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2019 Calendar

August

20-21 MC Youth Nat's - Cedar, WI
22-25 MC Nationals - Minnetonka

September

6-8 USODA Midwest - Pewaukee
7-8 Dorn MC - Beulah
14-15 Lake Fenton Fall C Regatta
14-15 C Blue Chip - Okauchee
21-22 Beulah NNN C Challenge
28-29 Lotawana Missouri C
Regatta

October

5-6 JO's Optis - Macatawa Bay
5-6 Polar Bear C/MC Regatta -
Davenport, IA
11-12 C Worlds - Delavan

ILYA Championships - In the Books

RESULTS ARE FINAL

C Fleet - the performance of the event belongs to Will Haeger and Brad Roble. 1-1-1 in a tough, tough fleet.



The duo is shown with 3rd crew Rachel Beers. The thirds did not unfortunately get a chance to sail in the C's. The Sunday race was an event that did not occur due to the high winds. PRO Mark Prange took the fleet out with a protective eye as the conditions built and built. Two recalls and a mast down and the fleet knew it was enough - a valiant effort but not to be. Will won the regatta unknowingly on Saturday. The proudest moment was experienced by Will's parents. Julie was on the signal boat with three Beulah women whooping as the abandon was hoisted. For a little lake like Beulah, this is a real unique and infrequent experience. Dad Kent was a smile ear to ear loading trophy boxes with geometric precision to get the haul home. If you understand Haeger humor, you might wonder if Julie was left behind to make room for the trophies but at today's safety check, they took her home. The crew's parents Dale and Nancy drove up just for the trophy presentation. Just a happy, happy day for the winners and families.

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1st place - Brad Roble, Rachel Beers, Will Haeger

2nd place - Jon Schmidt and Stephen Schmidt. Third Wendy Schmidt was on taxi service bringing the esteemed Walter Schmidt to Bilge Puller.



3rd place - Chris Impens and Peter Keck



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4th place - Neal Klement, Luke Ramsey, Annie Haeger Ramsey



5th place - Erik Bowers, Chapman Petersen and Thomas Whowell



6th place - Michael Barr and Nora Kiernan



7th place - Mya Burdick, Andy Burdick and Finn Burdick



8th place - Jack Barnes, Jonathan Bailey, Patrick Schmidt, Alex Keck



9th - Shannon Smith and Coye Harrett



10th - Paul Reilly and Austin Barkow

E Fleet - One Race in on Sunday

Race Committee Communication at 8:30 - "It's hootin' and tootin' out here. Man your boats!"

Shore communication at 8:45 - the wind builds -- "It's rootin', hootin' and tootin'. We're going out!"

What a race! Only 22 of the 48 boats finished. As the other race committee looked back visually we wondered if the fleet were sailing. There were no spinnakers on the downwind leg. Well, not NO but many boats decided to try this without the extra force. The view was enigmatic for those on shore.

The twenty-two who did finish had a wild wide. This video was posted on Facebook. Watch the water going by the port side of the boat.

<https://www.facebook.com/chad.rechcygl/videos/10102497383465514/>

Now imagine a spinnaker shrimping! It was the best sailing ever!



Here is the winner - Harry Melges IV, Nic Muller, Will Huerth and Finn Rowe. (Photo by Michael Mueller)

Harry IV finished with a 14-1-1 to eek out the win over the Sam Rogers team with a 1-4-12 who sneaked past Vincent Porter with a 3-13-2. It was tight racing in the tough conditions.



1st place - Harry Melges IV, Will Huerth, Nic Muller and Finn Rowe

2nd - Tony Jewett, Chrisy Hughes, Sam Rogers

3rd - Bri Porter, Corbett Porter, Hannah Lee Noll, Vincent Porter, Monroe Melges

4th - Annie Rowe, Colin Rowe, Brian Porter, RJ Porter

5th place - Molly Ziegler, Dave Navin, Kyle Navin, Ryan Fitzgerald

6th place - Kevin Jewett, Kit Harned, Elizabeth Harned, Austin Steiner, Ellie Harned. Also highest ranking female skipper

7th place - Gavin Potts, Matt Hanson, Paige Packard, Derek Packard

8th place - Carl Spencer, Christian Spencer, Sam Spencer

9th place - Justin Segersten, Pat Heaney, Matt Watrous

10th place - Jeff Niedziela, Matt Schmidt with Robin, Fritz Simon, Eric Price

Goodbye for another year

Oshkosh opened its arms to the ILYA. The town has great restaurants and bars to provide all of us with an opportunity to spend time with our friends in an atmosphere of great hospitality. Add the vast parking area at Miller's Bay and the picturesque view of and from the Waters and, and, and, it is just a memorable place to visit.

For some there are individual memories made like the photo above of Mike Keefe's I-55 port tacking - convincingly - the A fleet. It doesn't get much better than this. It's almost as though Woody Jewett is channeling through the boat --- oh, did anyone mention Kevin Jewett is on the boat? Is it nature or nurture? Probably just plain luck on this one. But what a moment and to have it recorded visually in history is Keefe's story for quite a while.

Or is it the memories of the family connection?

Kevin Neal travels from Florida each year to visit us and his parents come to watch. The Neals have been a part of all this for over 25 years.

Mother sailing with son. Delavan's Tina and Nathan Hetzler pair up in the bigger wind. Uncle Mark won a race and finished second. Nathan is nipping on his heels in 10th. Nathan, above, and Henry Rolander with Annie Rowe, below, are part of a new crew of skippers who visit Oshkosh with familiarity after competing in the annual XTreme event.

More family ties. Martin Barr brought four boats to the ILYA: Martin with daughter Bridget below, Michael, Cullen and John.

Vince Driessen in the MC fleet chaired the 2019 MC Invitational with his family who just happened to also attend in Oshkosh. Sister Katie Arvesen brought her husband along. These are the nicest, most generous folks around as they perennially serve us when we travel to Gull Lake, MN. They were not the farthest driving but it is quite a drive. The event found several Canadians making the journey: Steve Wells in the E fleet and Annie and Luke Ramsay in the C fleet.

The ILYA thanks the Oshkosh Commodore Max Wyman for the club's efforts in hosting the 2019 Champs. Chairs Bill and Beth Wyman and Tom and Trisha Castle were indefatigable. It's a five-day party running 7:00 to 11:00 each day. The OYC members served in all respects - thanks from the editor for all the RC volunteers with the boats and energy to "put up" with all of us. We could not be more appreciative and thankful for your generous offer of time. Personal thanks to Dan and Mame Heaney who loaned us the most beautiful and meticulously maintained Chris Craft, the Blue Heron, for the A and E fleet use. It is always sheer pleasure to visit OYC with its members who treat us as family.

Goodbye for another year. Enjoy the Fall regattas in your favorite boats. Next year is Okoboji who is planning already.

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