J/70 Winter Series 3  
Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, Florida  
February 7-8, 2015**

The weather forecast certainly looked promising, with 10-15 kts Northeast on Friday, veering East 6-10 kts Saturday, and veering further Southeast on Sunday at 5-9 kts. However, as the J/70 sailors have all learned by now, such rosy forecasts, no matter how good, are no guarantees on Tampa Bay. The event turned into a flat water, light air regatta of three races. Saturday's conditions started in 10-12 knots from the Northeast in Race 1, but the race was sailed in 5-6 knots with righty puffs and 4-knot lulls. Race 2 wind strength was variable with 4 to 8 knots of breeze. On Sunday, during race 3, the fleet sailed in 4-6 knots from the Southeast in fluky conditions, but no particular bias to one side of the course. The AP flag was flown after Sunday morning's race, ultimately resulting in fleet motoring home after a two-hour wait for the wind to fill.

10. Norboy	Leif Sigmond	Riverwoods, IL	12	21	11	44.0
16. Taipan SB	Lloyd Karzen	Chicago, IL	21	25	7	53.0
18. Stampede	Bruno Pasquinelli	Chicago, IL	16	17	23	56.0
24. Empeiria	John Heaton	Wilmette, IL	13	19	38	70.0
37. Downtowner	Jeff Towner	Grand Rapids, MI	27	45	29	101.0
47. Polaris	Thomas Londrigan	Springfield, IL	47	47	46	140.0

**2015 Tom Piper Memorial Florida State Championship  
Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, Miami, Florida  
February 7-8, 2015**

Miami is famous for its great winter climate. PRO Dave Brennan sent the fleet out into a forecast 16-20 knot easterly under mostly sunny skies, with temperatures in the high 60s. Race one was sailed with a first beat of 1.6 miles in breeze ranging from 12-17 knots. Brennan likes to start an Etchells race with a long first beat and first downwind, to spread out the fleet. Once the fleet has spread out some, he will shorten the last two legs to keep the race to a decent length of time. For the second upwind, the course was shortened to 1.3 miles. By the start of race two the wind backed with a first beat of 1.7 miles, later shortened to 1.6 miles. On the second upwind, the breeze got tremendously puffy and shifty. At one point, looking up the course, it appeared one group of boats on the left were in a wind with a 055° bearing while a bigger group on the right were seeing closer to 070°. As they neared the top mark the oscillations grew smaller. For the third race the 16 knot wind had continued to back so the course was set at 055° with a length of 1.6 miles. On shore, the crews were treated to a great party by Biscayne Bay Yacht Club. The conditions were perfect under the sea grape trees for an exchange of war stories from the day, and any talk of tactics soon turned to where to enjoy dinner in Coconut Grove. Sunday dawned with similar conditions, albeit with lighter breeze. The regatta would be decided on the water as no fewer than ten boats had a legitimate shot at the podium. Race four got underway on time with a bearing of 115° and a distance of 1.6 miles, in 11 knots of wind. After four races, Jim Cunningham had already won the regatta so he headed back to the dock. The breeze was beginning to fade a bit, although it was still in the eight to ten knot range. Course five (five legs) was posted with a first leg at a bearing of 120° and a distance of 1.5 miles. Jim Cunningham on *Lifted* with his crew of Jeff Madrigali, Mark Ivey and Bryn Bachman won.

11. USA 1310	John Podmajersky	[26]	8	16	4	11	39
27. Lucky	Bryon Ehrhart	15	22	25	25	[DF]	87
39. Ninkasi	Rick Kaiser	47	37	[DQ]	28	33	145

**2014/2015 Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series Event 2  
Coconut Grove Sailing Club, Miami, Florida  
February 6-8, 2015 37 boats**

1. Bacio	Michael Kiss	Holland, MI	7	3	2	2	5	3	5	[14]	27.0
6. Red Sky Sailing Team	Paul Reilly	Chicago, IL	5	10	7	4	10	9	9	[15]	54.0
7. Section 16	Richard Davies	Winnetka, IL	3	6	6	5	[22]	13	22	7	62.0
11. Peshmerga	Drew Wierda	Holland, MI	2	17	9	12	[27]	7	14	23	84.0
17. YOLO	Tony Tabb / Steve Sisson	Chicago, IL	11	12	10	7	[30]	22	27	17	106.0
23. Windhover	Vincent Porter	Chicago, IL	14	22	28	17	[29]	18	19	10	128.0
25. Heartbreaker	Robert Hughes	Ada, MI	20	[30]	19	18	15	23	21	20	136.0

**2015 Pineapple Cup - Montego Bay Race  
Lauderdale Yacht Club/Storm Trysail Club/Montego Bay Yacht Club/Jamaican Yachting  
Association, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA  
February 6, 2015**



**Pineapple Cup - Montego Bay Race  
Fort Lauderdale - Montego Bay  
February 6th, 2015**

For the start of this year's 2015 Pineapple Cup/Montego Bay Race, the fleet faced classic Montego Bay Race conditions. A stout northerly breeze expected to deliver a challenging Gulfstream crossing, before shifting eastward in the following days, go light, then pick up again as the fleet encountered the trade winds in the famous Windward Passage just off the eastern tip of Cuba. The 811nm jaunt through the Bahamas, around Cuba, to Montego Bay, can be fast & furious or frustratingly slow going at times. This year, the fleet faced just about everything. Not soon after the start, *Tampa Girl* unfortunately retired due to rudder problems. By Saturday morning, 18 hours into the race, the majority of the fleet was either just past or just approaching Great Stirrup Cay in the Bahamas. As Sunday morning dawned, the fleet

continued to make good progress as well, with most past the eastern side of Cat Island on the eastern side of Bahamas Bank. Tuesday morning dawned with *Vortices* finishing by 3:16am; enough for the experienced Great Lakes crew from Detroit, Michigan to take 3rd in class and 5th overall.

Class 40

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**2015 Charlotte Harbor Multi-Class Regatta**  
**Charlotte Harbor, Florida**  
**February 5-8, 2015**

**Sunfish 3 boats**

1. Not a Snipe Jim Richter Gull Lake Yacht Club [1] 1 1 1 1 1 5.0

**Nacra 17 North American Championship**  
**Clearwater Community Sailing Center, Clearwater, Florida**  
**February 3-8, 2015 16 boats**

The first day of competition was blown out.

9. Stephanie Hudson Chicago Yacht Club [OC] 11 9 16 6 9 9 4 12 8 10 94

**2015 VX One Midwinter Championship #2**  
**Sarasota Sailing Squadron, Sarasota, Florida**  
**January 30-February 1, 2015 27 boats**

Temperatures in the mid-70s and winds at 10-12 knots with gusts to 16.

9. Sam Padnos Grand Rapids, MI | 16 12 10 [17] 11 9 6 9 7 6 | 86

**2015 Nite National Championship**  
**Green Lake, Wisconsin**  
**January 17-18, 2015**

About this time last year we were writing about a National Championship of 18 boats, a hardy field of past champions, lifetime members and a small group of new iceboaters. It's amazing what you can accomplish in 11 short months. This year being the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the inception of the Nite National Championship Regatta in 1975, we had a truly breakout year at our National Championship. This time around we had 32 Nites on the line vying for the coveted punch bowl. What brought about the change?

This regatta like most all Nite regattas, oozes the right mix of competitive fun racing, affordable one design ice boats, and a great social atmosphere. It is not a format of the exclusive equipment and gear and what you wished you could have, but that of a pretty level backyard type of neighborhood football. Everyone plays, everyone has fun, you help each other out. Iceboating at its purest.



The location this year was Green Lake, a new local hotbed of Nite racing within the Midwest and lately the last few years the site of many of the big national iceboat regattas, the ISA, and the Northwest just to name a few. The conditions were prime, as newly formed black ice of seven inches is an iceboater's dream, and they had plenty of it. Black ice is flat fast and fun it stayed that way throughout the entire weekend.

With 32 boats on the line, this was seen by many as the largest regatta and most competitive regatta in quite some time, maybe even 25 years. It did not disappoint. This year's champion was Scott Brown from Minnesota, a past champion and currently the iceboater with the hot hand. As with soft water sailing when you get on a winning run, hang on, and that is what Scott did again this year. The top five looked pretty similar as well, as we saw Terry Erwin, Will Perrigo and Rick Wilfert all in that bunch up at the top. For others it was the experience of a lifetime, attending their first event, lining up 16 aside, and charging out to the corner with the pedal down. Whether you were from Bald Eagle, Minnesota, Pewaukee, Wisconsin, Green Lake, Madison or Lake Geneva, the event was an absolute experience. It was a Nite experience!—**Brett Larson**



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1.	Brown, Scott	1 1 3 1 1 (3) 2 1	10.00
2.	Erwin, Terry	2 2 1 2 2 4 (27) 3	16.00
3.	Perrigo, Wil (M)	4 3 2 3 3 1 (6) 2	18.00
4.	Rick, Wilfert	3 (5) 4 4 4 2 1 5	23.00
5.	Larson, Brett	9 4 5 5 6 5 8 (11)	42.00
6.	Rechcygl, Chad	6 7 7 13 (14) 6 3 7	49.00
7.	Dale, Bill (GM)	10 6 6 (14) 5 10 4 9	50.00
8.	Prange, Mark (M)	5 9 (15) 9 12 7 7 4	53.00
9.	Ritter, John	15 (26) 12 6 8 8 5 6	60.00
10.	Janowiec, Tony (R)	13 8 14 10 11 (14) 9 8	73.00
11.	Peterson, Matt	14 10 (DS) 11 17 9 10 10	81.00
12.	Norton, Joe (M)	11 15 9 16 7 16 12 (DS)	86.00
13.	Anderson, Bill	7 17 13 (23) 10 11 14 18	90.00
14.	Reed, Bill (M)	16 13 8 (22) 15 18 11 16	97.00
15.	Smith, Brett	18 11 16 (18) 16 13 15 12	101.00
16.	Grota, Dick (GM)	8 14 17 (19) 18 12 13 19	101.00
17.	VanDerValde, Peter (R)	17 16 10 8 13 23 18 (DS)	105.00
18.	Austin, Tom	12 18 20 21 21 (25) 17 13	122.00
19.	Deters, Dale	29 25 (DS) 7 23 15 16 14	129.00
20.	Sanford, Don (M)	20 12 11 15 9 (DS) DS DS	133.00
21.	Stasieluk, John (R)	23 21 (25) 17 19 19 25 15	139.00
22.	Bradley, Mike (M) (R)	21 19 19 20 20 20 (23) 21	140.00
23.	Wyberg, Steve (R)	22 20 22 24 22 (24) 21 17	148.00
24.	Evens, Rick (R)	25 22 21 25 (DS) 21 24 20	158.00
25.	Allen, Harry (M)	30 30 18 12 (DS) 17 19 DS	159.00
26.	Waterbury, John	(28) 24 23 27 25 27 20 22	168.00
27.	Zeratsky, Drew	24 (DS) 24 26 24 22 22 DS	175.00
28.	Bohleber, Maureen	26 23 26 DS (DS) 26 26 DS	193.00
29.	Crockett, Bart (R)	19 27 DS DS (DS) DS DS DS	211.00
30.	Kiley, Scott (R)	27 29 DS DS (DS) DS DS DS	221.00
31.	Doe, J	DS DS 27 (DS) DS DS DS DS	225.00
32.	Armstrong, David (R)	DS 28 DS (DS) DS DS DS DS	226.00

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