



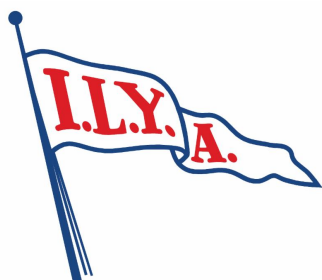
# SCOWLINES

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## [2017 ILYA REGATTAS](#)



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## **Bill Bentsen Contributions noted in Scuttlebutt**

I was surprised to read that Bill Bentsen was being initiated into the Hall of Fame. Surprised, not because he doesn't deserve it, but because I'm shocked that he was not already in it. Many the casual sailor may not know Bill, but he is a one of a kind. Not only a double Olympic gold medal winner in two different boats (both with Buddy Melges in Tokyo and Munich) but he is instrumental in the way races are managed, across the board, today.

I met Bill in the summer of 1974, at a place called Association Island (Ass Isle, to many), where a handful of us gathered for a "summer job" running races at the North American Sailing Center. Bill taught us that running great racing meant starting with Sailing Instructions that were succinct and bullet proof. That great races could be run with 3 power boats and 5 people. That weather marks need not be set before the prep signal, so that they could be in the perfect spot at the start. That lines could be adjusted quickly if both ends were boats. That the hand-bearing compass was the RC's best and maybe only tool. He taught us that running great races was fun. A lot of fun.

One story that most of his friends don't know, is perfect Bill. During a championship (maybe the Tempest Worlds?), Bill was on an island owned boat named the Relentless. Relentless was about a 25-foot crabber with an inboard/outboard stuffed in the back. Little did he know that a piece of trim had come off the very back of the engine box and was fairly exposed to the open water, especially when in reverse.

We were at the finish line and Bill was hovering around near us as the first boats were coming in to finish. I looked over and he's getting pretty low in the water and told him he better turn on the bilge pump. He shouts back "It's been running the whole race", and just about that time the ass end of the boat goes down.

Bill scurries up to the bow and hangs on to the pulpit which is nearly upright and just as Relentless takes its last breath above water, Bill steps off into a photo-boat, without even getting his shoes wet. There's a great pic of Bill clinging to the bow floating around somewhere.

Congrats Bentsen...a well-deserved achievement into the Sailing Hall of Fame.

- **Jim Taylor**

Comment: The HOF was launched in 2011 and limits the number of inductees each year, which has, in my opinion, not done justice to the significant contributors from decades ago. I fear at the current rate, some of these people will be forgotten before they are inducted. - **Craig Leweck, Scuttlebutt**



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## You are Invited

### Fly your colors

In our last year, YOU will be the featured banners flying in the parking lot. Yes, our Legends and Heroes flew proudly. Last year, we featured our four participating fleets on banners. They will return BUT THIS IS FOR YOU! We invite you to fly your home club's burgee up your halyard. Or string code flags from the backstay or advertise your company or team. Let's make this third year at Geneva full of colorful excitement. It's your opportunity to showcase yourself.



## July's Events

### Invitationals and Cedar Women/Girls' Clinic

[Sail Strong, Sail Pink southern registration here.](#)



A parting comment from clinician, Steph Roble:

*Last week's Sail Pink clinic at White Bear was a huge success! Despite not so beautiful conditions (wind and rain) all of the women, who were all ages and abilities, took on the challenge without question. We had a great turnout in the MC fleet (filling all 6 boats and having to put 3 in some) and high school 420s in addition to a few optis. Day one focused on boat handling and some racing basics. Day two was a race day where we saw huge improvements in all of the fleets. The girls and women in each fleet worked hard to have a productive and open learning environment both days. It was so fun to spend this time with a great group of women who were willing to jump out of their comfort zone. Thank you White Bear Lake! Hope you had a great fourth!*



Comment from the editor:

*This is the fourth year for the Sail Strong, Sail Pink event. It is open to ILYA members only. The clinicians are the top in the WORLD!! It is rare you will find the opportunity to learn from Sally Barkow, Steph Roble or Maggie Shea at such a low entry fee and with such small classes. The experience is simply unduplicated. The intergenerational aspect brings a depth that speaks to service and lifelong learning. Teaching to females only generates a rich sense of confidence, achievement and role modeling. Many of our women are most accomplished business women - that trickles down to the younger girls as they watch women of their club, mothers and wives tackle inclement weather in a task unfamiliar to them in many cases.*

*The adult instruction is tailored to the student. If you are looking for competitive improvement, your boat is taught to your level. If you only want to learn to crew, a more accomplished skipper will helm the boat to allow you to learn the desired skills.*

*The youth X sailors have Sally as their instructor. Where will your daughter receive that level of instruction? In my opinion, you cannot miss this opportunity to train under Sally.*

*My last words come from the first year when Maggie Shea arrived on day two after lunch and noted, "This women and girls stand taller now." The experience leaves a lasting impression. And at youth and adult regattas throughout the Midwest, watch for the women who wear their pink shirts and jackets. Those were won only by attending, teaching or sponsoring the event. It is a badge of accomplishment or a mark of a special breed of women who support our women trailblazing on the international scene.*

**PLEASE register today. It is well worth the trip. Registration link at top of article**

### ILYA Invitationals

**MC Invite - Beulah - 33 pre-registered**  
**E Invite- Pewaukee - 32 pre-registered**



**C Invite - LaBelle - 5 registered ---- DEADLINE IS JULY 7th**



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## 2017 Regattas

### July

6-7 Quad Lakes X - Nagawicka  
 10-11 GLSS X - Lake Geneva  
 YC  
 12 - GLSS Opti - Lake Geneva  
 YC  
 12-13 ILYA Women's/Girls'  
 Clinic - Cedar, WI  
 14 - TCYS - Calhoun  
 14 - TRAC - Opti - Cedar, WI  
 14-16 ILYA MC Invitational -  
 Lake Beulah YC  
 14-16 ILYA E Invitational -  
 Pewaukee YC  
 17-18 Xtreme X - Oshkosh YC  
 18-21 US Sailing Chubb Junior  
 Champs - Area K Qual -  
 Minnetonka

**Are you reading the ILYA-Inland Lake Yachting Association Facebook Page?**

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There is loads of action on these pages. You, too, can add to it to make it more exciting and informative. Or send your submissions to Dave Berg. We all enjoy reading about your local news.

## Youth Regattas

### Opti North Americans

Chapman Petersen finished 33rd in the tough, tough fleet and was part of a US team who placed third in the team racing portion of the event. [Results](#)

### Chicago Race Week

Will Michels was runnerup July 1-2. Other names to watch - Marleigh Belsley in 420s; Claire Considine in Laser Radials; Optis - Jacob Zils, Geneva's Wyatt and Jack Chvojka. [Results](#)

## Geneva Lake Sailing School Regatta Week

### The place to be

First - come and meet Marek Valasek, new director of GLSS. With him comes an old familiar face - Lindsay Allen.

Second - Geneva is the place to learn boat handling and boat speed. The legs are long in any race on this gorgeous lake so there is time to concentrate on sail trim, boat balance and finding major wind shifts --- and the fleets are so big, you learn mark roundings and the rules that apply. There is simply no better place to get prepared for the ILYA X or Opti Championships. It is the only time many WI sailors see their MN and IA competition but, more importantly, friends. Whether sailor, instructor or parent, this is the first major gathering of the entire Inland.

Lastly, the Buddy Melges Sailing Center is a treat all on its own. View the regatta from the lawn, balcony or on the water. There is usually a "Buddy-sighting" so come on down. July 10-11 X; 12 - Opti and 13 - Melges 14 and O'pen Bic. [Registration here](#).

**And remember - July 10th is last day for early registration fee for X Inlands.** It always falls during GLSS.



## ILYA Championship Regatta Sponsors



20-23 MC Masters Nationals - Cedar, WI  
 21 TCYS - Calhoun Opti only  
 21-23 Michigan E Invitational - Crystal Lake YC, MI  
 22-23 - City of Lakes Regatta - C, MC-Team, M-16, Laser - Lake Calhoun  
 22-23 ILYA C Invitational - LaBelle YC  
 22-23 WYA X - Pine Lake YC  
 24 ILYA No Tears Opti - Nagawicka  
 26-29 ILYA X Champs - Delavan YC  
 28 TCYS- Wayzata 420 only  
 30-31 ILYA Opti Champs - Delavan YC

### August

1 cont. ILYA Opti Champs - Delavan YC  
 3 Pram Power - North Lake  
 3-5 ECESA - Little Egg Harbor, NJ  
 2-5 Western MI Champs  
 E/C/MC - Crystal Lake  
 4 TCYS - Wayzata  
 4-6 WYA C - Nagawicka YC  
 11-12 X Blue Chip - Cedar, WI  
 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 Big Waters C - South 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

7-8 C Worlds - Delavan YC

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