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ILYA Board Meeting

David Porter Named Commodore

Beulah C skipper and Geneva A team member David Porter was elected Commodore at Sunday's ILYA Winter Board Meeting. Joining Porter as an elected official were Beth Wyman, Oshkosh - Vice Commodore and Lee Alnes, White Bear as Secretary-Treasurer. Stephen Schmidt - Okauchee remains on the Executive Committee as immediate past commodore.



Porter was the first president of the National C Scow Association some near 40 years ago. He is the father of five active sailors all in C scows.

The Annual Meeting was held via phone, meeting and by written proxy where the following three directors were elected - David Porter for his term to allow service as an officer, Darby Sugar, Mendota, for her second term, Jim Petersen, Geneva, for his second term and newcomer David Strothman, Minnetonka, was elected for a first term. During the Annual Meeting then-Commodore Schmidt reported on the exceptional condition of the ILYA with a most successful year of regatta administration.

Thanks to White Bear for Johnson Boatworks Site

As the Board of Directors set to work, it was difficult to not recognize the history of our meeting place. The Johnson Boatworks site is now developed into marvelous lakefront apartments but a community room



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boasts pictures of the founding fathers from the 1890s, a wooden E scow half hull and, most interestingly, two cabinets with original hardware in the early production of boats in White Bear. A sincere thanks to Lee Alnes and Fletcher Driscoll for hosting us this weekend.

Thanks again to Steve Schmidt

Schmidt was recognized again for his foresight with the three-year ILYA Championships at Lake Geneva. Additionally he is the only commodore to experience a term without the assistance of 37-year friend to the ILYA James Smith. He was commended for his leadership in the new hire of Dave Berg. Thanks for your service, Steve. Steve will remain on the Executive Committee, Legal Committee and Regatta Coordinating Committee.

Minnetonka Announces Schedule

Pat Hughes represented MYC presenting preliminary plans for August 2018. The E's and C's will NOT sail together which will give those skippers an opportunity at both championships which has not been possible for the past three years. The E's will begin the week on Monday and conclude on Wednesday. A's will begin on Wednesday night. C's and MC's will start racing Thursday. All racing will conclude on Saturday as planned at this time. The MC's will sail at Upper Minnetonka for what will appear to be a regular regatta. The A's and C's will alternate time slots on the water. Fabulous parties are promised around Minnetonka to allow us all to congregate together in the evenings.

Committee Reports

Sponsorship - the committee will begin investigating advertising on physical assets within the confines of the RRS and desires of our sailors. More to come

Youth Development - The 420 Youth Champs will most likely move to an August timeframe and discussion of non-spinnaker and trapeze configuration will be seriously considered before official announcement of the 2017 event.

Plain old Business

The ILYA Regatta Manual has been updated and is now posted on the ILYA website. Marilyn Krause, Beth Wyman and Candace Porter updated, streamlined and condensed the older version. A new bid sheet is posted for all yacht clubs to utilize when submitting a bid. A strict deadline policy will be enforced to allow the Fleet Council and Fleet representatives time to discuss with their committees prior to the Board meeting.

The ILYA Bylaws have also been updated but will be edited one last time before posting. Those pesky outline numbers and tabs have bugged us for years. Most of the changes are editorial but new Judges and Youth Development Committees were added to the Bylaws. In addition, the secretary-treasurer will be added to the nominating committee to assist in selection of persons who will work with him/her on the Board. Dave Schmidt received a new title of Technical Committee to align his task with the title in the 2017-20 RRS.



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2017 Regattas
More MC listings next edition - they are plentiful but many unconfirmed

March

9-11 MC Midwinters - Lake Eustis YC, FL
 17-19 Sarasota E Midwinter - Sarasota Sailing Squadron
 18-19 Mardi Gras MC - New Orleans YC

April

21-23 Black Tie C/E - It's Back - Rush Creek, TX
 28-30 Charleston E - Carolina YC
 29-30 Springfield C - Island Bay, IL

May

6-7 Icebreaker C - Cedar, IN
 13-14 Mother's Day C - Spring Lake, MI
 13-14 Cedar MC/C Spring - Cedar, WI
 20-21 LaBelle Tuneup C/X - LaBelle YC
 20-21 Geneva Spring E - Lake Geneva YC
 20-21 - Heritage Spring E - Lake Hopatcong YC

June

Financial

The Board voted to not increase regatta registration fees although the regatta management system has incurred a 7% per entry charge for both credit card and cash use.

New Business

For discussion only, with no action was the introduction of the topic of foiling boats and investigation of regatta management software which might assist all our member clubs with regatta and membership registration.

Boat Builder's Report

Melges Reports Healthy Sales

Melges is preparing for another Spring Rush of activity as we enter into the 2017 racing season. Our team is bigger and stronger than ever so we are ready for the early season enthusiasts!

We have welcomed to our team Eddie Cox and Hannah Noll. Two young and talented people as well as good sailors. Both are college graduates and both bring a new level of energy to the Melges Team. Daily we are working toward promoting the sport all of us love.

Eddie is fresh out of college and is eager to do a lot of scow sailing along with Melges 14 promotion. You will see Eddie at the majority of major scow events.

Hannah has recently graduated from college too and has taken on the roll of Marketing director here at Melges. In the next several months all of us will see more perspective from Melges. More insides stories, more brand promotion and an increase of scow awareness nationally as well as

3-4 Eastern C - TBD
 10-11 MIR C - Long Lake, IL
 10-11 Wauwasee E -
 Wauwasee YC, IN
 16 - AHJ X - Cedar Lake, WI
 16 - TCYS - Minnetonka
 16-18 C Nationals - Okoboji
 17-18 Payton E - Mendota YC
 23 - TCYS - White Bear
 23-25 A Nationals -
 Minnetonka
 24-25 WI MC Champs -
 Nagawicka
 26 - LBSS Opti - Lake Beulah
 27-28 TRAP X - Pine Lake YC
 30 - TCYS - St. Croix

July

6-7 Quad Lakes X - Nagawicka
 10-11 GLSS X - Lake Geneva
 YC
 12 - GLSS Opti - Lake Geneva
 YC
 14 - TCYS - Calhoun
 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
 20-23 MC Masters Nationals -
 Cedar, WI
 21 TCYS - Calhoun Opti only
 21-23 Michigan E Invitational -
 Crystal Lake YC, MI
 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- ILYA Opti Champs -
 Delavan YC

August

1-2 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

globally.

Melges is fortunate to have both of these key players on our team. Along side them we have Harry Melges, Andy Burdick and Jim Gluek working on promotion of our sport daily.

Keeping all of us busy this winter has been our scow production. We received a healthy number of orders through our fall savings campaign and up to today - still receiving orders as we enter the Spring.

In the E class we never stopped building boats. The last time the E scow mold was out of our shop was late summer 2015. We have been building new E boats on a continual basis. For 2017 we will produce 12 new boats.

In the MC class we will produce over 25 new boats. That number is still growing with good interest as we enter spring.

Melges X boats will be at 9 and new Melges C boats will be at 10. Both increases from the 2016 production year.

Yes, there are a lot of new things at Melges, including the Melges 14 which we built over 100 in the last 15 months. Still, Melges Scows are the most important part of our business and this will continue to be the case as we move forward.

Order books are open for 2018. Encourage your friends to get a new boat and help grow our ILYA Sailing!

The Winter Melges 20 series has concluded. Bring the warm weather here! The class has produced a [video](#) which gets us in the mood for summer sailing. Congrats to all our ILYA sailors who enjoyed the three events.

Sailing School Position Available

Oconomowoc Lake Club

The Oconomowoc Lake Club is looking for a Head Sailing Instructor to lead its Opti sailing program. The ideal candidate will have a strong interest in sharing their love of sailing, leadership skills, and looking to have a lot of fun. The OLC provides competitive wages and provides meals for its instructors. Please contact Jeff Fellows if you are interested in the position at jjf@wi.rr.com or 414-745-3341.

And There's Always Fun in Sailing

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Sell a Boat

MC 1749 has been listed for a couple months due to the retirement of its beloved skipper. With the promise of delivery from WI to MN,

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

Curmudgeon (aptly named) met its new owner on Sunday. The name of the new owner was Katy Campbell. She reported she was just a recreational sailor on Minnetonka.

Upon hearing of the potential sale, MC Fleet rep Mark Tesar expressed interest for a homelake Clear sailor if the sale went sour. It's always nice to have a backup plan. He asked who was purchasing 1749 but the name meant nothing to him - just a recreational sailor as reported.

But the plot thickens --- not only should Tesar have known her AND also Stuart Oltrogge --- but they would have only recognized her from her stern. Turns out Katie is Katy Koch Campbell who sailed Koch-ette which regularly schooled both Tesar and Oltrogge in X boats. Katie is a past Clear Lake X Champion. Granted she was a little older but she took Tesar to the protest room for his first encounter there where he LOST!

We hope Katie enjoys her new boat. The Women's and Girls' Clinic at White Bear has been given her name to shine up any rust she might have. Good luck and old friends always thankfully re-appear in the Inland.

Report from ILYA representative to the US Sailing Adult Championships

Wayzata Sends Team to St. Francis YC

by Jeff Cameron

The event was wonderful. It was hosted by the St. Francis Yacht Club, which gave us the run of the place for the week, and being able to sail on San Francisco Bay were truly memorable experiences. We had hoped for a better result, but we managed to finish ninth.

We did 20 races in total with on the water judging, so it was a very busy four days. The racing was extremely tight and typically we were behind the leader by less than 10 boat lengths and in many races we were overlapped with several boats at the finish. Winds started under 10 mph most days and built to 17+ in the afternoons, so we got a pretty fair mix of light and heavy.

The tide was our real problem. We did all of the research we could and knew exactly what it would do and when. However, even with all of that research, being in it was very difficult.

It was typically between 2.5 and 4 knots and really messed with our starts, mark roundings, and lay line management. For example, in one starting sequence, all of the boats were facing away from the start until about 20 seconds from the gun, just trying to keep the current from pushing us over early, as it pulled us ever closer to the line.

As you might expect, the teams from tidal areas did the best, with the local team, led by Russ Silvestri (two time Olympian and two time America's Cup team member) winning the event.

We really appreciate your assistance in getting our nomination in order and the ILYA in nominating us.

It was a terrific experience and one we will never forget.

Many thanks to you and the ILYA for your assistance.

Additional Level 1 course scheduled

Cedar Lake, WI

Cedar Lake YC in WI announces a US Sailing Level 1 instructor training course June 8-11. Registration is available on the US Sailing website under education.



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Regular dues are \$70, youth \$40 and associate \$35. Crews do NOT need to join but are always welcome to support our association. Do yourself a favor, streamline your regatta registration and register for membership now.

Donations are accepted [here](#).

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