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## LMSRF RELAUNCHES LEARN TO SAIL PROGRAMS PAGES

*by Gail M. Turluck*

We are pleased to announce that the Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation web page has a completely reworked set of pages that provide comprehensive listings of sailing schools and learn to sail programs in the Lake Michigan area. This completes a project that was started last year,

There are three platforms: Adult Sailing Schools, Adult Crew Schools, and Junior Sailing Schools. Each page features a grid that permits a quick scan for users to determine, on a simplistic basis, if the school they are considering is the style they seek. By clicking on the link provided, the user then can explore each program to find their perfect fit.

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*Thanks to Chicago Sailing for providing the inspiration for this project. LMSRF continues its work to grow sailing and sail racing in the Lake Michigan area.*

## 2018 US SAILING LEADERSHIP FORUM

*by Gail M. Turluck*

Out of sheer curiosity, I attended this year's Leadership Forum. I went in no official capacity, though I'm in a multitude of sailing organizations and serve in a leadership role to many.

A good representation of organizations around Lake Michigan attended. I came across representatives from Milwaukee Community Sailing Center, Sailing Education Association of Sheboygan, Sail Chicago, Sheridan Shore Sailing School, Jackson Park Yacht Club, Little Traverse Yacht Club, Columbia Yacht Club, and Chicago Yacht Club. There were six breakouts for each hour so it's difficult to provide information on each. Ask those you know who attended to share their take aways.

Susan Woessner from USA Swimming educated attendees on the actions USA Swimming took since the sexual abuse scandal was made public. Dealing with the unthinkable and protecting athletes at all levels, from beginning instruction through elite competitions, is a critical consideration for all leaders in any sport.

The opening keynote by Brian Fanzo of iSocialFanz spoke to the rapid changes being experienced in communications: methods, speed, channels and more. He provided good thinking points for leaders to assess their goals and plan how they will work to achieve them for program growth. Primarily, speed, attention getting, non-traditional means, and broad application are most important.

Representatives from Chicago Area Sail Racing Association spoke to "Collaboration Among Sailing Organizations to Grow Racing." They shared the different ways the organization has been reaching out to draw new racers and how the five clubs in the organization have developed new events to pique interest.

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Recognizing there are thousands of sailboat lots full of boats on trailers, the talk on Handicapping Dinghies, using the Portsmouth Yardstick rating system was encouraged to get more boats out sailing. Mentioned was the Sail Juice Winter series in Great Britain with over 300 entries, so it can work. A scoring program that has the handicaps built in is sailracer.co.uk. Lake Monroe Sailing Association in Florida and Birmingham Sailing Club race mixed fleets routinely with great success. Clubs that conduct mixed fleet small sailboat one-design racing were asked to submit results to US Sailing for aid in updating handicaps on an ongoing basis. The Portsmouth ratings are based on a Time on Time system and offer ratings for three windspeed ranges. Most major software programs have a plugin for scoring, too. The Portsmouth ratings and Portsmouth Handbook are available on the US Sailing web page (on a log in basis). Users recommended pursuit races to help newbies get started, it lessons the anxiety of getting across the starting line successful. For timing and tracking for small programs, suggested smartphone apps included Strava and Race Qs.

The breakout on Women in Sailing Leadership was a standing room only session-with men attending. Pam Healy, Cory Sertl, Lynn Handy, and Amanda Callahan described their widely different paths to high levels of success in the sport of sailing. The driving force in women's sailing is that the Olympic Games in 2024 will be 50/50 ratio of men and women per country team and the U.S. needs to ramp up its women's programs to be competitive. There were many ideas on how to keep our young women coming through sailing schools, high school sailing and college sailing attached. We need to discover ways that will be appealing to these young people. High School Girls National Championship is being explored.

Junior Big Boat sailing is getting a lot of attention. American Yacht Club's program, described by Kevin Broome, includes cruising, raft ups, and racing. Their boats are sailed with 60% juniors aged 14-18. A syndicate of members acquired a low cost, used J/105, and named it *Young American*. The youth sailing it have had success, sometimes by finishing and sometimes by reaching the podium. The inspiration was to have *Young American* sail in races against adults. They have more success in handicap races than one-design races due to the crew constantly changing, though the goal of the program is not necessarily simply to win. They work their youth through stages: Crawl-races of 30-60 miles; Walk-races of about 180 miles; and Run-races of about 300 miles.

Yes, there was time to sail. From 1:00-4:00 on the second day was Demo Time and was very popular as the breeze came in just in time. It overlapped breakouts.

*Standing room only at the lunchtime Community Sailing Forum. Photo by Gail M. Turluck.*

A great workshop on fundraising was held, providing attendees with a step by step method of actionable items to lead to solid results.

The last day opened with a presentation by *Bella Mente Quantum Racing* and their intent to rebuild the base of competitive sailing the U.S. The provided insight into how the program came together and their timeline for being ready for the Trials.

The basics of writing grants was a session led by Chris Edmonston of BoatUS.

About 80 people packed the room for the Community Sailing Session. US Sailing representatives gave updates on what US Sailing will be providing to these programs and helping them communicate and work together to cause programs to be more effective and control costs. Networking with Lake Michigan representatives after this session brought the event to a close.

The tracks offered focused on Participation/Growth; Management/Operations/Governance; Technology/Innovation; Safety; and a Selfish Track with takeaways for the attendee. Some attendees stayed in a track, many skipped around.

The US Sailing "Buzz Bar" was up every morning with coffee to get everyone started and focused. Lunch was part of the program. There were nice cocktail parties every evening.

Aside from the session on racing small boat one-designs there was no mention of working to rebuild the historical base of American sailing success—small boat one designs.

Craig Leweck of Scuttlebutt, the e-newsletter, attended. Here are links to his reports on sessions he attended:

http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2018/02/01/embracing-change-leadership-forum/
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Jackson Park Yacht Club Commodore Karen Harris was interviewed at the end of the forum by Alan Block of *Sailing Anarchy* about minority sailing and the work needed to grow this segment of sailors. Link: https://www.facebook.com/SailingAnarchy/videos/10159996030120375/?t=0.

Interestingly, the event was promoted as occurring February 1-3. It proved, however, to have a pre-event session on January 31 that had many critical meetings that would have been useful to attend. Hopefully future Sailing Leadership Forums will include the complete agenda in the early program and this pre-date will be included as a fourth date in the event for planning purposes.

There were many good ideas shared and brought home to apply. The next US Sailing Leadership Forum is being planned for 2020 in California.

# GROWING SAILING

## 2018 SUMMER SAILSTICE

We at Summer Sailstice are updating the Summer Sailstice 2018 Prize List and want to show you some of the goodies on offer this year.

Welcome back SpinSheet, SailorBags, NauticEd, Ukulele. Take a look at the great prizes these companies have donated (on right).

Sign up to sail on June 23, 2018 and add your sailing plans to the Events page, and we'll enter you in the draw to win one of our many, many prizes.

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Yacht Clubs and Sailing Organizations – post your organization's events now so they can be discovered.

Early-birds Win Prizes …

Sign up for Summer Sailstice 2018: https://tinyurl.com/2018SummerStailstice.

# SAFETY

## MEDICAL INJURIES AND ILLNESSES AT SEA

*by Kabir Tombat*

I am part of a group of medical students from Norway, Germany, and India looking into the incidence of sailing related injuries and illnesses as a bachelor thesis at the Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, Netherlands.

Not much research exists about what problems sailors face while at sea, except for the some in professional racing. The most informative paper we've come across is from a survey conducted by Andrew T. Nathanson that Scuttlebutt carried in 2010. Unfortunately, it only has information on injuries and takes into account dinghy sailors as well, which are quite a different population.

Based on what literature we have found we created a brief questionnaire that will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.
Survey link: https://goo.gl/forms/ytbqheN1idws5EK92.

We would very much appreciate the support of Scuttlebutt readers in helping us gather information.

## FIVE TIPS TO STAY SAFE WHEN CHECKING UP ON THE BOAT THIS WINTER

"Boating safety" usually means preventing injuries or accidents while on the water. Boats in winter storage have some unique safety concerns for boat owners who make periodic checkups over the long winter season. Here are five tips from the BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water to help boaters stay safe while visiting the boat this winter.

*Securing the ladder at the top with a rope and using a bucket to raise and lower tools and equipment are two simple ways to reduce the risk of a ladder fall while checking up on the boat this winter. Photo credit: BoatUS Foundation.*

1. Injuries from ladder falls can be severe but are preventable. When using a ladder to climb aboard your frozen boat, be sure it is firmly planted, secure it with a line to avoid shifting, and have someone hold the base. Never descend a ladder facing forward or with your arms full. If moving tools, supplies or other objects to and from the deck, lower or raise them in a bucket using a rope.

2. Don't trust the nonskid to do its job. Nonskid decks are slippery when covered by snow or encrusted with ice. Brush away any buildup on the deck where you plan to step, and always hold onto something, just as you would if you were underway. In warmer winter climates, decaying leaves and algae can also make decks slippery.

3. Snow and ice are heavy. One square foot of dense, wet snow can weigh more than 20 pounds, so use caution when going underneath a tarp or winter cover that's loaded with snow. For even a small boat stored outside, over a ton of weight can be added after a storm, so brush off what you can before climbing aboard.

4. Check your jackstands for proper support. Jackstands or blocking can shift as the boat gets laden with snow and ice, or due to repeated freeze/thaw cycles. Never adjust jackstands yourself. Have marina personnel adjust and move supports.

5. Trailer boat frames should be supported at the rear cross beam. This prevents the tongue from lifting off the ground like a seesaw when climbing aboard from the stern.

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# 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. If you don't have an acknowledgement in two days, call the office!*

**JACKSON PARK YACHT CLUB**, Chicago, Illinois - Open House - Sunday, March 18, 2018. Do you have friends, family, colleagues, acquaintances, etc. that are interested or might be interested in joining Jackson Park Yacht Club? Share with them and invite them to our annual Open House. We will be raffling off a one-year membership to someone brand new to Jackson Park Yacht Club. Must be present to win. Light refreshments will be served.

# LMSRF AREA 1 NEWS

## GREEN BAY SAIL AND PADDLE EVENT MAKES TV

The Green Bay Sail and Paddle sailing and waterfront skills development organization, of Green Bay, Wisconsin, capitalized on being a recipient of the Give BIG Green Bay event that was held February 27-28, 2018. They raised over $11,000 in the one day event.

Green Bay Sail and Paddle, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, educational and recreational organization formed to create opportunities for all, regardless of means and abilities, to safely enjoy sail and paddle sports on the waters of the bay.

Green Bay Sail & Paddle promotes safe access to the waters of Green Bay. Learning to sail encourages independence which has most profoundly been seen with people with special needs, provides an avenue to STEM learning, promotes team building, and inspires respect and preservation of our environment. All participants have learned to sail independently during their first class. They also have had a day of fun and learned a lifelong skill.

The Greater Green Bay Community Foundation and Green Bay Packers Foundation led this event. Support benefits the participating nonprofit organizations and creates a stronger community where people thrive. The public is encouraged to continue to support our community nonprofits and the important work they do each and every day. The first community-wide giving day was a huge success.

The Greater Green Bay Community Foundation and Green Bay Packers Foundation thank you for being part of this event. Your support not only benefits the participating nonprofit organizations, but creates a stronger community where people thrive. As we celebrate the success of this day, we encourage you to continue to support our community nonprofits and the important work they do each and every day.

Wendy Townsend, president of the organization, joined journalists on *Local 5 This Morning* on WFRV-TV in Green Bay and says the donations they received will be used to benefit their scholarship fund, and they encourage everyone to hit the water once the weather starts to warm up!

## LMSRF AREA 1 OFFSHORE BOAT OF THE YEAR SERIES

*by Gail M. Turluck*

Final considerations of races to include for this season are underway.

We plan to announce the series in the April issue of *Lake Michigan SuRF*.

# LMSRF AREA 2 NEWS

## BOAT SPEED AND SAIL TRIM SEMINAR FUNDRAISER

A North U. Boat Speed & Sail Trim seminar is set for Wednesday, March 14, 2018, from 7:00-9:00 pm, at South Shore Yacht Club, 2300 E. Nock Street, Milwaukee, WI. It will be presented by Tom Pease. There is no cost to attend this two hour event. A donation at the door is requested to benefit the South Shore Junior Sailing Program. There will be food for purchase at the bar; Wednesday night is wing night!

## MILWAUKEE AREA SAILOR RACING PACIFIC CUP

Mike Schoendorf of Waukesha, Wisconsin, is featured in the February 2018 issue of *Latitude 38*, a west coast regional sailing magazine with a story of how he developed the idea and program for *Blue*, his Riptide 41. He and his crew will make a circuit of five races, including the Pacific Cup that starts July 9, from San Francisco to Hawaii. Photos of *Blue* are provided by Chicago marine photographer Karen I. Hirsch. The article is on pages 88-90 through this link: https://issuu.com/latitude38/docs/l38201802/88.

## SAILING EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF SHEBOYGAN NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Sailing Education Association of Sheboygan named Geoff Rudolph as its Executive Director in January. He was promoted after serving as the organization's Operations Manager. He succeeds Leslie Kohler.

## 2018 MILWAUKEE CREW SEARCH

*Photo courtesy: South Shore Yacht Club.*

Are you interested in racing on a sailboat, but don't know where to start? Are you a skipper looking for a few new hands? Are you just curious to learn more about the art of sailing? This is the place for you! This is a party, and a busy party, pairing all levels and ages of sailors or would-be sailors together. No experience needed and no club affiliation required. How can miss this? You can't.

When: April 21, 3:00 pm CDT

Where: South Shore Yacht Club · Milwaukee, WI

## SEAS CONSTRUCTION, EDUCATION AND SPECIAL EVENTS

*by Geoff Rudolph*

February, the border between winter and spring, where our daylight hours start to stretch and give way to a sense of launch time being not so far off. This is a catalyst for prioritizing the remaining winter work in anticipation of moving the fleet, workshops, sail and hardware inventory into our new home. The new SEAS facility under construction is humming with contractors working in synchrony. With mechanical inspections passed, and drywall, windows and finish related processes underway, we are getting really close to occupancy.

Our team members are filling in the calendar with sailing educational programs throughout the coming season. These events give greater community access to our fleet and waterfront, enhancing our mission. Spring High School experiential STEM instruction on the Sonars and adaptive sailing on the *Katie* are some of the activities planned. We are developing an offshore/cruising keelboat course for those sailors who dream of pursuing greater offshore skills and competency, or those who wish to fine tune their skills and expand on their abilities and confidence at sea.

We will close out the month of April by hosting my friend Howard Rice: adventurer, author, boat builder, educator, and his boat the *Southern Cross*. He will share his journey, experiences and passion for life on the water. Watch for more details coming. Last January through April 2017 he sailed an 11' 11" modified SCAMP sailboat he built down the Beagle Channel into Tierra del Fuego, the Southwest islands and the Southern Ocean. In an earlier voyage in 1989-90, he soloed three and a half months in Tierra Del Fuego. That route took him down the Beagle Channel through the Wollaston Islands to Hornos Island and back as far west as Timbales in the western Beagle Channel. Further background: https://www.voysc.com/new-index/ and Alone Around the Horn (https://tinyurl.com/AloneAroundtheHorn).

Between special events and our general programming throughout the year, we hope you find a way to share in the waterfront environment and participate in what SEAS spends all year putting in place for the public enjoyment. Consider this your invitation to come and see what SEAS is all about in 2018.

## LMSRF AREA 2 OFFSHORE BOAT OF THE YEAR SERIES

*by Gail M. Turluck*

Offshore sailboat racers in LMSRF Area 2, we need your input on what races to count for the 2018 LMSRF Area 2 Boat of the Year series. Whether you're from Sheboygan, Port Washington, Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, we want to be sure to include the races you're going to sail to build participation and find the best boat this year! Please email lmsrfadministration@lmsrf.org with your suggestions. We plan to announce the series in the April issue of *Lake Michigan SuRF.*

# SOUTH SHORE YACHT CLUB 2018 QUEEN'S CUP RACE

*by Scott Burke, Queen's Cup Race Chairman*

South Shore Yacht Club cordially invites you to participate in the 80th sailing of the Queen's Cup Race. The race will start in the early afternoon on June 22, 2018 with a finish line set just offshore of Grand Haven, Michigan.

The Queen's Cup cocktail party will start at 6:00 pm on Thursday, June 21. The Grand River Sailing Club will host the finish. They are working on improvements, including new wave boards on the "wall" and will have a limited number of slips available. Slip reservations will require a special event code that will be provided by South Shore Yacht Club on a first come first served basis with a paid entry. Grand River Sailing Club, along with the whole town, are planning a fun Saturday.

A Cruising Fleet is available for those who wish to compete in the race without spinnakers. This fleet will start 30 minutes ahead of the main PHRF fleet. The cruising fleet will use PHRF NSHCP (non-spinnaker) values for their handicaps.

Please use our club's website (www.ssyc.org) for access to updated information about the race, events in Milwaukee and Grand Haven, as well as the results. Simply select "Queen's Cup" from the main menu. Online registration is available at http://ssyc.org/queens-cup/online-entry and you can pay your entry fee with a credit card. Alternatively, you can pay with a check when you send in your race documentation. Please include your boat's current LMPHRF or ORR certificate or One Design certificate and Proof of Insurance.

Safety is a priority for this race. You will be required to turn in a Safety Equipment Checklist when you sign in for the race. This checklist includes a requirement to certify that you and at least two of your crew have participated in a man overboard drill this year. Please see the Notice of Race and the Checklist for more details. As always, we ask entrants to display portable sail numbers when passing the check-in boat and again at the finish. You must display these numbers at check-in and finish, within the time span given in the sailing instructions.

The staff at LM-PHRF, ORR and South Shore Yacht Club ask that you apply for a renewal or a new handicap certificate as early as possible to allow adequate time to process your certificate before the race. Applications prior to May 1st would be greatly appreciated. Please take time to review your certificate(s) when you receive it for any discrepancies and contact LMPHRF or ORR if you have any questions as soon as possible after you receive it.

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You may contact me with questions: Scott Burke, Queen's Cup Race Chairman, QC@ssyc.org.

# LMSRF AREA 3 NEWS

## JACKSON PARK YACHT CLUB LAUNCHES SAILING UNIVERSITY

Learn from experienced racing crew and skippers! Sign up for one or more sessions (only $100 for JPYC Members or $150 for Non-Members). Courses will be offered for four consecutive Wednesdays, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

Don't wait! Sign up now! 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
- Sail Trim
- Knots
- Points of Sail
- Safety

Session 1 March 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, 2018
Session 2 April 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th, 2018
Register online here: http://www.jacksonparkyachtclub.org/crewu.html#CrewURegistation.

## SAIL CHICAGO GETS RAVES AT THE CHICAGO BOAT, RV, AND SAIL SHOW

Sail Chicago once again made its presence felt at the 2018 Strictly Sail Chicago Show, January 10 - 14, at McCormick Place. The Sail Chicago booth was an integral part of the US Sailing Pavilion, and it attracted newcomers and "old salts" alike. Almost fifty Sail Chicago members generously donated their time to help staff the booth during the five day event. Their efforts were not unrewarded. Almost one-hundred show visitors signed up to learn more about Sail Chicago's instruction and racing programs.

## WINTHROP HARBOR YACHT CLUB EMBRACING NORTH POINT MARINA UPGRADES

*by John St. Pierre*

We are excited about the coming season at North Point Marina in Winthrop Harbor, Illinois! Westrec is busy fulfilling their plans for some wonderful improvements to our marina. It goes without saying that the new year will bring a continuation of the great care of our facility that we experienced last year. The pool plans are on track for this spring. The quotes for construction are almost all in, construction is scheduled to begin in March (as the ground thaws) and completion of the project is on tap for May. As soon as practical, Comcast will be here to wire the entire facility for cable TV and optional Wi-Fi. A basic package of channels will be included to slipholders and just like at home, additional packages and Wi-Fi service will be available.

There will be some reconfiguring of the southeast dock area. "R" dock will be entirely removed to provide an area for small boat activities. Our Sailing Director, NPM and the Village will be talking about the possibility of bringing back a youth instructional sailing program. Mark and NPM have graciously offered dock space in this new area for small sailboats and maybe storage space, as well. The Village would manage the program and would benefit from the offering in their recreational menu. Winthrop Harbor Yacht Club will assist in any way to start the program and maybe provide instructors. Having a successful instructional program will benefit us all as we really need to introduce a new generation to the wonders of boating, in order to grow a slowly diminishing market. There may also be jet ski rentals and a launch area for kayaks, etc. These ideas, along with the new pool are the types of things that will bring renewed interest to North Point Marina.

## SAVE THE DATE: 2018 CHICAGO RIVER DAY

The 26th Annual Chicago River Day is right around the corner. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 12, 2018, 9 a.m. - noon. We already have nearly 60 sites secured which span more parts of the Chicago River system than ever before. There's a site for everyone. More details: https://tinyurl.com/2018ChicagoRiverDay.

We are thrilled to have so many new sponsors this year with several returning sponsors. To be a sponsor, please contact Joanne So Young Dill, director of strategic initiatives, at (312) 939-0490, ext. 23, or jdill@chicagoriver.org. The deadline is March 1, 2018.

## Annual Waukegan Junior Sail Spaghetti Dinner
## April 8th 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM CST

Join us for a great fundraising event to support Waukegan Yacht Club Junior Sailing!

JUNIORSAIL
WAUKEGAN YACHT CLUB YOUTH FOUNDATION

**Location:** **Larsen Marine Showroom**
**625 E Sea Horse Dr | Waukegan, IL**

**Details:** The Annual Junior Sail Spaghetti Dinner returns!

WYC Junior Sailors serve salad, spaghetti, and garlic bread in a room full of energy and anticipation of summer winds on Lake Michigan. Larsen Marine will be our host for the evening in their beautiful showroom.

**The Spaghetti Dinner is our kick-off event for the summer of 2018**
**-Raffles -Silent Auctions -Alumni features**
**... and, remember the SPAGHETTI!!**

**Register**: Please Register by Saturday, April 7, 2018 5:00 PM CST

Visit this site to sign up: http://www.payit2.com/p/juniorsailspaghetti2018

*Organized by Waukegan Yacht Club Youth Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Donations made at the event may be deductible and documentation will be available for your 2018 tax purposes.*

# LMSRF AREA 4 NEWS

## 2018 SOUTH HAVEN INVITATIONAL

South Haven Yacht Club invites all offshore racers to sail in its 2018 South Haven Invitational Regatta, to be sailed June 2, 2018 (June 3 for resail in case of inclement weather). Three races are planned for Performance Handicap Racing Fleet rated boats and offshore One-Designs that meet the requirements defined in the event Notice of Race.

Learn more about it through this link for registration and the Notice of Race: http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/16108.

We look forward to seeing you at South Haven Yacht Club, 401 Williams St., South Haven MI, www.SouthHavenYachtClub.com.

## 2018 WEST MICHIGAN RACE WEEK

*by Larry Taunt*

The Muskegon Yacht Club is planning a pretty exciting week of sailboat racing in June of 2018.

To start things off, Muskegon Yacht Club has moved its Governor's Cup Regatta from the traditional Labor Day weekend to the weekend of June 16-17. This will be followed by the start of the Tripp Memorial Cup race to Milwaukee on Wednesday, June 20, and wrap up with the Trans-Michigan Race back to Muskegon during the day on Friday, June 22. For a combined entry fee of only $210 for all three events, this a whole lot of fun for less than many standalone events.

With fewer people traveling their boats long distances to events like the NOOD-Chicago and Verve Cup, a real vacuum has been created in buoy racing in West Michigan that Muskegon Yacht Club is hoping to fill by moving its Governor's Cup Regatta to June. We will be running up to seven races for the Saturday/Sunday regatta and hope to attract boats from throughout the region. With the option of racing inside on Muskegon Lake if conditions are not favorable on the big lake, Muskegon offers a unique venue for this type of event. We are blessed with the best of both worlds here in Muskegon.

"We have the sandy beaches and beautiful lakeshore of Lake Michigan around the corner from Muskegon Yacht Club or, if there is no wind or boat breaking waves on Lake Michigan, we have a large, deep water lake to race on inside" said Regatta committee chairman Sam Nedeau. "We hope to build this week into large annual event that boats from Holland, Grand Haven, White Lake, and even South Haven will want to participate in."

Boats that come in for the Governor's Cup will be given discounted mooring fees if they stay for LMSRF's Area IV Tripp Memorial Cup race on Wednesday evening June 20, to Milwaukee. This traditional overnight race across the lake had 26 entries last year and functions as a feeder race to Milwaukee for the races back. The Tripp Cup race is always interesting and gets you into Milwaukee in time for a hot breakfast followed by a long nap!

The Trans-Michigan Race during the day on Friday, June 22, will be headquartered in Milwaukee at the beautiful north side McKinley Marina. This large modern marina, with floating docks, is an amazing facility within easy walking distance to the Milwaukee Yacht Club, and the trendy downtown and North Milwaukee bars and hotels.

"We were really impressed with McKinley Marina last year," said Nedeau.

It is an impressive facility with lots of space. We are working with McKinley Marina to secure a block of slips so that all the competitors will be together. We learned a few things last year and as such we have moved the Trans-Michigan race start time up to 10:00 am CDT (11:00 am EDT) on Friday. This should get most of our competitors across the finish line while the sun is still up. We are also moving the finish to the north side of the pier in Muskegon to reduce the interference of shore lights (though we hope to be done before dark). We hope to build on our success of last year and expect to significantly increase our entries over the 29 boats that competed in our inaugural event in 2017. Massive festivities are planned at Muskegon Yacht Club Friday night after the finish, which should be rockin'! You can spend the weekend enjoying the facilities, or you can order a "turn and burn" provisioning package, or hop on the Ferry and sleep in your own bed in Milwaukee. You will still have your whole weekend ahead of you to spend with the family.

What is great about coming into Muskegon is that our harbor and Marina are protected. Boats can safely tie up at our floating docks, with no worries about depth, channel surge, or sea walls damaging their boats. Add to that our fantastic full-service bar and restaurant, cheap drinks, pool, free parking, reasonable hotel rates, and the high-speed Lake Express Ferry service, Muskegon is a destination that is hard not to like. If you have not been to the Muskegon Yacht Club in a few years, you are in for a surprise. With our modern marina, beautiful clubhouse and our dazzling pool, Muskegon Yacht Club is truly an outstanding facility.

As an added incentive, Muskegon Yacht Club is waiving all slip fees for the entire period of June 15-24 if you come into Muskegon and sail all three events. Muskegon Yacht Club is all about racing. You shouldn't have to spend a fortune to enter events, as it is supposed to be fun. Entry is open for all three events at www.yachtscoring.com; search Muskegon or contact us at race.myc@muskegonyachtclub.org.

## 2018 LAKE MICHIGAN CLIPPER CUP REGATTA

*by Robert A. Young*

August 10, 2018 marks the 32nd running of the Lake Michigan Clipper Cup Race. The "Clipper Cup" is a sailing race that originates off of the pier heads on Lake Michigan at Muskegon, Michigan, and finishes in Port Washington, Wisconsin. The race distance is 68 nautical miles. The race is jointly administered by the Muskegon Yacht Club and Port Washington Yacht Club.

The Clipper Cup originated when Jack C. Rillema of Whitehall, Michigan. began having discussions with other sailors on both shores of Lake Michigan. At that time, Jack, as well as others, had concerns on how the Queens's Cup was being scored and wanted to offer an alternative. In June 1987 the inaugural Clipper Cup race was held. With the help of Bert Smith in Port Washington, Wisconsin, Jack and he established the Clipper Cup with the resolve to run a race that was not only FUN but also was clearly scored using the PHRF system. Initially, the race started in Port Washington and finished in Muskegon.

In 1997 Bert Smith and the Port Washington Yacht Club took over the helm of the Clipper Cup. The committee decided to change the race date to the second Friday in August, counting on better and warmer weather. Ten days after the 1998 race Bert Smith sadly passed away. Organizing of the race has become the responsibility of the Muskegon Yacht Club and has remained strong through the efforts of many volunteers on both shores.

The Lake Michigan Clipper Cup Race is open to racers in Spinnaker, Jib and Main, Multihull and Cruising Classes. This year, we hope to add a Double Handed division to the Cruising Class. Because the race is started in the morning, rather than the evening like many other cross lake races, it is particularly inviting to those who are first time racers. Typically, the Clipper Cup is the first lake crossing for more than fifty crew members annually. "Turtles," as they are called, are recognized for their accomplishment at the awards presentation held at the Port Washington Yacht Club the Saturday following the race.

In addition to the race, there is a pre-race party held at Muskegon Yacht Club the evening before the race and an awards presentation the day following the race at Port Washington Yacht Club that allow sailors an opportunity to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. Moreover, the inviting hospitality of the city of Port Washington makes this one of the "must do" races on many sailor's annual racing calendars.

We invite you to visit our web site at www.clippercup.com for more race information.

# LMSRF AREA 5 NEWS

## 2018 LMSRF AREA 5 OFFSHORE BOAT OF THE YEAR SERIES

*by Gail M. Turluck*

Work is ongoing on revamping the race mix to be used to conduct the 2018 LMSRF Area 5 Offshore Boat of the Year Championship. If there are races you would like to see included, please email them to lmsrfadministration@lmsrf.org. We anticipate announcing the 2018 series in the April issue of *Lake Michigan SuRF.*

# OFFSHORE COUNCIL NEWS

## LARRY ROSENFELD JOINS SYRF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Sailing Yacht Research Foundation (SYRF) is pleased to announce the addition of offshore multihull sailor Larry Rosenfeld to the organization's Board of Directors.

Rosenfeld is an experienced software entrepreneur and has a strong sailing resume, having been the Navigator on many successful offshore racing boats, including Team Adventure, a 110-foot, 44-knot Multiplast catamaran in The Race, a non-stop, no-limits race around the world held in 2001. He is also Executive Director of the Team Adventure Educational Foundation which sailed the Route of Discovery, a transatlantic odyssey with school teachers on board. Both voyages form part of Team Adventure's educational curriculum which integrated sailing, history and education in a dynamic program of interactive learning.

More recently Rosenfeld has been working closely with the Offshore Multihull Association, an organization that seeks to increase regatta participation by promoting fair and accurate ratings for purposes of scoring race events. He led the development of the MultiRule, a new handicap system that seeks to use large performance data sets, modern polar curve refinement methods and Performance Curve Scoring to establish ratings and scoring across multihulls of varied performance characteristics. He has been working on technology for the MultiRule and has developed both a mobile app for PCS and a highly accurate immersion measurement system for calculating the weight of large boats quickly and inexpensively.

"I'm excited to be part of SYRF and its mission to use science to improve handicap racing," said Rosenfeld. "Modelling the performance of large multihulls is very difficult, so we have taken this empirical approach to get them competing on the water as much as possible while refining the ratings. The OMA is a great place to test theories that may be applicable in the future to the larger, more diverse world of monohulls."

"At OMA we have a shared belief with SYRF in the value of transparency," he continued. "The analyses which determine and refine our polar curves, the methods of determining boat weights and other particulars, and the inputs to and methods of PCS scoring are transparent to all OMA competitors."
"We are fortunate to have Larry on board with us," said SYRF President Jay Hansen. "His background and knowledge in Multihulls is important for this fast-growing sector of the offshore racing community."

# YOUTH COUNCIL NEWS

## 2017 MCSA ALL CONFERENCE AWARDS

At the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Collegiate Sailing Association at Grand Valley State University in January, the following individuals were named 2017 MCSA All Conference sailors:

| All Conference Skipper | | | All Conference Women's Skipper | | | All Conference Crew | | |
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| Kate Klement | Wisconsin | 2017 | Lane Tobin | Michigan | 2018 | Korina Hendricks | Wisconsin | 2017 |
| Mark Davies | Northwestern | 2020 | Andrea Sullivan | Wisconsin | 2018 | Amy Baer | Michigan | 2019 |
| Parker Trepton | UW-Milwaukee | 2018 | Katherine O'Donnell | Northwestern | 2019 | Michael Gapuz | Michigan | 2018 |
| Mason Wolters | Michigan | 2018 | | | | Maggie Houtz | Wisconsin | 2019 |
| Charles Bocklett | Wisconsin | 2017 | | | | Susan Riley | Northwestern | 2017 |
| **Honorable Mention** | | | **Honorable Mention** | | | **Honorable Mention** | | |
| Ryder Easterlin | Northwestern | 2020 | Isabella Hamilton | Minnesota | 2017 | Bailey Adkins | Minnesota | 2019 |
| Ryan Clulo | UW-Milwaukee | 2018 | Cailin Oakes | Minnesota | 2018 | Brett Hutchinson | UW-Milwaukee | 2019 |
| Geoffrey Owens | Chicago | 2018 | Carolyn Keck | Wisconsin | 2019 | | | |
| Erik Elliott | Wisconsin | 2017 | Rachel Rantanen | Michigan State | 2019 | | | |

## SHEBOYGAN HIGH SCHOOL SAILING FORMING FOR SPRING

Calling all Sheboygan, Wisconsin area high school students!

We are holding the Spring 2018 information meeting of Sheboygan Youth Sailing Center at the Sheboygan Yacht Club, 214 Pennsylvania Ave., Sheboygan, Wisconsin, at 5:30pm on Monday, March 5, 2018. Join us to learn more about the team, our spring schedule and how to get involved.

Hope to see plenty of eager sailors and parents there!

## 2018 U.S. YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2018 U.S. Youth Championship is being hosted by Carolina Yacht Club, Wrightsville Beach, NC, June 23-27, 2018.

The selection and entry process has been updated and simplified. Interested sailors should review the process and frequently asked questions on the Event Website for updated information and timelines. The Notice of Race is also posted on the event website: https://tinyurl.com/2018USYouthChamps.

US SAILING U.S. YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

Sailors who have earned Early Acceptance by qualifying at our designated Early Acceptance regattas can register without submitting an application starting March 1, 2018. Sailors who do not qualify through Early Acceptance are required to submit an application by April 15. There is no longer an application fee.

This Championship will serve as the final tune-up regatta for the Youth Worlds Team prior to the 2018 Youth World Sailing Championships, hosted by Corpus Christi Yacht Club on July 14-21.

### CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Doublehanded Dinghy – I 420
Skiff – 29er
Multihull – Nacra 15
Singlehanded Dinghy – Laser Radial
Singlehanded Dinghy – Laser
Windsurfer – Techno 293 Plus

# 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

No reports this month.

# ADAPTIVE SAILING

## WARRIOR SAILING IS COMING TO TRAVERSE CITY IN 2018

Scott Ford, a Traverse City, Michigan, resident, and team member of Warrior Sailing, is developing a regional Warrior and youth sailing team. The team will be training in Northern Michigan waters starting in May 2018. Throughout the summer of 2018 the Warriors will also travel to compete in regional events throughout the Great Lakes. Keep up to date with Warrior Sailing at their website www.warriorsailing.org and all social media links.

In partnership with the USMMA Sailing Foundation, Warrior Sailing Great Lakes will be utilizing a donated foundation racing sailboat. The donated sailboat will be a platform for Youth Sailors to join wounded, ill, or injured veterans to experience competitive sailing. The initiative will also host veteran sailing opportunities throughout the summer on Grand Traverse Bay.
100% of donated funds directly support Warrior Sailing programs and initiatives. Inquiries and donations can be directed to scotte.ford@gmail.com or call (231)360-1176.

## 2018 CLAGETT AND U.S. PARA SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The C. Thomas Clagett, Jr. Memorial Clinic and Regatta and US Sailing are excited to announce that the 2018 U.S. Para Sailing Championships, formerly known as the U.S. Disabled Sailing Championships, will be hosted at Sail Newport by The Clagett Regatta in Newport, R.I. on June 19-24, 2018.

"We are very happy to announce in conjunction with US Sailing that The Clagett will be hosting the 2018 U.S. Para Sailing Championships," commented Judy Clagett McLennan, President and Co-Founder of The Clagett Regatta. "The Clagett has a long history of working with US Sailing in an effort to provide opportunities to adaptive sailors. Over the last sixteen years that The Clagett has been operating, we have seen Clagett alumni go on to win 19 medals at the Paralympic Games and many World Championships."

"US Sailing is thrilled with the opportunity to partner with The Clagett Regatta for 2018 U.S. Para Sailing Championships," said Betsy Alison, Adult Director at US Sailing. "The Clagett Regatta has a long history of organizing outstanding racing and instructional opportunities through this world-class regatta and clinic for adaptive sailors. Combining competition with learning has always been a trademark of this event and I believe this year's Championship will provide these sailors with a unique opportunity to hone their skills and race against great competition in the historic sailing venue of Newport."

The U.S. Para Sailing Championships is one of the oldest sailing regattas in the U.S. for sailors with disabilities. The talented field often includes Paralympians, US Sailing Team members, and new contenders.

This year's Championships will be raced in three fleets, all of which are adapted for sailors with disabilities. A fourth fleet of Hansa 303s may also be added to the event.

- The U.S. Para Sailing Singlehanded Championship for the Judd Goldman Trophy will be raced in the 2.4mR class.
- The U.S. Para Sailing Doublehanded Championship for the Chandler Hovey Trophy will be raced in the RS Venture Connect.
- The U.S. Para Sailing Triplehanded Championship for the Gene Hinkel Trophy will be raced in Sonars.

Along with the Championship trophies, the C. Thomas Clagett, Jr. Trophy, the Susan B. Johnson - Sportsmanship Award, the Larry Gadsby - Most Improved Award, the Nick Scandone - Spirit Award and the Robie Pierce and Gene Hinkle - Seamanship Award will be presented to sailors taking part in the regatta.

In addition to the competition, the two boats that have been selected for potential inclusion in the 2024 Paralympic Games, the RS Venture Connect (doublehanded) and the Hansa 303 (singlehanded), will be on-site and available for the participating sailors to try. Short course fleet racing in the Hansa 303 may be conducted as a developmental class.

First established in 1986, the U.S. Independence Cup became US Sailing's National Championship for sailors with disabilities in 1989. In 2007, the regatta moved under the championships division of US Sailing and was renamed the U.S. Disabled Sailing Championship. In 2018, the event was renamed the U.S. Para Sailing Championships.

Many competitors racing at the U.S. Para Sailing Championships and The Clagett have gone on to represent the United States at the Paralympics Games, including Nick Scandone and Maureen McKinnon, gold medalists in 2008; John Ruff, bronze medalist in 2008; Jennifer French and J.P. Creignou, silver medalists in 2012; Rick Doerr, Hugh Freund and Brad Kendell, silver medalists in 2016.

For more information, including Notice of Race and registration information, please visit: www.clagettregatta.org and for more information about the U.S. Para Sailing Championship, visit http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/adult/disabledchamps/.

***About the C. Thomas Clagett, Jr. Memorial Clinic and Regatta***
*Founded in 2003, the C. Thomas Clagett, Jr. Memorial Clinic and Regatta honors the late Tom Clagett (1916-2001), a U.S. Navy World War II veteran who learned to sail on Chesapeake Bay. As a youngster he suffered temporary paralysis as the result of a bout of meningitis; an experience that left him with a deep respect for the accomplishments of people with disabilities. The Clagett's stated mission is "to assist sailors in realizing their potential on the water by providing them both the knowledge and tools to improve their skills and the opportunity to use these skills in competition". Tom Clagett's motto was "Reach for Success", which resonates with every Clagett participant. Clagett competitors have seen medal success at the 2008, 2012 and 2016 Paralympic Games. Competitors often comment that, The Clagett, has improved their quality of life as they apply what is achieved on the water to everyday situations.*

## ADAPTIVE ACTIVITIES IN SHEBOYGAN

*by Matt Wierzbach*

The 2018 Para World Sailing Championship planning is well underway with the Notice of Race finished and registration nearly ready to open. SEAS, Sail Sheboygan, the Sheboygan Yacht Club and the community at large are partnering to make this event a success. Competitors are beginning to make their travel plans and the questions are beginning to come in on all sorts of transportation and housing needs. It's all about to get very busy.

Activity will stretch the lakefront from the yacht club grounds north to the Sheboygan Harbor Centre who have partnered with us for this event. Racing will take place on three separate race courses with two scheduled to be near shore and ideal for spectators to observe from our beaches and waterfront.

In other news, the adaptive groups that went out sailing last year through our Adaptive Sailing program have all expressed interest in coming back this summer. Juju Senfft has already begun booking the first dates and hopefully we'll get even greater numbers than last year. One of the greatest challenges all of our programming has faced is the difficulty of getting the word out to those who may be interested, it appears that our hard work is slowly paying dividends as we continue to grow. If you know of a group that would be interested in our Adaptive Program, please help us make the connection.

Remember our Winter Series is still underway. March 21st will be Racing Rules and a Mock Protest Hearing for new and experienced sailors alike to make sure they are following the most up to date Racing Rules of Sailing and to experience a protest hearing without the stress of a real situation.

We are only three months away from our first on the water course!

# COMMUNITY SAILING

## COMMUNITY SAILING FORUM AT US SAILING LEADERSHIP FORUM

*by Emily Taylor, Chair, Community Sailing Committee*

Leaders of Community Sailing programs are invited to sign up for the Community Sailing listserv by emailing communitysailing@ussailing.org to request to be added. The Community Sailing Committee distributes a quarterly newsletter packed with event information, regional workshops and meetings.

Our Committee gained some great ideas at our session at the Leadership Forum for our 2018 work and will be moving forward on several projects. As you have new ideas or questions, please email me or Jen Guimares at US Sailing. We do our best to direct the work of the committee to better meet your needs.

Resources:
Community Sailing on US Sailing Website (check out list of tabs at right and success stories at the bottom): https://tinyurl.com/USSACommunitySailing.

Accreditation Application and Information: https://tinyurl.com/USSA-CS-AccredApp.

Community Sailing Handbook (being updated soon): http://www.ussailing.org/education/community-sailing/handbook/.

Resource Center – hover over the Resources heading at the right top of the page and choose from drop down menu based on what area you're looking for support: http://www.ussailing.org/#.

US Sailing Reach Program: http://reach.ussailing.org/.

US Sailing Bookstore - This app is available online and has free resources and books for purchase (iOS): https://tinyurl.com/USSABookstoreAppDoc.

Community Sailing on US Sailing Website (check out list of tabs at right and success stories at the bottom

Accreditation Application and Information

Community Sailing Handbook (old version)

Resource Center - click on the Resources heading on the right of the page and there is a drop down menu for you to choose from, based on what area you're looking for support.

In the upcoming weeks, we'll be on-boarding new members to the Committee based on our geographical needs/regional representation. We thank many of you for your interest, and continue to welcome your feedback throughout the year.

Please stay in touch and thank you again for your great ideas, interest and support. The Committee's next annual meeting will be at National Sailing Programs Symposium 2019 in Jacksonville, Florida. We hope to see you there!

# WOMEN'S SAILING

## 2018 WOMEN ON THE WATER SEMINAR BEING PLANNED

Karen Harris, Commodore of Jackson Park Yacht Club, Chicago, Illinois, announced at the US Sailing Leadership Forum that a Women on the Water Seminar is being planned for the Chicago area, to be held in late April or early May. It will focus on sailing, cruising, racing, leadership and more. Further information to come.

## NWSA WOMEN'S SAILING CONFERENCE SLATED FOR JUNE 2 IN MARBLEHEAD, MA

Where do ladies go to improve their sailing? The National Women's Sailing Association (NWSA) will hold its 17th Annual Women's Sailing Conference on Saturday, June 2, 2018, at the Corinthian Yacht Club in Marblehead, Massachusetts. The event, which features hands-on land- and water-based workshops and seminars, offers women a fantastic opportunity to learn or hone sailing skills, network with other women sailors from all over the United States, and gain the confidence necessary to become a valuable crew member or knowledgeable skipper.

*Women get hands-on sail reefing experience at the NWSA Women's Sailing Conference. Photo courtesy: BoatUS.*

Financial support from the major supporters, BoatUS and Black Rock Sailing School of Boston, Massachusetts, enables NWSA to meet the educational needs of women sailors and continue to provide one of the top women's sailing conferences in the US.

"Women of all sailing abilities are encouraged to attend," said NWSA President Linda Newland. "By sharing experiences, women leave with improved skills and knowledge that contribute to better days on the water. There is always something of interest for everyone." Cheryl Steiner, conference co-chair and registrar, said, "Seventy percent of last year's attendees had five or more years of sailing experience. With more experienced sailors attending, we've moved some of our 2018 courses in that direction."

On the water, women can improve their sail trim skills or take the helm for their very first time in a Colgate 26 or Sonar provided by Black Rock Sailing School and the Corinthian Yacht Club.

New courses this year include Preparing for Offshore and Extended Cruising, Sailboat as Teacher (how to be aware of what your sailboat is telling you), Classroom Docking, Navigating the Intracoastal Waterway with the Help of Electronic Tools, and 'Forty Camels,' an entertaining look at cruising the Red Sea. Returning conference workshops include Suddenly Singlehanded, Dinghy Captain, Navigating in the Fog, Plot Your Course, Know Your Rigging, Reefing and When to Reef, Using Spring Lines, as well as beginner's necessities such as Knots to Know.

Some of the women teaching the courses include women's sailing school owner Captain Nancy Erly of Seattle, Washington; American Boat and Yacht Council master marine technician Beth Burlingame; and rigger and diesel engine mechanic Captain Bonnie Schaeffer.

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Conference registration is $180 and includes a continental breakfast, buffet lunch, dinner, guest speaker, workshops, raffle ticket and 2018 Leadership in Women's Sailing Award presentation. A silent auction will also be held throughout the day. Registration opens in the spring at womensailing.org.

For additional information, contact co-chair Joan Thayer at joan_thayer@comcast.net.

# 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.*

**BURNHAM PARK YACHT CLUB**, Chicago, Illinois, is having a "Taste of China" dinner night for its members. The offers choices of: Spring Rolls-Light and Crispy; Crab Rangoon; Cashew Chicken; Shrimp Curry; Beef and Broccoli; and Fried and White Rice. Plus a Tsingtao beer special. A travel outing by taste!

**KENOSHA COMMUNITY SAILING CLUB**, Kenosha, Wisconsin, is going to be having sessions led by Joe Davis to learn to use sewing machines to make sails. The club has a few machines and has a small sail loft to manage its needs. Ultimate self-reliance for a sailing facility!

**LAKE FOREST SAILING**, Lake Forest, IL, worked with their Optimist sailors for an evening in February learning the art of gelcoat repair and how an Opti is constructed. Great discussion on caring for and maintaining your ride. Respect and be proud of your equipment! It's easy to break boats, but it takes commitment to fix them right.

**WINTHROP HARBOR YACHT CLUB**, Winthrop Harbor, Illinois, has a program they call "Club Pups." No, it's not for animals. No, it's not for dogs. Well, kind of. Every Saturday through the season, members sign up to volunteer as "hosts" and Club Pups serves Hot Dogs, Bratwurst, Cole Slaw and more to its members for lunch. A fun time that everyone can count on!

# LAKE MICHIGAN AREA MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

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

# MATCH RACING NEWS

## CANADA'S CUP UPDATE

*by Hans Brieden*

Allan Megarry, from the Royal Canadian Yacht Club received a round of applause as he wrapped up an hour long preview of the new vision for the next Canada's Cup. Around 30 people from multiple great lakes clubs attended the presentation at Bayview Yacht Club in Detroit, Michigan.

The challenge for the Canada's Cup, which dates back to 1896, had, in Megarry's words, "lost its way. Our goal is to make it inclusive of all amateur sailors including women, youth and veteran sailors."

With the Official Notice of Race (NOR) not expected to be released until June 1, 2018, there are still several specific details to be finalized, however this meeting which follows the initial meeting in December was intended to take questions and receive feedback from potential sailors in an effort to make this a premier sailing experience.

The event will be sailed in brand new boats called the IC37, designed by Mills and built by Westerly Marine in Santa Ana, California. New York Yacht Club commissioned the design for the purpose of creating a new level of competitive yachts. Melges will partner with, oversee and manage the IC37 Class.

Here is what we've learned:

### CREW

- Must be members of the club for at least 18 months prior to the event
- Total crew will be 8 with a maximum weight limit yet to be determined
- Must be amateurs – only one Cat 3 level sailor will be allowed as a boat captain
- The Cat 3 sailor is not permitted to trim, call tactics or drive the boat
- IC 37 class rules will apply

### EVENT

- Next 3 Cups will be held at the RCYC in 2020, 2022, 2024
- Winners take the trophy back to their club and return it for the next event
- Event will include youth sailing in J/105s

### BOATS

- Orders for boats are being taken now and require an approximate down payment of $5,000
- Production is expected to equal two completed boats a month
- Total cost to be on the line racing is estimated anywhere from 290k to 370k (including a trailer)
- First group of 20 boats go to NYYC and is expected to be delivered this spring
- Rumor has it that there are 4 Bayview members who are interested or have secured a spot
- Additional information can be obtained at www.melgesic37class.com
- Word on the street is that Melges is searching for an additional boat authorized builder which will allow them to increase production

### RACING

Owners can expect multiple competitive events

- IC37 Great Lakes Championship
- Qualifying Series
- Canada's Cup Finals (winner gets berth in 2021 New York Yacht Club Invitational)
- Defender has to compete to defend the existing and future Cups
- Challengers and Defender series will be separate (winners meet for first time in finals)

Look for more updates as information is provided by Royal Canadian Yacht Club.

## THOUGHTS ON REDEVELOPING CANADA'S CUP COMPETITION

*by Robert Hughes*

If you had an interest in big boat sailing and grew up near the Great lakes you were likely fascinated with the Mackinac races and Canada's Cup. All are marquee sailing events with history behind them. I have had the privilege of participating in four of them. Many of the Great Lakes' and nations' highly regarded sailors have raced for the Cup over the years including: Bill Martin, Terry Kohler, Larry Klein, Don Wilson, Hans Fogh, Terry McLaughlin, Terry Hutchinson, John Kostecki and Andy Horton, to name a few. I am pleased that the owners of the Canada's Cup, Royal Canadian Yacht Club, in Toronto, Ontario, have come up with a proposal to get the Cup on the water and try to restore its relevance and past glory. The Cup has been sitting on the shelf for too long and has not had the proper stage its history deserves.

The new proposal addresses many of the issues that have held up the Cup racing in the past. The Melges 37 is a good boat for this purpose. It is an offshore one design that balances the right size, cost, performance and established class to race in. Committing to the Melges 37 for three cycles provides consistency and stability for the teams. Another positive is that the Cup is to be raced every two years. The two primary factors that have held the Cup back in the past have been agreeing on a boat for competition and getting Royal Canadian Yacht Club to commit to racing on a regular basis.

Royal Canadian Yacht Club is proposing an all-amateur crew that have been members of the participating Club for at least 18 months. This reasoning is to reduce costs and give smaller clubs a chance. While this sounds good in theory, it is far easier for a big club like Royal Canadian Yacht Club, which has a lineup of past and present Olympic sailors, to stock a boat with high caliber amateur sailors.

This is a good start until you get to the next proposed condition. Regardless of the winner, the Cup competition stays in Toronto. Seriously. The Cup has always been about the winner hosting the next event. Besides Toronto, it has been hosted in Detroit, Chicago, Holland, etc. It takes a lot of time, money and club support to win a Canada's Cup. The payoff and excitement for the challenging club has always been the prospect of bringing the Cup back to your club to hold the defense. Bayview Yacht Club, Chicago Yacht Club and Macatawa Bay Yacht Club have all hosted first class Cup defenses. How could you justify removing the key component of the Cup? Disrespect the legacy of the Canada's Cup by turning it into the Royal Canadian Yacht Club Invitational Cup? Why would an owner spend thousands of dollars, weeks away from home, and encourage fellow club members to support the team when the Cup stays at Royal Canadian Yacht Club if you win? The Canada's Cup is often called the Great Lakes version of the America's Cup. How many teams would challenge for the America's Cup if the Cup stayed in New Zealand?

There are a handful of past participants that are interested in challenging for the Canada's Cup, but not under these circumstances. Why spend the time and money and if upon winning, the champions must go back to Royal Canadian Yacht Club two years later and provide entertainment? I hope that Royal Canadian Yacht Club revises their proposal to restore this key component. Royal Canadian Yacht Club originally won the Cup in the United States and brought it back to Canada. Give the Great Lakes clubs a reason to challenge.

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ONE DAY RACE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR – March 3, 2018, 9:00 am-5:00 pm at Columbia Yacht Club, 111 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL. $65 seminar fee includes course material, online testing, lunch (sandwich buffet) and beer at the end of the day. Online registration closes on Monday, February 26, 2018, @ 2355 (Eastern). Enroll Now: http://www1.ussailing.org/enrollment/selectregistrant.aspx?courseid=13451405. Please contact Kurt Thomsen, kurt@colyc.org, for additional information. Instructor: John Strassman.

NORTH U. BOATSPEED AND RACING TRIM SEMINAR - Saturday, March 3, 2018, 9:00 am-4:00 pm. DePaul University, Lincoln Park Campus, 2320 N. Kenmore Ave., Chicago, IL, (near Fullerton & Halsted), Seminar Location: Schmitt Academic Center, Room: SAC-161. The North U Racing Trim Seminar is offered as a one-day course focusing on boat speed and sail trim. North U Trim Seminars teach the latest in racing skills with an emphasis on practical, proven, real-world techniques that will help you win. You will learn the fundamentals of upwind performance, plus advanced techniques that balance angle of attack, sail depth, and twist in both the main and jib in order to optimize speed and pointing in all conditions. Through animated graphics, photos, and video you will see how the champions do it. In addition, the course covers the latest in spinnaker trim and control for both symmetric and asymmetric spinnakers. Fee varies. Register: https://northu.com/product/trim-seminar-chicago-il/.

**OFFSHORE MEDICAL EMERGENCIES** - Saturday, March 3, 2018, 10:00 a.m. Larsen Marine, 625 E. Sea Horse Drive, Waukegan, IL. Poked eyes, banged brains, puke, poop, burns, guts, butts, and cuts. It's not as sexy as sail trim or working the bow, but it's crucial that we're prepared to intervene in the unique medical emergencies that occur on the water. In this course you will be introduced to practical strategies for dealing with the injuries you may encounter while offshore, suggestions for supplies to keep onboard, tips about using items commonly found on boats to assist in treating injury. Presenter: Capt. Shelly Galligan, RN. Shelly is a registered nurse with 25 years of experience in the Emergency Room. She holds certifications in Emergency nursing, Offshore medicine, trauma nursing, advanced cardiac life support, and pediatric advanced life support. Shelly grew up racing and cruising on a classic wooden Q boat. She was away from sailing for what seemed like a lifetime, and has returned with gusto. She has her USCG 100 ton Masters License and now specializes in offshore first aid education and tricky boat deliveries. Cost: free, includes lunch - have a hot dog on us!

**NORTH U. BOATSPEED AND RACING TRIM SEMINAR** – Sunday, March 4, 2018, 9:00 am-4:00 pm. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Sailing Team, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 3210 N. Maryland Avenue, Milwaukee, WI, Seminar Location: Lubar School of Business, Room: TBA. The North U Racing Trim Seminar is offered as a one-day course focusing on boat speed and sail trim. North U Trim Seminars teach the latest in racing skills with an emphasis on practical, proven, real-world techniques that will help you win. You will learn the fundamentals of upwind performance, plus advanced techniques that balance angle of attack, sail depth, and twist in both the main and jib in order to optimize speed and pointing in all conditions. Through animated graphics, photos, and video you will see how the champions do it. In addition, the course covers the latest in spinnaker trim and control for both symmetric and asymmetric spinnakers. Fee varies. Register: https://northu.com/product/trim-seminar-chicago-il/.

**GREAT LAKES WEATHER 2: FORCES CONTROLLING THE WIND/USING DOPPLER WEATHER RADAR** – March 6, 2018, GLCCSchool is an internet-based offering of the Great Lakes Cruising Club. GLCCSchool webinars are conducted by experienced GLCC-accredited sail or power boating colleagues and industry specialists. GLCCSchool webinars are open to everyone, whether they are a Great Lakes Cruising Club member or not. All you need to participate in GLCCSchool webinars is a computer (Windows, Mac or Linux) with speakers, a browser, and a desire to learn more about cruising our Great Lakes. To register: https://www.glccschool.com/open-classes.

**WINTER EDUCATION SERIES-INTRODUCTION TO THE RACING RULES OF SAILING**- March 7, 2018, 6:30-8:00 pm. Hoofer Sailing Club, Memorial Union, Madison, WI. We will be presenting the Racing Rules of Sailing in a methodical yet simple format to help you understand how to play the game, make smart decisions and enjoy every moment on the water! This particular seminar will be concentrating on the starting rules, and the first upwind leg of a course. Presenter: David Elsmo. Register here: https://lessons.hoofersailing.org/event/register/index?id=64167.

**SAILING UNIVERSITY** - Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2018. 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#CrewURegistation.

**US SAILING SAFETY AT SEA SEMINAR** - March 10, 2018, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Columbia Yacht Club, 111 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois. Speaker: Multiple. Cost: $125 non-US Sailing member/ non-Columbia member; $125 standard pricing, $120 non-Columbia member but US Sailing member; $100 Columbia member. Lunch is provided and keg beer to follow. http://www.columbiayachtclub.org/sailing-school, (312) 465-3514 or sail@colyc.org.

**38TH ANNUAL SPRING THAW** – Saturday, March 10, 2018, 9:00 am-5:00 pm. Torresen Marine, Inc. and Sail Place Inc., 3003 Lakeshore Dr, Muskegon, Michigan. This is a great get out of the house and down to the boatyard event! More than a dozen sailing and product representatives will be on hand as well as seminars for you to enjoy. As is in the past, there are in store discounts, refreshments and great door prizes. The Torresen Marine service team will be on hand to help plan your spring work.

**PREVENT AND RESPOND TO MEDICAL EMERGENCIES ONBOARD** - Saturday March 10, 2018, 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon. Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club, 601 West Montrose Avenue, Chicago, IL. This, free, seminar features Shelly Galligan, USCG 100 ton rated Captain and Registered Nurse to talk about ways to effectively prevent and respond to medical emergencies onboard. Coffee and unhealthy breakfast treats will be provided. RSVP to pastcommodore@corinthian.org.

**GREAT LAKES WEATHER 3: WEATHER MAKERS … FORECASTING HIGH & LOW PRESSURE SYSTEMS** - March 13, 2018, GLCCSchool is an internet-based offering of the Great Lakes Cruising Club. GLCCSchool webinars are conducted by experienced GLCC-accredited sail or power boating colleagues and industry specialists. GLCCSchool webinars are open to everyone, whether they are a Great Lakes Cruising Club member or not. All you need to participate in GLCCSchool webinars is a computer (Windows, Mac or Linux) with speakers, a browser, and a desire to learn more about cruising our Great Lakes. To register: https://www.glccschool.com/open-classes.

**NORTH U. BOAT SPEED & SAIL TRIM - 2 HR.** – Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 7:00-9:00 pm, South Shore Yacht Club, 2300 E. Nock Street, Milwaukee, WI. Presented by Tom Pease. No cost to attend this 2 hour event. A donation at the door is requested for the Junior Sailing Program. There will be food for purchase at the bar; Wednesday night is wing night!

**WINTER EDUCATION SERIES-INTRODUCTION TO OUTBOARD REPAIR AND MAINTENENCE (LIMITED AVAIL.)**- March 14, 2018, 6:30-8:00 pm. Hoofer Sailing Club, Memorial Union, Madison, WI. During this seminar we will be going through the inner workings of outboard motors. Presenter: David Elsmo. **SOLD OUT**

**BUILDING A RACING PLAYBOOK** - March 15, 2018, 7:00 PM. Columbia Yacht Club, 111 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois. Speakers: Quantum's Dave Gerber and Keith Church. This seminar is designed to give you and your crew the tools to move your team ahead in the standings, whether you are starting a team or just need to reinvigorate your approach. Learn the best practices used in building a strong racing team by creating a clear understanding of each position on the boat and their responsibilities. There will be a cash bar and the yacht club galley will be open to purchase food starting at 5:00 PM.

**TARTAN 10 FLEET WINTER LECTURE SERIES** - March 17, 2018, 9 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club, 601 West Montrose Avenue, Chicago, IL. Free.

**ADVANCED RACE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR** – March 17-18, 2018, 8:30 am-4:00 pm daily, at Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station, 300 W. Belmont Ave, Chicago, IL. Parking is available for a small fee. Coffee, continental breakfast, and a lunch buffet will be provided both days. Enroll now: http://www1.ussailing.org/enrollment/selectregistrant.aspx?courseid=13451668. Contact: Libbi Dust, regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org. Instructor: Thomas Duggan.

**GREAT LAKES WEATHER 4: THUNDERSTORM PRIMER / CREATING YOUR OWN MARINE FORECAST** - March 20, 2018, GLCCSchool is an internet-based offering of the Great Lakes Cruising Club. GLCCSchool webinars are conducted by experienced GLCC-accredited sail or power boating colleagues and industry specialists. GLCCSchool webinars are open to everyone, whether they are a Great Lakes Cruising Club member or not. All you need to participate in GLCCSchool webinars is a computer (Windows, Mac or Linux) with speakers, a browser, and a desire to learn more about cruising our Great Lakes. To register: https://www.glccschool.com/open-classes.

**SAILING RULES & MOCK PROTEST HEARING** - Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Sheboygan Yacht Club, 214 Pennsylvania Avenue, Sheboygan, WI. This session is for current and aspiring sailboat racers looking to review or learn more about the Racing Rules of Sailing. Common questions and recent rule changes will be focused on such as mark rounding situations, penalty turns, and how class rules can change certain rules will be discussed. Bring your own questions for the group to discuss! The session will conclude with a mock protest hearing for some great practice! Speaker(s): TBA. Register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sailing-rules-mock-protest-hearing-tickets-38788153411.

**WINTER EDUCATION SERIES-SIMPLE SAILBOAT RIGGING, TUNING AND TROUBLESHOOTING**- March 21, 2018, 6:30-8:00 pm. Hoofer Sailing Club, Memorial Union, Madison, WI. Learn how to properly inspect a rig, its pins/rings, and looking for any potential hazards. We will also delve into how to properly tune a rig, maintain and look for problems that may occur after sailing and general mast care. Presenter: David Elsmo. Register here: https://lessons.hoofersailing.org/event/register/index?id=64170.

**I'M COOL BUT MY DIESEL IS HOT** - March 22, 2018, GLCCSchool is an internet-based offering of the Great Lakes Cruising Club. GLCCSchool webinars are conducted by experienced GLCC-accredited sail or power boating colleagues and industry specialists. GLCCSchool webinars are open to everyone, whether they are a Great Lakes Cruising Club member or not. All you need to participate in GLCCSchool webinars is a computer (Windows, Mac or Linux) with speakers, a browser, and a desire to learn more about cruising our Great Lakes. To register: https://www.glccschool.com/open-classes.

**US Sailing Sanctioned International Offshore Safety at Sea course with Hands-on training** - Saturday, March 24-Sunday, March 25, 2018. Jackson Park Yacht Club, 6400 S. Promontory Drive, Chicago, IL. Registration: http://jacksonparkyachtclub.org/safetyatsea.html. Contact: Dennis Hansen, jpycevents@gmail.com, 773.551.4540. Hands-on day (day 2) will be held at the Chicago State University Pool, 9501 S. King Drive, Chicago, IL.

**Yachtapalooza** – Saturday, March 24, 2018, 9:00am - 3:00pm. Crowley's Yacht Yard-Lakeside, Chicago, Illinois. Events: DragonForce 65 Regatta, Nautical Donations Flea Market, Tamale Spaceship Food Truck, Fire Extinguisher Demonstration, Music by Todd Donnelly, Tom Strom Pizza, plus Seminars, Vendors, Clearance Tent, Demos.

**Rig Tune and Upwind Sailing** – Saturday, March 24, 2018, 10:00am – 12:00 noon. Milwaukee Yacht Club, 1700 N Lincoln Memorial Dr, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In this seminar we will look at how to achieve the perfect boat set up. We will look at the driving forces behind making a boat go upwind. Starting with ideal sail shape, the seminar will cover the control lines that control the shape of the sail and how they work in unison to create the perfect air foil. Speaker, Andy Camarda, has more than 20 years' experience and has won every major event in Chicago including the Chicago to Mackinac, the Verve and the NOOD. All sailors are welcome as we focus on creating a fast and controlled set up for your boat. This class is open to non-members and is complimentary. RSVP at 414.271.4455 or rsvp@milwaukeeyc.com.

**Winter Education Series-Introduction to Composite Sailboat Repair**- March 28, 2018, 6:30-8:00 pm. Hoofer Sailing Club, Memorial Union, Madison, WI. Delve into boat construction as it pertains to proper repair and maintenence or fiberglass. We will go through the difference between polyester and Epoxy repairs. How best to work with gelcoat and the different styles of composites (fiberglass, carbon fiber, and Kevlar.) Presenter: David Elsmo. Register here: https://lessons.hoofersailing.org/event/register/index?id=64169.

**10 Simple Rules For Winning Tactics** - March 29, 2018, 7:00 PM. Columbia Yacht Club, 111 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois. Speaker: Quantum's Andy Camarda. We will boil down the complexities of directing a team around the course by implementing 10 simple rules. For both the beginner and experienced sailor, our guide will simplify the approach and help you put the boat in the right spot. There will be a cash bar and the yacht club galley will be open to purchase food starting at 5:00 PM.

**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. Hoofer 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.hoofersailing.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#CrewURegistation.

**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: https://chicagoyachtclubadultprograms.checklick.com/. **SOLD OUT**

**WINTER EDUCATION SERIES-WEATHER ACCORDING TO LAKE MENDOTA**- April 11, 2018, 6:30-8:00 pm. Hoofer 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.hoofersailing.org/event/register/index?id=64172.

**RACE COMMITTEE REFRESHER** – April 14, 2018. Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station, 300 W. Belmont Ave, Chicago, IL. Parking is available for a small fee. Details tba.

**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.

**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: $145 per person. Complete information and registration packet: 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; Instructor: Matthew Thompson, 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, Instructor: Katie Tinder, 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, Instructor: Cappy Capper, 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, Instructor: Katie Tinder, 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, Instructor: Cappy Capper, 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.

**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, Instructor: Amy Gross-Kehoe, 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, Instructor: Cappy Capper, 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, Instructors: Sean Lennon, spatricklennon11@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.

**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.

**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.

**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

**Bruce Sutphen**, 52, passed away on February 22, 2018, after a yearlong battle with Multiple Myeloma, in San Diego, California. He was born on the East Coast on June 29, 1965. His family moved to the Chicago North Shore for his 8th grade. He graduated from New Trier High School, where he was a co-founder of the New Trier Sailing Team. He raced Sunfish out of the Winnetka Yacht Club. He graduated from Connecticut College. He co-led the purchase of SunfishLaser out of bankruptcy in the late 1980s, successfully revamping the brands. He won the 1987 Sunfish World Championship. He helped design America's Cup yachts, then started a new career in deep undersea exploration where he engineered equipment that holds a deepest solo dive record. Bruce was a great friend and competitor, possessing the rare dual quality of someone you wanted to hang out with on land, but respected and didn't mind getting beat by on the water, since his character was pure gold. A blog by his wife gives insight to his illness (https://www.brucefight.com/). He married in 2001 and leaves his wife, Shelly, and two daughters. A service will be held Thursday, March 15, at 11:00am at Sacred Heart Church, 4776 Saratoga Avenue, San Diego, California. Reception to follow at San Diego Yacht Club, 1011 Anchorage Lane, San Diego, California.

**Scott Edward Stackus** of Petoskey, Michigan, passed unexpectedly Wednesday, February 7, 2018. Scott was born on September 2, 1963, the son of James and Eleanor Stackus. He was raised in Boyne City, Michigan, and graduated from Boyne City High School and proceeded to mortuary school, getting an associate's degree in science. He then married Sarah Mathews and together had a son Aaron Stackus. Scott went on later in life to have another son, Payton Hensen and then a daughter Amber Stackus. He remarried in 1991 to the love of his life Linda Wilber. Scott and Linda had one more daughter, Tianna Stackus. Scott loved skiing and sailing for over thirty-five years. He also enjoyed stock car racing, mud truck running and spending time with his kids and grandkids; they were his passions in life. Scott is survived by his wife Linda Stackus; sons Aaron Stackus, Peyton Hensen; daughters Amber Stackus and Tianna Stackus; mother Eleanor Stackus; sisters Cheri Stackus, Leslee Wiltjer and Kelly Stackus; and brother Kevin Stackus. He is preceded in death by his father James D. Stackus and brother Craig Stackus. The family will always remember Scott saying, "Real Men Cry and Tough Guys Wear Pink." Services have been held.

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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.

**Senior Instructor Positions Available**
Ephraim Yacht Club is immediately accepting applications for Senior Instructors. Mandatory staff training starts June 25 and lessons continue through mid-August. Instruction and racing are offered in Optimists, 420s, Lasers and Flying Scots. Senior Instructors should have prior sailing instruction experience and graduated from high school. Current USSA Level 1, First Aid and CPR certifications are required prior to the 2018 season. High school/college racing experience is preferred. If interested, please send an email with resume and references, including complete contact information, to commodore@eyc.org.

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# 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.

## REINEKE, DUNCAN RECEIVE 2017 ROLEX YACHTSMAN & YACHTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

The sport of sailing in the U.S. took center stage in New York on Wednesday as the two most accomplished competitive American sailors of 2017 were celebrated as Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswoman of the Year.

Erika Reineke of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Peter Duncan of Rye, New York, were joined by family and friends, crew and teammates, coaches and supporters, past winners, sailing dignitaries, and representatives from US Sailing and Rolex at the historic New York Yacht Club for an afternoon of reflection and storytelling.

As part of his welcome to the ceremony attendees, Bruce Burton, President of US Sailing, highlighted the common values between Rolex Watch U.S.A. and US Sailing, "We share a vision for the sport that encompasses the pursuit of excellence and the importance of quality and precision. We thank our partners at Rolex for their generous support and unwavering commitment to US Sailing, this prestigious award, and the sport of sailing in the United States."

In January, US Sailing and Rolex announced that Duncan, 58, and Reineke, 24, were selected for these prestigious awards, widely recognized in the U.S. as the sport's ultimate recognition of an individual's outstanding on-the-water achievements for the calendar year. For the third consecutive year, a pair of first-time award winners were honored, and each were presented a specially engraved Rolex Oyster Perpetual Yacht-Master timepiece and a framed photo print of them from US Sailing.

Reineke distinguished herself nationally and internationally while competing in both College Sailing and the Olympic Laser Radial class in 2017.

*Erika Reineke and Peter Duncan with their new timepieces. Photo courtesy: US Sailing.*

Her 2017 highlights include being honored as the 2017 Quantum Women's College Sailor of the Year, winning A-Division at ICSA Women's College Nationals, placing third in the A-Division at ICSA Coed College Nationals, winning silver at the Aarhus World Championship Test event in the Laser Radial, and winning gold at Enoshima Olympic Week 2017, the first major multi-class regatta held at the 2020 Olympic Games venue.

During her acceptance speech, Reineke showed gratitude to those who have impacted her young sailing career. She spoke of her early days at Boston College and the impressionable moments she had with her coach, Greg Wilkinson.

"He taught me how to take emotion out of the sport and instead think objectively," explained Reineke. "This is one of the biggest lessons I have ever learned in my life. Looking back, every event I have succeeded in has been because of my ability to separate emotion from what my job is. Greg, thank you for making me see clearly when my vision was once blurred with pressure and outside influences. It has been one of the greatest gifts you have given me, and it has allowed me to become a better athlete and person."

Reineke spoke fondly of her experiences with the US Sailing Team under the leadership of Malcolm Page, Chief of Olympic Sailing and two-time Olympic Gold Medalist. "Graduating from Boston College in May of last year, I walked across the stage accepting my diploma with one thing in mind, Gold at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games," said Reineke. "Coming from such a tight knit team at Boston College, I didn't think that I would ever have anything like that again in my life. What you (Page) have done for our team is something I have always dreamed to be a part of. You have made us one and whenever I train or compete at an event now, I feel like I have something more to sail for."

Two-time Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year and US Sailing Vice President, Cory Sertl, introduced Reineke at the awards ceremony by chronicling her maturation as an outstanding young sailor.

"My daughter, Katja, and Erika were just starting out together on Boston College's Sailing Team several years ago," said Sertl. "College sailing expanded Erika's experience through top level coaching, sailing with a teammate, developing team racing skills, working with athletic trainers, and being part of a team. Erika continues to broaden her horizons and expand her skills to be a sailor with a complete skill set. I saw her competing at the New York Yacht Club Annual regatta in 2016 where she confided in me that it was her first time racing on a boat with a spinnaker. As sailors, we know how important it is to have a broad base of skills and experience to draw from to be successful."

The year was also a time of transition for Reineke, who started her year focusing on intercollegiate competition for perennial contender Boston College. After graduation, she moved into training with the US Sailing Team in the Laser Radial full-time and continued chasing her Olympic dream.

"Erika's current focus is on the Laser Radial, but she talks about the benefit of being part of the team," said Sertl. "This was very evident during her career at Boston College. Erika emerged as a natural leader displaying a level of hard work, enthusiasm and focus that served as examples for all her teammates to strive for excellence."

"I've been a fan of Erika's since first watching her shine during her college sailing career. She is determined, a hard worker with a smile nearly always on her face. What I really admire in Erika is that she embraces this attitude and she enjoys the journey of striving for excellence and realizes how fortunate she is each and every day she gets to go sailing."

Sertl also offered a moment to reflect on the state of women's sailing in the United States. "2018 marks 30 years of women in Olympic Sailing. In 1988, Lynne Jewell and Allison Jolly, who are both winners of this award, won the first gold medal in the 470 at the inaugural Women's Olympic event. This was a time of dominance for American women in sailing who competed fiercely against each other, but also worked together as a team to push each other," she said.

"Fast forward 30 years, we now have five different Olympic events that women may enter in 2020. The future is exciting and full of opportunities for our young sailors. This is an exciting year to have so many talented sailors nominated for the Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year. I am really excited to see the future of women in sailing reflected in the nominations for this award."

Burton congratulated and admired both award-winning sailors at the start of the ceremony. He had this to say to Erika for her remarkable 2017: "Erika, you have arrived. We watched for years as you competed and won on the youth sailing circuit. And then we watched you excel in the college ranks at Boston College over an impressive four-year span. 2017 was a time of transition as you began training full-time with the US Sailing Team in the Laser Radial, and continued your pursuit of the Olympic dream. The future is bright for you. We will be enthusiastically watching you closely!"

Duncan, a life-long one-design sailor, was once again at the top of his game in 2017 at the highest levels of international competition and in a variety of sailboat classes. His year was highlighted with a win at the highly-competitive Audi J/70 World Championship in September off the waters of Porto Cervo in Sardinia, Italy. Duncan and his talented crew, including Jud Smith, Victor Diaz de Leon and Willem van Waay, won the 161-boat World Championship by a 15-point margin over contender Brian Keene. Duncan's *Relative Obscurity* was dominant through six races. They placed in the top three in each race, including three wins.

He won four other J/70 regattas in 2017, including the Italian National Championships (Alcatel Cup), New England Championships, Bacardi Cup and Sail Newport Regatta. His team placed second out of 58 at the J/70 North American Championship in Rye, NY and third at the European J/70 Championship.

Duncan participated in multiple classes throughout 2017, including the Etchells, Melges 20 and Melges 24. His Etchells team took home first place honors at the Sidney Doren Memorial Regatta featuring 45 competing boats last January in Coconut Grove, FL.

Duncan reflected on his early days on the water and how important sailing was to his family growing up. "I am the youngest of five (also known as a pleasant surprise) and grew up in the junior sailing program at American Yacht Club in Rye, New York," said Duncan. "My parents took to sailing later in life, but did so with an incredible passion that they conveyed to all of their children."

He also reflected on the balance in his life between family, career and sailing. "Like a lot of folks, career and family took much of my time, but we continued throughout to campaign boats and race in as many high-level events against the best we could. This is really what stokes the fire. Due to in part becoming an empty nester, the last few years we have pushed very hard and, in fact, from Thanksgiving of 2016 through mid-October of 2017, we were on the water close to 110 days, between events and practicing."

Duncan acknowledged his outstanding crew and was quick to point out that you are only as good as the teammates you have. "I have been very lucky over the years, but last year was absolutely off the charts, having the likes of Thomas Allin, Patrick Wilson, Jeremy Wilmot, Moose McClintock, Tommy Blackwell and Andrew Palfrey sailing with me in a number of events," said Duncan.

"Then of course, there was the team for multiple events in preparation for and the J/70 Worlds, which was absolutely exceptional. Jud Smith, with whom I have had the pleasure of sailing for a number of years, was our bowman/strategist. Don't let that white hair fool you; he has cat-like reflexes and insight second to none. Willem Van Waay is the best trimmer I have ever seen whose energy and enthusiasm is contagious and efforts on and off the water were Herculean. Victor Diaz de Leon was our tactician, who got us off of many difficult starting lines to places we wanted to be and whose focus on speed was critical to our success."

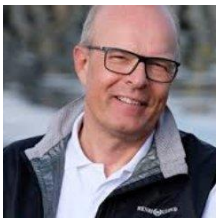
Master of Ceremonies, Gary Jobson, introduced Duncan and commented on his tremendous career and 2017 season. "As a life-long amateur sailor, it is a wonder he has had any time to spend racing," said Jobson. "But in 2017 he and his crews spent countless hours on the water. He has been improving his skills for many years."

Burton had this to say about Duncan's accomplishments: "Peter, you and your team experienced a banner 2017 sailing season. Your meticulous preparation, the many hours on the water, and extensive international travel truly paid off. You are a life-long sailor who has been competing around the globe for quite some time. Now, you are a World Champion and Rolex Yachtsman of the Year."

# WORLD SAILING NEWS

## WORLD SAILING PRESIDENTIAL UPDATE – JANUARY 2018

*by Kim Andersen*



*Kim Andersen. Photo courtesy: World Sailing.*

The start of 2018 has been a busy one for the sailing community. With the major task focused primarily on the decision process needed to fulfil the requirements of World Sailing regulations with regards to the 2024 Olympic events.

As this is a very important issue, I would like to take this month's newsletter to provide our MNAs, our athletes and the sailing community at large with an overview of the entire process so that we can all better understand why this review is happening, how World Sailing is proceeding with the review, upcoming decisions that will be taken and next steps forward.

Recently, I read an article by Craig Leweck at Scuttlebutt where he quoted Charles Darwin. Darwin said, "It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most adaptable to change." Both Darwin and Leweck were right! While change has never been easy, I believe that as sailors we cannot sit back on our accomplishments. But rather, we must force ourselves to evaluate our events and ensure they in turn keep our Olympic status intact, develop our sport and continue to attract new sailors. Make no mistake, the process at hand is not about the IOC but rather about sailing and our ability to adapt and remain a relevant and exciting sport - now and in the future.

I hope that this monthly newsletter continues to provide you with insights into the direction of our organization and our sport. As always, should you have any questions, concerns or insights please feel free to reach out to me directly. I am always happy to hear from you.

### WHY IS A NEW DECISION PROCESS BEING DONE?

In November 2014, at the World Sailing Annual Conference, a submission was approved to introduce a new Olympic Events and Equipment decision process. The reason for this new process was to improve the predictability and continuity of World Sailing Olympic decisions.

### WHAT IS THE DECISION PROCESS BASED ON?

The decision process is based on Regulation 23 in the World Sailing Statutes which states that a minimum of four events need to be reviewed for the 2024 Olympic Games. As per the regulation, World Sailing will make two important decisions in the coming months. Deciding on the Events and the Equipment for each event for the 2024 Olympic Games by May 2018 and November 2018 respectively. However, should new equipment be recommended, then the decision for new equipment should be selected no later than November 2019 following equipment trials.

### HOW IS THE DECISION PROCESS BEING IMPLEMENTED?

In order to efficiently accomplish this important milestone, the World Sailing Council took a decision on November 2017 focused on achieving gender equity on an event and athlete level. This decision meant including a minimum of 2 or maximum of 4 mixed events to ensure that men and women of different physiques have the opportunity to compete.

A working party under the Events Committee was then appointed to review the new decision process and used the above mentioned background and framework as considerations for the review.

As a result, the Working Party and the Events Committee recommended five events to be reviewed, including:

- Men & Women's Windsurfer
- Men's One Person Dinghy Heavyweight
- Men & Women's Two Person Dinghy

This was indeed a tough call, dealing with the wide range of complex issues such as variance, emotions and legacy. Given the recommendations and deadlines involved, an electronic vote by Council was required. It is important to note that before voting electronically, a lot of positive feedback highlighting the quality of information shared was exchanged. For those interested, the full discussion on the topic can be seen on YouTube here.

### WHAT ARE THE DECISIONS MADE TO DATE?

I am glad to announce that the Council vote has supported the recommendation from the 2024 Olympic Games Events & Equipment Working Party and the Events Committee. As such, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Working Party and the Committee for delivering a high quality report and providing their recommendations. Furthermore, I would like to thank the Council for sharing their knowledge in regards to this key procedure in view of the next Olympic Games.

Again, I would like to mention that this decision and process is a crucial element to the future of our sport. It is decisions and processes like these that help World Sailing in the long-term; allowing us to evaluate our events on our terms, to ensure that they are aligned with the Olympic guidelines and above all to continue developing our great sport worldwide.

### WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS IN THE PROCESS?

By March 19, 2018 Submissions for events proposals matching the events under review must be put forward for decision at the Council meeting in May 2018. That said, I would like to re-iterate and re-assure you all that the Board is doing everything in its power to ensure that all decisions being made are exactly in accordance with World Sailing Regulations. While the review process has been a challenging task, I would like to express my gratitude to all the people involved in the project for their excellent job. There is still much to do, but we are moving forward in the right way.

In order to provide a transparent overview of the process, an FAQ document has been created which gives extensive and detailed answers to potential outstanding questions. This can be read here: https://tinyurl.com/WSPresFeb18.

### LOOKING FORWARD

As we look forward to our mid-year meeting in May, there are many more major deliveries that the World Sailing Board and organization as a whole are working on.

I would also like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the main tasks that we are carrying out in World Sailing:

- Development of a commercial platform
- Launch of E-Sailing
- Preparation of the first presentation of the World Sailing strategy – as agreed in May 2017
- Work on the Hempel World Sailing Championships in Aarhus
- Presentation of a World Sailing Olympic Events strategy 2021
- Planning for the sailing competition at the Buenos Aries Youth Olympic Games
- Preparation of a report including the ongoing work with the governance commission
- Work on our future Olympic venue in Tokyo

As you can see, 2018 is off to a good start for our sport and we are working hard on all fronts. There are many opportunities open to the sailing community, from making a strong slate of events in order to showcase the diversity of our great sport to commercial expansions. Now is our time and I encourage you all to embrace and adapt to change – I look forward to sharing more insights and developments with you in the coming months.

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## YOUR OPINION IS NEEDED

Sustainability.  It's not all about the environment and World Sailing have recently announced its ambitious 12-year strategy. There are a range of targets and World Sailing are seeking your feedback to gauge support as well as address any concerns before the targets are finalized.

Please share your views by completing our survey, which is available in English, Spanish and French: www.sailing.org/news/sustainability.php.

## WORLD SAILING FIRST TO ACHIEVE ISO STANDARD

World Sailing has become the first International Sports Federation to be awarded the international sustainability standard ISO 20121.

ISO 20121 specifies the requirements for an Event Sustainability Management System to improve the sustainability of events.

World Sailing's targets range from gender equality in the sport, accessible sustainability training, elimination of single-use plastics, reduction in carbon emissions, research and participation.

# WHAT HAPPENED …

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

## 2018 Phebe Corckran King Women's Regatta
## College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina
## February 24-25, 2018

Day 1 provided some of Charleston's best sailing ever! But before the sailors left the dock a special memorial was presented for Phebe Corckran King, a '96 alumna of the college and two time All-American who lost a hard fought battle with cancer in November 2016. This year marks the first annual Phebe Corckran King Women's Intersectional and we were honored her Mom and Dad, Jenny and Jim Corckran, her two children, Lindsay and Zander, and nephew James, who were able to join us to celebrate Phebe's life and her special impact on all of us! We at College of Charleston are proud to be able to name this event for Phebe. When the sailors started the first race at 10am there was a nice 8-10 mph SW breeze. Quickly it built to a spectacular 10-15 with some subtle 10-15 degree shifts to keep it interesting. The current was a bit less exciting than normal so all in all it was a beautiful day and when the 10th B Race was completed around 3:15 Charleston led Stanford by 2 points with George Washington third. It didn't seem possible that there could be another great day of sailing but a 10-12 mph SW breeze and even warmer temps greeted the sailors today. Racing started at 9:50 and all 3 races in each division were completed by 11:30. Teams that drove to Chucktown were on the road by noon and those who flew enjoyed a great afternoon at the beach. A close series between Stanford and Charleston was eventually won by Charleston when all the scoring was complete. Congrats to the Cougars and the Cardinals! Thanks to ICSA rep Dillon Pavia and Mike Callahan for staying and hearing the only protest. And thanks to team Cougars for running some great races!

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| 1. | Charleston | A | 5 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 46 |
| | Cougars | B | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 34 |
| | | | 6 | 15 | 21 | 33 | 37 | 39 | 42 | 44 | 51 | 55 | 60 | 62 | 80 | 80 |
| 12. | Northwestern | A | 11 | 12 | 13 | 9 | 9 | 13 | 10 | 7 | 12 | 13 | 11 | 13 | 13 | 146 |
| | Wildcats | B | 10 | 10 | 9 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 13 | 11 | 8 | 13 | 4 | 12 | 5 | 128 |
| | | | 21 | 43 | 65 | 86 | 106 | 129 | 152 | 170 | 190 | 216 | 231 | 256 | 274 | 274 |

## 2018 Mendelblatt Team Race
## University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, Florida
## February 24-25, 2018

Day 1 of the Mendelblatt Team Race at USF St. Petersburg is in the books. Warm and sunny conditions with a nice Southerly breeze welcomed the teams from as far away as California. Conditions did allow to get most of the way through Round 1 before the wind vanished. The teams were able to take a little time to cool off in the shade and talk about their first team race event of the year. The sea breeze finally came in and the Bulls RC was able to get off enough races to get through Round 1 and almost halfway through Round 2. With conditions looking more promising tomorrow, a third round was added. Want to thank the teams that traveled to St. Pete and also to the Mendelblatt Family providing pizza and drinks when the competitors came in off the water. Everyone appreciated having something to eat after putting the boats away for the evening. Day two started with a little southeasterly breeze for the first few races...then we had an unscheduled lunch break. After that, a lovely but shifty southwesterly came in and all teams where in the hiking straps on the weather legs. The Bulls race committee managed to bang out enough races to complete the second round and then started a Top 5 Bottom 4 final. Came up one flight short of completing the Top 5 with the time limit. Thank you to all the Bull's team members that came out to help today. Congratulations to the Stanford Cardinals on an impressive win and thank you for making the trip to the east coast. Thank you to all the teams that took the time to travel here this weekend and make this event successful.

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| 1. | Stanford University | Cardinal | 19/1 | Jack Parkin '21 | Elena VandenBerg '18 |
| | | | | Will La Dow '18 | Kathryn Booker '19 |
| | | | | Romain Screve '21 | Taylor Kirkpatrick '20 |
| | | | | | Madeline Bubb '20 |
| 8. | University of Michigan | Wolverines | 3/16 | Austin Haag '20 | Sofia Gambini '18 |
| | | | | August Sturm '20 * | Sarah Youtt '21 |
| | | | | Connor Goulet '21 | Claire Foley '20 |
| | | | | Will Neubauer '20 | Sarah Silvestri '19 |

## 2018 Jeremy McIntyre Team Race
## Stanford University, Stanford, California
## February 24-25, 2018

The first day started with very cold temps and a building westerly. Quickly conditions changed and the breeze got lighter and much more unsettled. After getting a few flights in in unsettled conditions the westerly finally filled and built to 18kts. We sailed in windy conditions for the rest of the day. The RC got off 45 races, the first round. The second day started with warmer temps a sunshine and no breeze. A light northerly started around 10:30 and we started racing again a little past 11. We changed the format to be a double RR of the bottom 4 teams and a single top 6 with a final 4. We were close to getting in the double bottom 4 but just ran out of time in the end. The final 4 was intense with the regatta lead changing in the end. Congrats to UCSB for winning the 2018 McIntyre Team Race. A big thank you to our undergrad RC and especially to our 6 umpires for their hard work!

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| 1. | University of California at Santa Barbara | Gauchos | 15/2 | Sterling Henken '18<br>Christopher Weis '18<br>Neil Stapleton '18<br>Lucas Pierce '21<br>Mark Davies '20 | Elizabeth Moody '20<br>Samantha Obel '21<br>Claire Hunt '19<br>Robert Johnson '19<br>Audrey DeBruine '19 |
| 8. | Northwestern University | Wildcats | 5/7 | Ryder Easterlin '20<br>Noah Rosenthal '18 | Zachary Herron '18<br>Josh Kaplan '19<br>Elias Passas '19 |

## 2018 Laser Midwinters East Regatta
## Clearwater Yacht Club, Clearwater, Florida
## February 21-25, 2018

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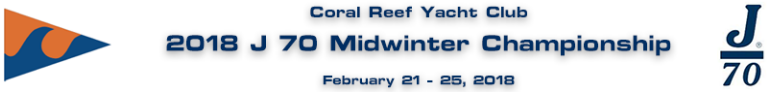
| **Laser 4.7** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Guthrie Braun | St. Petersburg Yacht Club | [9] | 9 | SV | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | **26** |
| **Laser** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Stefano Peschiera | Yacht Club de Ancon | 10 | 6 | 10 | 2 | 1 | [15] | 1 | 4 | 4 | 1 | **39** |
| 5. | Malcolm Lamphere | Chicago Yacht Club | 6 | 8 | 17 | 5 | [BF] | 10 | 15 | 7 | 10 | 10 | **88** |
| **Laser Radial - Gold Finals** | | | **Laser Radial Qualifying Series** | | | | | | **Laser Radial - Gold Finals** | | | | |
| 1. | Paige Railey | St. Francis Yacht Club | 2 | [7] | 7 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | **19** |
| 46. | Jack Baldwin | Chicago Yacht Club | 11 | 28 | 33 | 8 | 20 | 40 | [41] | 39 | 39 | SV | **259** |
| **Laser Radial - Silver Finals** | | | **Laser Radial Qualifying Series** | | | | | | **Laser Radial - Silver Finals** | | | | |
| 1. | Marc Andrew Robin | Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club | 12 | 35 | [37] | 34 | 10 | 20 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 2 | **130** |
| 40. | Marleigh Belsley | Chicago Yacht Club | [DC] | DC | DC | 45 | 45 | BF | 29 | 16 | 38 | 17 | **337** |

## 2018 J/70 Midwinter Championship
## Coral Reef Yacht Club, Miami, Florida
## February 21-25, 2018




The J/70 Midwinter Championship saw a different leader on each day, but Jack Franco's *3 Ball JT* was on top when it counted. Coming into the last day in fourth place, the Texas-based skipper with Bill Hardesty (main trimmer), Rob Lindley (bow) and Allan Terhune (headsail trimmer) secured a 5,2,4 to leap over a couple J/70 World Champions for the victory. Although Joel Ronning's *Catapult* won race 8 of 9, an 18 in the final contest left him in the silver position overall with 41 points. Peter Duncan's *Relative Obscurity* also had a bullet today, but followed with a 29,7 to land in third overall with 42 points. Sixty-one boats completed nine races over three days at Coral Reef Yacht Club. "We just tried to be consistent with solid starts and minimal mistakes," summarized Franco. "We won the regatta without winning a race. At the last weather rounding of the last race, we were fourth and wanted to be defensive. We are not speedy off the wind since we're a little heavy." *3 Ball JT* held their fourth position which was enough to secure the Championship. Franco credited Hardesty, who he has known since Hardesty was eight years old. "He is the king of tacticians!" Jenn & Ray Wulff's *Joint Custody* bested the 23-boat Corinthian division. The last day's race conditions had a warm breeze around 10 knots. This regatta was the final opportunity for teams to qualify for the 2018 J/70 World Championship in Marblehead, MA, with four Open and two Corinthian spots available.

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| 1. | 3 Ball JT | Jack Franco | Kemah, TX | 2 | 4 | 7 | [BF] | 8 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 35 |
| 6. | USA 167 | James Prendergast | Whiting, IN | 3 | 2 | 11 | 14 | 4 | [29] | 14 | 3 | 6 | 57 |
| 24. | Empeiria | John Heaton | Chicago, IL | 21 | 10 | 27 | 18 | 6 | 25 | 32 | [52] | 35 | 174 |
| 26. | WinterWind | Nancy Glover | Marblehead, MA | 19 | 22 | 30 | 46 | 25 | 27 | 19 | 18 | [RT] | 206 |
| 37. | Rip Rullah | Bob Willis | Chicago, IL | 23 | 43 | 24 | 42 | 32 | 42 | [UF] | 40 | 24 | 270 |
| 41. | Nitemare | Amy Neill | Chicago, IL | 36 | 35 | 43 | 23 | 29 | 49 | [UF] | 42 | 47 | 304 |

## 2018 National Offshore One Design Regatta-St. Petersburg
## St. Petersburg Yacht Club, St. Petersburg, Florida
## February 16-18, 2018

After two days of racing on Tampa Bay, light weather persisted the final day to close the 2018 Helly Hansen National Offshore One Design Regatta with a day ashore. Team *Monsoon*, led by skipper Bruce Ayres, of Newport Beach, California, was named Overall Winner as the top team from the Melges 24 fleet, deemed the weekend's most competitive class. Ayres, 61, has been sailing for more than 20 years and thinks of his team as a second family. With about five years of sailing together, he credits their success to an efficient "in-sync program." This strategy came in handy over the weekend, when the crew had to hold onto their lead during Day 2 despite it being "a little tougher" than the first day with rig tune issues, shifty conditions and a competitive fleet. "We know each other and we joke around, but we're serious and we take care of business on and off the water," Ayres said. "We're always focused. We take it one race at a time." Echoing the idea of "work hard, play hard," tactician Mike Buckley touted the team's ability to shift gears between competing and enjoying themselves: "We have a pretty intense team, but we always leave it on the water and that's the key. We joke around a lot when we're back on land. We probably laugh more than any other team here." This was the team's first Helly Hansen NOOD-St. Petersburg. In addition to Helly Hansen team gear courtesy of Sailing World, the crew earned a berth in the championship regatta, hosted by Sunsail in the British Virgin Islands October 21 to 26. While many of Pamela Rose's competitors have raced sailboats most of their lives, the J/70 class winner took home her first major regatta win this weekend — and qualified for the class world championship — only two years after taking up the sport. A self-proclaimed "serious boater," Rose said she didn't expect to enjoy sailing so much when she bought Rosebud looking for a new challenge three years ago. After taking sixth place last year at the Helly Hansen NOOD-St. Petersburg, Rose gathered a crew of top-notch talent – Morgan Reeser, Charlie Smythe, and Willem Van Waay – to help accelerate her success this year. "The goal for me was to win a qualifying seat [for Worlds]," Rose said. "I've been working really hard. I was thrilled to have this amazing team — they are very experienced, very calm. I call them the dream team." Rose said she will plan her summer schedule around training, including an entry into the Helly Hansen NOOD-Marblehead in July, to get a test run in the same venue that the 2018 J/70 World Championships will be held in September. Also competing in the J/70 class were five local teens specially selected to participate as the Helly Hansen Junior Crew, who finished the weekend ranked 28th of 39 boats.

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| **PHRF 1** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Raven | Mike Kayusa | Farr 30 | Ft. Myers, FL | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | | | | 9 |
| **PHRF 2** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Fire & Ice | George Cussins | J/105 | Apollo Beach, FL | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 | | | | 12 |
| **PHRF 3** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Semper Fi | Raymond Mannix | J/29 | Largo, FL | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | 5 |
| 6. | Back On | Paula Bersie | Soverel 26 | Seattle, WA | 3 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | | | | 27 |
| **North Sails Rally - Cruiser** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | No Way Jose | Jose Suarezhoyos | J/35 | Tampa, FL | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 |
| **J/111** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Skeleton Key | Peter Wagner | J/111 | Atherton, CA | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | 8 |
| **Hobie 33** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Viva Las Vegas | Steven Attard | Hobie 33 | Temperance, MI | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | | 6 |
| 2. | Rhumbline | Scott Maust | Hobie 33 | Pigeon, MI | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | | | | 11 |
| **J/88** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Albóndigas | Al Minella | J/88 | Milwaukee, WI | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 11 |
| 3. | Exile | Andy Graff | J/88 | Chicago, IL | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | | 24 |
| 5. | Blondie 2 | Tod Patton | J/88 | Northbrook, IL | 2 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 3 | | 30 |
| **S2 7.9** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Matros | Tom Bryant | S2 7.9 | Holland, MI | 5 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | | | | 13 |
| **Melges 24** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Monsoon | Bruce Ayres | Melges 24 | Newport Beach, CA | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | | 12 |
| 5. | Decorum | Megan Ratliff | Melges 24 | Chicago, IL | 1 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 2 | | 36 |
| 6. | Bad Idea | Scot Zimmerman | Melges 24 | Traverse City, MI | 8 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 10 | 3 | | 48 |
| 7. | The 300 | Steve Boho | Melges 24 | Crystal Lake, IL | 5 | 14 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 11 | | 55 |
| **Flying Tiger 7.5** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Richard Parker | Gary Weisberg | Flying Tiger 7.5 | Lynn, MD | 1 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 24 |
| 2. | Vitaly | Chuck Norton | Flying Tiger 7.5 | Winnetka, IL | 2 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 26 |
| 3. | Accessibil-It | Michael Laing | Flying Tiger 7.5 | Seymour, WI | 4 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 35 |
| 6. | Incineroar | Joe Hummel | Flying Tiger 7.5 | Wilmette, IL | 7 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 39 |
| **J/70** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Rosebud | Pamela Rose | J/70 | Adventura, FL | 2 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 5 | | 22 |
| 10. | USA 167 | James Prendergast | J/70 | Whiting, IN | 15 | 13 | 10 | 14 | 9 | 11 | 8 | | 80 |
| 11. | WinterWind (Corinthian) | Nancy Glover | J/70 | Marblehead, MA | 7 | 10 | 14 | 15 | 11 | 21 | 11 | | 89 |
| 35. | Taipan | Lloyd Karzen | J/70 | Chicago, IL | 36 | 34 | 33 | 31 | 33 | 33 | DC | | 240 |
| **A Cats Classic** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | La Femme Nikita | Ben Hall | A Cat | Bookelia, FL | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | | | 12 |
| **A Cats Foiling** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | USA 311 | Bruce Mahoney | A-Cat Foiler | LaPorte, TX | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 6 |
| **Sonar** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | SPYC Sonar | Diane Fowler | Sonar | St. Petersburg, FL | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 14 |
| **Lightning** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Bad Larry | Michael Zonnenberg | Lightning | St. Petersburg, FL | 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 14 |

## 2017/2018 Quantum J 70 Winter Series 3
## Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, Florida
## February 10 - 11, 2018

Davis Island Yacht Club
Quantum J 70 Winter Series 3
February 10 - 11, 2018

As the final event of the Quantum J/70 Winter Series, 58 teams competed on February 10-11 in Tampa, Florida. With breezy cold fronts impacting the previous two events, conditions for this event were characterized by sunshine, record high temperatures and light winds on Tampa Bay. Four races were completed with Jack Franco's *Flojito 3JT* winning the weekend title while Sarah Renz and her team on *Berteau Group* topped the 20-boat Corinthian fleet. Fifty-nine teams qualified to win the 2017-2018 Quantum J/70 Winter Series by competing in at least two of the three weekends with the same boat and skipper. Brian Keane's *Savasana* placed third overall on the final weekend to earn the Series victory. The Corinthian division was won by Sarah Renz's *Berteau Group*.

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| 1. | Flojito 3JT | Jack Franco | Kemah, TX | 7 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 14 |
| 8. | Berteau Group | Sarah Renz | Chicago, IL | 10 | 22 | 10 | 8 | 50 |
| 10. | Empeiria | John Heaton | Wilmette, IL | 9 | 14 | 2 | 30 | 55 |
| 15. | Rip Rullah | Bob Willis | Chicago, IL | 19 | 5 | 31 | 7 | 62 |
| 18. | WinterWind | Nancy Glover | Marblehead, MA | 16 | 9 | 41 | 15 | 81 |
| 28. | Pale Horse | Jake Christy | Bloomfield Hills, MI | 35 | 34 | 27 | 12 | 108 |
| 30. | Building A | Josh Goldman | Westport, CT | 25 | 18 | 28 | 45 | 116 |
| 57. | Bombora | Molly & Bryan Hayes | Chicago, IL | 54 | 45 | RT | DC | 221 |
| 58. | Taipan / SB | Lloyd Karzen | Chicago, IL | 55 | 53 | RT | DC | 230 |
| 59. | USA 167 | James Prendergast | Whiting, IN | DC | DC | DC | DC | 244 |

## 2018 M32 Miami Winter Series Event #2
## Miami, Florida
## February 9-11, 2018

The M32 Miami Winter Series ratcheted up several levels in intensity on Biscayne Bay as two days of close racing saw nearly every team score a race win to push the second winter event to a dramatic final race. Five of the nine teams competing stood within striking distance of the top spot with Don Wilson's *Convexity* Racing ultimately narrowly crossing *XS Energy* on the final tack of the final upwind leg. "The excitement on the water, the level of competition between the teams, the management of the class, is truly unbelievable", grinned *Extreme 2* Skipper, Dan Cheresh of Saugatuck, Michigan. "The M32 not intimidating. You just need to get out there and give it a chance. "The weekend saw glamour racing conditions with each day managing to fire off between 6 and 7 races in sustained winds between 15-20 knots. Standout performances from younger teams, *Convergence* and *Bliksem* Racing, punctuated the event with both new teams with limited racing time in the M32 catamaran already threatening experienced crews. "Even if you've never sailed before, these boats are a blast", said *Bliksem* Skipper Peter Taselaar. "We did half a season last year in the M32 and already we're challenging the teams who have been around for a couple years. It's an easy flight down from New York for a great weekend." As the M32 class continues to attract newer crews, many whom are crossing over from traditional monohull one-design classes, the pro-am nature of the racing and easy learning curve is proving to be a winning formula with owners providing an easy escape to Miami for a weekend. Jim Prendergast of Chicago, Illinois, Skipper of *Grave Digger* Racing, echoed the sentiment after his young team had a strong showing all weekend including a win in race 4 of day 2. "The good thing about the fleet is it's not an arms race. Anybody can win a race and anyone could finish in the medal round. It's a boat you can grow with and is user friendly. This has been an awesome weekend."

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| 1. | Convexity | Donald Wilson | Chicago, IL | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 50 |
| 2. | XS Energy | Ryan DeVos | Holland, MI | 3 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 53 |
| 3. | REV | Rick DeVos | Holland, MI | 1 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 58 |
| 4. | Convergence | Jennifer Wilson | Chicago, IL | 7 | 9 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 59 |
| 5. | Bliksem | Pieter Taselaar | Scarsdale, NY | 5 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 60 |
| 6. | Extreme 2 | Dan Cheresh | Saugatuck, MI | 4 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 68 |
| 7. | Gravedigger | James Prendergast | Chicago, IL | 8 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 71 |
| 8. | Argo | Jason Caroll | New York, NY | 6 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 78 |
| 9. | Vitamine Veloce | Andrea Lacorte | Pisa, ITA | 9 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 90 |
| 10. | Magenta | Sarah Lihan | Ft. Lauderdale, FL | 10 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 127 |

## 2018 Miami Winter Series – 2
## Coconut Grove Sailing Club, Miami, Florida
## February 9-11, 2018

MELGES 20
2017-18 MIAMI WINTER SERIES 2
FEBRUARY 9-11, 2018
COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB

Sunshine and big breeze ushered in the final day of competition at the 2017-18 Miami Winter Series hosted by Coconut Grove Sailing Club. With idyllic, simply spectacular racing conditions in place for a third day in a row, it's no surprise Drew Freides' *Pacific Yankee* took the overall win. With two rounds of 2017-18 Miami Winter Series racing complete, the ranking is well on its way to being defined. Freides officially commands the lead by a slim margin. After a difficult Day Two in Miami, Matteo Marenghi Vaselli aboard *Raya* reconfirmed the speed of his Melges 20 by rounding the first mark of Race Seven in first place, followed by Jason Michas' *Midnight Blue*, Daniel Thielman's *Kuai* and a hard-charging Alexis Michas. Marenghi Vaselli capitalized on the breezy conditions to take the win, followed by Jason Michas in second. Freides sealed the deal with a third place finish. With Freides taking his discard as Race Eight, Prosikhin had room to breathe, advance and excel for the win. **—Sam Rogers**

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| 1. | Pacific Yankee | Drew Freides | Pacific Palisades, CA | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | [DS] | 13 |
| 8. | Red Sky Sailing Team | Paul Reilly | Chicago, IL | 5 | 4 | 10 | 9 | [12] | 9 | 5 | 9 | 51 |
| 16. | The 300 | Steven Boho | Woodstock, IL | [16] | 16 | 16 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 14 | 105 |

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## 2018 Star Winter Series - Walker Cup / Midwinter Championship
## Coral Reef Yacht Club, Miami, Florida
## February 8-11, 2018

Coral Reef Yacht Club
Miami, Florida
February 08 - 11, 2018
WALKER CUP
MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

Irish brothers Peter and Robert O'Leary closed a consistent scoreline at the Star Midwinter Championship, held February 8-11 on Biscayne Bay in Miami, FL. Posting all top ten scores in the 8-race series, the O'Learys fended off the surges of Paul Cayard / Josh Revkin (USA) and Eric Doyle / Payson Infelise (USA) as both teams worked their way up the standings to finish second and third, respectively. The final day was another episode of chutes and ladders at the top of the fleet. The Californian team of Doyle and Infelise won the day with a pair of bullets. They were fast upwind and even faster downwind. It was enough to move them onto the podium after slowing climbing up the fleet throughout the event. Augie Diaz / Bruno Prada went into the last race solidly in second place, but hit the windward mark, and couldn't recover enough in such a deep fleet to keep them on the podium. Cayard and Revkin continued to shine in the breeze. Their second and fifth places today, were enough to put them back into second place overall.

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| 1. | Dafne | Peter O'Leary / Robert O'Leary | Crosshaven, Cork, IRL | 3 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 6 | 46 |
| 8. | Pied Piper/National Marine | Jack Jennings / Frithjof Kleen | Niles, IL | 11 | 5 | 2 | 1 | UF | 2 | 4 | 7 | 80 |
| 34. | | James Babel / Scott Benson | Portage, MI | 37 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 29 | 33 | 21 | 33 | 249 |
| 44. | Dilly Dilly | Jon VanderMolen / TC Belco | Richland, MI | 32 | 39 | 33 | 29 | DC | DS | DS | DS | 325 |
| 45. | Furious George | Neal Turluck | Kalamazoo, MI | DC | DC | DC | DC | DC | DS | DS | DS | 386 |

## 2018 Star Masters Zagarino Cup
## Coral Reef Yacht Club, Miami, Florida
## February 3-4, 2018

Coral Reef Yacht Club
2018 Star Zag Cup Masters
February 03 - 04, 2018

Thirty-two teams competed in the Star Zag Cup Masters on February 3-4 in Miami, FL. For skippers 50 years or older, the three race series was won by Paul Cayard and Magnus Liljedahl by two points over Augie Diaz and Bruno Prada. Diaz claimed the Grand Master title for 60+ year old skippers.

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| 1. | Paul Cayard / Magnus Liljedahl | San Francisco, CA | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| 26. | Mike Blackwood / Tom Vandermolen | Richland, MI | 20 | 19 | DC | 72 |
| 28. | Jon VanderMolen / Tyler VanderMolen | Richland, MI | DF | 20 | 21 | 75 |
| 30. | Jim Babel / Bill Hawk | Portage, MI | 22.5 | 26 | DC | 81.5 |

## 2018 Florida State Championship
## Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, Coconut Grove, Florida
## February 3-4, 2018

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Florida State Championship
03 & 04 February 2018
Fleet 20 Biscayne Bay

Saturday's weather though cloudy was still a nice day for racing. Temperatures in the low 70's and a fresh easterly breeze of 15 knots greeted the sailors when they reached Biscayne Bay. The first race started on time with a bearing of 080 degrees, a distance of 1.5 nautical miles. First to the top mark was Steve Benjamin on *Scimitar*. He was closely followed by Lawrie Smith on *Alfie* and Jim Cunningham on *Lifted*. By the first gate Peter Duncan, newly crowned U.S. Sailing Yachtsman of the Year, had pulled into third place. At the second weather mark, the first three boats had swapped position with Duncan leading Smith and Benjamin. The breeze was holding steady at 15-17 knots. That order held to the finish which was extremely close. Race two was another course 4 set at 080 degrees with a distance of 1.5 nautical miles. By now with the wind at 15 knots and all of the traffic, Biscayne Bay was beginning to get choppy. Five boats got anxious and pushed the start, getting called OCS. Among them was Peter Duncan, and though they all cleared, they were trailing the fleet heading up wind. At the top mark disaster struck Duncan's *Raging Rooster*, or more accurately, *Athena* struck them, leaving a thirty inch long gash in their port quarter. They were forced to retire. Benjamin and Lawrie rounded the weather mark one-two with Ante Razmilovic in third. At the gate Steve Girling had pulled into third. The breeze was holding steady; 080 degrees at 15 knots. By the second weather mark Lawrie Smith had overtaken Steve Benjamin and William Douglas on *Goombay Smash* was in third. That order held to the finish. For race 3 PRO Stuart Childersley went with a "U" flag. The wind was oscillating between 60 and 80 degrees at 12-15 knots. After two AP's and a general recall the racers finally started up the course. Smith again led the way followed by Jim Cunninghm and Steve Benjamin. At the gate, Dirk Kneulman took over second. The wind was still moving and a Charlie flag greeted the fleet at the second weather mark. Smith and Cunningham finished one-two with Dirk Kneulman rounding out the top three. So at the end of day one it was Lawrie Smith in the lead with 4 points. Sunday morning brought sunnier skies and a balmy 72 degrees. Beautiful conditions for the scheduled two races. Race 4 finally got underway under a "U" flag after two General Recalls. The course was a bearing of 155 degrees with the wind at 12 knots. Eight boats were caught over, leading to a score of UFD. At the top mark it was once again the Smith and Benjamin show with Dirk Kneulman in third. Those same three were together at the gate with Benjamin in the lead, Kneulman in second, and Smith in third. That order held for the next two laps with Benjamin taking the horn. The championship all came down to the last race. Lawrie Smith was in the lead with seven points. Steve Benjamin was close behind with 11 points. Nobody else could mathematically catch the leaders. For that race 5 PRO Childersley set course 4 at a bearing of 170 degrees, with the wind at 6-8 knots. After two General Recalls, he pulled out the Black flag, encouraging the fleet to behave themselves. At mark 1 it was Michael Gavin in the lead followed by Kevin Grainger and Peter Duncan. By the time the fleet got to the gate the wind was going light. A Charlie flag signaled a minus and shift to 185 degrees. Through the gate, Michael Gavin held on the lead with Peter Duncan close behind. Scott Kaufman was in third. That order held to the finish. Winning the 2018 Florida State Championship Regatta was Lawrie Smith with his crew of P Andrada, G Ribeiro and R Parslow. Finishing second was Steve Benjamin sailing with Michael Menninger, Ian Liberty, and Johnny Goldberry. Third place went to Jim Cunningham with his crew of Jeff Madrigali, Mark Ivey, and Serena Vilage. Taking the 2018 Florida State Championship Trophy for the third straight year as the top Florida boat was Steve Benjamin and crew.--
**John Payne**

**International Etchells**

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| 1. | Alfie | Lawrie Smith / P. Andrada / G. Ribeiro / R. Parslow | Lymington, Hampshire, GBR | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | [9] | 7 |
| 25. | Freedom | Craig Mense / J. Harford / F. Strammer / A. Bruckman | Chicago, IL | 27 | 26 | 28 | [UF] | 8 | 89 |
| 35. | USA 1310 | John Podmajersky / Max Skelley / Justin Damore | Chicago, IL | 30 | 34 | 21 | [UF] | 34 | 119 |
| 44. | Ninkasi | Rick Kaiser / G. Whitley / M. Bruecker / D. Miller | Chicago, IL | 41 | 41 | 42 | 20 | [43] | 144 |