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2019 Calendar

August

8 - <u>Pram Power</u> - North Lake 9-10 X Blue Chip - Cedar 11-13 RWB Chip - LaBelle 14-18 <u>ILYA Championships -</u> <u>Oshkosh</u> 20-21 MC Youth Nat's - Cedar, WI

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September

6-8 USODA Midwest - Pewaukee 7-8 Dorn MC - Beulah 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

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What I Know About Oshkosh. . .

My real sailing career started at Oshkosh in 1967, 68 and 69 as a crew on an E Scow. In those days, the regatta format was a weeklong event with E 's and C's alternating race times during the day. Only one race per day. I was foolish enough to crew on both classes during a week when wind velocities were seldom below 20 MPH. As a teenager, overnight recovery time was clearly not sufficient. We were all raw meat at the end of the week.

At the culmination of the regatta as a winning E crew member, Boober and Joni Schneider gave me my first taste of Champagne. Yes, Boober won a few years in a row at Oshkosh. He was a pure gentleman.

Who cannot forget the Pioneer Inn! One notable character who is well known, managed to add some bubble bath to the Jacuzzi at the Pioneer. Created quite a mess--- to be polite. Later on, 25 years later, as I was inducted into Bilge Pullers, I was asked as part of initiation test, who the Notable Gentleman was. All I had to do was reach out and shake his hand. Clue: He is the Original Puff Watcher!

During a subsequent year, with a serious lack of wind, C Scows could not get a valid start as all were overly aggressive causing General Recalls. We did not have Black Flag Rules in those days. We are not talking about a few re-starts, but several hours to get a valid start. Made for a long day!

Yes there was a tent, where I, along with many other teenagers, experienced our first Wisconsin Brew and Brat! We were on an island, so how could we get in trouble? Away from the Pioneer on land, we managed to find a bar called Red's Elbow Room. \$1.00 Martinis! Yes we returned to Red's more than once.













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Here are the numbers ---- WE NEED YOU!

A Scows - 12 E Scows - 38 C Scows - 37 MC scows - 23

Another A scow entered as the editor was preparing this report. Still at least 30 of you to register. Help Oshkosh plan the meals by getting your registration in. Thanks.

And the long awaited softgoods. . .

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