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---Congrats to Melges-Rowe --- 25th in WORLD!!!



These two young, young men competed on the World Stage and made their mark. Their results this year have steadily moved up, up, up on the scoreboard. They have popped those races in the top five which say they are on track and not looking back. The Gold Fleet placement amongst 78 of the world's best is no small feat for these two sailors who are among many who on their second run at this. Many of their competitors are on year 8 of experience when eight years ago these young men were tykes in Optis or O'pen Bics. The duo deferred their freshman year in college for this adventure which is unreachable for most sailors. They have returned home to the US after six months of European and Southern Hemisphere training. It has been quite an experience when all we can say is Paris 2024! Let's hope we get the chance to see them a bit more this summer in scows.



Our Olympians are Home



And this is how it worked in the words of Anna Tobias. . . Repeated from Scuttlebutt

"Now for all the math. Because the race was the medal race, all the points are doubled, so first gets 2 points, second gets 4 points, etc. The other USA boat crossed the line in 1st and ended up securing the bronze medal for the world championships. We ended up in a tie for 6th place overall, but because the Danish boat beat us in the race, we lost the tie and ended up 7th overall in the regatta.

And now for the Olympic Trials math. Our two trial events were the two world championships, 2019 and 2020. In 2019, we finished 9th and Steph and Maggie finished 13th. At this event, we finished 7th and they finished 3rd. This put both teams on a tie of points at 16. The tie was to be broken by the best result at the 2020 World Championships, and therefore because they beat us, they win the tie and the win the Olympic berth for Team USA."

Competition is tough - filled with periods of exaltation but also despair. The loss for Hencken and Tobias (both prior Olympians) was devastating but a short, short time after the conclusion of the medal race, Tobias tweeted congratulations and support to the qualifiers Roble and Shea. It is times like these where the character of our top sailors comes to the forefront.

Funny who you find waiting for you at the airport. Maggie Shea returned home to find Jeff and Joslyn Hudson there along with her three nieces and nephews. What a feeling! The next few months (and they will go fast) will entail European training before the final push in Japan. Watch for more news soon on how to support our Roble-Shea connection as they move boats, sails, coaches and all living to Europe to train hard with other teams.

Hudsons and Sheas became friends during youth, high school and college sailing as both sets of parents supported the organizations leading their daughters' sailing

Editors note - I have come to understand the loyalty and need to say, "Go, New Trier". Those of you who grew up in the Northern Chicago area fully understand this.



This was the moment of truth - the announcers were excited as the two Americans rounded the mark. The fleet action was chaotic. This mark rounding changed the fate of two very talented, fortunate ladies who now represent us at the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo. The rest of the race was so unexpected - the silver medalist tipped, another incident for Hencken and Tobias, speed in USA 50 like viewing the Indy 500! It was heartstopping and a not to be missed, once in a lifetime finish. Fairytales are made like this! Congrats again to our Midwest Olympians!



Delavan's Stritt Honored



Seven captains who acted as good Samaritans to save lives in 2019 were recently honored by their peers at a ceremony held at the annual BoatUS Towing Conference in Orlando, Florida, on January 23, including two from Lake Michigan.

Fred Stritt is with the TowBoatUS Racine which has been a Corporate Member of LMSRF, offering their membership to our members at a reduced rate. The captains serve TowBoatUS on-water towing locations in Racine, Wisconsin; St. Joseph, Michigan; Jacksonville, Florida; Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Lake Allatoona, Georgia; Block Island, Rhode Island; San Francisco, California; and Ventura, California. **WOODY POLLACK LIFESAVING AWARD •** Capt. Fred Stritt, TowBoatUS Racine, Wisconsin: Fate. Chance. Luck. Kismet. Capt. Fred Stritt of TowBoatUS Racine may have used the term “the stars all aligned at the time.” But it really doesn’t matter how you end up being in the right place at the right time. What matters is

what you do when it happens. Capt. Stritt had been on duty when a fleet of sailors was racing on a summer Wednesday afternoon when one crew hit troubled waters. A crew began to notice their skipper wasn't quite there. He began to act a little disoriented, and as the race continued, got progressively worse. Luckily, the first moment when the stars aligned was when the sailboat captain, who was a doctor, identified the signs he was having a stroke. An emergency call went out over the VHF, and the boat immediately started sailing in. The stopwatch on the clock to the golden hour had begun, and then the second set of stars soon aligned. Captain Stritt heard the call and jumped into action. He knew that even if the boat stayed on course, it was still going to be a painfully slow return to the docks and awaiting medical attention. Stritt fired up his towboat and headed out a full speed, rendezvousing with the sailboat minutes later, where he effected a safe transfer of the captain to his boat and raced to shore. His actions likely saved 25-30 minutes on the golden hour clock, when there is the highest likelihood that prompt medical and surgical treatment will prevent death. That precious time likely helped save the man's life. The sailor was hospitalized, had surgery and fully recovered. But you don't need to tell Stritt he was okay. A day later, he got a text from the sailor in his hospital bed, thanking the towboat captain. Said Stritt: "He typed it out with his own hand, which kind of makes it all very much worth it



2020 Calendar

May

2 - 3 Cedar, IN Icebreaker C Regatta
8 Bilge Pullers North Meeting
9 - 10 Cedar, WI C/MC Regatta
15 Bilge Pullers South Meeting : Beulah
16 - 17 Lake Geneva Spring E and GLSS Spring X Clinic
16 - 17 Lac LaBelle Warmup - C, MC and X - Oconomowoc
29-31 Orlando Webb MC: Lake Lotawana, MO

June

13 - 14 MIR C : Delavan
19 AJH (Cedar, Oshkosh, Mendota) X regatta - Cedar, WI
18 - 19 Quint : LaBelle
18 - 20 MC Masters : Clear
19 - 21 C Nationals : Muskegon
23 - 24 TRAP X : Pine
25 - 26 Lake Country X : Pewaukee

August

2 - 4 ILYA Opti Champs : Beulah
7 - 8 X Blue Chip : Cedar
7 - 9 C WYA : Delavan
9 - 11 Opti Blue Chip : LaBelle
12 - 14 ILYA Champs - A & MC : Okoboji
15 ILYA Champs Layday - Bilge Pullers
15 Annual Meeting : Okoboji
16 - 18 ILYA Champs C and E : Okoboji
19 - 22 MC Nationals : Geneva

September

12 - 13 Dorn MC : Beulah
12 - 13 Maxinkuckee C and MC
19 - 20 C Blue Chip : Okauchee
25 - 27 E Blue Chip : Pewaukee
25 - 27 USODA Midwest Opti : Geneva
26 - 27 Nan Norris C Challenge : Beulah
26 - 27 Lotawana Fall C

October

26 - 28 A Nationals : Green

26-28 - JO's Lake Forest; Clinic is 26th

26 - 28 WI MC Champs - LaBelle

29 LBSS Opti : Beulah

30 - 1 Quad Lakes : Nagawicka

July

1 Quad Lakes : Nagawicka

6 - 7 GLSS Dinghyfest X : Geneva

8 - 9 GLSS Dinghyfiest Opti : Geneva

10 - 12 GLSS Dinghyfest & Melges 14

Nationals : Geneva

10 - 12 ILYA E Invite : White Bear

10 - 12 ILYA MC Invite : Okauchee

13 - 14 X Treme : Oshkosh

17 TRAC Opti: Cedar

18 - 19 ILYA C Invite : Pewaukee

25 - 26 WYA X : Pewaukee

27 No Tears Opti : North Lake

29 - Aug 1 ILYA X Champs : Geneva

3-4 Polar Bear C and MC - Davenport

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