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## **GARY COMER AND DAVE REARICK ELECTED TO LAKE MICHIGAN SAILING HALL OF FAME**

by Gail M. Turluck

The Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation Hall of Fame Committee announces with pleasure the election of the late Gary Comer, nominated by Jackson Park Yacht Club of Chicago, Illinois, and Dave Rearick, nominated by Michigan City Yacht Club, to the Lake Michigan Sailing Hall of Fame.

Plans are in development for each of their Induction celebrations that will be conducted after May 15, 2018.

## **GROWING THE FLEET: WHY HAVE A JAM SECTION?**

by James E. Schrager, St. Joseph River Yacht Club

This is a test. Select the best answer for why your Club has a Jib and Main (JAM) section: 1) For beginners only; 2) For shorthanded skippers; 3) For cruising boats; 4) For skippers with older racing/cruising boats; 5) None of the above; 6) All of the above.



If you selected #1, you picked the reason why most JAM fleets started many years ago. JAM provided a section where beginners got to try all the unique activities that make racing so much fun, like starts, mark roundings, sailing in all kinds of weather, navigation, and of course, a round of beer at the Club post-race. But the times they have been a-changing, and today, the best JAM programs are much more than just for beginners.

Answer #2 is another good reason to sail in JAM, because a seasoned crew hasn't yet been developed, or the skipper decides to sail shorthanded. These aren't bad reasons to be in JAM, but there are other better reasons. So like answer #1, this isn't correct for our quiz.

Giving cruising boat sailors the very special experiences racers enjoy is an excellent reason for a JAM section. Cruising is so much different than racing that even experienced skippers have plenty to learn by getting out on the race course frequently. Although a good answer, like the first two, the best JAM sections usually have more than just pure cruising boats. So #3 is also not correct.

Older sailboats are essentially different than newer boats. This divide has been evident since the advent of production fiberglass boats over fifty years ago. That difference remains wide today, not only because of variances in the predicted performance of older versus newer boats in different wind and water conditions, but also because of budget requirements and crew expertise.

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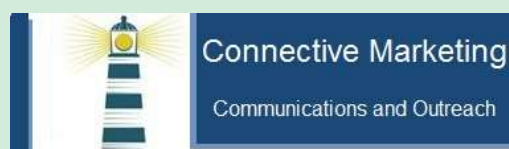
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For example, a brand new 29 foot J/88 will cost about \$150K to bring to the starting line, while an older used C&C 33 can be racing for \$20K. The C&C with its simple masthead rig is a breeze to operate in JAM (pun intended) with very few sail changes required. But the J/88, beyond the budget issues, needs a well trained crew to hoist and douse those giant asymmetrical spinnakers in all kinds of weather. Both types of boats require knowledgeable skippers and talented crew to win in JAM for the older C&C 33 or in Spinnaker for the state-of-the-art J/88.



This reason #4 provides an important motivation for your Club to have a JAM section. Competitive JAM racing opens up a whole new arena for skippers who don't have a newer boat, a bigger budget, or access to a wide selection of expert crew trained through years of competition.

We can now eliminate #5, as "None of the above" makes no sense given the good choices already noted. This brings us to the right answer, "All of the above." But wait, how can beginners race against boats with experienced skippers and crew? How can short-handed boats keep up? Will cruising boats find a home in a section with all this racing going on?

The answers are a resounding yes, if you follow just a few rules. The first is that any boat is welcome in JAM as long as it is 25-30 years old, and is not built with a carbon fiber mast, bow sprit, or exotic hull laminates. If it is a true cruising boat, it can be of any vintage. You can have as many or few crew as you like onboard, no restrictions. Single handers are welcome as long as they sail an older racing/cruising or true cruising boat.

These boat requirements follow from the analysis prepared by Bruce Bingman, Chair of the US PHRF Committee. He finds the fairest racing takes place when similar-type boats race against each other. In thinking about rating spreads, he suggests placing similar boats in the same section, even if the rating spread is wide. Bruce's in-depth three part series on how best to configure PHRF racing sections reviewed the data behind his conclusions and can be found in Scuttlebutt Sailing News, April 4-6, 2017.

So what about beginners? We welcome new racers in our JAM section as they are some of our most consistent participants. Of course, they don't expect to win and most don't, but we've discovered that's fine. How can they have fun in a section with better skippers as well? Our newer racers actually aren't offended by having good sailors in JAM. After all, how else does anyone learn? The beginners watch the seasoned hands at the start, take cues from them on the course, and observe how they stay out of trouble. The same is true of skippers with cruising boats and those sailing shorthanded.



In fact, with a few good racers at the top of your JAM fleet you'll likely attract others with older boats bringing in more competition. Last year in St. Joseph (Michigan) we had two older spinnaker boats drop into JAM and win races. Both skippers were skilled and transferred into JAM to be able to race, rather than being stuck with an old boat in our Spinnaker section filled with newer, lighter, faster boats.

Although left in the dust by the hot hardware in our Spinnaker section, older Spinnaker section boats find it tougher in JAM than they thought but still possible to do well. A few years ago, a very fast recent Mac-winner and prior SJRYC Spinnaker Boat of the Year dropped into JAM for the second half of the summer. They sailed their older boat fast and absolutely knew what they were doing. But they didn't dominate, ending up in second place for the series, having won just a few races.



Nobody's mad when this happens. The top skippers in JAM like the competition as it gives them a chance to up their game. The beginners and cruisers enjoy a bigger group of boats with more good sailors to learn from.

By developing a section with older racer-cruisers along with pure cruising boats, PHRF ratings work quite well, even with fairly wide section spreads. Last year, one of the smallest boats in our JAM section won our Summer Series soundly beating all the bigger "faster" boats. JAM Boat of the Year for 2017 was decided between three top boats and hinged on the outcome of a single race. If the winner had lost one place at any point in the season to either of the runner-ups, we'd have had a different BotY in JAM in 2017. It can't get much closer than that.

JAM Boat of the Year finishes in St. Joe weren't close just in 2017. They have been amazingly close for the last seven years, with plenty of competition and in many cases tighter finishes than in our heavily weaponized Spinnaker section. We believe the more competition the better, so we all get the chance to become better sailors.



The outcome we've seen has been both more boats racing and better competition. We think those goals are the right ones and speak directly to the reasons why a growing, vibrant, competitive JAM section exists in our race program.

By setting up your JAM section this way you'll make a home for all those skippers on a budget looking for the chance to race their older boats competitively against other similar craft. Without this approach, most of our current JAM fleet would be forced to sit on the sidelines. Develop a JAM section like this at your Club and you might be surprised how your fleet will expand, bringing better competition as well.

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## GROWING SAILING

### **BOATERS STAND TO GAIN WITH GOVERNMENT'S RECOGNITION OF OUTDOOR INDUSTRY**

It's no surprise that the industries that produce the most goods or services and keep the economy humming often receive favorable attention from legislators in Washington. Now with the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) February announcement that the outdoor recreation industry's 2016 annual gross output is 2 percent (\$373.7 billion) of the US gross domestic product (GDP), Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) believes boaters stand to gain from the news.



*Boating is big business according to a new government report. Photo credit: Corpus Christi Convention and Visitors Bureau.*

"Having a strong industry behind you is important when working in the halls of government," said BoatUS Manager of Government Affairs David Kennedy. "It can ultimately influence legislation that makes boating better, such as improving boating access by funding new launch ramps, providing budgets to maintain boating infrastructure or navigation aids, improving fishing habitat, and helping support boating safety efforts."

The analysis was a result of passage of the Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act of 2016, which required the Department of Commerce, acting through the BEA, to enter into a joint memorandum with the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior to conduct, assess and analyze the outdoor recreation economy of the United States and its effects on the overall US economy.

The outdoor industry grew 3.8 percent in 2016, compared to 2.8 percent for the overall economy. Boating and fishing activities totaled \$38.2 billion, an increase of 4 percent over 2015. The BEA report also noted that the outdoor recreation industry, which





includes boating, fishing, RVing, hunting, camping, hiking, bicycling and supporting activities, surpassed the US agriculture and petroleum industries.

BoatUS remains part of a coalition of outdoor groups, organizations and businesses under the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable that urged the federal government to recognize the industry's economic importance. The "prototype" statistics covering 2012 to 2016 from the newly established Department of Commerce Outdoor Recreation Satellite Account allow the public to comment before the BEA releases the final statistics this fall. The full report can be found at:

<https://www.bea.gov/newsreleases/industry/orsa/orsanewsrelease.htm>.

The Outdoor Recreation Roundtable advocates for bipartisan support for improved access to public lands and waters, increasing public-private partnerships to help modernize infrastructure and reduce decades-old maintenance backlogs that can provide a better visitor experience, support for responsible conservation efforts, and growth of outdoor recreation participation.

## HOW TO GET A BOAT LOAN WITHOUT A HICCUP

With interest rates already on the rise, how can you ensure your boat loan goes smoothly without time-consuming hiccups? Here are 10 tips from Boat Owners Association of The United States just in time for the spring buying season.

1. Check your credit. Before applying for a loan get your current credit score and ensure your credit report is accurate. Scores above 800 may earn you a better interest rate. A free copy of your credit report is available annually from each of the three national credit bureaus at [www.AnnualCreditReport.com](http://www.AnnualCreditReport.com). You can also check with your credit card issuer or bank you do business with. Other options are a credit counselor, a fee-based service, or to purchase it from the credit bureau. Find more at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

2. Find the right loan type. A fixed-rate, fixed-term, simple-interest loan is the most common. This offers the same monthly payment for the life of the loan. Variable rate or hybrid options may offer a combination of a fixed rate for a few years, and then a variable rate. With interest rates forecasted to continue to rise in 2018, the appeal of variable rate loans may decrease. Don't forget to ask if there are prepayment penalties for paying off the loan early.

3. Consider a HELOC. Buyers of smaller vessels often tap into their home equity line of credit (HELOC) to fund a boat purchase. That may work well if you plan to pay the boat off while interest rates remain relatively low. However, passage of the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017 eliminated the deductibility on interest for a home equity loan (if the qualifying vessel has a sleeping berth, cooking and toilet facilities).



*How will you finance it?  
BoatUS has some tips on  
getting a boat loan. Photo  
courtesy BoatUS.*

4. Compare loan rates. Generally rates are lower and available loan terms are longer for newer boats and larger loan amounts. However, each is dependent on a variety of factors including model year, loan amount and down payment. Be prepared for banks to require larger down payments, have higher rates and offer shorter terms on older boats, especially those more than 20 model years. There could also be a significant rate difference between some consecutive model years, so be sure to talk with your lender and understand their rate and term structure.

5. Don't be fooled by ads. You may see rates advertised as low as 3.99 percent, but there usually will be some small print that could make that loan less attractive. For instance, the rate might only be fixed for a few years or the loan period might be only seven years.

6. Get pre-approved. To help save time, ask if you can get preapproval, or if you can possibly start the underwriting process before you have a signed sales agreement or even have a specific boat in mind.

7. Know your tax benefits. A boat can qualify as a second-home loan interest deduction if it has a berth, galley and head, so buying a boat with these features may offer a tax advantage. However, the new Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017 reduces the previous \$1 million second-home mortgage deduction limit to \$750,000 and completely eliminates deductibility of interest for a home equity loan that's often favored by small boat buyers to fund a purchase.

8. Get it surveyed. For pre-owned vessels, hire a qualified marine surveyor to inspect the boat to ensure it is in good condition and you won't have any unexpected repair bills. BoatUS.com/Surveyors can help you find one. Also, many lenders will require a marine survey.





9. Ask about closing costs. As with any loan, there are some fees involved. Sales tax, processing fees, title and registration and/or US Coast Guard documentation fees are common. Check with your lender to find out what to expect.

10. Calculate your monthly payment. How much can you afford? Go to BoatUS.com/Calculator to easily crunch the numbers. Your lender will also review your debt ratio and other criteria.

To learn about boat loans from BoatUS, go to <http://www.BoatUS.com/Boatloans>.

## SAFETY

### **TowBoatUS OPENS NEW LOCATIONS IN RACINE AND WAUKEGAN**

Captain Gareth "Gary" Stamm, a recreational boat-towing captain and business owner, opened his second TowBoatUS location on the Illinois River last year. Now Stamm is seeing growth potential on Lake Michigan with the opening of TowBoatUS Racine and TowBoatUS Waukegan. The two new locations, which span the Illinois-Wisconsin border, replace TowBoatUS Kenosha, essentially doubling the company's fleet in a coverage area that extends from Waukegan north to Milwaukee. Stamm's locations are part of a network of 41 TowBoatUS locations on the Great Lakes and 300 across the country.



(L to R) Mate Lupe Martinez, Capt. Dave Ferro, Mate Nicole Martinez and Capt. Gareth Stamm with Stamm's growing fleet of TowBoatUS response vessels. Credit: BoatUS.

"When boats break down and need a tow to the launch ramp or harbor, a battery jump, or some fuel to make it home, two ports are better than one," said Capt. Stamm. "The 50-mile distance between Chicago and the former port in Kenosha was shortened by moving the port south to Waukegan. We also added Racine, which means faster TowBoatUS response times throughout our service area. When your boat breaks down on the water and you don't know what to do, call us. We know how to get you safely home, and boaters tell us they get a great sense of relief when we arrive on scene."

Much like an auto club for recreational boat owners, BoatUS offers an Unlimited Freshwater Towing Membership for just \$72 a year. Boaters face costs that average \$700 per towing incident – with some paying into the thousands out of pocket – when they don't have an annual BoatUS Towing Membership.

All of Stamm's experienced captains are US Coast Guard licensed. TowBoatUS Racine is located at Pugh Marina. The port has a 25-foot former US Coast Guard SAFE Boat with a welded aluminum-plate hull and hard foam sides, custom-built to take vessels safely in tow. An all-weather Parker 25 is located at TowBoatUS Waukegan in Waukegan Municipal Harbor. Both are rigged for towing, jump starts, fuel delivery and soft ungroundings, ready to go 24 hours a day and easily recognizable by their red hulls and TowBoatUS name and logo emblazoned in bright white letters on their sides.



Separate from BoatUS on-water Towing Services, Stamm's company also refloats sunken boats and provides salvage services. Boaters can reach TowBoatUS Racine and TowBoatUS Waukegan by hailing on VHF channel 16, by calling the company directly at 708.890.9979, by phoning the BoatUS toll-free 24/7 Dispatch Center at 800.391.4869, or via smartphone using the new BoatUS Towing App: <http://www.boatus.com/app>. More information can be found through the links in our Corporate Member directory at the beginning of this issue or through their LMSRF Special Member Benefit offer later this issue.

*TowBoat US Racine and TowBoat US Waukegan are corporate members of LMSRF.*



## NEW RESOURCE GUIDE FOR RECREATIONAL BOATING SKILLS INSTRUCTORS

The U.S. Coast Guard's National On-Water Standards (NOWS) Program grant management team and American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) have announced the publication of an American National Standard for the on-the-water instruction for beginner-level recreational boating operators.

The new Instructional Approach Standard helps boating safety educators design and deliver boating skills instruction that takes place on the water.

The standard is founded on the best practices and guidance of recreational boating experts from around the country. It identifies 14 priority characteristics boating instruction experts know are most important to consider when offering high-quality on-water instruction for skills development. These characteristics focus on the method of skills-based instruction as well as the qualities of the people and organization needed to effectively deliver it.



Education providers large and small, established or new, will find the standard helpful to design or update approaches to on-water instruction. It identifies the qualities of an effective approach and lets providers figure out how best to design them into their programs. Therefore, providers can use the new standard to develop approaches to instruction that work best for their unique situations.

The new Instructional Approach Standard comes with a 77-page How to Guide. This comprehensive Technical Support Document (TSD) gives education providers detailed information to help understand and use the content of the Instructional Approach Standard to design a safe and effective approach to on-water skills-based instruction.

The Instructional Approach Standard and its TSD work together with the powerboating, human-propelled craft and sailing American National Standards previously developed by the NOWS Program. These skills standards identify the skills students should be able to demonstrate as a result of participating in skills-based instruction. Together, the approach and skills standards help boating safety educators design and deliver high quality on-water instruction that gives entry-level boaters the skills and experience they need to safely operate a recreational boat.

On-water instruction for skills development is the future of boating safety education. The four standards provide all recreational boating educators a powerful set of common national standards for what skills to deliver and how to deliver them. Together, they will help raise the level of quality, consistency and availability of boating safety skills education across the country – increasing the level of safety and enjoyment recreational boaters experience on our nation's waterways in the process.

To download free copies of the instructional approach standard and its TSD... click here: <https://www.usnows.org/>. The National Sail Standard is available for free download from ABYC's online store: <https://abyc.site-ym.com/store/ViewProduct.aspx?id=9198303>.

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### Background:

The National On-Water Standards (NOWS) Program is a collaboration initiative lead by a diverse group of 27 volunteer Subject Matter Experts from many different recreational boating organizations across the recreational boating community.

Funded in part from US Coast Guard Grants awarded to US Sailing, and facilitated by a professional facilitator, the purpose of the NOWS Program is to help raise the overall quality, consistency and availability of recreational boating entry-level skills instruction throughout the United States.

It does this by developing national standards, tools and other resources education providers can use to design and deliver on-water instruction that trains people to operate recreational powerboats, sailboats or human-propelled craft.

The ultimate goal is to increase the level of safety and enjoyment recreational boaters experience on our nation's waterways... saving lives in the process.



## SPRING COMMISSIONING CHECKLIST

With boatyards, backyards, marinas, and clubs now coming to life, spring commissioning time has arrived. Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) has a Spring Commissioning Checklist to help boaters start the season right:

### Before You Launch:

1. Hose clamps should be inspected and replaced as necessary. Double clamp below-waterline connections, including all hose and fuel lines with marine-rated stainless hose clamps and keeping seacocks closed when you are away are wise moves.
2. Inspect cooling hoses for stiffness, rot, leaks and cracking. Make sure they fit snugly.
3. Replace deteriorated sacrificial anodes.
4. Inspect prop(s) for dings, pitting and distortion. Make sure cotter pins are secure. Grip the prop and try moving the shaft – if it's loose, the cutless bearing (on inboard drive systems) may need to be replaced.
5. Check the rudderstock to ensure it hasn't been bent.
6. Inspect the hull for blisters, distortions and stress cracks.
7. Make sure your engine intake sea strainer is not cracked or bent from ice, free of corrosion, and is clean and properly secured.
8. With inboards, check the engine shaft and rudder stuffing boxes for looseness. A stuffing box should only leak when the prop shaft is turning and needs to be inspected routinely.
9. Inspect and lubricate seacocks.
10. Use a garden hose to check for deck leaks at ports and hatches. Renew caulk or gaskets as necessary.
11. Inspect bilge pump and float switch to make sure they're working properly.
12. Check stove and remote tanks for loose fittings and leaking hoses.
13. Inspect dock and anchor lines for chafing.
14. If equipped, ensure that the stern drain plug is installed.
15. After the boat is launched, be sure to check all through-hulls for leaks.



### Engine Outdrives and Outboards:

1. Inspect rubber outdrive bellows for cracked, dried and/or deteriorated spots (look especially in the folds) and replace if suspect.
2. Check power steering and power trim oil levels.
3. Replace anodes that are more than half worn away.
4. Inspect outer jacket of control cables. Cracks or swelling indicate corrosion and mean that the cable must be replaced.

### Engines and Fuel Systems:

1. Inspect fuel lines, including fill and vent hoses, for softness, brittleness or cracking. Check all joints for leaks, and make sure all lines are well supported with noncombustible clips or straps with smooth edges.
2. Inspect fuel tanks, fuel pumps and filters for leaks. Ensure portable tanks and lines are completely drained of stale fuel before filling with new fuel. Clamps should be snug and free of rust. Clean or replace fuel filters.
3. Every few years, remove and inspect exhaust manifolds for corrosion.
4. Charge battery. Clean and tighten electrical connections, especially both ends of battery cables. Wire-brush battery terminals and fill cells with distilled water (if applicable).
5. Inspect bilge blower hose for leaks.

### Sailboat Rigging:

1. Inspect swage fittings for cracks and heavy rust (some discoloration is acceptable). Inspect wire halyards and running backstays for "fishhooks" and rust.
2. Remove tape on turnbuckles and lubricate threads, preferably with Teflon. Replace old tape with fresh tape.
3. If you suspect the core around a chainplate is damp, remove the chainplate to inspect and make repairs.

### Trailers:

1. Inspect tire treads and sidewalls for cracks or lack of tread and replace as necessary. Check air pressure — don't forget the spare.
2. Inspect wheel bearings and repack as necessary.
3. Test all lights and winch to make sure they're working properly. Inspect hitch chains.
4. Inspect trailer frame for rust. Sand and paint to prevent further deterioration.
5. Inspect brakes and brake fluid reservoir.



**Safety:**

1. Check expiration dates on flares. Inspect fire extinguishers. Replace if over 12 years old. Over 40 million Kidde extinguishers with plastic handles were recalled on Nov. 2, 2017.
2. Make sure you have properly sized and wearable life jackets in good condition for each passenger, including kids. Check inflatable life jacket cylinders.
3. Test smoke, carbon monoxide, fume and bilge alarms.
4. Check running lights and spare bulb inventory.
5. Update paper charts, chart plotter software.
6. Replenish first aid kit items that may have been used last season.
7. Be sure to get a free vessel safety check from the US Coast Guard Auxiliary or US Power Squadrons. Find out more at [www.SafetySeal.net](http://www.SafetySeal.net).

**For the Dock:**

1. Check both ends of the shore power cable connections for burns, which indicate the cable and/or boat's shore power inlet or the dock's receptacle must be replaced.
2. Test ground-fault protection on your boat and private dock, and know how to prevent Electric Shock Drowning (<https://www.boatus.com/pressroom/release.asp?id=1308>).

**The Paperwork:**

1. Make sure your boat registration is up to date. Don't forget your trailer tags.
2. Review your boat insurance policy and update coverage if needed. Provide a copy to your marina or club.
3. If applicable, ensure your BoatUS Towing Membership is in good standing. Log in to [www.BoatUS.com/Account](http://www.BoatUS.com/Account) to check your membership status or join at [www.BoatUS.com](http://www.BoatUS.com).

## YACHT CLUB AND SAILING ORGANIZATION OPEN HOUSES

*Send us your Open House dates and times and we'll help get the word out to aid you in growing your yacht club membership. Include pertinent information, like food and drink, free sails, facility tours, etc., and send it to [lmsrfadministration@lmsrf.org](mailto:lmsrfadministration@lmsrf.org). If you don't have an acknowledgement in two days, call the office!*

**BAYSHORE YACHT CLUB**, Holland, Michigan, Saturday, April 21, 2018 - Sailing Program Open House where everyone is welcome. Come learn more about our programs and find ways to participate.

**TRAVERSE AREA COMMUNITY SAILING**, Traverse City, Michigan, Boardman Lake station, will be holding an open house at their site on June 2, 2018, from 10:00-2:00. The Adaptive Sailing Program will feature a Clinic/Come and Try Day to introduce individuals, sailing clubs, and yacht clubs in the Great Lakes Region to Adaptive Sailing. Adaptive Sailing is a Program designed to bring the joy of sailing to ALL individuals. Our small boats allow a safe and comfortable way to get on the water. Our lift system helps those with limited mobility get in and out of boats. Limited registrations will be accepted by email or phone. Traverse Area Community Sailing, 650 Hannah Ave., Traverse City, MI; Barb Hutchens, [bjh04@yahoo.com](mailto:bjh04@yahoo.com), 231-649-7117, Sue Corwin, [suecorwin@aol.com](mailto:suecorwin@aol.com), 231-649-6810.

**SAILING EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF SHEBOYGAN**, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, is participating in the Sheboygan County Chamber Business Expo on April 16, 2018, at Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan, from 3:00-7:00 pm. Visit and learn about how they are working to grow sailing!





## LMSRF AREA 1 NEWS

### LMSRF AREA 1 OFFSHORE BOAT OF THE YEAR SERIES

by Gail M. Turluck

Great news Area 1 Offshore sailboat racers! The 2018 LMSRF Area 1 Offshore Championship for the Boat of the Year is now set. The Notice of Series is available on our web page at:

<http://lmsrf.org/areas/area-1>.



Please help get this news out to the members in your yacht club and on your dock. We are confident we do not have a comprehensive list of offshore sailors and want to make sure as many who might participate have the chance to do so this year!

Deadline to sign up is: Friday, June 1, 2018. Sign up today!

### 2018 100 MILER REGISTRATION OPEN

The Notice of Race is posted, and registration for the 100 Miler is open now. All registrations and race management are done through Regatta Network.



**M&M Yacht Club**

Click here: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/15954> to visit the 100 Miler site on Regatta Network for information and registration.

For assistance with online registration, email Brian Chaltry - [marketing@mmyc.org](mailto:marketing@mmyc.org).

### NEED YOUR BOATING SAFETY COURSE?

Our friends at the M&M Sail and Power Squadron are holding their annual spring course beginning April 17. Please see the flyer that follows for full information.

### BOATING SAFETY COURSE...

YOUR LOCAL MARINETTE-MENOMINEE  
SAIL & POWER SQUADRON PRESENTS:

#### "AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE"

JOIN THE FUN WITH OTHER AREA BOATERS  
LEARNING REQUIRED BOATING SKILLS.

THIS 4 WEEK COURSE WILL BEGIN ON TUES. APRIL 17,  
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INSTRUCTION IS "FREE". YOU PAY ONLY A SMALL \$35  
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## LMSRF AREA 2 NEWS

### LMSRF AREA 2 OFFSHORE BOAT OF THE YEAR SERIES

by Gail M. Turluck

Offshore sailors in southern Wisconsin – we are pleased to announce the LMSRF Area 2 Offshore Championship for Boat of the Year is ready for your 2018 participation! The Notice of Series is posted on the LMSRF web page at: <http://lmsrf.org/areas/area-ii>.



Please share this news in your club's newsletter, with other boats on your dock and in the shipyard, in the bar, and anywhere else you come across someone who should be a part of this series in 2018!!

Deadline to enter: Friday, June 1, 2018. Get signed up right away!

### 2018 MILWAUKEE CREW SEARCH PARTY

Mark your calendars and make sure you attend! The 2018 Crew Search Party is Saturday, April 21 from 3 PM - 5 PM CDT at South Shore Yacht Club, 2300 E Nock St, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Here's your chance to join a sailboat racing crew for the summer. Experienced or not, there's a place for you. The public is welcome. Come to South Shore Yacht Club on April 21, meet the skippers and other crew, and find the spot that's right for you!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/202490030350692/>

### SEAS BUILDING PARTIALLY OCCUPIED

by Leslie Kohler

I hope this finds you well and getting excited for the boating season. The new Sailing Education Association of Sheboygan building is certainly coming along and we received a certificate of occupancy for the storage half the building. We are moving boats into that side of the structure and slowly vacating the Humane Society site. The crew is anxious to get into their new home. After we get our permanent certificate of occupancy, we will be holding an open house. I hope you will be able to come and see the new facility. Stand by for details.



For those of you who do not know, through a donation given to SEAS last fall, we were able to purchase a Tartan 4000. This 40-foot keel boat is quite comfortable; with a roller furling jib, dodger and Bimini. The Tartan will be the Cadillac of our cruising instruction. We will be offering classes to prepare individuals to set out on their own adventure; teaching navigation, mooring, provisioning, crew safety, and maybe a bit of marriage counseling.

The new boat will moor at the Sheboygan Yacht Club this summer. I am not telling the name of the boat because I would love all of you to come down for the christening. We are doing a soft opening this year until we can see what the interest is and are able to hire the correct number of seasonal staff to cover all of our programming. The boat will be going out for Wednesday night races and participating in other club races, as there is interest. Students from Sheboygan Youth Sailing Club and SEAS will be welcome to come out and experience a Wednesday evening race. In addition to the new SEAS boat, there are other boats in the fleet that are willing to take out new people. Peter Reichelsdorfer told me that he is opening up his boat *Arktos* to newbies on Wednesday nights. It would be wonderful if we could generate more interest and participation in the local racing.





*With temporary occupancy granted we are able to move boats into the storage side of the building. Our conference / class room gets some color and our office space on the mezzanine is painted and doors are hung. Photo courtesy Sailing Education Association of Sheboygan.*

Paul Bartelt, Danielle Kohler, and I will be leasing the Tartan 4000 to do the Chicago-Mackinac in the cruising division. This will be a teaching race, as some members of the crew have not done any offshore racing. SEAS will offer the opportunity to be part of the delivery crew down to Chicago and then another cruising class returning the boat to Sheboygan. Other classes and or trips will be available should we have the demand. Eventually the boat will be available for evening and weekend cruises. Also, the boat will be available to lease to qualified individuals at some point in the future. We are wading into this venture rather than jumping in the deep end.

So many exciting things are happening. Of course, with the days getting longer, everyone is excited for spring.

## ON-LINE ENTRY IS OPEN FOR THE 2018 QUEEN'S CUP

by Scott Burke

This year is the 80<sup>th</sup> running for one of the oldest trophies in yacht racing. It was originally awarded to the sloop *Sylvie* from New York in the Royal Yacht Squadron Regatta of Cowes, England in 1853 ... time to become part of a rich history.

On-line entry is now open for the 2018 Queen's Cup Race and the entries are coming in fast. The entry form, Notice of Race and other race documents can be found on our website [www.ssy.org](http://www.ssy.org) under the Queen's Cup tab. The race is open to all boats with a 2018 LM-PHRF handicap certificate or a valid ORR certificate or class measurement certificate. We welcome any offshore one design entries, multi-hulls, shorthanded sailors and a cruising fleet.



Plans are underway to make the 2018 Queen's Cup Race a success ashore and afloat. We have an awesome party planned for Thursday June 21<sup>st</sup> with great food and entertainment. This year's band will feature The Sentinels. These guys will get the place rockin' from the first song and keep the party on its feet right to the end of the last set.

The 2018 Queen's Cup will finish in Grand Haven, Michigan, with Grand River Sailing Club hosting what promises to be a great weekend. Approximately 50 slips are available in the Grand Haven Marina. Reservations are on a first paid registration, first served basis. Once the slips have been filled, every effort will be made to fit boats into a slip with other boats, or at the end of the dock depending on size. Once the marina is at capacity, boats will be docked on the seawall, rafting off 3 deep. Grand River Sailing Club has made arrangements to install wave boards to help protect boats along the wall.

After you have completed your paid Queen's Cup registration, look for an email from South Shore Yacht Club. This message will provide you with a code and complete slip reservation information.

We are pleased to announce that North Sails will be back and doing the Friday morning weather briefing. Harken will be back with their Tech Trailer at South Shore Yacht Club for this year's race. Harken will have an experienced team to help answer any questions from boat owners who register for the race, to inspect hardware and offer suggestions on preventative maintenance and how to get the best performance out of their boat's sail handling gear. As we get closer to race day we will have a sign-up sheet for those that are registered so that the Harken team can provide this service.

See you at South Shore Yacht Club's 2018 Queen's Cup!





## THE HOOK: RACINE YACHT CLUB'S DEATH'S DOOR CHALLENGE

Racine Yacht Club's "HOOK" Race is our premier sailing event and 2018 marks its 35th running. Sailed annually on the same weekend as the Chicago-Mackinac race, it was born from an idea that was kicked around by Yacht Club members who thought a distance race from Racine through "Death's Door" at the tip of the Door County peninsula to a port in Green Bay might be able to gain some traction. A simpler, lower cost alternative to the 'Mac, it would allow skippers and crews who couldn't make the 'Mac to take less time off and still do a distance race. It is also a great way for folks to get their boats north to the cruising grounds in Green Bay, the Door County area, and points north. The race offers strong competition with the navigational challenge of Death's Door. Designed primarily for racers with fully crewed boats, divisions for cruisers (who can do some motoring), single and double-handers, and multihulls have been added over the years.

Our first HOOK was sailed in 1984 with twelve boats racing from Racine, Wisconsin, up the lake through the Death's Door passage between Door County, Wisconsin, and Washington Island and on into Green Bay, ending across the bay at Menominee,



*Happy HOOKers on their way north to Death's Door. Photo courtesy: Racine Yacht Club.*

Michigan's M&M Yacht Club--a distance of some 189 miles. The finish line is between a trailer on the marina seawall and a buoy just offshore. On Saturday morning, July 21, the cruising fleet's first warning is at 0830 hours followed by the racing fleet's first warning at 0900. The race officially ends after all boats have finished or the time limit expires, which is at 5:00 PM Monday. From that first race the HOOK fleet has, on occasion, grown to more than fifty boats.





Things this year start on Friday, July 20, at the Racine Yacht Club with dinner, live entertainment, and a Skippers' Meeting. Events after the race on Monday evening, July 23, at M&M Yacht Club include a rum party, live entertainment, dinner, and the awards ceremony. The HOOK has it all. Perfect weather. Storms. Calms. Navigational challenges. Night sailing. To see a short presentation about last year's race go to the HOOK website (search your browser for "ryc hook," it will be the first entry) and click on "see the 2017 HOOK video!" on the right side of the page. Come sail with us!

Remember: The HOOK race will begin on Saturday, July 21, 2018, so sign up now at [www.racineyachtclub.org/the\\_hook.htm](http://www.racineyachtclub.org/the_hook.htm).

## **RUDOLPH NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR SEAS**

The Sailing Education Association of Sheboygan (SEAS) recently announced the promotion of Geoff Rudolph to Executive Director.

Since SEAS began in 2012, Leslie Kohler has led the organization's development as Chairman of the Board with a vision of making boating accessible for everyone. This is a vision that both she and her late father, Terry J. Kohler, shared. Their passion for sailing and the educational and recreational opportunities it provides led them to form SEAS and bring the experience to all of Sheboygan County.

"In the past few years, SEAS has grown dramatically in the numbers we serve. We added more staff to serve the community and it became time to name an executive director," said Leslie Kohler.

Rudolph joined SEAS in May 2016 as the fleet director, responsible for making sure all of the boats remain in pristine condition. As the discussion of building a new facility continued, he worked with the architect to incorporate all the needs of the organization under one roof while expanding the capacity for the future growth & functions of SEAS. "As SEAS looks to the future and the role it will play in STEM education and boating instruction and building in the community, Rudolph's experience gives him the tools needed to lead this organization," said Leslie Kohler.



Rudolph has a diverse background with over 40 years in the marine industry. He has captained both sail and powered vessels up to 100'; marine construction vessels, high speed ferry service, commercial fishing & dive boats, and an 80' EPA Research Vessel. He has managed multiple projects throughout his career, refitting and restoring vessels up to 220' in length, has enjoyed One Design and offshore racing and cruising, and has made numerous deliveries between the Great Lakes, and the West Indies.

Prior to SEAS he was contracted by Maritime Heritage Alliance in Traverse City for two winter restorations on the gaff rigged cutter *Champion* and Captained their Sail Champion Program for at risk youth. Rudolph co-founded the Red8 Boat Works while in Traverse City, which works with High School aged students teaching skills needed to build boats and character. He was introduced to Sheboygan and SEAS when his first mate on the *Champion* asked him to be the coach for the US Blind Sailing Team for the 2014 Blind World Championship in Sheboygan.

"I look forward to helping SEAS grow and the challenges of building new programs in the Sheboygan area. It is a rewarding experience watching young people develop new skills and achieving a greater sense of self," Rudolph said.

### **ABOUT SEAS**

SEAS is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that strives to educate the public about the benefits of sailing and boating, preservation of our maritime heritage and serves as a resource to help support the organizations, clubs, and individuals that fit the parameters of our mission.

### **MISSION**

To promote safety and knowledge for a lifetime of boating enjoyment through education, innovative solutions, and accessibility for those with physical, cognitive, or financial needs.

### **VISION**

Boating for Everyone!

To support SEAS, or for more information go to <http://www.seasheboygan.org/> or call: (920) 783-3670.



## LMSRF AREA 3 NEWS

### **WILL THERE BE A 2018 AREA 3 BOAT OF THE YEAR CHAMPIONSHIP?**

by Gail M. Turluck

In 2017 there was no Area 3 Boat of the Year Championship. On the dock, in the bar and at the Chicago Boat Show there was casual talk about seeking to have the series reinstated. The most recent meeting of the LMSRF Area 3 Racing Growth Committee did not reach quorum nor had it heard from members, owners, or racers, about interest in conducting such an Offshore Championship in 2018. Time is short. For a series to be designated, the Chair needs to hear from interested parties. Please email LMSRF Area 3 Vice Commodore Glenn McCarthy at [glennmccarthy@yahoo.com](mailto:glennmccarthy@yahoo.com) with your interest and comments no later than April 20.



### **SAIL CHICAGO RACING SEASON WILL SOON BE HERE**

Racing season will be here before you know it. Running from May 30 to September 29, Columbia Yacht Club will once again be graciously hosting Sail Chicago, Chicago's Community Sailing Center organization (<http://www.sailchicago.org/>), for a season of Wednesday night races and the always-favorite, after-race buffet dinner and beer. This year's season will see the addition of new Colgate 26s being purchased by Columbia Yacht Club to add to the competition. Those interested may choose to participate in the Colors Regatta this year, hosted by Columbia Yacht Club, on June 2-3 as well as the Verve Cup Regatta in late August.



Colgate 26s rounding a mark. Photo courtesy: Sail Chicago.

We also announce that Sail Chicago member Cait Larson will be the Racing Coordinator this season. Cait has been a regular at Sail Chicago's Wednesday night races for the past two years and has done the Verve Cup Regatta twice as well.

Nothing makes you a savvy sailor faster than racing! Come learn to fly a spinnaker, develop your ability to make quick, seaman-like decisions, and, maybe, create some truly interesting life stories.

### **GETTING STARTED WITH OFFSHORE SAILBOAT HANDICAP RACING IN THE CHICAGO AREA**

by Gail M. Turluck

Owners of offshore sailboats of 27 feet or more may get active in sailboat racing in the Chicago area by acquiring a handicap rating from the Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet and take their pick of races offered almost every weekend all around the area. To learn all the details on how to get involved, visit [www.portofphrf.com](http://www.portofphrf.com). Click on the link buttons in the right hand column to discover rules, requirements, entry information and more. There will be some races specifically aimed at first time racers. Make your plans now.

### **JACKSON PARK YACHT CLUB FOUNDATION GETS 501(c)(3) APPROVAL**

by Karen Harris, Jackson Park Yacht Club Commodore

The Jackson Park Yacht Club Foundation, formed in 2012, was created to serve as the charitable branch of Jackson Park Yacht Club to promote boating education. Specifically the Jackson Park Yacht Club Foundation's mission is to provide outreach, education, training, support and resources necessary to engage young people and adults in boating and other activities on and around the water, including non-traditional participants in boating activities.

I am pleased to announce that on March 1, 2018 the Jackson Park Yacht Club Foundation received its IRS 501(c)(3) approval effective January 27, 2018.



This means that the Jackson Park Yacht Club Foundation is tax-exempt entity and donations to it are tax deductible for donors. We hope that you will consider the Jackson Park Yacht Club Foundation as part of your future giving and encourage others to do so as well.



We are excited about this wonderful opportunity to be of service in our community and hope that you are too.

Thank you to everyone who helped in this process and congratulations to the Jackson Park Yacht Club Foundation on its 501(c)(3) status!

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### **UPDATE ON NORTH POINT MARINA POOL**

Our friends at Winthrop Harbor Yacht Club report that swimming pool construction is set to begin! Utility locating occurred in March and the security fence is up! Looks like activity will start on the pool soon.



*Security fence around area of future swimming pool at North Point Marina.  
Photo courtesy: Winthrop Harbor Yacht Club.*

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### **CHICAGO-MACKINAC RACE NAMED BEST REGATTA**

It's official! Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac has been named the #winner of the US Sailing 2018 Greatest American Sailing Regatta bracket! #CYCRTM

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### **2018 ISMA MARITIME DAY**


*by Joseph O'Connor*

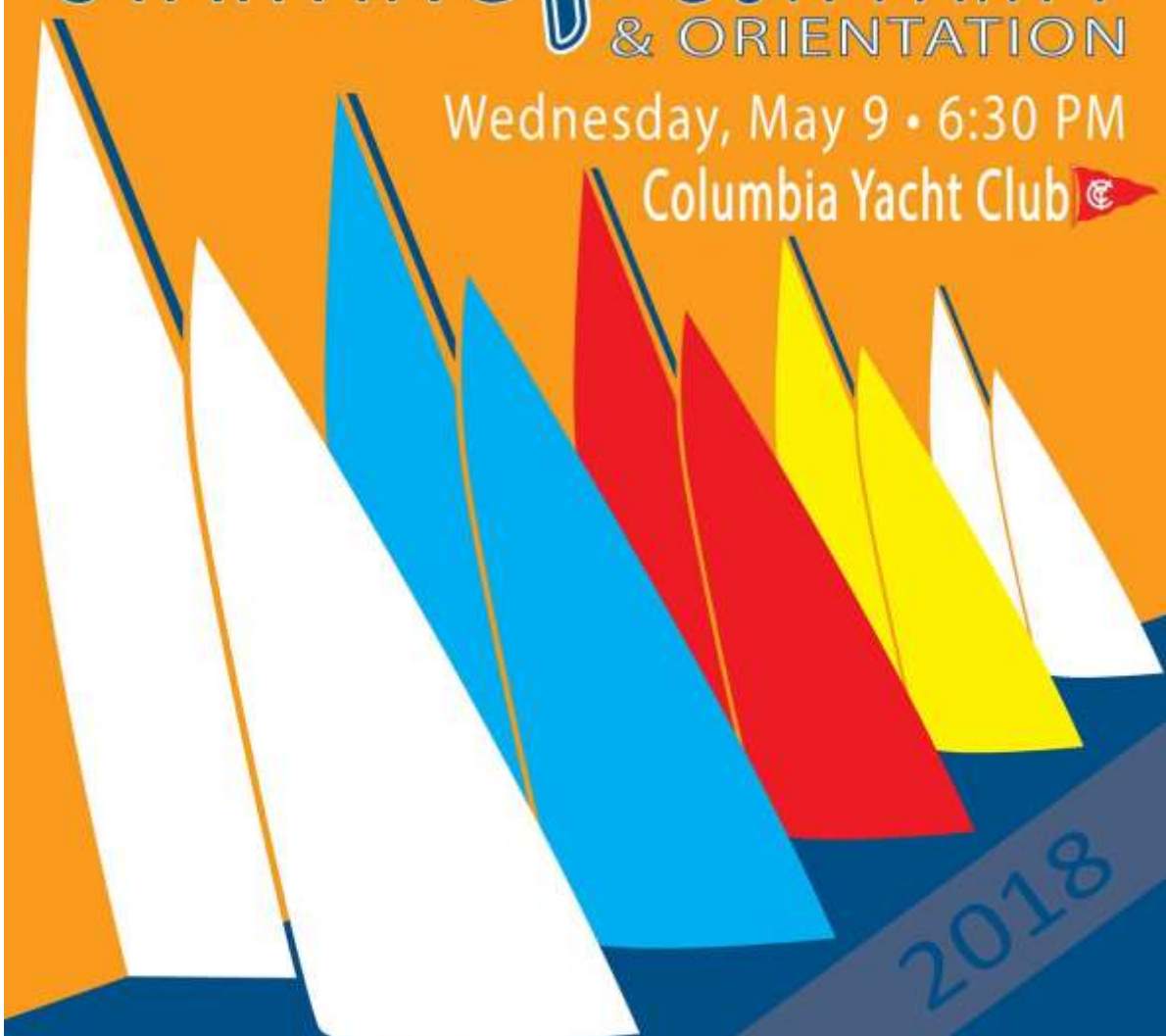
The International Ship Masters Association, Chicago Lodge # 3 has arranged to have a Maritime Day/Blessing of The Fleet Celebration again this year at the Wall at Navy Pier on Friday, May 18, 2018 at 11:00 AM. We would like for your group to participate in this event as you have done in the past. Contact: Joseph O'Connor at [info@chicagoshipmasters.com](mailto:info@chicagoshipmasters.com) to sign up for the event.











# CHICAGO BEER CAN SERIES STARTING GUN PARTY & ORIENTATION

Wednesday, May 9 • 6:30 PM  
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 9 | 6:30 PM ORIENTATION | AFT DECK PARTY TO FOLLOW  
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Giveaway Prizes will include: Sailing Gear - Gloves - Hardware - Services - Bottom Paint & other items.



## LMSRF AREA 4 NEWS

### **RACE COMMITTEE MEET AND GREET AT BAYSHORE YACHT CLUB**

by Rod Leonard

Bayshore Yacht Club in Holland, Michigan, is planning a meet and greet for those individuals who would be interested in helping with race management. This entails learning the race guidelines or supplying Mark set or Committee Boat for the evening races. If you would like to learn more about this time, talent or supplying equipment, please plan to attend on April 21, 2018, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., at Bayshore Yacht Club. There will be some guest speakers. Bayshore Yacht Club will be open for that evening for those who would want to enjoy beverages or stay for dinner.

For more information you can contact Rod Leonard, [rodsailsh45@gmail.com](mailto:rodsailsh45@gmail.com).

### **MACATAWA BAY REVIVING LEUKEMIA CUP**

by Grant Cheney

Macatawa Bay Yacht Club is pleased to announce that after 26 years, the club is once again entering the fight against blood cancer and making a difference in the quest for a cure by hosting the Leukemia Cup Regatta on June 9, 2018. We expect great turnout for boats as this is the same weekend as the Commodore's Cup and VX One Great Lakes Championship! The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Leukemia Cup Regatta is a thrilling series of sailing events combining the joy of boating with the important task of raising money to cure cancer.



Individuals form fundraising teams that help galvanize relationships between friends, family and business contacts, and the team that raises the most in their community receives the coveted Leukemia Cup. Participants include on-water enthusiasts, skippers, sailors, and spectators who like to cheer the sailors on, and all help to fund life-saving research and treatment for blood cancers.

Since 1949, money raised by Leukemia Cup Regatta participants has been funding groundbreaking research, patient support programs, and free information for families. Each and every day, the patients and families affected by blood cancer have hope, help, and support because of folks like you getting involved. We're committed to finding a cure not someday, but today, and anyone interested in helping The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society accelerate cancer cures can participate in our events.

Join us April 12 for the Leukemia Cup Kickoff Party at Macatawa Bay Yacht Club to learn more about the Leukemia Cup and how you can be part of changing blood cancer. It will be a great time to catch up with friends and hear a first-hand account of the "Meridian X" man overboard event during the 2017 Chicago-Mackinac Race presented by Graham Garrenton. He will present lessons learned and have a Q & A session as well. It serves as a perfect reminder to keep safety first at all times. This event is open to non-members!

For more information, to sign up for the regatta, or for other ways to help end cancer, click visit <http://www.leukemicup.org/events/macatawa-bay-yacht-club-leukemia-cup-regatta>.

### **SUPPORT THE PORT SHELDON BUOY NOW!**

by Ed Verhamme, LimnoTech

Before you pull your boat out of storage for the winter, please head to our GoFundMe website RIGHT NOW and support the buoy. Your contribution is greatly appreciated! <https://gofundme.com/2018psbuoy/>.

Remember last summer? When you were sitting at the dock (or at home) and wondered how wavy it was on Lake Michigan? Wasn't it nice to be able to pull up lake conditions instantly on your phone or computer? Observations from the Port Sheldon buoy were requested more than ONE MILLION times by boaters like you in 2017, making it the most popular buoy in the entire Great Lakes by almost a factor of two! Did you also know, the Port Sheldon buoy is currently 100% supported by boaters and local businesses?





Having quick and ready access to lake observations also helps the US Coast Guard, the Ottawa County Sheriff, and TowBoatUS to support their vital search and rescue missions. Since 2014, LimnoTech and other local organizations have worked hard to keep the Port Sheldon weather buoy project fully funded, despite cuts to federal programs that support weather stations across the Great Lakes. Without your support now we won't be able to deploy the buoy, pay for annual maintenance to sensors, replace worn chain and shackles, fix broken sensors throughout the year, or send data freely to the web.

If you own a business or are part of an organization, please don't hesitate to reach out about promoting your business or organization through the buoy website. With tens of thousands of local viewers each month it's a great way to show your support!

## **LMSRF AREA 4 OFFSHORE CHAMPIONSHIP REMINDER**

*by Gail M. Turluck*

Offshore boats in harbors including Benton Harbor, South Haven, Saugatuck, Holland, Grand Haven, Muskegon, Whitehall, Pentwater, Ludington, Manistee, Onekama, and Frankfort, you're reminded that the Notice of Series for the 2018 Area 4 Offshore Championship for Boat of the Year was posted earlier this year.

It's easy to view, just browse to: <http://lmsrf.org/areas/area-iv>.

Get it done – registration closes on Friday, June 1. Get signed up today!





# Leukemia Cup Regatta Kickoff Party

*presented by Coppercraft Distillery*

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**Graham Garrenton**

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Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Starting from Muskegon Yacht Club  
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REGISTRATION OPEN: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4720>



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## LMSRF AREA 5 NEWS

**2018 LMSRF AREA 5 OFFSHORE BOAT OF THE YEAR SERIES***by Gail M. Turluck*

Now announcing the 2018 LMSRF Area 5 Offshore Championship for the Boat of the Year is revealed. The Notice of Series is released. View it on the LMSRF Area 5 web page: <http://lmsrf.org/areas/area-v>.

Please share this news in your club's newsletter, with other boats on your dock and in the shipyard, in the bar, and anywhere else you come across someone who should be a part of this series in 2018!!

Deadline to enter: Friday, June 1, 2018. Get signed up right away!

**2018 LMSRF AREA 5 INSHORE ONE-DESIGN BOAT OF THE YEAR SERIES IN DEVELOPMENT***by Gail M. Turluck*

The Melges 24 Inshore One-Design Class in Area 5 has expressed interest in having a 2018 LMSRF Area 5 Inshore One-Design Boat of the Year Championship.

If there are races you would like to see included, please email them to [lmsrfadministration@lmsrf.org](mailto:lmsrfadministration@lmsrf.org). We anticipate announcing the 2018 series in the May issue of *Lake Michigan SuRF*.



  
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## OFFSHORE COUNCIL NEWS

### 2018 BEST ON LAKE MICHIGAN OFFSHORE CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Gail M. Turluck

Offshore racers, are you wondering where the series announcement is? LMSRF has confirmation that the LM-PHRF Fleet, Farr 40 Class, Beneteau 40.7 Class, and Beneteau 36.7 Class are participating in the 2018 Best on Lake Michigan series.



We have contacted many others and not had the courtesy of a reply! The Notice of Series is in development.

Whether your fleet or class has a history in this series or not (see <http://lmsrf.org/offshore-championships/best-on-lake-michigan-results>), any fleet or class of 3 or more boats can participate. We need to hear from other fleets and classes by Monday, April 23, to add your Class to the championship for 2018. Write to [lmsrfadministration@lmsrf.org](mailto:lmsrfadministration@lmsrf.org).

## INSHORE ONE-DESIGN COUNCIL NEWS

### INSHORE CHAMPIONSHIPS – ARE YOU INTERESTED?

by Gail M. Turluck

For sailors of small boat Inshore One-Designs, LMSRF seeks your input on possible championships on an Area basis and/or Lake wide basis. What kind of series would be attractive to you? A traveling series? A single event? An event that moves around the lake annually by Area? Something else? Please send your thoughts to [lmsrfadministration@lmsrf.org](mailto:lmsrfadministration@lmsrf.org).

## YOUTH COUNCIL NEWS

### SPRING HIGH SCHOOL SAILING IS HERE!

by Ted Anderson, President

**Schedule:** The Midwest Inter-Scholastic Sailing Association (MISSA) schedule is updated on the website and most of the Notices of Race (NORs) and registration links are up. The rest should be up at least 30 days before the event. If you have additions or changes to the schedule, please let your Area VP know right away. Our planning schedule (spring and next fall) can be viewed at <http://tinyurl/MISSA-schedule>.

**Area Calls:** All team leaders are encouraged to participate in their monthly area calls, led by the MISSA VP for your area. Check your area's web page ([East](#), [West](#), [Central](#)) for call details and a list of teams and regattas specific to your area.

**Rosters/Team Information:** Team admins, please take the time to update your team information at <http://registration.hssailing.org> before the season starts. Every sailor's class year and gender should be filled in and graduated sailors need to be removed. (The "gender" field is new, so needs to be completed for everyone.) By putting a sailor's name on your roster you are vouching that she/he meets the eligibility rules.





**MISSA Email List:** If you have new coaches or team parents, please make sure they add themselves to this email list. Anyone can opt in by filling out the form on the [MISSA homepage](#), and anyone can opt out by clicking the unsubscribe link below. Please share this as appropriate to make sure everyone is kept in the loop.

Contact me with questions: Ted Anderson, President, MISSA, 708.420.5233, [sailingmissa@gmail.com](mailto:sailingmissa@gmail.com).

## MIDWEST COLLEGE SAILING EXCELLENCE TAKES DEDICATION AND PLANNING

A recent article in the e-newsletter *Scuttlebutt* featured an interview with Dave Elsmo, part-time coach of the University of Wisconsin Sailing Team. He describes the ways the team prepares and adapts to maintain its stature as the leading program in the Midwest Collegiate Sailing Association while raising funds, dealing with a frozen lake in the spring, and always extensive travel. Story: <https://tinyurl.com/ElsmoonWisco-MCSA>.

## COLLEGE SAILING SCHEDULE TO SHRINK

The e-newsletter *Scuttlebutt* featured an interview with Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association President Mitch Brindley where he discussed plans for further shrinkage of the college sailing schedule and the reasons for doing so: <https://tinyurl.com/CollegeScheduleShrinking>.

## OPTIMIST REGATTA HOST NEEDED FOR 2018

The US Optimist Class Regatta Committee is actively seeking proposals for USODA regatta hosts. Proposals for the following regatta is sought as soon as possible.

\*\*\*TIME SENSITIVE\*\*\*

Seeking a host for the 2018 Optimist Great Lakes Championship!!! Flexible on dates. Email [chipanlisa@aol.com](mailto:chipanlisa@aol.com).

## GRANTS-IN-AID NEWS



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

## GRANT RECIPIENT REPORTS

With the assistance from LMSRF and their Grants in Aid program our team, Andrew Van Sickle (South Shore Yacht Club), Heather Robertson (South Shore Yacht Club), Christopher Laing (Windjammers Sailing Club) and myself Michael Laing (Windjammers Sailing Club) were able to attend the St. Petersburg North U and National One Design Sailing Academy's Flying Tiger 7.5 training, February 14-18, 2018. The Flying Tigers are modern performance sailboats with retracting poles, asymmetrical kites and square top mainsails. This report is written with the perspectives of each team member to best present what we learned, skills we can use on Lake Michigan and help spread sailing knowledge to fellow sailors.

For 5 days, I had the fortunate experience to sail as part of the North U Regatta experience aboard a Flying Tiger 7.5 meter in St. Petersburg, Florida. The first two days were with onboard coaches teaching boat handling, tactics, weather patterns, currents, and sail trim. They then set up small racecourses to practice starting techniques and mark roundings. The wind forecast for the first two days were light, so lots of time was spent discussing weight distribution, roll tacking, and upwind sail shape to help keep the boat moving in the light air. Lead instructor Bill Gladstone videotaped us throughout the day to be used during classroom debriefings. A unique aspect of Tampa Bay is the amount of current that exists during a flooding tide. A racer can do well just by picking the correct side of the course to maximize or minimize the effects of current depending on the situation. This information will become invaluable for future races in the bay. All of the information gained in the first two days was applied in the final three days of racing. We saw varying wind conditions that proved challenging, but our crew worked well together and we rounded out the weekend with a third place podium finish. Thank you to the members LMSRF for their support to our team in



increasing our knowledge and skills in sailboat racing. I'd highly recommend this course to any racers that want to take their program to the next level.--**Andrew Van Sickle**

I have raced for most of my life but during the North Regatta Experience it really hit me that I have lacked any formal training. We had two days of coaching with a coach on each boat that could see exactly what we were doing and make suggestions on how to improve. I really appreciated the flexibility of then having our coach watch from the chase boat so that during the regatta we could attempt to put what we had learned about starts, upwind trim, communication and tactics into practice. After each race we would get feedback on what we had done, and what we should change. I look forward to the next Wisconsin sailing season to share what I learned with the boats that I race on and continue to improve my own racing skills. I would recommend this clinic for any level of racer that is looking to improve their skills.--**Heather Robertson**

The North U regatta experience aboard the Flying Tiger 7.5 in the 2018 NOOD-St. Petersburg regatta was a fantastic educational event. Each of the 5 days included a pre-briefing of course conditions and expectations, followed by on the water racing, then a debrief of the day including discussion about successful techniques and tactics. All of this added more tips and tricks to our overall racing 'toolkit.' One rather unique activity our team conducted was to rotate positions on the same boat over a short period of time in similar conditions. During the 5-day event, each crewmember had the opportunity to skipper, trim sails, work pit, and call tactics in a live race environment. This not only provided each of us with a more fulfilling experience, but also a clearer perspective on what is required from each individual team member's position in order to make the boat go fast. For example, as a mainsail trimmer, I now have a better sense of how my mainsail trim might make boat handling easier or more difficult and unbalanced for the helmsman. Likewise, how easing and trimming a jib properly for a puff or lull will keep the boat powered up. Another primary focus our coach had the team explore on was continuous communication. There is a lot of information to read on a race course and no individual can take it all in while keeping the boat moving at optimal performance. As a team, we are stronger when sharing what we observe to the point it becomes white noise. Doing so keeps the team focused and efficient. Additionally, we learned to share incremental information between the sail trimmers and the skipper, i.e.: the spinnaker trimmer indicates to the skipper when there is pressure to sail 2 clicks deeper and when to steer up for more air provides valuable feedback to keep the boat moving at top VMG and therefore optimal course and speed. I look forward to utilizing these perspectives, skills, and techniques regularly in all future racing events.--**Christopher Laing**

The key to our successful 3rd was, communication of everything. From countdowns to the next puff, headers and lifters, speed and heading of nearby boats, what the trimmer is set for (eased for speed and power or trimmed in for height) and where the next gust is going to be. It really was, like Christopher said, "white noise." Our bad races were either because I ran over the offset mark or it was because we weren't talking to each other. Our coach referred to it as the GNN (Good News Network). As the usual skipper on the boats I sail in Green Bay, I have never experienced this much communication onboard before. After this event, I cannot emphasize how critical it is as a skipper to have your crew talk to you. It frees up your mind to keep the boat in the groove. The trimmers must never be quiet and communicate what they're doing with the trim based on the ever-changing wind speeds and angles. This was a lighter air event and one topic that was discussed with our coach was easing in the lulls and easing the moment you are hit with a puff. In the lulls, the boat is starving for power. With the high aspect blade jibs, keel and rudder, this boat thrived off of boat speed, of course, most boats do. In the puffs, the apparent wind angle becomes larger and there is about a five second window where the jib is not perfectly trimmed. The driver cannot, and should not, adjust the angle of the boat to match the new apparent wind angle. This is commonly known as a velocity lift. Instead, the jib trimmer should communicate how far and when the jib sheet is eased for the puff. This allows the boat to accelerate much more quickly, bringing the apparent wind angle back to normal and the jib trimmer can trim the jib back to "pointing mode." Again, communication is key with this skill. We had the opportunity to take a redress with the race committee since our position was incorrect with one race. Initially, the redress committee did not have enough evidence to overrule the recorded positions which allowed us to gain experience with a formal protest. We were able to provide enough evidence with testimonies from the North U and 1D coaches. This was our first protest and hopefully our last. There is only so much we can share in writing. The actual experience is truly the only way to fully learn these skills and the importance of using those skills at the right time. We were familiar with most of the topics discussed in the classroom but without the encouragement from all of the coaches, it's difficult to grasp the importance of following through with the communication, practicing the skills and repeating the skills you read about. Many, many thanks to LMSRF and their Grants in Aid program for helping make this experience possible.--**Michael Laing**



## ADAPTIVE SAILING NEWS

### **NEW FORMAT FOR 2018 PARA WORLD SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP**

The 2018 Para World Sailing Championships will take place September 16-22 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. This edition will showcase new formats including "Heat style" racing for the RS Venture Connect and medal races in all disciplines.

#### **DISCIPLINES AND RACING FORMAT:**

- Single Person Keelboat (Technical) – Open Gender – 2.4mr Norlin One Design (OD) – fleet racing with a Medal Race
- Single Person Keelboat (Non-Technical) – Male – Hansa 303 – Short course fleet racing, shared charter boat with a Medal Race
- Single Person Keelboat (Non-Technical) – Female – Hansa 303 – Short course fleet racing, shared charter boat with a Medal Race
- Two Person Keelboat – Open Gender – RS Venture Connect – Short course fleet racing, shared charter boat with late stage knockouts. The winner of the final race will win the event

The all new RS Venture Connect two-person dinghy will be included in the Para Worlds for the first time ever. The two-seat standard configuration on the RS Venture Connect was recommended to the Para World Sailing Committee (PWSC) by RS Sailing and has been vetted for safety and classification for the 2018 World Championships. The RS Venture Connect was selected by the PWSC at the 2017 Annual Conference in Mexico for use at the Worlds.

The boat can be sailed by males and/or females and all competitors must have a valid International Classification under the current Para-Classification Rules for World Sailing. The total points of each team in the RS Venture Connect shall not exceed 8 points unless there is a female on the team. The total number of classification points can be increased by one for each female aboard.

To see the RS Venture Connect Equipment Regulations click here: <https://tinyurl.com/RSVentureConnectEqRegs>.

As the PWSC continue to gather input and feedback on sailors regarding ongoing evolution and evaluation of equipment, safety factors and classification, competitors racing in Sheboygan will be invited to test the RS Venture Connect single center line seat configuration with a crew permitted to sit on the rail.

The one-person boat, Hansa 303, made its Para World Sailing Championship debut at the 2017 edition in Kiel, Germany. Piotr Cichocki (POL) and Violeta del Reino (ESP) took the inaugural men's and women's title. The sailors in the Hansa will need to meet the minimal disability criteria for Para World Sailing Classification and the men and women will compete in separate fleets again in 2018.

The RS Venture Connect and the Hansa 303 boats will be provided by World Sailing for the championships, reducing costs for sailors.

The third class to be included in the Para Worlds will be the one-person keelboat, Norlin 2.4mr OD. This is a technical and highly adaptable boat made to meet the needs of each sailor. Unlike the Hansa 303, males and females can compete together in the class. Sailors competing in this event will need to meet minimum disability classification requirements.

### **ADAPTIVE PROGRAM OPEN HOUSE**

On June 2, 2018, Traverse Area Community Sailing will be holding an open house at their site on Boardman Lake in Traverse City, Michigan.

The Adaptive Sailing Program will feature a Clinic/Come and Try Day to introduce individuals, sailing clubs, and yacht clubs in the Great Lakes Region to Adaptive Sailing. TACS has the largest fleet of Hansa boats in the Midwest, including three Hansa 303's and two 2.3's. Participants will be able to:

1. Learn about disabilities and safety concerns
2. Experience program development, and learn how to get started
3. Tour barrier free facility and participant lift demonstrations.
4. Have the opportunity to sail our Adaptive boats.



5. Use Transfer benches and other adaptations that might be appropriate for your site

Adaptive Sailing is a program designed to bring the joy of sailing to ALL individuals. Our small boats allow a safe and comfortable way to get on the water. Our lift system helps those with limited mobility get in and out of boats. Participants are paired with an experienced sailor until they choose to sail independently. Some of our participants were sailors before they had a stroke or were in a car accident and are now able to get back on the water. We also serve individuals who are blind, cognitively impaired, hearing impaired and those with multiple impairments. We provide all adaptations needed for a successful experience.

The Hansa 303 boat is a very fun boat. This small boat is used around the world for both leisure and competitive sailing, although other boats can be successfully adapted for our population as well.

This event will be held from 10:00-2:00 on June 2, 2018. Limited registrations will be accepted by email or phone. There is no cost for this event and lunch will be on your own. Please bring your own life jacket. Traverse Area Community Sailing (650 Hannah Ave., Traverse City, MI.)

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## OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT TEAM PROFILE

Lake Michigan is home to one of the duos working to represent USA in the 2020 Olympic Games – Japan in the 49er. Learn about their background, goals, and ways you can cheer them on to their goal.

### US 49er TEAM CHRISTOPHER RAST AND TREVOR BURD



Christopher Rast found his love for competitive sailing while growing up in Switzerland. After a few successful junior years in the 420 he moved on to the 470 and qualified for the Olympic Games, representing Switzerland at Atlanta 1996 and again at Athens 2004. Chris then continued in his Olympic pursuits with Beijing 2008 for Team USA, finishing 6th, just a few places short of a medal.

Chris has had the privilege to sail under the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club (Holland, Michigan) burgee since 2011 when he married collegiate sailing All-American Danielle Gamache. His busy sailing schedule since then included campaigning in his Melges 24, winning both the World and European Championships together

with Danielle and an aggressive Moth program, finishing 7th at the World Championships in 2015 among the world's best sailors.

He has also sailed with Michael Kiss's Melges 20 *Bacio*; Dr. John Arendhorst's J/70 *Blink 20/20*; Doug DeVos' Melges 32 *Delta*; Bob Hughes's Melges 32 *Heartbreaker* and, of course, on Roger Gamache's S2 7.9 *Matros*.

Chris is now taking another shot at winning an Olympic Medal together with his new crew Trevor Burd. Multiple training camps and regattas in 2017, coupled with a solid performance at the test event for this year's World Sailing Championships in Aarhus, Denmark, gave them the opportunity to analyze their strengths and weaknesses, study their compatibility and forge a strong team. The road to the Olympic Games in Tokyo in 2020 is long and challenging.

Trevor Burd was a late entrant to the waters of competitive sailing, only beginning to race in earnest around age 16. Starting in the Club 420, he quickly moved on to the F18 catamaran and 505 dinghy, taking advantage of his size and physicality. He fell in love with crewing fast boats. Trevor's first experience in the 49er came in 2010 and he has been campaigning the boat off and on since then.



Chris Rast. Photo courtesy Team Rast-Burd.



Trevor Burd. Photo courtesy Team Rast-Burd.





He has been a member of the US Sailing Team since 2013, with additional years spent on the Development Team before that. A major effort was put toward a full-time campaign for the 2016 Olympic Games with Brad Funk in the 49er. After coming up short at the 2016 Trials, Trevor began to expand his sailing skills by returning to catamaran sailing as the training partner for Bora Gulari in the Nacra 17 with Team USA for the Rio Olympics.

Trevor is now a fixture in top-level catamaran competition. He sailed alongside Taylor Canfield with Team USOne on the World Match Race Tour in 2017, as well as taking on the Extreme Sailing Series in the GC32 for several events. He has also competed on a number of M32 teams, most recently with Dan Cheresh onboard the latest *Extreme2*. Other projects have included Melges 20 sailing with MBYC member Drew Weir and, most diversely, winning the 2017 R2AK (Race to Alaska), a 750 cold water mile sailboat race from Port Townsend, Washington, to Ketchikan, Alaska, with his two brothers.



US 49er Team Christopher Rast and Trevor Burd. Photo courtesy Team Rast-Burd.

Since 2016, Trevor has tried to stay in the 49er class with the goal of returning to the top. He won his second North American title in the fall of 2016. Unfinished business includes a successful Olympic campaign. The partnership with Chris gives them both the chance to take on and beat the best.

The 2020 Summer Olympic Games will be held in Tokyo from July 24-August 9, 2020. The sailing competitions will take place in Sagami Bay, about 50 miles South of Tokyo, while using the marina on Enoshima Island as the Olympic Sailing Venue.

A total of nineteen 49ers will be competing for Olympic Gold. The USA has won only one medal so far in 49er, in its inaugural debut in 2000 when Jonathan and Charlie McKee took the Bronze Medal. Chris (together with Tim Wadlow) finished 6th place in 2008 in Qingdao.

Chris and Trevor are currently the top ranked US 49er Team and their main goal of the 2018 season is to qualify the USA for the Olympic Games. Only a total of 18 spots are up for grabs at the Olympic Games (the host nation Japan automatically qualifies) and the first eight will be determined in August at this year's ISAF World Championships in Aarhus, Denmark. A rigorous training and competition schedule will allow them to prepare together with the rest of the US 49er Sailing Squad. The yearly budget for a campaign, which includes travel and equipment expenses, entry fees and a minimal amount of personal expenses, is close to \$200K. Unfortunately, US Sailing does not have the means to contribute financially, but does cover most of the coaching costs and overseas logistical support. Therefore we are very much dependent on support from our clubs and individual donors.



For more information about the 49er, the Olympic Games and our team please visit the following websites or just send us an email. We'll be happy to answer any questions in the meantime.

The 49er  
The Olympic Games  
US 49er Team Rast-Burd  
Email

<http://49er.org/>  
<https://www.olympic.org/tokyo-2020>  
<https://www.facebook.com/RastBurd/>  
[chrisrast@gmail.com](mailto:chrisrast@gmail.com)

## COOL THINGS CLUBS ON LAKE MICHIGAN HAVE DONE

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

**GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB**, Traverse City, Michigan, seized on a great idea – having a Pink Pony Party! They're having theirs to launch the season and breathe new life into their offshore racing program. It will serve as a benefit for the new Warrior Sailing Program at their club.

**SOUTH SHORE YACHT CLUB**, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, had a program on storms off on the Great Lakes, including those with great effects on their club, including one that left a pontoon boat against the club house on the south side of the building and another that destroyed a former clubhouse.



## WOMEN'S SAILING

# Women's Sailing Clinic 2018

WHEN: April 21st and 22nd 9:00-3:00pm

WHERE: Columbia Yacht Club Chicago IL

CONTACT: 815-347-6659 [kcortney96@yahoo.com](mailto:kcortney96@yahoo.com)

An event to empower female sailors and perfect sailing skills. Learn from the best on how to improve your 420 racing skills in the competitive world. Meet other women sailors and practice your new skills on Lake Michigan. Open to MCSA and MISSA Women Sailors.

Contact me to arrange housing or for any concerns regarding the fee!


Coaches featured: Katie Tinder, Meg Six, Melinda Lee, Hannah Noll, Libby Reeg

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# LAKE MICHIGAN AREA MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

July 26-29, 2018	J/105 North American Championship	
Little Traverse Yacht Club, Harbor Springs, Michigan	<a href="https://ltyc.org/2018-j105-north-american-championships/">https://ltyc.org/2018-j105-north-american-championships/</a>	
July 26-29, 2018	J/35 North American Championship	
Cheboygan, Michigan	<a href="https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4588">https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4588</a>	
July 30-August 4, 2018	Sunfish Youth, Junior and Open North American Championships	
Lake Bluff Yacht Club, Lake Bluff, Illinois	<a href="https://www.sunfishclass.org/regattas/2018-regattas/08/2018/August/01">https://www.sunfishclass.org/regattas/2018-regattas/08/2018/August/01</a>	
August 1-5, 2018	Yingling North American Championship	
Sheboygan Yacht Club/Sail Sheboygan, Sheboygan, Wisconsin	<a href="http://usa.yngling.org/?page_id=122">http://usa.yngling.org/?page_id=122</a>	
August 9-12, 2018	J/88 North American Championship	
Chicago Yacht Club, Chicago, Illinois	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2018J-88NAs">https://tinyurl.com/2018J-88NAs</a>	
September 7-9, 2018	Star Class IV District Championship for the Blue Star	
Paw Paw Lake Yacht Club, Coloma, Michigan	<a href="http://www.pplyc.org/">http://www.pplyc.org/</a>	
September 12-15, 2018	Star Vintage World Cup	
Gull Lake Yacht Club, Richland, Michigan	<a href="http://gulllakecc.com/yacht-club-schedule-events/">http://gulllakecc.com/yacht-club-schedule-events/</a>	
September 18-21, 2018	J/111 North American Championship	
Macatawa Bay Yacht Club, Macatawa, Michigan	<a href="http://mbyc.com/j111-2018-north-american-championship/">http://mbyc.com/j111-2018-north-american-championship/</a>	
September 18-23, 2018	M32 World Championship	
Chicago Match Race Center, Chicago, Illinois	<a href="http://m32world.com/m32-na-championships/">http://m32world.com/m32-na-championships/</a>	
September 29-October 9, 2018	Farr 40 World Championship	
Chicago Yacht Club, Chicago, Illinois	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/2018Farr40Worlds">https://tinyurl.com/2018Farr40Worlds</a>	

## MATCH RACING NEWS

### WIM SERIES ANNOUNCES 2018 SERIES

The Women's International Match Racing Series today announced the 2018 series schedule with events in Finland, Sweden, Russia and the US Virgin Islands. This year marks the sixth consecutive season of the WIM Series, the world's first and only women's professional sailing series founded in 2012.

Up to 30 of the top women's match racing teams will battle for the coveted series trophy starting in Helsinki (Finland) 25-29 June followed by back-to-back events in Lysekil (Sweden) 6-11 August, and Ekaterinburg (Russia) 14-18 August. The Series finale will be staged in the turquoise waters of St. Thomas in the US Virgin Islands 29 November – 2 December. A penultimate fifth event is expected to be added to the schedule in September and the Series is keen to also add a US event.

Since its launch in 2012, the WIM Series has delivered 23 events worldwide, attracting over 400 female sailors from 25 countries including Olympic sailors, National and World Champions. Each year, one of the Series events also plays host to the Women's Match Racing World Championship, sanctioned by the sports global governing body, World Sailing.



"We are thrilled with how the WIM Series has grown in such a short time" commented Series Director Anna Holmdahl White. "In the last few years, there has been a significant rise in women's participation in sport, and sailing is just one example of where both men and women also compete on a level playing field. We have the highest number of teams registered for this year's WIM Series."

British skipper Lucy McGregor (GBR) and her team won both WIM Series events that they entered last year, one being the World Championship in Helsinki.

"Retaining the World Championship title is our main goal of this year. In addition to sailing the Worlds we will be competing in the Argo Group Bermuda Gold Cup this year which we are really looking forward to", said McGregor adding: "We will have some of the same team as last year but also a couple of changes. Different boats often requires a slightly different dynamic in the team."

Anna Östling and her Team Anna have been ranked as the number one female match racing team in the world since August 2016, and they are looking forward to entering the new season.

"A big goal for us is the regatta in Lysekil, it's our home event and of course it means a lot to us. We are focused in our own performance and being as good a team as we can be, and we also want to help encourage other younger teams to make the sport as good as it can be. The WIM Series is a great platform for match racing and it helps more sailors get into the sport", says Anna Östling, skipper of team Anna and two-time World Match Racing Champion.

The WIM Series is looking at adding events to the 2018 calendar. And, as the only international professional sailing series for women, the Series aims to inspire both female and male sailors all over the world. In addition to competing at different venues on the WIM Series, teams will also be tested with sailing different boats at each event, one of the unique elements of the match racing series. The yachts, usually 20-30ft in length and designed for 5 crew, are supplied by each event. The class of boats will range from the J/80's in Helsinki, to the Far East 28's in Sweden, Ricochet 747's in Russia, and the classic IC24's in St. Thomas.

"It's the ultimate test of skill for any match racing team" continues Anna Holmdahl White. "They have to adapt to different sailing conditions and also different boats at each event. It's not easy, but it's what makes a true Champion."

#### WIM SERIES 2018 CALENDAR

Helsinki Women's Match, Helsinki, Finland : 25 - 29 June (J/80)

Lysekil Women's Match, Lysekil, Sweden : 6 - 11 August (Fareast 28r)

Women's Match Racing World Championship, Ekaterinburg, Russia : 14 - 18 August (Ricochet 747)

Carlos Aguilar Match Race 2018, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands : 29 November - 2 December (IC 24)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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## SPECIAL MEMBER BENEFITS

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

**Chicago Sailing**, the Midwest's largest public sailing facility offers US Sailing certified instruction, charters and rentals, offers 10% off lessons and 15% off rentals and charters for LMSRF members. Use code "LMSRFLEARN" at checkout. Click:



**Digital Interplay** provides web hosting and design for your business or club. We print plastic membership cards. Free initial consultation for your web site or initial design for your membership card. Click logo link and ask for Chuck:



**Marine Pro Service**: request your special LMSRF member discount. Click on our logo link:



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**RailMeets.com**: Services are always free to Captains and Crew. LMSRF member clubs receive 10% off RailMeets.com yacht club services including a private branded crew finder and racing fleet management software.



**Schuss Marine Survey** offers LMSRF members one free 15-minute phone consultation. Contact Marian at Schuss Marine Survey by clicking on the logo link:



**Skyway Yacht Works**: Steve Kindra at Skyway Yacht Works offers LMSRF members hull bottom paint application with the appropriate Pettit product (paint purchased by owner). Click on logo link:



**TowBoat/US-Starved Rock - Joliet - Waukegan - Racine**, Unlimited Freshwater Towing - 1 year Membership for only \$47 (Any boat that you own, borrow or charter)! Click on logo link at right:



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



**Wolverine Inflatables**: LMSRF members get 10% discount on parts and labor for liferaft service OR \$100 off price of a new liferaft. Click on logo link at right:



## 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).

**CORINTHIAN CREW SCHOOL** – Wednesday, April 4-Wednesday May 9, 7pm-9:30pm. Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club, Montrose Harbor, Chicago, Illinois. We will teach you the skills you need to become a valued crew member. All classes are held indoors. Experienced Skippers and Racing Crew will introduce you to: Nautical Terms & Physics; Points of Sail & Sail Trim; Crew Roles & Responsibilities; Behavior on Board; What to Wear & Safety Equipment; Weather & Boat Safety; Racing Rules & More. Hands on demos include: Knot Tying; Winch Operation & Care; Sail Folding & Spinnaker Packing; Outdoor Boat Demo; and a Skipper Meet & Greet. Participants must be at least 18 years old. Cost: \$200, \$25 discount for Early Registration (until 3/01/18). Class fee includes Book & Materials. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/18CorinthianCrewSchool>.

**WINTER EDUCATION SERIES-SAILING WITH SPINNAKERS: MAKE THEM EASIER AND FASTER**- April 4, 2018, 6:30-8:00 pm. Hooper Sailing Club, Memorial Union, Madison, WI. Learn how to simplify using the sail to make your life easier and more enjoyable on the water with some simple tricks and techniques. We will be covering sets and douses, gybes and the differences between asymmetrical and symmetrical kites. Presenter: David Elsmo. Register here: <https://lessons.hoopersailing.org/event/register/index?id=64171>.



**SAILING UNIVERSITY** - Wednesdays, April 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2018, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Jackson Park Yacht Club, 6400 S. Promontory Drive, Chicago, IL. Learn from experienced racing crew and skippers! Sign up for one or more sessions (only \$100 for JPYC Members or \$150 for Non-Members). Learn the basic sailing skills you need to be a valued crew member. Courses will go over the following (and possibly more): Nautical terms and Parts of a Boat; Points of Sail; Sail Trim; Safety; Knots. Register online here: <http://www.jacksonparkyachtclub.org/crewu.html#CrewURegistration>.

**ONE DAY US SAILING SAFETY AT SEA SEMINAR-OFFSHORE SEMINAR** - April 7, 9:00am-4:00pm, Chicago Yacht Club, Chicago, Illinois. Includes classroom instruction. Cost: \$175.00. Register: <https://chicagoyachtclubadultprograms.checklick.com/>.

**TWO DAY OFF SHORE US SAILING SAFETY AT SEA SEMINAR WITH HANDS-ON TRAINING** - April 7-8, 9:00am-4:00pm, First Day includes classroom instruction, Second Day includes hands-on training. Cost: \$350.00. Register: **SOLD OUT** <https://chicagoyachtclubadultprograms.checklick.com/>.

**WINTER EDUCATION SERIES-WEATHER ACCORDING TO LAKE MENDOTA**- April 11, 2018, 6:30-8:00 pm. Hooper Sailing Club, Memorial Union, Madison, WI. Learn how to use the charts, maps and resources that help weathermen and women predict the forecast. This will help anybody become a better sailor, instructor and all around dryer person! This seminar will aimed at how the geography and weather systems affect the greater Madison lakes. Presenters: Sir Daniel Sutton, David Elsmo. Register here: <https://lessons.hoopersailing.org/event/register/index?id=64172>.

**RACE COMMITTEE REFRESHER** - April 14, 2018, from 11:00 to 4:00. Chicago Yacht Club-Belmont Station, 300 W. Belmont, Chicago, IL. Brush up on your race management skills. Lunch will be provided and a social hour will follow the afternoon of sessions. There will be three levels of sessions, newbies, experienced RC, and Race Officers. You can choose between the different sessions depending on your interests. Please RSVP to Libbi Dust at [regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org](mailto:regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org).

**FIRST SAIL** - May 8, or May 10, or May 12, or May 13, hours vary. Columbia Sailing School, 111 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois. Two-hour experience on the water that includes US Sailing Basic Keelboat Online to prepare in advance. Cost \$25. Register at [www.columbiasailingschool.org/adult-learn-to-sail](http://www.columbiasailingschool.org/adult-learn-to-sail).

**ACCELERATED SAFE POWERBOAT HANDLING** - Saturday, May 12, 2018, 8:00am - 5:00pm, Sheboygan Yacht Club, 214 Pennsylvania Avenue, Sheboygan, WI. This 8- to 12-hour hands-on, on-the-water course is for anyone who has taken a classroom boating course but needs experience to safely operate a small motorboat and improve their boathandling skills. Students will be expected to study the course materials at home to challenge and pass a written exam covering equipment requirements, rules of the road, aids to navigations, preparation, environment regulations, safety and emergencies. This course focuses on hands-on application of all skills, consequently it is NOT approved by the U.S. Coast Guard or the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) as meeting requirements for a state boating safety education certificate. Learn more and register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/accelerated-safe-poweboat-handling-tickets-40149533335>.

**MIDWEST WOMEN'S SAILING CONFERENCE** - Saturday, May 19, 2018, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Milwaukee Community Sailing Center, 1450 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr, Milwaukee, WI. The event has sold out every year. For all levels of experience. Fees: \$45 per person. Complete information and registration packet:

[http://www.midwestwomenssailing.org/uploads/6/0/3/6/60368939/2018\\_brochure\\_w\\_form\\_and\\_cruise.pdf](http://www.midwestwomenssailing.org/uploads/6/0/3/6/60368939/2018_brochure_w_form_and_cruise.pdf).



**SAFE POWERBOAT HANDLING** - Saturday, May 19, 2018 - Sunday, May 20, 2018, 8:00am, Sheboygan Yacht Club, 214 Pennsylvania Avenue, Sheboygan, WI. This 16-hour hands-on, on-the-water course is for anyone who wants to learn how to safely operate a small motorboat and improve their boathandling skills. No previous experience is required! The US Coast Guard and the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) have approved this course and an increasing number of states have recognized it as meeting their requirements for a State Boating Education Certificate. These national and state approvals call for the course to include a total of six to eight hours of classroom sessions covering required education topics. Learn More & Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/safe-powerboat-handling-tickets-40150159207>.

**SMALL BOAT INSTRUCTOR LEVEL 1** - Friday, May 25-Monday, May 28, 2018. Chicago Yacht Club, 400 E Monroe St, Chicago, IL. Enroll Now: <http://www1.ussailing.org/enrollment/selectregistrant.aspx?courseid=13451754>, (early registration discount until 4/27/2018). Contact: Julia Melton, [sailingschool@chicagoyachtclub.org](mailto:sailingschool@chicagoyachtclub.org); Instructor: Matthew Thompson, [matthew@wayzatasailing.org](mailto:matthew@wayzatasailing.org).



**SMALL BOAT INSTRUCTOR LEVEL 2** – Friday, May 25-Saturday, May 26, 2018. Columbia Yacht Club, 111 N. Lake Shore Dr, Chicago, IL. Enroll Now: <http://www1.ussailing.org/enrollment/selectregistrant.aspx?courseid=13451756>, (early registration discount until 4/27/2018). Contact: Katie Tinder, [katie@colyc.org](mailto:katie@colyc.org), Instructor: Katie Tinder, [katie@colyc.org](mailto:katie@colyc.org).

**SMALL BOAT COACH LEVEL 3** – Saturday, May 26-Sunday, May 27, 2018. Macatawa Bay Junior Association, 2157 South Shore Drive, Macatawa, MI. Enroll Now: <http://www1.ussailing.org/enrollment/selectregistrant.aspx?courseid=13451919>, (early registration discount until 4/28/2018). Contact: Nick Hovland, [nhovland3@gmail.com](mailto:nhovland3@gmail.com), Instructor: Cappy Capper, [HCCapper@aol.com](mailto:HCCapper@aol.com).

**SMALL BOAT COACH LEVEL 3** – Sunday, May 27-Monday, May 28, 2018. Columbia Yacht Club, 111 N. Lake Shore Dr, Chicago, IL. Enroll Now: <http://www1.ussailing.org/enrollment/selectregistrant.aspx?courseid=13451757>, (early registration discount until 4/28/2018). Contact: Katie Tinder, [katie@colyc.org](mailto:katie@colyc.org), Instructor: Katie Tinder, [katie@colyc.org](mailto:katie@colyc.org).

**SMALL BOAT INSTRUCTOR LEVEL 1** – Tuesday, June 5-Friday, June 8, 2018. Macatawa Bay Junior Association, 2157 South Shore Drive, Macatawa, MI. Enroll Now: <http://www1.ussailing.org/enrollment/selectregistrant.aspx?courseid=13451918>, (early registration discount until 5/5/2018). Contact: Nick Hovland, [nhovland3@gmail.com](mailto:nhovland3@gmail.com), Instructor: Cappy Capper, [HCCapper@aol.com](mailto:HCCapper@aol.com).

**FIRST SAIL** – June 9, or June 10, hours vary. Columbia Sailing School, 111 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois. Two-hour experience on the water that includes US Sailing Basic Keelboat Online to prepare in advance. Cost \$25. Register at [www.columbiasailingschool.org/adult-learn-to-sail](http://www.columbiasailingschool.org/adult-learn-to-sail).

**FIRST SAIL** - Saturday, June 9, 2018, 10:00am – 12:00pm, Sheboygan Yacht Club, 214 Pennsylvania Avenue, Sheboygan, WI. The First Sail Experience is a two-hour lesson offered to anyone through First Sail locations, comprised of community sailing centers, sailing schools and yacht clubs around the country. This unique opportunity offers beginners an introduction to sailing in a casual setting and is designed to provide a memorable experience that will motivate newcomers to continue sailing. Learn More & Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/first-sail-tickets-40856113736>. Second session same day: 1:00pm – 3:00pm, Learn More & Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/first-sail-tickets-40856113736>.

**SMALL BOAT INSTRUCTOR LEVEL 1** – Thursday, June 14-Sunday, June 17, 2018. Racine Yacht Club, 1 Barker St, Racine, WI. Enroll Now: <http://www1.ussailing.org/enrollment/selectregistrant.aspx?courseid=13451699>, (early registration discount until 5/17/2018). Contact: Amy Cermak, [acermak@gmail.com](mailto:acermak@gmail.com), Instructor: Amy Gross-Kehoe, [agkehoe@gmail.com](mailto:agkehoe@gmail.com).

**BASIC KEELBOAT CERTIFICATION** - Saturday, June 16, 2018 – Sunday, June 17, 2018, 8:00am, Sheboygan Yacht Club, 214 Pennsylvania Avenue, Sheboygan, WI. Are you dreaming of learning the skills required to sail a boat under your command? This is your first step! SEAS is offering the Basic Keelboat Class with the curriculum created by US Sailing. Those who take this course will learn how to properly prepare a boat to sail, leave the dock/mooring, control a boat in confined waters, navigation rules and tips, control a boat in open waters, heavy weather sailors, safety and emergency procedures and more. Those who pass this class will receive a Basic Keelboat Certification from US Sailing. Learn More & Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/basic-keelboat-certification-tickets-40167209204>.

**SMALL BOAT INSTRUCTOR LEVEL 2** – Saturday, June 16-Sunday, June 17, 2018. Macatawa Bay Junior Association, 2157 South Shore Drive, Macatawa, MI. Enroll Now: <http://www1.ussailing.org/enrollment/selectregistrant.aspx?courseid=13451922>, (early registration discount until 5/19/2018). Contact: Nick Hovland, [nhovland3@gmail.com](mailto:nhovland3@gmail.com), Instructor: Cappy Capper, [HCCapper@aol.com](mailto:HCCapper@aol.com).

**SMALL BOAT INSTRUCTOR LEVEL 1** – Thursday, June 21-Sunday, June 24, 2018. Milwaukee Yacht Club, 1700 N Lincoln Memorial Dr, Milwaukee, WI. Enroll Now: <http://www1.ussailing.org/enrollment/selectregistrant.aspx?courseid=13451857>, (early registration discount until 5/24/2018). Contact: Catherine Lennon, [catherine.m.hackbarth@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.m.hackbarth@gmail.com), Instructors: Sean Lennon, [spatrickenlennon11@gmail.com](mailto:spatrickenlennon11@gmail.com).





**FIRST SAIL** - Saturday, June 30, 2018, 10:00am – 12:00pm, Sheboygan Yacht Club, 214 Pennsylvania Avenue, Sheboygan, WI. The First Sail Experience is a two-hour lesson offered to anyone through First Sail Locations, comprised of community sailing centers, sailing schools and yacht clubs around the country. This unique opportunity offers beginners an introduction to sailing in a casual setting and is designed to provide a memorable experience that will motivate newcomers to continue sailing. Learn More & Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/first-sail-tickets-40856113736>. Second session same day: 1:00pm – 3:00pm, Learn more and register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/first-sail-tickets-40856113736>.

**FIRST SAIL** – July 7, or July 8, hours vary. Columbia Sailing School, 111 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois. Two-hour experience on the water that includes US Sailing Basic Keelboat Online to prepare in advance. Cost \$25. Register at [www.columbiasailingschool.org/adult-learn-to-sail](http://www.columbiasailingschool.org/adult-learn-to-sail).

**ACCELERATED KEELBOAT FUNDAMENTALS** - Saturday, July 14, 2018 – Sunday, July 15, 2018, 9:00am, Sheboygan Yacht Club, 214 Pennsylvania Avenue, Sheboygan, WI. This course is designed to present the basics required to successfully and safely sail a small keelboat. SEAS instructors are US Sailing Basic Keelboat Certified Instructors and this course will have a maximum 4:1 Student to Instructor ratio to ensure the most attention possible while on the water. This course is great for crew wishing to learn more, families to sail together, and new boaters not ready to commit the time or money to the four day Basic Keelboat course. Learn More & Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/accelerated-keelboat-fundamentals-tickets-40803857436>.

**BASIC KEELBOAT CERTIFICATION** - Saturday, July 21, 2018 – Sunday, July 22, 2018, 8:00am, Sheboygan Yacht Club, 214 Pennsylvania Avenue, Sheboygan, WI. Are you dreaming of learning the skills required to sail a boat under your command? This is your first step! SEAS is offering the Basic Keelboat Class with the curriculum created by US Sailing. Those who take this course will learn how to properly prepare a boat to sail, leave the dock/mooring, control a boat in confined waters, navigation rules and tips, control a boat in open waters, heavy weather sailors, safety and emergency procedures and more. Those who pass this class will receive a Basic Keelboat Certification from US Sailing. Learn More & Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/basic-keelboat-certification-tickets-40167209204>.

**FIRST SAIL** - Saturday, August 4, 2018, 10:00am – 12:00pm, Sheboygan Yacht Club, 214 Pennsylvania Avenue, Sheboygan, WI. The First Sail Experience is a two-hour lesson offered to anyone through First Sail Locations, comprised of community sailing centers, sailing schools and yacht clubs around the country. This unique opportunity offers beginners an introduction to sailing in a casual setting and is designed to provide a memorable experience that will motivate newcomers to continue sailing. Learn More & Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/first-sail-tickets-40856113736>. Second session same day: 1:00pm – 3:00pm, Learn more and register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/first-sail-tickets-40856113736>.

**FIRST SAIL** – August 11, or August 12, or August 18, or August 19, or August 25, or August 26, hours vary. Columbia Sailing School, 111 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois. Two-hour experience on the water that includes US Sailing Basic Keelboat Online to prepare in advance. Cost \$25. Register at [www.columbiasailingschool.org/adult-learn-to-sail](http://www.columbiasailingschool.org/adult-learn-to-sail).

**SMALL BOAT INSTRUCTOR LEVEL 1** - Tuesday, August 14-Friday, August 17, 2018. Macatawa Bay Junior Association, 2157 South Shore Drive, Macatawa, MI. Enroll Now: <http://www1.ussailing.org/enrollment/selectregistrant.aspx?courseid=13451923>, (early registration discount until 7/17/2018). Contact: Nick Hovland, nhovland3@gmail.com, Instructor: Cappy Capper, [HCCapper@aol.com](mailto:HCCapper@aol.com).

**BASIC KEELBOAT CERTIFICATION** - Saturday, August 18, 2018 – Sunday, August 19, 2018, 8:00am, Sheboygan Yacht Club, 214 Pennsylvania Avenue, Sheboygan, WI. Are you dreaming of learning the skills required to sail a boat under your command? This is your first step! SEAS is offering the Basic Keelboat Class with the curriculum created by US Sailing. Those who take this course will learn how to properly prepare a boat to sail, leave the dock/mooring, control a boat in confined waters, navigation rules and tips, control a boat in open waters, heavy weather sailors, safety and emergency procedures and more. Those who pass this class will receive a Basic Keelboat Certification from US Sailing. Learn more and register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/basic-keelboat-certification-tickets-40167209204>.



## SAILED OVER THE BAR

**Richard J. Orlebeke**, 79, of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, passed away Wednesday evening, March 21, 2018 at the Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice surrounded by his family. Born March 20, 1939 in Sheboygan, Richard was a son of the late Earl and Dora (Rodemerk) Orlebeke. He attended Sheboygan area schools and graduated from Sheboygan Central High School in 1957. He then went on to serve his country in the U.S. Army from 1958 to 1964. On April 13, 1968, he was united in marriage to LuAnn Eichmann at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. They were married for 46 years before LuAnn preceded him in death on July 10, 2014. Dick worked in personnel for the Kohler Company for 35 years before his retirement in 1999. He was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church. In his earlier years Dick owned and tinkered with many cars and motorcycles. He also spent time pit crewing at Road America. He was an avid sports fan and liked to pull for all of the Wisconsin teams. Dick was a lifelong member of the Sheboygan Yacht Club and an avid sailor. He loved the club and all of the friendships he made there over the years. Dick owned 4 different sailboats throughout his life which he, his family, and friends raced and cruised on Lake Michigan. His sailing took him across the Atlantic Ocean to Spain and the Mediterranean. He competed in over 20 Chicago to Mackinac Island Races, many Port Huron Macs and Queens Cup races. Being on the water with family made him the happiest. He is survived by his three sons, Steven (Dawn) Orlebeke, Hartford, Tony (Niki Zohrab) Orlebeke, Sheboygan, and Peter (Kimberly) Orlebeke, Lomira; his two grandchildren, Cole Orlebeke, Platteville, and Kayley Orlebeke, Lomira; his brother Earl (Sue) Orlebeke, Waukesha; his brother-in-law Keith (Terry) Eichmann, Nelsonville; sister-in-law, Diane Eichmann, Phillips; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. A Memorial Service for Dick will take place at 2pm on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at the Sheboygan Yacht Club, 214 Pennsylvania Avenue, Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Family and friends are welcome at the Yacht Club from 12:00pm until the time of service. Following the service, the family has extended an invitation to join them as they continue the celebration of Dick's life. In lieu of flowers, memorial funds have been established in Dick's name for both Meals on Wheels of Sheboygan County and the Sheboygan Youth Sailing Center.



**Elizabeth (Betty) Vail** passed away Friday, March 16 at the age of 95 at Scandia Village in Sister Bay, Wisconsin. She was born on December 22, 1922 in St. Paul, Minnesota and raised in Minneapolis. She married Malcolm (Weed) Vail on October 23, 1942. After living in Geneva, Illinois with their three daughters for 50 years, she and Malcolm moved to their beloved Ephraim in 2011. Betty was an honored lifelong member of Ephraim Yacht Club. After 71 years of marriage, Weed passed away on November 19, 2013. Betty is survived by her three daughters - Leslie Harsch (Roy) Geneva, Illinois; Frances Vail of Northbrook, Illinois; and Sarah Birkinbine (John) of Northfield, Illinois; her four grandchildren - Christopher Vieau (Cristina); Deborah Cange (Edwin); Malcolm (Skip) Harsch (Matt Killen); Kristen Birkinbine Kelly (Kevin); her six great grand-children - Cheyenne and Cayman Vieau, Eddie and Sophie Cange, Ryan and Erin Kelly; and numerous nieces and nephews. A memorial celebration will be held this summer. Donations in her honor may be made to Good Samaritan Society Scandia Village, the Ephraim Yacht Club or the Ephraim Historical Foundation.



**Donald John Dillon**, New Berlin, Wisconsin, was born into this world on February 29, 1928, and was placed into the hands of our Lord on February 1, 2018, at age 89. Loving husband of Ruth (nee Neitzel) for 62 years. Dear father of Jane (Jerry) Gapinski, John (Darcy), and Andrew (Lisa). Proud grandpa of Emily Gapinski and Natalie, Nathan, and Noah Dillon. Further survived by many dear relatives and life-long friends. Donald was a member of Christ the Lord Lutheran Church and Life Member of South Shore Yacht Club. Special thanks to the staff of Care-Age for their care and compassion over the last several weeks. Donald was buried in the prairie at Prairie Home Cemetery. A visitation and celebration of Don's life will be in the near future. Donald will always be remembered for his warm smile, sense of humor, and infectious laugh.



**David J. Spiess**, Greenfield, Wisconsin, passed away January 28, 2018, one week prior to his 89th birthday. Dave was first and foremost, loving husband to Peg (Margaret Louise) and devoted family man with an incredibly positive attitude right up to his final days. He was married to Peg for 67 years and together they had 5 children; Jim (Jean), Jean (Bill Schuster), Ron (Aurora), Mary (Dan Polaris), Rick (Linda), 13 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. He worked as sheet metal foreman for Milwaukee Metropolitan Sanitary District where he was recognized for his inventions to improve filtration processes for Milwaukee. He also carried on his father's business in partnership with Peg and his sons, manufacturing striping machines and providing machining support to his clients. He created fun loving memories with Sunday family days and car trips to Florida. Always looking for the best approach, he earned the nickname Safety Dave. A dedicated member Life Member of South Shore Yacht Club, Dave passed on his love and knowledge of boating to his family and friends with Peg always as his first mate and his children as crew. Preceded in death by sisters Helen, RuthAnn, brothers Robert and Donald and daughter-in-law Lynn. In addition to his immediate family he is survived by many nieces, nephews and friends. Services have been held.

On January 19, 2018, just a few days shy of his 85th birthday, **Gordon Wayne Van Wieren, Sr.**, passed on. He was born on January 22, 1933, to Joe and Mary (Podbilski) Van Wieren in Cadillac, MI. After graduating from Cadillac High School, he joined the United States Navy, proudly serving during the time of the Korean War. Upon returning home, he attended college, earning a BA from Central Michigan University (CMU), an MA from Michigan State University (MSU), an EdS from CMU, and a PhD from MSU. He was a loyal and ardent Spartan fan. Gordon valued a good education at any level, and he had a long and distinguished career in public education. He loved working with kids and was adamant about having a consistent presence at the schools in which he worked, as well as at extra-curricular activities and sporting events. He started his career as a high school industrial arts teacher, a high school counselor, and a high school principal. As Gordon continued his own education, he became Superintendent of Schools for a number of public schools in Michigan, including Bronson, Inland Lakes in Indian River, Marshall, Cheboygan, and most notably, Charlevoix, where he served for 14 years. He established the Charlevoix Education Foundation and the Beaver Island Alternative Education Residential School. Community service was also greatly valued by Gordon, who was president of the Charlevoix Lions Club, secretary of the Charlevoix Rotary Club, and a founding member of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. He was instrumental in establishing the Charlevoix Public Library, where a study room is dedicated to him, and he received the Margaret Duerr Award from the Friends of the Library board. An avid sailor, Gordon earned his 100-ton Captain License, owned a sailboat-chartering company, Classic Charters, and served as Charlevoix Port Captain for the Great Lakes Cruising Club. He also thoroughly enjoyed reading the morning paper with Susan, spending time with his family, sailing on "Daydream," and buying boats. Gordon is survived by his wife, Susan; his "little bro", Dick (Donna) Van Wieren and sister, Helen Anderson; his six children, Vicki Tarro, Gordon (Mary) Van Wieren, Jr., Laura (John) Proctor, Janet (Duncan) Chamberlain, Scott Shepherd, and Cathy (Mike) Atchison; 11 grandchildren, Drew, Harry, Josh, Layni, Cole, Emily, Betsy, Colin, Trey, Ava, and Van; and one great-granddaughter, Tori. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Jean; his parents, Joe and Mary; his brother, Harold Van Wieren; his sisters, Ruth Anderson and Marion Campbell; and his beautiful granddaughter, Kelsey Gordon Edmonds. Gordon fought a lengthy battle against Multiple Myeloma, experiencing many medical obstacles and painful setbacks for over ten years. He continued to amaze his doctors, family, and friends with his ability to bounce back, time and time again. His quiet dignity, realistic outlook, and generous, thoughtful spirit were inspirational to everyone who knew him, and he will be missed by all. A celebration of Gordon's life has been held in Sarasota, Florida. A second celebration will be held in Charlevoix, MI this June. Donations in Gordon's honor may be made to a favorite local charity.





## LMSRF CLASSIFIEDS

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### FOR SALE

**1975 DuFour 35**, beam 11' 3", draft 6' 3", displacement 15,000lbs. This flush deck, fire engine red boat, is in above average condition for its age, recently repowered with a 21hp Yanmar 3YM Diesel engine. Asking \$30,000. Lying St. Joseph, MI.

<http://www.yachtworld.com/boats/1975/Dufour-34-3151943/St.-Joseph/MI/United-States#.Wim24jdryUk>.

### HELP WANTED

#### **Summer Instructor Needed**

Teach sailing camp at Outer Banks, North Carolina for summer '18. Housing provided. Full opportunity description: <https://tinyurl.com/TeachSailingNC2018>.

#### **Adaptive Sailing Coach Sought**

Sailing Education Association of Sheboygan seeks a full time coach. Instruct or coach individuals and 2 person crew, including visually impaired and disabled, in the

fundamentals of sailing and, fleet and match racing in keelboats. Demonstrate and evaluate techniques of sailing and racing. Assist in organizing Blind Match Racing Clinics and regattas around the United States. Coordinate travel arrangements. Perform activities that support match racing. Assist in sailing program budget and fundraising activities. Travel for clinics, education and regattas. Applicants are to send resumes to SEAS, c/o Ms. Lisa Hartman at [lisa@seasheboygan.org](mailto:lisa@seasheboygan.org).

#### **Kitchen Assistant**

Bayshore Yacht Club, Holland, MI, seeks to add a kitchen staffer to our team! Great opportunity for older teenagers 16+ to make some extra cash and gain experience. Contact Natalia at 616-399-9844 or [manager@bayshoreyachtclub.org](mailto:manager@bayshoreyachtclub.org) for details!

#### **Bartender**

Bayshore Yacht Club, Holland, MI, seeks to add a bartender to our team! Great opportunity for older teenagers over 18 to make some extra cash and gain experience. Contact Natalia at 616-399-9844 or [manager@bayshoreyachtclub.org](mailto:manager@bayshoreyachtclub.org) for details!

## US SAILING NEWS

### **US SAILING SEMINARS, TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP**

#### **TRAINING**

If you have questions about training, contact our local representative to the US Sailing Training Committee: Cappy Capper, Member at Large, 3645 Laurel Dr, Wayzata, MN, 55391, 612.961.1756.

#### **US SAILING SANCTIONED SAFETY AT SEA SEMINAR**

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

#### **RACE OFFICER, JUDGE, UMPIRE AND CLASSIFIER CERTIFICATION**

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

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

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



## 2018 US SAILING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR

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

## 2018 US SAILING TEAM ROSTER ANNOUNCED

US Sailing, the national governing body for the sport, has named 20 Olympic-class athletes to the 2018 US Sailing Team. The national team is selected annually and is comprised of the top sailors competing in the events selected for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. The roster is assembled from a combination of sailors who qualified based on results at 2017 class world championships, the 2017 Aarhus Test Event, World Cup Series Miami USA 2018, and additional accomplished athletes who receive discretionary selection from the Chief of U.S. Olympic Sailing, two-time Olympic Champion Malcolm Page (Newport, R.I.). Through the US Sailing Team and its sponsors, athletes on the Olympic path receive financial, logistical, coaching, technical, fitness, marketing and communications support.



"This year is going to be crucial for our sailors as they pursue their Tokyo 2020 campaigns, with the first national Olympic Games qualifier regatta, the Hempel Sailing World Championships Aarhus 2018, fast approaching this August," said Page. "The sailors on this list will proudly represent the United States at Aarhus and at other major events around the world, and work to achieve their own goals while also helping each other, our staff and our supporters build a stronger U.S. Olympic sailing program."

For many athletes on the US Sailing Team, the pursuit of an Olympic medal represents a challenging journey on several levels; a chase for the podium means reaching for difficult physical, technological, financial and even psychological goals.

"I'm a big believer that you still have to conquer yourself," said Rio 2016 Olympian and Nacra 17 athlete Helena Scutt (Kirkland, Wash.). "You can't end up on top of the podium unless you have full control of your mental state and you've pushed yourself to your limits physically." Laser athlete Chris Barnard (Newport Beach, Calif.) added that the self-discovery aspect of campaigning for the Olympic Games is an essential, if often overlooked, part of being on the team. "Growing as a person [as I've trained], I've become more confident and aware each day of 'this is how I operate,'" said Barnard.

For many athletes on the national team, an essential aspect of their desire to chase an Olympic medal comes from competing against the world's best sailors. "This utmost respect for the playing field on which we compete makes sailing so incredible," said 49er helmsman Judge Ryan (San Diego, Calif.).

To hear more from US Sailing Team athletes, and learn what drives Olympic-class sailors, watch "[Flow State: US Sailing Team 2018](#)."

### 2018 US Sailing Team: Roster

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

1. Judge Ryan (San Diego, Calif.) and Hans Henken (Coronado, Calif.)
2. Chris Rast (Holland, Mich.) and Trevor Burd (Marblehead, Mass.)

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

1. Stephanie Roble (East Troy, Wisc.) and Maggie Shea (Wilmette, Ill.)

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

1. Caleb Paine (San Diego, Calif.)

#### Laser (Men's One-Person Dinghy):

1. Chris Barnard (Newport Beach, Calif.)
2. Charlie Buckingham (Newport Beach, Calif.)

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

1. Erika Reineke (Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.)
2. Haddon Hughes (Houston, Texas)
3. Paige Railey (Clearwater, Fla.)

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

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

#### Nacra 17 (Mixed Two-Person Multihull):

1. Riley Gibbs (Long Beach, Calif.) and Louisa Chafee (Warwick, R.I.)
2. Bora Gulari (Detroit, Mich.) and Helena Scutt (Kirkland, Wash.)
3. Ravi Parent (Sarasota, Fla.) and Christina Persson (Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.)

#### Note:

No Women's 470, Men's RS:X or Women's RS:X athletes have been added to the 2018 US Sailing Team as of this announcement, though it is possible that others could be added later in the year.



## **FACILITY FOR ADVANCED SAILING AND TECHNOLOGY OPENED IN SAN FRANCISCO**

FAST USA, the Facility for Advanced Sailing and Technology, has opened at Treasure Island Sailing Center (TISC). FAST USA combines the resources of a three-way partnership between TISC, the St. Francis Sailing Foundation, and US Sailing, the sport's national governing body. The partnership will enhance the community-based activities of TISC and create a flagship training base for the US Sailing Team of unprecedented scope and technological sophistication.



The new FAST USA facility is the realization of the St. Francis Sailing Foundation's long held dream of a seamless pathway from beginner-level sailor to expert, known as the "Puddles to Podium" initiative. It is a dream shared by the foundation's partners, TISC and US Sailing.

"We have watched the successes that other sports have had in creating a national training center and permanent home for their top athletes, coaches and trainers," said Peter Stoneberg, Chairman of the FAST USA Committee. "For the first time in the history of American sailing, FAST USA at TISC will provide this home for the sport. New and Olympic sailors alike will be surrounded by world-class technology companies, universities and life science facilities. When added to the outstanding sail training conditions in San Francisco Bay, we will be mining Olympic gold on Treasure Island."

The FAST USA concept caps a 20-year effort from TISC to bring novice and Olympic sailors together in the same Bay Area training facility. The program will create a legacy of opportunity, mentorship, and excellence in sailing. TISC and the St. Francis Sailing Foundation have worked together on existing community sailing programs including the highly successful Set Sail Learn program for San Francisco public school 4<sup>th</sup> graders.

"We are thrilled about this new partnership and what it means for the kids in our community. Whether they join the Youth Racing Team, train to be a coach or teacher, or intern at a technology lab, there will be opportunities for them to become leaders in the sport of sailing," said Carisa Harris, President of TISC.

"US Sailing's commitment to FAST USA at TISC is comprehensive and unwavering," said Jack Gierhart, CEO of US Sailing. "A revolutionary new facility of this kind at a well-established community sailing center will change the face of sailing on the West Coast. FAST USA will offer greatly expanded opportunities to experience and enjoy sailing in one of the world's best sailing venues. We are proud to be a part of it."

To highlight the launch of FAST USA, US Sailing has designated Treasure Island Sailing Center as one of the primary national training centers for the US Sailing Team. Forming the centerpiece of the new Olympic-level facility will be an extensive container-based structure that previously served as an America's Cup team base and was donated to US Sailing in 2017. US Sailing selected TISC as the new home for this cutting-edge facility as well as several top national team coaches and staff.

"We are grateful to our partners at the St. Francis Sailing Foundation and TISC for working with us to make this concept a game-changing reality for US Sailing Team athletes," said Malcolm Page, two-time Olympic gold medalist and Chief of U.S. Olympic Sailing. "FAST USA will not only help us change the culture of our team and make us more competitive, but give us a technical edge that no other national sailing team has."

San Francisco Bay is known to competitive sailors worldwide for superb, year-round sailing conditions and areas optimal for both training and racing. The Bay offers a "menu" of varied conditions of wind and waves to suit the needs of students, athletes and coaches.

With technology playing an increasingly critical role in high-end athletics, FAST USA places America's top sailing talent at the hub of U.S. high-tech research and development. The Bay Area offers proximity to outstanding institutions of higher education and an ethos of innovation. The US Sailing Team's technical staff will have access to an unprecedented breadth of technical solutions that will propel American sailors to medal-winning results.

"With the creation of FAST USA at TISC, we can offer high-level training opportunities for both Bay Area sailors and Olympic hopefuls that currently do not exist," said Bill Kreysler, President of the St. Francis Sailing Foundation. "This facility will bridge existing gaps between youth, high school, collegiate and high-performance sailing. FAST USA will be the first facility of its kind in the nation, and we are thrilled to have US Sailing putting the wind at our back here in San Francisco. The seamless pathway we





envision is a perfect fit for US Sailing's joint goals of expanding sailing access on the west coast and winning Olympic medals."

See Also: A Look Behind the US Sailing Team: <https://ussailing.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9e7179c6be5d4ffc7b83d82dc&id=11eb88b454&e=a51859ae01>.

#### ABOUT ST. FRANCIS SAILING FOUNDATION

The St. Francis Sailing Foundation (StFSF) is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization founded in San Francisco, California in 1985 to encourage, promote, and enhance the sport of sailing. It provides support to young sailors just beginning their sailing careers, competitive sailors as they advance, and elite sailors seeking world class competition. StFSF promotes US Olympic Sailing Team development with support of serious Olympic athletes and beginning Olympic hopefuls. Additionally, we assist various programs that introduce sailing to students, underserved youth, and individuals who face physical challenges. For more information, please visit [www.stfsf.org](http://www.stfsf.org).

#### ABOUT TREASURE ISLAND SAILING CENTER

A non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, Treasure Island Sailing Center's mission is to improve our community and the sport of sailing by providing access, facilities, and sailing instruction, STEM education and life skills development to people of all socioeconomic backgrounds, skill levels, and physical abilities. TISC, a year-round sailing school and education center on the San Francisco Bay, has no membership requirements and emphasizes full community involvement by offering unlimited scholarships to those in financial need. TISC never turns a child or adult away. Over our nineteen-year history, TISC has engaged over 30,000 participants in the joy of sailing and provided over 80% of our students with full scholarships over the years. For more information, please visit [www.tisailing.org](http://www.tisailing.org).

## 2018 US Sailing National Championships

April 18-22 / U.S. Multihull Championship / Fort Walton YC  
 June 19-24 / U.S. Para Sailing Championships / Sail Newport  
 June 23-27 / U.S. Youth Championships / Carolina YC  
 June 27-July 1 / U.S. Youth Match Racing Championship / Oakcliff  
 June 29-July 3 / U.S. Singlehanded Championship / Houston YC  
 July 17-22 / U.S. Jr. Women's Singlehanded Championship / Stamford YC  
 July 24-29 / U.S. Jr. Women's Doublehanded Championship / Mentor Harbor YC  
 Aug. 6-10 / Chubb U.S. Junior Championships / North Cape YC  
 Aug. 15-19 / International Women's Keelboat Championship / Santa Barbara YC  
 Aug. 23-26 / U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship / St. Francis YC  
 Sept. 25-29 / U.S. Adult Championships / Wayzata YC  
 Sept. 28-30 / U.S. Team Racing Championship / The Foundry  
 Oct. 17-21 / U.S. Match Racing Championship / Chicago YC  
 Oct. 18-21 / Championship of Champions / Atlanta YC

## WORLD SAILING NEWS

### WORLD SAILING PRESIDENTIAL UPDATE – MARCH 2018

by Kim Andersen

As the year progresses, it gives me great pleasure to provide you with another positive update this month. As an organization we have been very busy. I am happy to report that World Sailing is continuing to work closely with the IOC and the Local Organizing Committee for the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympic Games. We are making major steps forward regarding the organization and the planning of our event, as well as securing the field of play on the water.

Staying on the Olympic subject, we also had our first kick-off meeting with the Paris 2024 leadership team to discuss the preparations of our future venue in Marseille. The direction is clear, we are moving the momentum forward and once we finalize the events selection process at the mid-year meeting in May, further plans will be discussed regarding the venue.

I also had the pleasure of joining the Hellenic Sailing Federation for their 2017 top sailors' awards ceremony in Athens. On an evening focused on celebrating our sailors, it was truly inspiring to not only applaud the achievements of our athletes but also see the excitement of young talented sailors who were given the chance to present the awards to their heroes! In addition, I had the opportunity of meeting many top sporting officials, including the Honorable George Vasiliades - Minister of Sports for Greece. He was incredibly supportive and encouraging of the sailing community and the future of our sport. And the next day was spent presenting World Sailing's mission in front of the HSF General Assembly which included around 100 sailing clubs - I learned onsite that Greece has now secured support for a para-sailing program showing strong dedication for para-sailing and support of the clubs.

The time spent with sailors, clubs and organizer this month has allowed me to reflect on the importance of promoting the values of sailing towards all our stakeholders. One of which is World Sailing's Sustainability Agenda 2030 which concentrates on global sustainability, and how we as sailors can protect the environment and the waters of the world. I firmly believe that, over the rest of the year, we should continue promoting all of our values which is why the remainder of this newsletter provides you with a more in-depth overview of the areas we can look into. We have many reasons for being proud of what sailing represents and I hope that my reflections provide you with some inspiration and ideas.



Kim Andersen. Photo courtesy: World Sailing.

### WORLD SAILING IS HIRING

World Sailing is recruiting for a Head of Fundraising, Olympic Manager, Marketing Executive, Social Media Executive and Executive Assistant.

Click here for the job descriptions: [http://www.sailing.org/worldsailing/secretariat/job\\_vacancies.php](http://www.sailing.org/worldsailing/secretariat/job_vacancies.php).

All applications should be sent to [human.resources@sailing.org](mailto:human.resources@sailing.org) with a CV and covering letter.



## WHAT HAPPENED ...

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

### 60th Annual Lightning Miami Midwinter Regatta

Coral Reef Yacht Club, Miami, Florida

March 28-30, 2018

The third and final day of the Lightning Midwinter Championship saw David Starck with brother Tom and Jenna Probst, who were leading at the start of the day, narrowly hold on after a 2-15 to take the title. Argentinians Javier Conte, with teammates Julio Alsogaray and Paula Salerno, posted a 4-2 to tie but Stark's three bullets in the eight race series gave them the edge. However, Conte and his team claimed the Southern Circuit Championship which included all the races from the Midwinters and the Lightning Winter Championship.

1.	Team PatStrong	David Starck / Tom Starck / Jenna Probst	Amherst, NY	8	1	1	2	2	1	2	[15]	17
5.	Noodle Family Boat	Todd Wake / Kristine Wake / Doug Wake	Sheboygan, WI	7	4	3	6	5	5	[13]	4	34
11.	H2O Pantera	Bill Faude / Kip Hamblet / Katie Lohr	Chicago, IL	12	8	12	[20]	8	20	6	10	76



60th Annual Lightning  
Miami Midwinter Regatta  
Coral Reef Yacht Club // 28 - 30 March, 2018



### 2018 Flying Scot Midwinter Championship

Sarasota Sailing Squadron, Sarasota, Florida

March 26-29, 2018

The 2018 Flying Scot Midwinter Championship was hopeful to race on the final day, but wind conditions on the race course in excess of 20 knots proved too strong for the 61-boat fleet. It was the second day where racing was cancelled, reducing the four day event to a five race series. Repeating their 2017 victory was Zeke and Jay Horowitz with David Ames in second and Jeff Linton in third.

1.	JaMing-O	Zeke Horowitz/Jay Horowitz	Sarasota Sailing Squadron	6	1	3	2	5	17
5.	ADHD	Ryan Malmgren/Stacey Rieu	Ephraim Yacht Club	4	3	14	27	4	52
17.		Michael Faugust/Jennifer Ikeda-Faugust	Ephraim Yacht Club	9	17	24	30	7	87
28.	Catitute	Ben Williams/Deb Aronson	Clinton Lake Sailing Association	32	22	4	32	37	127
32.	Mongoose	Chris Schoendorf/Dave Gorwitz	Ephraim Yacht Club	28	11	31	33	36	139
34.	Wildcard	Eric Bussell/Alan Shaklee	Clinton Lake Sailing Association	25	38	16	35	33	147
38.	Morquan	Richard Wojnar/Susan McIntyre	Clinton Lake Sailing Association	33	29	38	39	35	174



### 71st Lightning Winter Championship

St. Petersburg Yacht Club, St. Petersburg, Florida

March 24-26, 2018

The third and final day of the 71st Lightning Winter Championship saw teams hit the water for a 10:00 start and found steady breeze at 10-12 knots from the East-northeast. Class newcomer and US Coast Guard Academy sailing director Doug Clark with his veteran crew of Will Jeffers and Sam Parisi sailed a spectacular first beat to round the windward mark in first. After a right shift, though, David Starck, Todd Wake, and Tanner Probst gybed quickly around the offset and rode a line of pressure down the course, as the right side overtook the leaders who had carried out around the offset mark. Starck led around the leeward mark and maintained this lead for the rest of the race. Wake finished second, followed by Tanner Probst and Ched Proctor. With regatta leader Javier Conte finishing seventh, the scoreboard just got interesting. Going into the final race with a throw-out coming into play after six races, Starck had closed the gap to match Conte's net score. The final race would determine who would win the regatta, and Starck and Conte found their ways to the top of the fleet. After splitting widely on the first beat, the two teams converged from opposite corners of the course to be 1,2 at the windward mark, with Conte holding a slight advantage. Through the rest of the race, the breeze tapered to 1-2 knots. Reigning world champ Conte and team managed to hold off the 2013 world champions, and in doing so, claimed the title. Starck and team finished the regatta in second, only 1 point back of Conte and team. Steve Kirkpatrick was a model of consistency and finished in a close third. Ched Proctor finished seventh overall, but managed to claim the Winter Masters' division championship.

1.	Argentina	Javier Conte / Julio Alsogaray / Paula Salerno	Buenos Aires, ARG	1	5	5	2	[7]	1	14
9.	Noodle Family Boat	Todd Wake / Kristine Wake / Doug Wake	Sheboygan, WI	21	1	9	[UF]	2	10	43



St. Petersburg Yacht Club  
2018 Winter Lightning Championship  
March 23 - 26, 2018



### 2018 Hawkeye Invitational

University of Iowa Sailing Club, Iowa City, Iowa

March 24-25, 2018

While the snow amassed on the beautiful shores of Lake MacBride, Iowa, a group of eager sailors from three schools convened ready to commence their 2018 season. However, Mother Nature won the day, compiling seven inches of snow and gusts topping forty miles per hour. After several hours of hoping for the precipitation to subside, with no end in sight the teams resorted to recreation. A special thanks to the grounds crew at the Lake MacBride recreation area for help accessing the area and all of the volunteers. The scorer notes that despite our (The University of Iowa's) success on the water, a group with TONS of enthusiasm appeared, with over 15 sailors showing up to help prepare despite Winter Storm Warnings. The Sun rose upon the snow encrusted shores of beautiful Lake MacBride, Iowa bringing ample wind with it. While there was a valiant effort from all participants, the regatta was cut short after just half of a rotation. The combination of wind, cold water and fresh snow proved to














be too much, as the racing was abandoned just after 12:00 hours. The scorer would like to thank all of the teams that made the trek to Iowa City for the Hawkeye Invite.

## 2018 Freshman Icebreaker

### University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana

March 24-25, 2018

After a slight delay to accommodate for teams searching for parking, the fleet of first year sailors launched their boats for day one of racing. The weather was chilly and cloudy and the puffs were strong and numerous, but the fresh talent of the MCSA handled it well, with only one capsize. The courses were W4s and W5s. Eight races were sailed in the A division and six in the B division. Sailors arrived to slightly colder but much sunnier conditions for day two of racing, starting with the B fleet. Six B division races were sailed and four A division races. Scores were close as the day wore on, and the fleet was fighting for the lead. Three protests were filed, resulting in two disqualifications. Thank you and good job to all the competitors!

1.	Notre Dame	A	3	2	1	1	3	5	3	2	1	2	4	1	28
	Fighting Irish 1	B	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	6	DQ	1	1	28
			4	8	10	12	16	22	26	30	37	49	54	56	56
2.	Michigan	A	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	DQ	26
	Wolverines 1	B	2	1	3	3	5	5	2	1	3	2	3	3	33
			3	5	11	17	23	29	32	34	39	42	46	59	59
3.	Marquette	A	4	3	2	2	2	3	4	3	3	4	2	2	34
	Baby Eagles 1	B	7	7	8	8	6	4	4	3	4	1	4	7	63
			11	21	31	41	49	56	64	70	77	82	88	97	97
4.	Toledo	A	5	5	4	4	5	4	2	4	5	3	3	3	47
	Rockets	B	4	4	2	5	2	2	7	6	7	4	5	2	50
			9	18	24	33	40	46	55	65	77	84	92	97	97
5.	Michigan	A	6	7	8	7	7	6	8	5	6	6	7	5	78
	Wolverines 2	B	3	5	4	2	3	3	5	5	2	6	7	4	49
			9	21	33	42	52	61	74	84	92	104	118	127	127
6.	Hillsdale	A	9	9	9	9	8	8	7	7	7	7	6	6	92
	Chargers	B	6	6	5	4	7	6	3	4	5	5	2	5	58
			15	30	44	57	72	86	96	107	119	131	139	150	150
7.	Marquette	A	7	8	7	6	9	DF	DQ	DQ	8	8	5	4	92
	Baby Eagles 2	B	5	3	6	6	4	7	6	7	1	3	6	6	60
			12	23	36	48	61	78	94	111	120	131	142	152	152
8.	Notre Dame	A	2	4	6	5	4	2	6	8	4	5	8	7	61
	Fighting Irish 2	B	9	8	DF	9	8	8	8	8	8	7	8	8	99
			11	23	39	53	65	75	89	105	117	129	145	160	160
9.	Ohio State	A	8	6	5	8	6	7	5	6	DS	DS	DS	DS	111
	Buckeyes	B	8	9	7	7	9	9	DS	DS	DS	DS	DS	DS	129
			16	31	43	58	73	89	104	120	140	160	180	200	(40) 240



**2018 U.S. National Championship at Midwinters****St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club, Panama City, Florida****March 22-24, 2018**

Reigning World Champion Alonso Collantes saved his best performance for the last day to top the 42-boat fleet and win the 2018 Sunfish U.S. National Championship at Midwinters, held March 22-24 in Panama City, FL. After ten races, former World Champion Johnathan Martinetti and Alonso Collantes were tied at 42 points while David Hernandez had 43. The eleventh and last race was going to be a three-way match to determine first, second, and third overall. After rounding the first leeward gate, Hernandez was second, Martinetti third, and Collantes fourth. Martinetti was yellow flagged for the second time in the regatta and had to retire from the race, paving the way for Collantes to closely follow Hernandez around the race course and finish one boat behind to win the tie-breaker. Martin Alsogaray had to survive a broken outhaul end-cap, but benefited from Martinetti's RET on the last race to take third overall. Divisional awards went to Caterina Romero – top female and 5th overall, Eugene Schmitt – top master and 6th overall, and Adriana Barron – top youth and 10th overall. Guatemala, Argentina, and Ecuador clinched the three 2019 Pan American Games berths and will be joining host country Peru next year. Remaining Pan American Games berths will be decided at the 2018 South American Championship in Colombia in April and the 2018 North American Championship in Waukegan, Illinois in August.



1.	Alonso Collantes	PER	4	7	4	-13	1	10	1	1	2	12	2	44
30.	Leland Brode	USA	25	31	30	28	29	21	-32	30	30	31	28	283
42.	Gail Turluck	USA	37	[RT]	DC	DC	RT	DC	DC	DC	DC	DC	DC	433

**2018 Sunfish Masters World Championship****St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club, Panama City, Florida****March 18-20, 2018**

Thirty-five brave sailors competed in the inaugural 2018 International Sunfish Class Association Masters World Championship, held March 18 to 20 in Panama City, FL. Competitors endured a mixture of weather conditions over three days of racing which included light and moderate shifty breeze, sunny skies, morning fog, rain, and the complex currents of Saint Andrews Bay. Eric Oetgen (Savannah, GA) took the lead on day 2 after the throw-out came into effect and never looked back. Former ISCA World Champion Paul-Jon Patin (Blue Point, NY) recovered from a slow start and put on a strong challenge, but could not catch Oetgen's 10-point lead. Martin Willard (NC) finished 3th, while former ISCA World Champion Donnie Martinborough (Nassau, Bahamas) took 4th overall. Gail Heausler (FL) finished 5th and earned the top female spot and the Grand Masters Division. On the Senior Masters Division, Dick Tillman (FL) edged out Don Bergman (MI) to take the top spot. Other winners include Joe Blouin (FL), Great Grand Masters division. 2018 ISCA Master World Champion Oetgen also took the Masters Division. The regatta was recently rebranded as the ISCA Master World Championship to help boost the class' credibility by having a third world title, in addition to the Open and Youth World Championships.

**Senior Masters (80+)**

														Overall
1.	Dick	Tillman	3	7	5	-18	15	4	16	7	7	5	69	6
2.	Don	Bergman	8	16	20	6	9	(DF)	5	25	DF	DF	161	19

**Great Grand Masters (70-79)**

1.	Joe	Blouin	1	3	1	(OC)	4	17	9	21	10	11	77	7
2.	Ron	McHenry	13	9	13	10	11	8	-15	8	9	9	90	9
3.	George	Sechrist	14	11	14	9	5	11	30	19	14	(DF)	127	13
4.	Leland	Brode	21	17	-23	14	13	16	10	15	15	13	134	15
5.	John	Young	25	20	8	15	18	19	18	14	12	(DF)	149	17
6.	Jean	Bergman	5	26	15	8	12	20	14	16	(DF)	DC	152	18
7.	Chris	Gates	27	15	17	17	25	15	22	22	18	(RT)	178	22
8.	Michael	Stratton	16	22	33	27	29	21	17	13	20	(DF)	198	24
9.	John	Barrere	(RT)	27	12	28	26	18	26	18	RT	DC	227	26
10.	Donald	Fritz	30	29	18	20	27	26	(DF)	RT	DC	DC	258	30
11.	Charlie	Cushing	32	23	28	26	34	33	27	(DC)	DC	DC	275	32
12.	Ann	Carroll	26	32	32	32	35	34	33	(DC)	DC	DC	296	35

**Grand Masters (60-69)**

1.	Gail	Heausler	7	-12	2	12	8	5	4	6	4	4	52	5
2.	Fritz	Hanselman	-17	6	9	13	6	10	7	10	8	15	84	8
3.	Nancy	Jaywork	10	4	(OC)	1	10	9	11	DF	16	12	109	10
4.	Paul	Welles	-23	13	10	22	14	12	19	17	13	8	128	14
5.	Holly	Hanselman	15	14	19	23	16	23	21	20	19	(DC)	170	20
6.	Gail	Turluck	-31	31	27	29	22	14	25	11	11	7	177	21
7.	Tom	Katterheinrich	20	-30	24	30	24	25	24	12	17	14	190	23
8.	Lynda	Bryant	18	18	26	16	20	28	28	(DF)	RT	DC	226	25
9.	Lynne	Randall	29	25	22	24	31	29	23	26	21	(DC)	230	27
10.	Jim	Edwards	24	19	25	31	21	22	20	(RT)	DC	DC	234	28
11.	William	Sanderson	19	33	21	21	30	24	29	23	(DF)	DF	236	29
12.	John	Fragakis	28	24	29	25	28	32	34	(DF)	DF	DF	272	31
13.	Phil	Cook	34	28	31	34	33	30	31	27	(RT)	DC	284	33

**Masters (50-59)**

1.	Eric	Oetgen	2	(OC)	3	2	2	3	1	2	1	2	18	1
2.	Paul-Jon	Patin	-12	8	7	3	3	1	2	1	2	1	28	2
3.	Martin	Willard	4	-10	6	4	1	2	6	3	3	3	32	3



4.	Donald	Martinborough	6	1	4	5	7	6	-8	4	5	6	44	4
5.	Susan	Tillman Berg	9	2	11	11	19	-27	3	24	22	16	117	11
6.	Paul	Dierze	-22	21	16	19	17	13	12	5	6	10	119	12
7.	David	Parshall	11	5	(OC)	7	23	7	13	9	DF	DF	147	16
8.	Tommy	Smith	33	34	30	33	32	31	32	28	(DF)	DF	289	34

## 2017/2018 International Melges 20 Miami Winter Series Event 3 - Melges Rocks

Coconut Grove Sailing Club, Miami, Florida

March 16-18, 2018



Thirteen teams competed in the third event of the 3-stage Melges 20 Winter Series held March 16-18 in Miami, FL. After six races on Friday and Saturday, racing was abandoned Sunday when light air prevailed. Russians took the top two positions with Vladimir Prosikhin winning by two points over Igor Rytov with Alexis Michas (USA) a point further back in third. Prosikhin and his *Nika* team which included tactician Michele Ivaldi and crew Giorgio Tortarolo also conquered the 2017-18 Miami Winter Series, making them the first European team to ever win the overall title.

### Melges 20






1.	Nika	Vladimir Prosikhin	Moscow, RUS	4	2	4	1	3	[7]	14
7.	Heartbreaker	Robert Hughes	Ada, MI	2	5	7	[8]	5	6	25
11.	Red Sky Sailing Team	Paul Reilly	Chicago, IL	[12]	12	9	11	7	8	47
13.	The 300	Steven Boho	Woodstock, IL	[13]	10	13	13	12	12	60

## 2018 Charleston Spring Regatta

College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina

March 10-11, 2018

The day started off around 10:15 with a beautiful 7 knots out of the West and virtually no current. Shifts, chop, and light breeze made the first few races dynamic, and challenged the sailors to find a groove between the puffs. As the day progressed, the wind picked up and began shifting to the South, which delayed the racing for a few minutes as the race committee shifted the course left. Leading up to the lunch break, puffs of up to 20 knots made the racing more physical. After 6 races, each division took a much-needed break as we assessed the conditions. Around 2 o'clock, the wind shifted further South, and they were able to finish 2 more sets. After 10 races with a variety of conditions, the Cougars have a comfortable lead on the fleet with Jacksonville in second. There are 5 races to be sailed tomorrow, but the morning looks like it'll be a drifter, so it may be tough to get them all off. Overall, it was a challenging, but exciting day. Unfortunately the breeze never filled the second morning and at 11 am the fleet was released. Congrats to the Cougars for their win and to USF and Jacksonville for finishing second and third. Thanks to all the MCSA schools who made the trek all the way down to Chucktown! And thanks to Jack Thompson and his team of Cougars who ran some great racing!

1.	Charleston Cougars	A	1	7	4	1	3	4	2	1	2	1	26
		B	5	7	1	1	1	4	3	5	2	4	33
			6	20	25	27	31	39	44	50	54	59	59
6.	Wisconsin Badgers	A	11	4	12	4	15	5	1	13	11	10	86
		B	4	3	10	3	3	1	8	6	3	7	48
			15	22	44	51	69	75	84	103	117	134	134
7.	Michigan Wolverines	A	9	13	6	8	9	12	5	8	9	14	93
		B	3	1	2	10	8	2	2	11	6	3	48
			12	26	34	52	69	83	90	109	124	141	141
8.	Northwestern Wildcats	A	6	11	11	12	2	2	3	7	1	7	62
		B	10	11	3	6	9	5	12	9	11	8	84
			16	38	52	70	81	88	103	119	131	146	146
15.	Miami University Red Hawks	A	15	15	14	13	12	14	13	9	15	6	126
		B	11	12	15	13	13	11	11	14	DF	DS	132
			26	53	82	108	133	158	182	205	236	258	258







## 2018 Navy Spring Women's Regatta

### U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland

### March 10-11, 2018

1.	Charleston	A	2	7	8	5	8	6	6	11	4	9	1	2	2	1	3	4	79
	Cougars	B	1	4	7	3	3	2	1	3	1	1	6	14	4	7	9	11	77
			3	14	29	37	48	56	63	77	82	92	99	115	121	129	141	156	156
19.	Wisconsin	A	20	12	19	16	19	18	19	19	20	18	15	14	19	19	19	19	285
	Badgers	B	16	19	18	13	17	16	14	8	10	11	16	7	7	8	12	14	206
			36	67	104	133	169	203	236	263	293	322	353	374	400	427	458	491	491

## 2018 Bacardi Invitational

### Coral Reef Yacht Club, Miami, Florida

### March 8-10, 2018

#### J/70

Same faces inside the J/70 top 10 leader board at the end of the day as at the start, with just a few ups and downs in position after races 7 and 8. Featuring the best J/70 sailors in the world, victory went to Joel Ronning and his *Catapult* team of Christopher Stokey, Patrick Wilson, and John Kosteki (USA). Entering the day in third overall, Ronning's super consistent scores of 4,4, was what they needed whilst their closest rivals notched up double-digit results. Going into the decisive race, Ronning held a 5 point lead with Jud Smith and Brian Keane tied for second and third place on 25 points each. Teams knew exactly how close today would be, as commented Keane before racing, "It's very tight. To win, there is one throw-out and you've got to be out there and aggressive. You can't sail to lose, you have to go out there to win and we intend to be aggressive right from the start. We feel confident in our boat speed and if we can get off the line we should do well. It's a tremendous regatta, I haven't seen competition like this in a long time." Unfortunately, this year, Keane's strategy did not quite unfold as planned, as he and his crew on *Savasana* were knocked out of the lead they held before race 7 to end the series in third overall from scores of 13,7. Smith, who sailed with Peter Duncan to win the 2017 J/70 World Championship, and his team on *Africa* held onto second overall. "Going into today there were four teams who were all phenomenal and anyone could have got it," said Patrick Wilson, trimmer on *Catapult*. "It was cut-throat out there and somehow we ended up winning. It came down to the last shift in the last race. It was amazingly close competitive sailing." Talking about their solid performance, Wilson continued, "We just sort of ground it out and stayed in good spots, did well and the whole team sailed really well together." A standout performance from Timothy Healy, who won the inaugural J/70 World Championship in 2014, and his crew, who won both races to move up from 8th overall to 5th. Heather Gregg and her *Muse* team of Stuart Johnstone, Shawn Powell, and Patrick Norris won the Corinthian category, with Mallory Loe and team on *Dime* in second and Nancy Glover and her team on *WinterWind* in third.

1.	Catapult	Joel Ronning / Christopher Stokey / Patrick Wilson / John Kosteki	Excelsior, MN	2	1	4	[13]	4	5	4	4	24
16.	WinterWind	Nancy Glover / Marc Foster / Kevin Kendal / Donal Myers	Marblehead, MA	17	30	28	7	7	[40]	15	13	117
32.	Nitemare	Amy Neill / Tyler Woodworth / David Gerber / John Stanley	Chicago, IL	25	36	11	[38]	38	28	29	31	198
42.	lil' Grizzly	Charles Bayer / Robert Declercq / Don Maxwell / Charles Bayer	Grosse Pointe Farms, MI	38	32	31	29	43	42	[RT]	DC	263

## 2018 MC Midwinter Championship

### Lake Eustis Sailing Club, Eustis, Florida

### March 8-10, 2018

After three days of barn burners, drifters, abandonment and picture perfect races, the 55-boat MC Midwinter Championship came down to a three way tie requiring multi-level tie breaking protocol in order to crown Bill Draheim and crew Mary Anne Hopper as the 2018 winner, relegating Scott Harestad and Rob Seidelmenn to second and third, respectively. With racing held March 8-10 in Eustis, FL, Thursday's races were in chilly, howling conditions that, at times blasted the fleet near 30mph. Friday's fare teased with marginal air that led to one abandonment and one completion in 0-6 mph. To everyone's delight, despite dire forecasts, Saturday delivered exceptional 8-14 mph conditions from the southwest and warmer temperatures.—**Bob Wynkoop**

1.	Bill Draheim	Rush Creek Sailing Club, Texas	1 2 3 19 3	28
2.	Scott Harestad	Spring Lake Yacht Club, Michigan	10 10 2 5 1	28
4.	Ted Keller, III	Torch Lake Yacht Club, Michigan	15 3 11 4 4	37
32.	Joshua Vink	Spring Lake Yacht Club, Michigan	16 16 23 DC DC	167
47.	Andrew Grootendorst	Indian Lake Yacht Club, Michigan	DF DC 45 41 32	230

## Miami Sailing Week

### Coral Reef Yacht Club, Biscayne Bay Yacht Club,

### US Sailing Center-Miami, Shake-A-Leg, Miami, Florida

### March 7-10, 2018

Biscayne Bay delivered with great sailing conditions for the 9th Goslings Miami Sailing Week (MSW) on March 8-11 in Miami, FL. Competition included the Canadian-American Opti Cup along with starts for the Melges 24, the A-Cat, Flying Tiger, and M32 catamaran. The Melges 24 completed 9 races with *Monsoon* skippered by Bruce Ayres (Newport Beach, CA) winning with two bullets, three 2nd places and two top 5 finishes. Finishing 2nd was Brian Porter skippering *Full Throttle* (Fontana, WI) with two bullets and 7 top 10 finishes, and in 3rd was *Mikey* with Kevin Welch (Anacortes, WA). Eight races were completed for the A-Cat catamaran with 16 teams battling each other. Winning the Foiling Division was the untouchable Bruce Mahoney (La Porte, TX) with 8 wins while the Classic Division was won by Ben Hall (Bokeelia, FL) on *La Femme Nikita*. In the Flying Tiger fleet Richard Griffin (Miami, FL) on *Torquedo* took first place followed by Kenneth Luczynski on *Incineroar* and by Christopher Tate (Westerly, RI) on *Accessibil-it*. The inaugural Canadian-American Opti Cup attracted 72 Optimist sailors



from Coconut Grove Sailing Club, Key Biscayne Yacht Club, Coral Reef Yacht Club and the Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron for a day of racing as part of MSW program. The M32s sailed on a separate course in similar conditions.

#### A Cat

1.	USA 311	Bruce Mahoney	La Porte, TX	[1]	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
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#### Melges 24

1.	Monsoon	Bruce Ayres	Newport Beach, CA	3	6	[BF]	1	2	2	1	4	2	21
9.	Decorum	Megan Ratliff	Chicago, IL	6	[14]	5	8	5	13	12	9	10	68

#### Flying Tiger

1.	Torquedo	Richard Griffin	Miami, FL	3	1	2	1	1	[5]	2	3	3	16
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#### M32

1.	REV	Rick DeVos	Macatawa, MI	1	1	5	7	1	2	1	5	23
3.	GraveDigger	James Prendergast	Whiting, IN	4	5	3	6	2	4	4	2	30
4.	XS Energy	Ryan DeVos	Macatawa, MI	2	3	7	4	5	3	3	4	31
5.	Convexity	Donald Wilson	Chicago, IL	3	4	4	2	7	7	5	6	38
7.	Convergence	Jennifer Wilson	Chicago, IL	5	8	8	5	8	8	7	1	50
8.	Extreme2	Dan Cheresh	Saugatuck, MI	DF	6	6	3	6	5	8	8	51

## 2018 91<sup>st</sup> Bacardi Cup

### Coral Reef Yacht Club, Miami, Florida

March 4-10, 2018

#### Star

In the 72-boat Star fleet, Diego Negri and Sergio Lambertenghi (ITA) managed to maintain the lead they opened the day with, retaining pole position as the battle heated up behind. Robert Scheidt (BRA) / Brian Fatih (USA) led the final race off the starting line, with Negri/ Lambertenghi languishing back around 7th place at the first mark – giving the title to Scheidt at that point in the race. A determined fight back unfolded from the Italians, accelerating in the first downwind to 3rd and ultimately crossing the finish line in 4th, whilst Scheidt/ Fatih lost ground and dropped back to 2nd in the final leg; in an unbelievably close finish. Negri/ Lambertenghi are the first ever Italian team to win, with Negri's name added to the Bacardi Cup Trophy, and Lambertenghi added the Tito Bacardi Cup. "We had a good start, played the left and some other boats played the right," explained Negri. "We were very close with another three boats for winning the Bacardi Cup. We arrived at the top mark around 7th to 8th but with a good call of judgement soon after the windward mark we succeed to recover in the first downwind, and rounded in 3rd so pretty safe for us, as we just needed to be in the top four." The pair held their position, and could afford to be overtaken by Paul Cayard/ Mark Strube (USA) in the final downwind leg, knowing they had victory in the bag. "It is a very good result and an amazing week and consistent, and I think we did a great job together," said Negri who, together with Lambertenghi, has claimed medals at each of the 2014, 2015 and 2016 Star World Championships. But it has taken thirteen years of competing at the Bacardi Cup for Negri to climb the mountain to victory. "It is a good feeling, and will be a good memory for all our life that is for sure," shared Negri. "Maybe there will be a next one in the future but this 91st edition is to us." "Winning the Bacardi, for me at least, I came here the first time in 1995 so more than twenty years ago, I have always been dreaming to win it," said Lambertenghi. "Being able to do it, thanks to my helmsman Diego, is super, super, super satisfying. The last leg until the end was just shaking, looking at the wind, looking at the other boats." Great Britain's Iain Percy and his Swedish crew Anders Ekstrom made their mark known by winning the final race, to finish in 7th overall. A formidable partnership, with three Star Class Olympic medals between them, the pair didn't compete in race 1, then a non-fault collision and virtual sinking forced them out of races 3 and 4, before claiming the race victory their pedigrees would predict. Prizes were also presented to winners in the Masters (skippers age 50 through 59), Grand Masters (skippers age 60 through 69), and Exalted Grand Masters (skippers age 70+) divisions, which went to Arthur Anosov/David Caesar (USA), Augie Diaz (USA)/Bruno Prada (BRA) and Alessandro Pascolato/Henry Boening (BRA) respectively. The Tammy Rubin Rice Trophy, awarded to the highest placing team in Bacardi Cup who did not win an award, was presented to Eric Doyle/Payson Infelise (USA).



1.	Spirit of Milica	Diego Negri / Sergio Lambertenghi	Diano Marina, IM, ITA	3	2	[11]	3	2	4	14
10.	Pied Piper/National Marine	Jack Jennings / Frithjof Kleen	Niles, IL	21	9	[BF]	1	11	9	51
55.	Treachery	Jack Rickard / Gill Cole	Winnetka, IL	47	56	46	51	[60]	54	254
64.	8148	Aaron Smith / Charlie Koules	Woody Creek, CO	[69]	63	56	52	66	56	293
74.	Barakablue	Larry Whipple / T.C. Belco	Port Ludlow, WA	[DC]	DF	DS	DS	DC	DC	385

## 2018 Old Dominion Spring Women's Regatta

### Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia

March 3-4, 2018

Too much wind in Norfolk had the women waiting anxiously ashore until 4pm. It seemed sailable at a few instances until a freshening breeze dismissed those thoughts. Regatta will switch to 2 divisions on the water on Sunday with 3 race sets. Sunday was breezy but we sent it. The ladies sailed 6 races with 2 divisions on the water, A in FJs and B in Z420s, before taking a lunch break. After lunch, the fleets switched and we sailed another 3 races before calling it a day. Thank you to the ODU Monarchs for running races, Charles Higgins for being the ICSA Rep and all the teams that braved the weather to get here and sail this weekend.

1.	Georgetown	A	2	3	6	3	1	4	1	2	4	26
	Hoyas	B	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	6	18
			3	7	14	18	20	25	27	34	44	44
7.	Wisconsin	A	10	8	10	10	10	10	8	5	6	77
	Badgers	B	2	8	3	6	2	5	2	2	1	31
			12	28	41	57	69	84	94	101	108	108



**2018 Optimist Sunshine State Championship**

U.S. Sailing Center Martin County, Jensen Beach, Florida

**March 3-4, 2018**

1.	Stephan Baker	Red	Lauderdale Yacht Club	-1	1	1	1	1	1	5
16.	Peter Barnard	Red	Chicago Yacht Club	8	14	-18	3	11	12	48
108.	Christian Prendergast	Blue	Chicago Yacht Club	-75	58	58	41	37	56	250
133.	Anne Samis	Blue	Chicago Yacht Club	47	83	35	(BF)	45	100	310
158.	Dina Fedulova	Blue	Chicago Yacht Club	(OC)	71	DF	BF	49	43	389
204.	Cal Kinnear	Blue	Chicago Yacht Club	97	(DF)	DF	BD	88	89	500
206.	Evan Wern	Blue	Chicago Yacht Club	92	(DF)	DF	BD	97	90	505

**2018 Nite National Championship**

Green Lake, Green Lake, Wisconsin

**March 3-4, 2018**

In the iceboating world, the onset of spring means get your regattas in or pack it up. The normal drill is keep heading north until you find ice, but 2018 Nite National Championship on March 3-4 bucked the system and went south instead to Green Lake, Wisconsin – a small town on a big lake. With a good base of ice and access still remaining to launch boats, the local fleet of 23 Nite sailors in the Green Lake Ice Yacht Club pulled it all together and came up with ramps and improved access which is the key to iceboating in the spring. This year's event had 33 sailors competing in two fleets – gold fleet of 22 boats and a silver fleet of 11 boats. The two largest fleets participating were the Pewaukee Ice Yacht Club and the Green Lake Ice Yacht Club, but sailors from Mennekaunee and Four Lakes clubs were represented as well. This made for a great mix of younger sailors and older sailors, male and female. The first day of sailing brought moderate winds with softening ice as the sun rose. The swing in conditions made it an extreme test of ability and skill sets. There are hard ice sailors and mudders, and day one became a mudder's day with a total of five races completed – three gold and two silver. The race positions were all over the place but that makes the event all the better and interesting. With an early start on day two, all the pieces came together. Hard ice and a good breeze gave us our third race for the silver fleet which also eventually sailed four more races for the day. In the gold fleet, they completed four races with a couple of sailors finding the right groove to win multiple races each. With no finish worse than fifth, Tom Sweitzer took the title with local sailor Peter Vandervelde in second and the popular Harken guy Rick Wilfert in third overall. In the silver fleet, one of the oldest sailors of the class, Dick Grota, came out on top again. He sailed the perfect regatta after a throwout with six bullets in total. In second was Don Sanford and in third Kenny Kreider, their positions decided on a tie breaker. The top Grand Master was Dick Grota, the top Master was Tom Sweitzer, the top female was Maureen Bohleber, the rookie of the gold fleet was Jeff Ragain, and the top rookie of the silver fleet was Lars Barber.

**Gold Fleet**

1.	Tom Sweitzer	.75 3 .75 4 3 (5) 3 14.50
2.	Peter Vandervelde	3 .75 2 (10) 6 6 6 23.75
3.	Rick Wilfert	15 5 (DC) 2 2 .75 .75 25.50
4.	Mark Prange	7 10 3 3 9 2 (11) 34
5.	Mike Peters	2 17 (DF) 5 10 4 2 40
6.	Grant Frautschi	6 13 (DF) .75 .75 13 7 40.50
7.	Brian Niles	4 4 4 9 (16) 7 14 42
8.	Chad Rechcygl	20 12 (DF) 7 4 3 4 50
9.	Dan Bierman	8 2 (DF) 8 12 8 12 50
10.	Byron Hill	11 14 (DC) 6 7 10 19 67
11.	Jeff Ragainis	14 8 (DF) 14 8 12 18 74
12.	Jim McCabe	13 16 (DF) 13 11 11 13 77
13.	Maureen Bohleber	5 (DC) DF 15 13 17 5 78
14.	Drew Vandervelde	16 7 (DF) 20 14 15 8 80
15.	Matt Peterson	12 6 (DC) 18 18 18 10 82
16.	Joe Norton	9 9 5 (21) 20 21 21 85
17.	Mark Wilfert	17 (DC) DC 16 5 9 17 87
18.	Nick Vandervelde	10 (DF) DF 11 21 16 9 90
19.	Tony Janowiek	21 (DF) DF 12 17 14 16 103
20.	Rick Evans	19 11 (DC) 19 15 19 20 103
21.	Mike Jankowski	18 15 (DF) 17 19 20 15 104
22.	Lou Loenneke	(DF) DC DC DC DC DC DC 138

**Silver Fleet**

1.	Dick Grota	(3) .75 .75 .75 .75 .75 4.50
2.	Ken Kreider	4 4 4 5 (6) 2 2 21
3.	Don Sanford	(8) 7 3 2 2 3 4 21
4.	Jeff Seeboth	.75 2 5 (11) 3 6 5 21.75
5.	Lars Barber	7 (DF) 2 3 4 4 DF 32
6.	Jim Magnuson	5 (DF) 7 7 5 7 3 34
7.	Jim Nies	2 5 6 6 7 (DC) DC 38
8.	Terry Reynolds	9 (DF) 8 4 9 5 DF 47
9.	John Mason	6 6 9 10 8 (DC) DC 51
10.	Dave Whealon	(DF) 3 10 8 DF DF DC 57
11.	David Armstrong	10 8 (DC) 9 10 DC DC 61

*Nite iceboats on Green Lake. Photo by Deb Whitehorse.*



## 2018 J/24 Midwinter Championship

Miami, Florida

March 2-4, 2018

All eight scheduled races were completed in gorgeous conditions at the J/24 Midwinter Championship, but Will Welles' *Bogus* only needed seven of them to tie up the victory. Rhode Island-based helmsman Welles led his team of Rich Bowen, Jock Hayes, PJ Schaffer and Nick Turney to a scoreline of 2,1,1,5,1,2,3 for 15 points, allowing them to forego the eighth and final race. Tony Parker's *Bangor Packet* secured second place with 33 points, six ahead of both Aidan Glackin's *Mental Floss* and Ron Medlin's *Bash*. Thirty-five teams competed. The *Bogus* team is a blended group of all J/24 World Champions – Welles, Bowen and Turney from *Cougar* in 2014 and Hayes and Schaffer from *Salsa* in 2004. This Championship was the first time they had all sailed together, and it was on a chartered boat. Welles names Miami as one of his favorite places to sail but his team definitely had to earn this win. "Super shifty and hard to see the puffs and lulls. There was a lot of gear shifting and trying to get on the lifted tack." The J/24 Midwinter Championship debuted 40 years ago in 1978 in Key West, Florida. "There are a lot of famous names today who cut their teeth in this Class," said Welles. "The difference today is that people know all the tricks when it comes to sail trim and rigging. It usually comes down to good starts and teamwork." Mark Laura's *Baba Louie* won both of Sunday's contests in about 10 knots of breeze.

1.	Bogus	Will Welles	Portsmouth, RI	2	1	1	5	1	2	3	[DS]	15
28.	2XS	Mark Soya	Wilmette, IL	32	21	18	30	[UF]	28	25	DF	190

## 2018 Melges 14 Midwinter Championship and Melges MC Scow Sarasota Bay Cup

Sarasota Sailing Squadron, Sarasota, Florida

March 2-4, 2018

Taking his grandfather's advice, Harry Melges IV started first and increased his lead — and ultimately won the Melges 14 Midwinter Championship. Adam Ankers of Privateer Yacht Club (Chattanooga, TN) sailed a consistent series to finish second while Daniel Thielman from Corinthian Yacht Club (San Francisco, CA) completed the podium in third. Day three saw a building 12-20 knot breeze which saw Melges, Lars Osell and Ankers stepping out to an early lead in Race Nine. Melges extended his lead on the final upwind to earn the W. Ankers sailed a strong final downwind to secure a second place. Race Ten of the event saw more tight action with Sergey Bolotin, Melges, Ankers and Thielman all coming into the finish seemingly at once. The final race of the series saw the biggest breeze yet. A steady 15 knots gusting upwards of 20 filled across the race course. A pin-skewed starting line and a backing breeze put Thielman out to an early lead. Melges, Bolotin and Ankers kept the burners on — not willing to give Thielman an easy time. The race order remained largely unchanged until the last half of the last run. Attempting to lock in one final bullet, Melges pressed Thielman high and off of the rum line. Seeing this, Bolotin dove low and gained speed. Before Thielman and Melges had a chance to react, Bolotin surged into the lead and took the final race of the series. Thielman finished in second, securing his spot on the podium. The battle for the top female sailor saw Peyton Ankers and Jennifer Canestra face off, with Ankers taking the title after neck-and-neck racing all weekend long.

## MC Scow 17 boats

1.	Robert Cole	Sarasota Sailing Squadron	Sarasota, FL	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	5	1	2	[6]	17
4.	Bob Heathcote	Indian Lake Yacht Club	St. Joseph, MI	2	7	2	7	[8]	3	4	3	5	3	7	43
13.	Andrew Grootendorst	Indian Lake Yacht Club	Coloma, MI	10	12	12	13	11	12	10	11	[DC]	DC	DC	127

## Melges 14 25 boats

1.	Harry Melges	Buddy Melges Sailing Center	Lake Geneva, WI	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	[3]	11
7.	Sergey Bolotin	Hoofer Sailing Club	Madison, WI	13	15	[19]	10	6	6	10	7	9	2	1	79
9.	James Gillian	None	Chicago, IL	9	4	3	3	18	16	6	4	15	7	[DC]	85
14.	John VanZee	Les Cheneaux Yacht Club	Grand Rapids, MI	11	12	15	13	[17]	12	16	12	10	16	10	127
21.	Michael Gillian	None	Glen Ellyn, IL	[DC]	DC	DC	DC	10	10	15	15	11	DC	DC	191
23.	Dave Weddige	None	Naperville, IL	[OC]	22	DF	DC	20	21	23	22	23	DC	DC	235

## 2018 Etchells Schoonmaker Cup

Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, Miami, Florida

March 2-4, 2018

The 2017-18 Biscayne Bay Regatta Series wrapped up with the 3-day Midwinters East Regatta for the Schoonmaker Cup on March 2-4 in Miami, FL. Forty-four boats came out to beautiful Biscayne Bay for the scheduled 8-race regatta, under the auspices of Etchells Fleet 20 and Biscayne Bay Yacht Club. The regatta serves as the last opportunity to win the coveted series championship. The scoring for the overall series crown is comprised of a boat's best two finish places in the first three regattas of the series plus her score in the Midwinter Championship Regatta. Going into the finale, three teams were separated by two points. Jim Cunningham on *Lifted* was sitting on top with two points. British Olympic Medalist Lawrie Smith, on *Alfie*, was in second with three points. Reigning Etchells World Champion, Steve Benjamin on *Scimitar* sat in third position with four points. They were all primed to duke it out for the crown. On Friday, the chamber of commerce was back in charge of the weather. Partly cloudy skies, temperatures in the upper seventies, and a nice breeze of nine knots were a welcome respite to those here from northern climes and Europe. PRO Stuart Childerley got the first four leg race off on time at a bearing of 320, with a first leg distance of 1.4 nautical miles. Scott Kaufman on *American Jane II*, sailing with Lucas Calabrese, Austen Anderson, and Jesse Kirkland, were the quickest out of the gates, winning the first race wire to wire, an impressive achievement in the shifty winds. Second went to Andrew Cumming with Ante Razmilovic in third. The second race saw the same shifty breeze in the 9 knot range from the northwest. This race also saw a boat lead from start to finish with Lawrie Smith taking the horn on *Alfie*. Sailing with Lawrie were Richard Parslow, Joao Matos Rosa, and Goncalo Riberio. Second and third went to Scott Kaufman and Michael Goldfarb, respectively. A five-leg course was set for race three at the same bearing of 320, although the wind was getting more and more shifty. The fleet was greeted by a 20 degree right shift at the top mark favoring those who chose the right side. Marvin Beckman, the 2013 Etchells World Champion, rode the shift to round first. He gave back a few spots on the downwind with newly minted U.S. Sailing Yachtsman of the Year, Peter Duncan, taking over the lead. He was joined on *Raging Rooster* by Andrew Palfrey, Victor Diaz de Leon, and Sasha Ryan. Reigning Etchells World Champion Steve Benjamin finished second and George Francisco finished third. After racing Benjamin commented, "The wind in race three was one of the shiftest I've ever seen. A huge righty came in just before the second gate and it really helped us. We took the left gate, looking downwind, and by the time we rounded we were looking at a reach to the finish. I told the guys to get the spinnaker pole ready, and they laughed at me. After a minute or two, up went the kite, and we kept it up right until the finish. I think we passed 17 boats to finish second." The big shift led to a bit of last second chaos on the signal boat. The 180 degree shift didn't reach the finish line until the first boats were just a few hundred yards from the line. The signal boat swung 180 degrees on its anchor, leaving the finish line flag on the wrong side of the boat, and the pin in the wrong position. Only the quick work by



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PRO Childerley and the BBYC race committee staved off a crazy finish. As PRO Stuart Childerley, a former Etchells World Champion himself, said, "The shift happened at a good time in the scheme of things, so the fleet didn't invert. It did make for some interesting tactical calls on the last leg." Sitting in first after day one was Scott Kaufman with 13 points. He was followed by Peter Duncan with 16, and Robert Alderdice with 23. Series leaders Cunningham, Smith and Benjamin were in 25th, 13th and 6th respectively. The battle for the Series Championship was opening up. Saturday's weather forecast was for more of the same, and it was once again accurate. In fact it turned out nicer than Friday. Clear skies and 70 degrees welcomed the fleet to the bay. Winds were 9 knots from the north, with some stronger puffs. A four leg course was set, and they were off. Ante Razmilovic, Jim Cunningham, Kevin Grainger, Mark Watson and Robert Alderdice, battled it out, changing places throughout the race. Ante, sailing his *Swedish Blue* with Andrew Mills and Phillip Carlson aboard, held on for the gun. Kevin Grainger took second about a boat length ahead of the next three. Mark Watson just nosed out Jim Cunningham and Corinthian Craig Mense for third, with less than a boat length separating the three. Race 5 was pretty straight forward though the breeze was starting to show signs of going right. Jose Fuentes on *Caramba* with Luke Lawrence and Ian Coleman aboard led the race start to finish. Steve Benjamin took second with Andrew Cumming finishing third. The wind did continue to swing right and Race 6 went off at a bearing of 050 degrees with a wind speed of 14 knots. After a big surge of boats in the middle of the line led to a General Recall, the PRO switched to a "U" flag. Two boats got caught, including race 5 winner Jose Fuentes. William Douglas on *Goombay Smash*, a newcomer to the fleet, won the race, leading nearly all the way. He had Chris Larson and Mark Andrews as crew. Finishing second was Jim Cunningham with Michael Goldfarb taking third. The end of day two, and six races (with one drop), saw Peter Duncan in first with 24 points. He was followed by Kevin Grainger with 26 points and Andrew Cumming with 27 points. The Midwinter Championship would come down to the last day. Steve Benjamin in 4th and Lawrie Smith in 6th were set to battle for the series championship. Après racing featured a free keg of Heineken under the sea grape trees, and a delicious Cuban food buffet laid out by Biscayne Bay Yacht Club. Speaking with Peter Duncan back on shore he said, "We had pretty good starts, even on race 4 where we didn't do very well. In that race we had some trouble and made a couple of errors at the top one-half of the course." He continued, "We sailed conservatively, and it was kind of patchy so we just tried to stay in the breeze." Sunday proved to be a bit chillier than the previous days with temperatures in the 60's. Still Chamber of Commerce weather with sunny skies and winds in the 11 knot range. Race 7 got started on time but had to be abandoned when the breeze wouldn't stabilize. The re-start had a bearing of 040 degrees and a velocity of 11 knots. Steve Benjamin was in first wire to wire. The win coupled with a 33 by Lawrie Smith, assured him the win for the 2017-18 Etchells Biscayne Bay Regatta Series, with one race to spare. Michael Goldfarb took second with Jose Fuentes in third. Race 8 was, again, a five leg test. After a "U" flag start, the fleet headed off at a bearing of 040 degrees into a 13 knot breeze. The race was a back and forth between two Peters with Peter Rogers edging out Peter Duncan for the horn. Rogers was sailing his boat *Highlife* with crew Ian Cooper and Neil Harrison. (Rogers wound up taking a scoring penalty, leaving him with 10 points). Scott Kaufman finished third. Winning the overall Etchells Biscayne Bay Series was Steve Benjamin on the strength of two seconds in the second and third regattas of the series, and a second in the Midwinter Championship. He was followed by Lawrie Smith in second and Peter Duncan in third. Peter Duncan won the Midwinters Regatta and the Schoonmaker Cup while the award for top Corinthian team went to Craig Mense and his crew of John Harford and Fred Strammer who finished a 22nd overall. Jose Fuentes was awarded the Dr. Steve Horowitz Memorial award for most improved team.

1.	Raging Rooster	Peter Duncan / Andrew Palfrey / Victor DiazDeleon / Sasha Ryan	Rye, NY	11	4	1	[30]	4	4	5	2	31
22.	Freedom	Craig Mense / John Harford / Fred Strammer	Chicago, IL	25	39	12	5	[41]	11	24	11	127
43.	Ninkasi	Rick Kaiser / Gerri Whitley / Dave Miller / Mary Brucker	Chicago, IL	35	36	42	[43]	36	41	40	33	263

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