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2019 Calendar

August

14-18 [ILYA Championships - Oshkosh](#)

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

Awards for A's and MCs

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A FLEET

Water photos by Phil Weston; Awards by Molly Burns



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T Freytag won the sole race of the day in A's

Awards

This is the fifth time in history and a back to back championship for the Minnetonka MELVIN team. Without a race outside the top five, Pat Hughes brings the Gartz Trophy, donated in 1938, back to Cottagewood, MN.

Pictured

above are Pat Hughes, Tony Jewett, Clarence Schnife, Harry Melges, Colin Rowe, Coye Harrett and Cullen Barr. The battle was tight; Melvin won by one point.

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Second ---White Heat is the old Eagle with three returning Geneva sailors - OK, a little bit of Brown Lake pulling the sheet and a little bit of Nag for adding some "heat". Hans Melges has returned to the A fleet with a vengeance. They were fast and smart and one point out of first.



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Shown: Dave Navin, Alex Keck, Ryan Fitzgerald, Chris Impens, Kyle Navin, Hans Melges and Peter Keck.

Third --- Oh, for a throwout! The Judson Dayton/Tm Burton team won two races but counted in a 12th. These trophies are some of the most magnificent in the country. Tom Burton has won this event three times previously.



Fourth - No one was happier than the Lynch boat. This is a relatively new team sporting a bright green spinnaker and clothing. The boat is distinctive on the water. This is a combo team of north and south. Michael Lynch, with trophy, married a Minnetonka Jewett gal and with that came some real talent. Just wait for their children!

Fifth - and here come the youth! RJ Porter, second from the left, put together this crew and sails the Gordy boat. With trademark red all throughout the boat - mast, apparel, sail number, it is a beauty on the water. The G Force is heard all around the course as they encourage each other's performance with intensity at each mark rounding. Two of these youth are training for the Olympics which puts them on the water nearly everyday.

MC FLEET

With the MC fleet down one race to "get in" a regatta (three races constitutes a legal regatta), PRO Larry Krause had his work cut out for him. He kept the fleet close to shore where he had a little earlier wind than the A's. He controlled that wind with sheer will and got in the two races. The races today were won by Ryan Grosch and Mark Hetzler.

History was made when Natalie Sinn and Paige Packard took home the trophy. This is the first time in history a woman has won the ILYA MC Championship. Natalie finished the event with a 1-4-2-5. Most impressive.

Second place went to Mark Hetzler who won the beautiful Art Best Trophy for his last race win.

Third - Cedar's Peter Dobbbeck was third.

Fourth

Fifth was UK sailmaker Mike Considine who was not present at the dinner presentation. Here he is with daughter Cailin.

E's - One More Day

E Fleet - Photos by Phil Weston

The E Fleet finished one race on Saturday, started another but due to low velocity and wind shifts abandoned race two. That means one race today is a MUST. The agony of decisions is apparent in all the faces. Quality racing vs getting three races to constitute a regatta- quite a dilemma. When a fleet needs a race but when the wind is 2mph --- there is no right answer for all. In recent years the fleets have been conveying to RC it is quality racing they want. When US Sailing gives RC best practices guidelines and it revolves around quality, we all understand that in December. On a warm, lovely day in August with 48 boats on the water and the judgment is made this is not quality, it is tough, tough, tough. All spirits are deflated. It simply is not made "to be" on some days. So everyone cross fingers and bring the wind but just the right amount and no storms.

I-1 with Harry Melges IV, Will Huerth and Finn Rowe won the only race on Saturday. The intensity in this photo captures the energy it takes to sail at the top level. And then the action in the photo below conveys the same for the top of the leaderboard as we move to Sunday racing. Sam Rogers, Chris Hughes and Tony Jewett have been a team for well over ten years.

Other photos of the day - First Family

Eckerts

Spencers

Just beautiful photos

Freytags

Black and White

Tight racing

And the best name out there! OK, wives, don't you want to say, "Looking for me? Isn't he always on the boat?"

C Fleet

Regatta in - CHECK!

Call him a miracle worker or call him lucky but PRO Mark Prange can breathe. Three races completed which gets the C fleet to trophies. This is hard work for not only the sailors but for those who administer the race course. There is no rest after the start which perhaps outsiders don't realize. Constant checking for wind, adjusting or waiting patiently for wind to stabilize. Changing marks takes thinking 10 minutes ahead of the fleet's present position. Coordination amongst the boats is key. Each race is a test. The constant vigilant attention to each boat's

angle, monitoring shifts - are they persistent? Needless to say, Mark Prange was a bit more relaxed at the end of the day on Saturday.

The sailing? Two races with the last sailing in whispers at times. The fleet took it to the TLE meaning the first time limit was met by leader Will Haeger and Brad Roble. They set the clock ticking for the rest of the fleet. After B-1 finished, it was 20 minutes for the remainder of the fleet to finish the second race. The results indicate a few TLE's meaning their scores are the number of finishers+2.

The story is the same after the second day of racing. No, this photo is NOT the same as yesterday's. This is the final cross of race one on Saturday. Still Will Haeger/ Brad Roble and Steve/John Schmidt. Stuck like glue. Just when Haeger thinks he has broken away, Schmidt shows his years of smarts and gets back in the game.

Will Haeger has held a clinic out here. He is 1-1-1 and there are few marks where he has not led. Even when someone else gets the call, Will is right a second away. The fleet cannot catch up to him, cannot pass him, cannot outsmart him. Regattas go that way sometimes; a sailor just gets "hot" and you can only marvel.

Race two looked like Haeger had breathing room. There could not have been ten boats behind Schmidt at the first windward but then Schmidt comes back to a ninth to sit with a 2-2-9 now. The definition of youth in the ILYA is under 26 but in the editor's eyes, the top ten is split with 5 oldsters who know the ropes and 5 of our aspiring youth. It is a joy to watch mark roundings and see the future of this fleet in top contention.

The fleet may sail on Sunday. The weather forecast is varied. Some apps say big, big wind; others indicate manageable conditions.

Photos tell the story. It is impressive the posture of crews in boats. Especially in the C, balance and angle of heel are so important. Take a look. The top is Erin Sullivan managing the heel of the boat for father John. The next three are two 2016 Olympians who just came in for this event with little practice. Luke Ramsey (CAN) and Annie Haeger Ramsey (USA) pay such attention to the small things. They are a team with coordination and focus. Each view of them reveals the ability to concentrate which gives them gains.

But lest the Ramseys get too confident, the Haeger/Roble team smile at their efforts knowing, "I got ya, Annie".

Many, many of our sailors are doing double duty. Here DJ Barkow has Mark Hetzler as crew. Mark had won an MC race in the morning.

A man and his boat. Randy Schmidt is an avid ILYA supporter and C boat enthusiast. Here with UW's Tye Rubin, they enjoy every aspect of this venue and this fleet.

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