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A fleet - 16 total - Race one today. Race two was not started due to approaching weather that hit as boats were put away. Vincent Porter on the Eagle sailed an impressive race. Here's the action below as they round the windward mark in first. -- All hands on deck.



E fleet - 61 total. **C fleet** - 66 total. Both C's and E's start racing Thursday morning. C's go first with a 9:15 warning.

MC fleet - 71 total. They sail in the afternoon with the A's sharing the great Geneva water.



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Social packages

So very, very few are left. A scows will be sailing on Saturday now we could not get a second race completed. That means trophies on Saturday night -- YOU WANT TO BE THERE! Check in with Dave Berg later in the day to charge tickets. \$55 for dinner but this includes the band whom you all love. Dance the night away under the tent.

Friday night is the opportunity to enjoy the celebration of families of the ILYA. It will be quite an extravaganza as small snippets of video play from the families as we begin SHARPLY at 6:30.

Check volunteer slots on upper left of this edition

We need shuttle bus drivers. Just pretend you are an Uber driver, meet the sailors. Or if you are not sailing one portion, just check in with Nancy Blanchard in the Volunteer Room. She is diligently working all day to keep us all "held together". She will gladly find you a spot to work.

Lake Geneva Yacht Club

Whew, there are a lot of us on their beautiful grounds! The place was pristine as we arrived yesterday and today. Terry Blanchard and Kristin Gannon have us all humming perfectly although we have 17 more boats than last year. They are perfectly organized and we all fit --- sorta. But they found us space. Thanks for their efforts and, truly, for three years of hard work.

Here are the Larry Kmiecik photos from today. Bottom five were submitted.



Here was the view inside. Thanks to US Sailing for the colorful bags presented to each skipper. The parking lot is not quite this tight -- but it's close quarters.



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2017 Regattas

August

14-15 RWB Chip - LaBelle
16-20 ILYA Championships - C/MC/A/E - Lake Geneva YC

September

8-10 Max C/MC Fall - Maxinkuckee YC
8-10 E Nationals - Carolina YC
9-10 George Dorn MC - Beulah Shore YC
16-17 C Blue Chip - Pistakee YC
16-17 Fenton Fall C - Lake Fenton YC
22-24 E Blue Chip - Pewaukee
23-24 NNN Beulah C Challenge - Lake Beulah YC
23-24 Lotawana C - Missouri YC
30 - Oct 1 - Polar Bear C/MC - Lake Davenport Sailing Club

October



Outside flags are flying - thirty-five different yacht clubs are represented.



Shenanigans is all we can say. The incoming Bilge Pullers - called wannabes - range in age from just 25 to well, there's Frank Davenport here and he has a new hip!! The wannabes worked hard registration day performing tasks all day - at the whim of the Admiral. Here are Frank Davenport and Ron Jarecki getting signatures on their shirts. Rumor has it Davenport even studied for the grueling test.

7-8 C Worlds - Delavan YC



The only race today was the A fleet which began at 4_00 PM. A couple OCS boats but the 2017 ILYA Regatta has opened its book.



Nothing better than seeing "Smiles" out on the water. The Freytag family is one of the 24 honored families on Friday. T Freytag started this all at the Buddy Melges Sailing Center by raising the money to build the magnificent edifice on the South Shore.



And then there's color. This picture doesn't do it justice but when they turn downwind, it's a frantic race to hoist the spinnaker followed by a breathtaking beauty as boats fill the water with colorful sails.



Another billowing burst of color.



This is the classic Lake Geneva picture with Yerkes Observatory in the distance. Here Jack Strothman returns to Geneva aboard Animal House.



The buoy roundings are indeed this tight with huge boats with lots of sail material and men readying the hoist. Here is the Oshkosh J255.



Let's just say the younger men hoist the spinnaker - with speed and agility unmatched in other sports. Here Scotty Sullivan pulls for White Magic. The allure of these boats on Geneva has resulted in Delavan and Beulah sending crew over to join the Geneva large fleet. College kids rule these boats as crew.



Photo of the day and, yes, they are this big and close as they go near the signal boat at the finish.

Thanks, again, to Lake Geneva - it's leadership who gets this all done and the marvelous Michael Moore, club manager, who is tireless and patient with all of us.

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