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2019 Calendar

October 26-27 Halloween Spooktacular -Lake Forest

2020 Calendar

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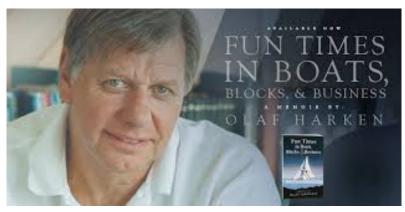
June

12 - AJH Regatta - Cedar 13-14 - MIR C - Delavan 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 26-28 A Nationals - Green 29 - LBSS Opti - Beulah 30-1-2 Date TBD - Quad Lakes -Nagawicka

July

1-2 Possible Quad Lakes -Nagawicka 6-7 GLSS Dinghyfest X - Geneva 8-9 GLSS Dinghyfiest Opti -Geneva 10 - GLSS Dinghyfest - Melges 14, O'pen Bic - Geneva 10-12 ILYA E Invite - White Bear 11-12 - ILYA MC Invite -Okauchee

Farewell to Commodore Harken



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A Man of Brilliance, Heart and Humor

ILYA Commodore Olaf Harken passed away this morning after a weekend of accolades and family. Harken was presented with a lifetime achievement award at Saturday's Pewaukee Awards Dinner. He was present with his family to receive the award.

A formal obituary and a copy of Pewaukee's Saturday night presentation will be forthcoming.

Many will have words to say about Olaf but the editor was privileged to serve on the ILYA Executive Committee with Olaf. Memories abound but his neverending compendium of Ole and Lena jokes is enough to bring a wide grin to my

13-14 X Treme - Oshkosh 18-19 ILYA C Invite - Pewaukee 25-26 WYA X - Pewaukee 27 - No Tears Opti - North Lake 29-Aug 1 - ILYA X Champs -Geneva

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 Annual Meeting - Okoboji 16-18 ILYA Champs C and E -Okobji 19-22 MC Nationals - Geneva

September

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











face as I write this. Traveling to the upper Nort' for Board meetings, Olaf would regale us with his Scandinavian tales. And courage. . . we honestly left him in a sketchy part of town once since he insisted we stop at a gas station for directions. With his broad shoulders and commanding presence, he walked into the shady establishment to save us from our bewilderment (maybe you can blame Commodore Jeff Baker for our lost condition). We returned to fetch him but with our doors locked as we HOPED he would return to us. ---- This is just a smidgen of the exploits we all recall about Olaf.

Make no mistake, this was a savvy, wise, brilliant man. He was always thinking, creating, planning. He was a wonder to watch --- and we did as he led us through some difficult times in the ILYA. He was resolute in his love for our boats and loyal to the ILYA organization of scows but also his friends. But his mind was pure in its execution. He knew clearly where we should head. He was a model for me to emulate as we faced challenges in administering multiple classes. He taught me about the "business" of maintaining a class.

He taught me to be generous with my time and talents and resources. He was a commodore who thanked his board. He charitably supported education of the Board and the sailors. It was Olaf who brought Dick Rose to the ILYA and he broadened our understanding of the creation, molding and execution of rules.

He left his mark and his friends with rich memories of his path.

In the editor's "other life", as a leadership experience on a management committee, we were asked to list three individuals who shaped our lives. Others mentioned persons in our field, I pondered only a few moments and listed Olaf on my list of three. Little did he know how his way of life, transcended what I did in other areas of my life. I can confidently and proudly say Olaf shaped part of who we are and the contributions many make to sailing. I personally was so enriched to count Olaf Harken as a friend.









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