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Dear ILYA Clubs, Fleets, Sailors and Families,
At the behest of the ILYA Executive Committee, Secretary Todd Haines has called a special meeting of the ILYA Board of Directors tomorrow night, June 25th at 6 PM CST via Zoom Webinar. The purpose of this meeting is to receive a report from Regatta Coordinating Committee regarding the 2020 ILYA Regatta slate and to review and examine their recommendations regarding sailing ILYA Regattas this year. As delineated in the Association's By-Laws, all members in good standing (those who have paid dues for the 2020 calendar year) are invited to attend:

7.3 Individual Member Voting

Family, regular, youth, associate, dinghy, crew, lifetime, and honorary members shall have

the privilege of attending any annual or special meetings of the Association but shall have no right to vote thereat.

Shall any of our attending members wish to address the board, they will be given the opportunity to address the Board in 2-minute increments at the beginning of the meeting. This time limit will be strictly enforced in the interest of time management for the meeting.

If members would like to submit written correspondence with their opinions regarding the 2020 ILYA regattas, they are encouraged to do so via e-mail to David Berg – dberg@ilya.org – and he will compile and distribute them to the Board of Directors for their review. You can send these either before or after the Board meeting.

Following comments from our members, Commodore Wyman will ask Vice-Commodore Lee Alnes, to present and review the work of the Regatta Coordinating Committee to those present. Deliberations will ensue. At the conclusion of the meeting a voting ballot will be distributed by the Executive Director, David Berg, to the Board of Directors.

On Saturday, June 27th at 8 AM CST the Board will reconvene to vote on the motions put forth on Thursday night and the results will be tallied and delivered to the Board no later than 5 PM CST on Saturday, June 27th. The RCC will then communicate with the member clubs who have bid on or who have been previously awarded regattas with the results, and the membership at large will be informed on Sunday morning June 28th via direct e-mail and Scowlines no later than 9 AM CST.

Register to attend here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EasU-SovTtWtKead9waF6w

Thank you very much for your continued support and patience during these unprecedented times.

All the best,
David Berg

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Madison's Bill Mattison Inducted into National Sailing Hall of Fame



by Gary Jobson

When superstar sailor Buddy Melges needed help for his first America's Cup challenge in 1986 he asked his long-time friend, sailing rival and Korean War veteran, Bill Mattison for some help. The heavy 12 Meter Class was a handful for Buddy and his young crew and tuning the boat was a big challenge especially for Western Australia's famous afternoon sea breeze known as the Fremantle Doctor. Mattison arrived at the compound and went to work.

He had a lifetime of experience making boats like scows and ice boats sail faster and faster. His credo was that incremental adjustments made big differences. Buddy's "Heart of America" was off the pace of his rivals early in the challenger trials, but week after week his boat got faster as a direct result of Mattison's hands-on work. When you saw him walking around the team's compound, he seemed to have a tool in every pocket.

Bill Mattison is a product of the Inland Lake region where Scows skate over the water at 25 knots and when the lakes freeze the sailors sharpen their blades and attain speeds of 100 mph on a variety of ice boats. Mattison was a perpetual champion in both scows and ice boats and he quickly adapted his impressive skills to the world of the America's Cup. Buddy Melges said, "Whatever needed to be repaired, designed or improved, Bill would quickly come with the solution and get it done."

Consider this partial list of his victories: 14-time International Skeeter Class Champion, three-time Gar Wood Invitational Champion, 12-time Triple Crown Trophy winner, and winner of over 80 local regattas in A, E and C Scows. Most of his sailing was out of the Mendota Yacht Club in Madison, Wisconsin. His secret to success was being a great sailor and discovering innovations to improve performance. Mattison was the first to use a running backstay system and swept back spreaders in the A Scow when he helped revive the class in 1981 along with fellow E Scow sailor Lon Schoor.

Several examples of his innovative work include being the first to use composite construction and the first to incorporate maximum depth foil spar sections to smooth airflow. He was able to create an endplate effect and increase performance. National Sailing Hall of Fame Inductee, Peter Harken says that Mattison had, "Endless generosity" with his time, his expertise and his labor to help others get out on the ice or water. If a boat had a breakdown you could bet Bill would be there to help."

While Buddy Melges's America's Cup campaign came up short in 1987 he was back with America3 in 1992 and signed Mattison up again. This time the team won and Buddy was quick to thank his shore crew wizard. Buddy also called on Mattison to help him win ice boat regattas.



One of his fastest creations was "Honeybucket XI" Dave Medaris wrote in 1988, "Bill Mattison has wanted to go fast since he was four or five and hanging on to his first iceboat ride. He wanted to go faster as a reckless youth. He wanted to go faster in 1954 with "Honeybucket I" and even after winning this 11th title in 1986 he still seeks the edge.



**Inducted into
Madison
Sports Hall
of Fame in
2017**



Bill Mattison is an inventor, entrepreneur and sailing sportsman (inducted into the Madison Sports Hall of Fame in 2017 for his record-breaking accomplishments in ice-boating, 11 times world champion). Though his school work at East High may not have reflected his potential, he was a highly motivated, self-taught problem-solver, and his accomplishments during his career and leisure are testament to that strategy. He literally "ran away to the circus", more recently a Hall-of-Famer circus model-builder. He started working with film development when still at school, and became a technical innovator and consultant for Kodak. He ran the

successful flagship "Star Photo" on Williamson Street. In the Korean War, he was posted to the reconnaissance mountain unit; his service was recently acknowledged on an Honor flight to Washington, D.C. He was recruited to the America's Cup technical shore crew for his sailing skills and extraordinary engineering expertise. He worked on three of these legendary sail-boat teams, including the 1987 Louis Vuitton challenger cup (in Australia, with "Heart of America"), the 1992 successful America's Cup team (sailing out of San Diego and sponsored by billionaire Bill Koch and a Chicago syndicate, skippered by sailing legend Harry "Buddy" Melges), and the Louis Vuitton challenger cup yacht in 1995 yacht called the "Mighty Mary", and crewed (mostly) by women.

[Finally for a local article on Bill, check out this column in the Madison Isthmus.](#)

2020 Wisconsin State MC Championship is a "GO" on Lac LaBelle!

While the start of the sailing season (and the rest of the season, for that matter) has been unpredictable, the La Belle Yacht (LYC) Club is still hosting the MC State Champs!

Given the current situation and need for continued social distancing, LYC is implementing several measures to reduce exposure to the sailors and volunteers. The safety of everyone participating is first and foremost.

These measures include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Launching and trailing parking only will be done at City Beach in Oconomowoc.
- 2) There will be no gatherings, lunches served or parties.
- 3) Everyone brings their own lunch and beverages
- 4) Each registrant will be assigned to a LYC member property. Plan to drop your mooring 4-15 feet of water in the area adjacent to the property. Taxi boats will take you to and from your mooring.
- 5) No gatherings at homes, nor using restrooms in homes – porta potties will be supplied. No one will be allowed in houses at all.
- 6) All notices and warning will be done via radio channel 71.
- 7) Sailing will be on Saturday and Sunday, as scheduled, however, two BTB on Saturday with a short break on boat for sailors to eat the lunch and beverage that they brought. Then a third race to round up the day. Sunday will be 2 races.
- 8) There will be no spectator boats.
- 9) There will be a short awards ceremony in the band shell at City Beach.

For more information and to register go to <http://labelleyachtclub.org/>. We hope to see you June 27-28!!!

Lake Beulah Opti Regatta will be by invitation only this year and held July 9th.

How to Clean Your Life Jacket 101 From MTI Lifejackets

If you've haven't cleaned your life jacket in a while (or ever), here are a few things to remember to do regularly:

- Rinse your PFD in fresh water after every use. This will help to remove dirt, sand and debris and also help prevent the spread of invasive species, including Eurasian milfoil, didymo algae, or zebra mussel larvae.
- Dry your jacket in sunlight. Go ahead and dry your jackets in sunlight (nature's best disinfectant) but store them in a dry place, away from direct sunlight. Lengthy UV exposure will eventually fade the exterior fabric and cause it to age more quickly. You can help extend the life of your jacket by using [303 Aerospace Protectant](#), which acts like a sunscreen.

Still smelly? You can clean your stinky jackets with a product called Sink the Stink. However, keep in mind that this is a biological cleaner and sunlight/heat will stop the action of the enzyme, so you'll want to soak your jacket for 5-10 minutes (see directions for correct dilution) and hang to air dry inside. **DO NOT RINSE.**
*If you use 303 Aerospace Protectant as mentioned above, you'll want to reapply it after Sink the Stink or other cleaning agents, as a final 'dip' before drying, and reapply each time the jacket is cleaned.

If you are concerned that you may have been exposed to COVID-19 while wearing your PFD, grab some rubber gloves and...

1. Hand wash your PFD. **DO NOT MACHINE WASH.** Fill a bucket with **HOT** water (<140F/60C) and mild detergent. Hold it down and agitate in the water. **DO NOT USE BLEACH.**
 2. Clean the hardware. Zippers, buckles and Velcro can be difficult to clean. You can use a 70-90% solution of alcohol plus water to help clean these components. Be careful - alcohol will fade the PFD fabric over time. Spot target hardware with a spray bottle and rag after the washing stage.
 3. Dry completely. Viruses thrive in moisture and can survive in cold but are vulnerable to heat and dry environments. Ensuring your PFD is completely dry is critical. Air dry in a warm, low humidity environment at least 72 hrs. **DO NOT PUT IN THE DRYER.**
- The steps listed above are not a guarantee of disinfection, but an attempt to minimize risk. Please take all possible precautions and follow your local regulations with regards to the virus.

For further information on COVID-19 and how you can help protect your family and community, please visit CDC's COVID-19 informational [website](#)

2020 Calendar

June

25 - 26 Lake Country X : Nagawicka
CANCELLED
26 - 28 A Nationals : Green **CANCELLED**
26-28 - JO's Lake Forest; Clinic is 26th
CANCELLED
26 - 28 WI MC Champs - LaBelle
29 LBSS Opti : Beulah - **POSTPONED**
30 - 1 Quad Lakes : Cedar
30 - ILYA Decision on E/MC Invite & X/Opti Champs

July

1 Quad Lakes : Cedar
6 - 7 GLSS Dinghyfest X : Geneva
POSTPONED date TBD
7 - ILYA Decision on C Invitational, ILYA Championships
8 - 9 GLSS Dinghyfiest Opti : Geneva
POSTPONED, DATE TBD

August

2 - 4 ILYA Opti Champs : No Site
7 - 8 X Blue Chip : Cedar
7 - 9 C WYA : Delavan
9 - 11 Opti Blue Chip : LaBelle
CANCELLED
12 - 14 ILYA Champs - A & MC : Okoboji
CANCELLED AT OKOBOJI
16 - 18 ILYA Champs C and E : Okoboji -
CANCELLED AT OKOBOJI
19 - 22 MC Nationals : Geneva **TBD**

September

12 - 13 Dorn MC : Beulah
12 - 13 Maxinkuckee C and MC
17 MC Masters - Clear
19 - 20 C Blue Chip : Okauchee
Lake Fenton Michigan Fall Regatta
25 - 27 E Blue Chip : Pewaukee
25 - 27 USODA Midwest Opti : Geneva
26 - 27 Nan Norris C Challenge : Beulah -

9 - LBSS Optimist Regatta - by invitation only

10 - 12 GLSS Dinghyfest & Melges 14 Nationals : Geneva **POSTPONED, DATE TBD**

10 - 12 ILYA E Invite : No site

10 - 12 ILYA MC Invite : Okauchee

13 - 14 X Treme : Oshkosh

17 TRAC Opti: Cedar

18 - 19 ILYA C Invite : Pewaukee **TBD**

25 - 26 WYA X : Pewaukee

27 No Tears Opti : North Lake

CANCELLED

29 - Aug 1 ILYA X Champs : Geneva -

CANCELLED AT GENEVA

30 - ECESA Regatta - Chautauqua

date given to C Nationals, if needed
26 - 27 Lotawana Fall C

October

3-4 Polar Bear C and MC - Davenport

To help regatta organizers plan and create excitement amongst your fleet, register now and invite your fellow sailors.

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