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Pewaukee's Fritz Simon and Megan Isabell won the WYA X Championships. They also won race #1



Delavan's Graham Hetzler and Macey McClenathan took second.



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An Old Friend Remembers Walter Schmidt - Okauchee *by Doc Henschel*

Wallie Schmidt's passing is a blow to all who knew him. We grew up together in the

summertime in the 1940's and very early '50s on Okauchee Lake where our parents both had cottages. Our get-togethers and experiences extended into the winter months and throughout our lives even though we didn't live near each other in town. In those days Walt was much more outgoing than I and it was he who one day came over from his parent's cottage a few blocks away to get to know me, and that was the start of a lifelong friendship.

He was introduced to sailing as a third crew on Ed Treis's "Franette" before Ed's parents moved from Okauchee to Delavan. His parents' place was just across a small bay from Treis's. At about that time my dad bought a used C boat for me and Wallie started crewing as regular crew for Herman Friedrich, one of the founders of the Wisconsin Yachting Association and a great sailor, especially in light air. No doubt crewing with Herman was a great learning experience for him and may account for Wallie's special prowess in light air when he became a skipper. I remember many WYA regattas where he'd score big leads in the light stuff. After a year or two my dad bought me a used 1938 Bova and, to make things fair, gave my Matt-built (homemade) C-boat to my sister Elaine to sail. Dad didn't trust Elaine to skipper right away (no confidence in his kids) so asked Wallie if he'd like to take the helm on Elaine's boat. Of course he jumped at the chance, retired from his crewing gig with Herman, and sailed it for a year with Elaine crewing and the next year his dad bought him a new Palmer C Boat in about 1946. I was truly jealous---and for good reason.

After that it became even tougher to beat him on the water. There was no sailing school on Okauchee in those days and we learned to race by going out and sailing up and down the lake with other young guys during the week and reading Manfred Curry's books on sails and racing. I got hold of Curry's books at the Milwaukee Public Library because, it being wartime and Curry being German, they weren't printed or sold in the States. Throw in a lot of moonlight sailing also.

Few probably know that for a few years Wallie gave motorboat racing a try. He competed in his father's 16 foot red and white Wolverine runabout motorboat with its 22-horse Johnson outboard engine. He had very understanding parents! He stripped it down and pulled the exhaust outlet for the racing. This was a risky endeavor, especially for a kid, but he was all guts and brains. The motorboat racing association of the time would run one of their weekly regattas on Okauchee and that's what drew him to it. There were races for different classes including the "utility class" for boats like his dad's, so the regatta wasn't limited to the little "pumpkinseeds" or other bigger racing class boats. And Wallie, in spite of competing as an absolute newcomer, a young teenager, competing once a year against much more mature, experienced and hardened racers who raced weekly, never got less than third in the class and had at least one second. It was truly remarkable and an example of his grit, toughness and innate ability.

One dreary Saturday afternoon with lake uncrowded, we were wasting time at my dad's place and saw a small motor boat tip over about 100 yards off our shore and in apparent trouble. We jumped into our rowboat and rowed out to help. One of the guys from the boat was about five or six feet under water when we got there and Wally immediately jumped in, grabbed him by the hair and pulled him out. He was all man. There was a nice article in the Milwaukee Journal the next week that made us both proud but Wallie did all the work and took all the risk.

In spite of all that, many of us saw his soft-hearted side exhibited on many occasions, illustrated particularly by the touching tribute he paid to his daughter Jeannie at her wedding reception where, in spite of great effort, he could barely contain himself. He loved her dearly and didn't want to lose her. We will all miss the incredible individual and great friend that Wallie was.

2021 Sales and Orders - Comes Sooner than You Know IT!

End of year purchases - with fewer regattas, the opportunity to post boats, sails and trailers is diminished. Scowlines will post equipment for a short month to facilitate the transfer of equipment to continue the growth in our fleets. Remember the Fall discounts from our manufacturers and suppliers. You help with their financial planning with the Fall pre-ordering

process. You may also post for a price on the ILYA website which has a more open readership..

To start us off:

Wanted - double trailer for X boats. for winter storage. Contact Jennifer Herz from Delavan. 262-903-5848

2020 Calendar

July

25 - 26 WYA X : Pewaukee

27 ILYA No Tears Opti : North Lake

CANCELLED

27 - Aug 1 ILYA X Champs : Pewaukee

30 - ECESA Regatta - Chautauqua

CANCELLED

August

3 - 4 ILYA Opti Champs : Pine

7 - 8 X Blue Chip : Cedar

7 - 9 C WYA : NOT Delavan; TBD

10-11 GLSS X

12-13 GLSS Optimist

9 - 11 Opti Blue Chip : LaBelle

CANCELLED

12 - 14 ILYA Champs - A & MC : Okoboji

CANCELLED AT OKOBOJI

16 - 18 ILYA Champs C and E : Okobji -

CANCELLED AT OKOBOJI

19 - 22 MC Nationals : **LOCATION TBD**

September

12 - 13 Dorn MC : Beulah - **Undetermined at this time**

12 - 13 Maxinkuckee C and MC

17 MC Masters - Clear

19 - 20 C Blue Chip : Okauchee -

CANCELLED

Lake Fenton Michigan Fall Regatta

25 - 27 E Blue Chip : Pewaukee

CANCELLED

25 - 27 USODA Midwest Opti : Geneva

26 - 27 Nan Norris C Challenge : Beulah -

date given to C Nationals, if needed

26 - 27 Lotawana Fall C

October

3-4 Polar Bear C and MC - Davenport

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