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Race Officer Training Course

This is for YOU!!!

If you want to learn more about race committee work, want to begin serving on your home lake, want to feel more confident at regattas, please plan to attend the April 1 RC course at Lake Beulah. While this is a certification course, you do not have to take the after-course test. You can just come to listen and learn. There is no on-the-water work which is unfortunate but it is WARM inside Lake Beulah YC. You will **not** have to learn about the intricacies of a GPS. You **will** learn what a course should look like - how many boat lengths on a starting line, how far apart should those windward marks be, when to change marks and with what speed to get them set.



John Strassman is a sailor's race official. He understands what you need and how best to achieve it. He listens to sailors. He knows the best practices but understands human mistakes and the vagaries of the wind's challenges.

The course is mostly lecture but there is plenty of time to ask a question. The course is packed with information on all aspects of the administration of a race. In plain English, it is just fun to hear it all explained from one of the nation's best. We in the Midwest are fortunate to have John to teach us. He works enough with scows to speak our language; he works Miami enough to know our most elite sailors. It is a pleasure to spend the day with him.

There is nothing holding you back. No embarrassing questions or situations.



Melges Rowe Sailing

The course is administered by US Sailing. All registrations go through them. There are 18 slots open. Lunch will be served - it's the Lake Beulah favorite, Gan's Judges Pasta. That is for Gan Haeger who led us all for many years.

[Click here for registration.](#) Registration is \$60 which includes lunch and course materials.

If you enjoy Scowlines, please join at \$35 Associate Level

Scowlines is a free publication but if you enjoy it, please consider purchasing an associate membership for \$35. With over 80 issues per year, the ILYA keeps you in touch with the activity of our clubs, our fleets and our members. Your entire club can subscribe for the asking. Submit material and the ILYA shares it with over 2500 subscribers. That's a large number.

Scowlants will be digital this year. It will only be "mailed" to our membership. This Spring's edition will feature our club volunteers from the 2016 ILYA Championships; our 2020 Olympic hopefuls, The White Bear Johnson Boatworks community center, ILYA Board action.

If you consider us a part of your life, renew today. If you serve on race committee, renew today. If you are a regatta chair or volunteer, renew today.

The ILYA has promotional ideas which require your ideas foremost but your financial support year after year.

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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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ISLAND BAY - SPRINGFIELD - C REGATTA



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[Register for Dues](#)

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

- March**
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

**IBYC SPRING REGATTA 2017
THE FIRST REGATTA OF THE YEAR**

The IBYC "C" Fleet is proud to announce we will be holding our 56th Spring Regatta the weekend of April 29-April 30, 2017. Festivities will begin on Friday evening with registration beginning at 6:00pm featuring Quiggs famous BBQ sandwiches, Springfield Daves chili, hors devoursers and of course FREE BEER! Lunches will be available Saturday and Sunday at a cost of \$6.50 which consists of a hot or cold sandwich a side and a drink, tickets will be sold at registration.

Registration will open at 8:00am Saturday. A skippers meeting will be held at 8:45 am. One hour harbor gun at 9:00am with a 10:00am start. Two back to back races are planned for the morning with two back to back races to follow lunch (FREE BEER). A final race is planned for Sunday morning with a 9:00am harbor gun with a 10:00am start. The regatta will be dry sailed.

Trophies will be presented following the final race (MORE FREE BEER) to skipper and crew for places 1-5 plus Master and Grand Master. Registration fee will be \$35.00.

A casual dinner is planned for Saturday evening with cocktails (and FREE BEER) at 6:00pm and dinner at 7:30pm. Rib-eye steak dinner adults \$22.00, children \$9.25. Chicken Alfredo \$18.00. Chicken Caesar salad \$13.95 (Reservations must be made no later than lunch Saturday)

Send Registration to
Hayden Davis
1017 West Monroe
Springfield, IL 62704
Make checks payable to IBYC C Fleet

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

The following motels are located approximately four miles from the club. Baymont, 217-529-6655, Motel 6 217-529-1633, Ramada LTD 217-529-1410. Camping is also permitted on the grounds with 24 hour restrooms. Showers are available in the main clubhouse at 8:00am.

Olympics 2020 - Here we Come

Note three campaigns on upper left

Erik Bowers

New this edition is BowersSailing. Erik has been utilizing another entity for donations but joins us in full force this week.

Hello to everyone from Scow Country!

I'm writing to you from Long Beach, California. The year after the Olympics has turned out to be no less busy for the Men's Laser Class. I started out in Miami competing in Sailing World Cup Miami, where my performance was not what I was hoping for. It was tough but valuable, which is a diplomatic way of saying brutal.

Moving right along! My schedule this year is about to take off. I'm busy

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

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 -

training for the next two events on the circuit: The Princess Sofia Regatta (Mallorca, Spain March 27-April 1) and Sailing World Cup Hyeres (France, April 25-30). I'll be flying across the pond on March 21st to train 3 days on Palma de Mallorca's famously windy bay. Post-Palma, I'll be back on the plane with all my gear for a few weeks in Long Beach.

While in California, I'll be filling up my time training and coaching. I have to say that coaching has become one of the more unexpected perks of being on the circuit over the last five years. The relative success that I've enjoyed has given me much greater visibility across the country. There is a younger generation of laser sailors who are just starting to break through now. Some of them have reached out to me online or in person and now I spend many of my non-training days coaching younger sailors who-like me-are hooked on the sport. It's awesome because I'm reminded of my own days spending summers competing in ILYA regattas with my friends and family. My international success would not be possible without the tight knit community that raised me. I feel like coaching is a wonderful way to keep my feet on the ground while passing on the knowledge and love of this sport that my mentor and uncle Gordy passed on to me. If that's not living the dream, I don't know what is!

Looking forward, the major focus for this year will be the 2017 Laser Worlds in September that take place in the bay of Split, Croatia. Leading up to this event, I'll be collaborating with teammate Chris Barnard. He's a very good sailor from Newport, California who I've known and competed with for years. This is a really exciting opportunity to refine our skills together and team up for regattas with coach Chris Dold.

One final note: I've been having a lot more fun on social media in 2017. I'll be posting everything from how I train around the world to maintaining the Olympic diet overseas (not quite as impressive as the swim team, but honest) to real time race results and training videos. I want it to be a real snapshot into life as an Olympic contender, coach, and single dude on the road to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Should be fun! Follow me on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook for live updates.

If you wish to make a tax deductible donation to the Bowers Sailing ILYA homepage at ILYA.org or click above.

I will still continue with the updates by email. If you do not currently receive these, but would like to, then send me a quick message at erik@bowersailing.com requesting to receive the updates.

Sail fast!

Erik

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
 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



Roble Shea

Stephanie Roble and Maggie Shea have officially launched their campaign for the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympics in the 49erFX class! We have a long road ahead of us and are excited to be representing Steph's home club, Lake Beulah, as well as the Inland Lake Yachting Association as we set forth on this journey. We have so much to learn in order to be at Olympic medal status by 2020 but we have a solid plan in place, which has been endorsed by 2 time Gold Medalist Malcolm Page, US Sailing's Chief of Olympic Sailing.

2017: Focus on us - Boathandling & 49er specific techniques

2018: Focus on speed - Develop rig tuning & get up to speed with the fleet

2019: Focus on racing - Create & hone in on playbook

2020: Send it!! - Consistently perform at the top; qualify for team USA & be medal ready

This year is all about logging hours on the boat, since the 49er is so much about boat handling. We just need as much time as we can get learning the boat and learning how we move in the boat individually and as a team. Our coach, Willie McBride, is a huge asset in making this happen! Through March we are logging hours in Miami and then are moving our operation out to Long Beach, CA to get in the big breeze and waves. Our World Championship venue this year (Porto, Portugal) may deliver these conditions and, ultimately, Tokyo might as well.

We are planning 4 events in Europe this summer: Kiel Week Germany (June), 49erFX Europeans Kiel (July), 49er FX World Test Event Denmark (August) and the World Championship in Portugal (August). In addition, we may go to Tokyo in the fall to sail at the Olympic venue. Also, Maggie only eats chicken, so we are going to introduce her to some sushi too!!

We would really appreciate it if you would follow our journey to Tokyo by liking our Facebook page "Roble/Shea Sailing USA". Most of our updates will be on Facebook. Go ILYA!!

May 1 is GO date for ILYA Regatta Registration



E Invite at Pewaukee

Mark DeGuire is PRO. Tammy Sawyer and Barbie Sprinkman are regatta chairs. Not much more to make you want to attend.



MC Invite at Lake Beulah

David Porter is PRO. Candace Porter is regatta chair. Great food, casual atmosphere. Help at the crane and with parking. Come on over.

C Nationals - Okoboji

June 16-18

The registration site is up on the Okoboji YC site. [Click here for info.](#)



Housing

The Inn at Okoboji has 20 rooms blocked for this regatta. Prices range from \$158 to \$203. Room blocks will expire on May 15, 2017. The Inn is located on West Lake Okoboji on Dixon Beach at 3301 Lake Shore Dr. The number is 712-332-2113.

The Four Seasons Resort has 10 rooms blocked for this regatta. Prices range from \$150 to \$200. Room blocks will expire on May 15, 2017. The Resort is located on West Lake Okoboji in Smith's Bay at 333 Hwy 71, Arnolds Park. The number is 712-332-2103.

RESORTS on West Lake Okoboji

Village West Resort is on West Lake Okoboji on Egralharve Beach. Prices start at \$156. The resort is 20785 170th St. and the number is 712-337-3223.

West Oaks Resort is on West Lake Okoboji on Smith's Bay. Prices start at \$395. The resort is 25 Lake Shore Dr., Arnolds Park and the number is 712-332-7711.

STATE CAMPGROUND on West Lake Okoboji

Emerson Bay State Recreation is in Emerson Bay of West Lake Okoboji. It offers hook-up for \$14-\$19, electric for \$11-\$16 and shelters for \$25. It is located at 3100 Emerson St. in West Okoboji and can be contacted at 712-337-3211.

MOTELS

AmericInn - Okoboji

800/634-3444
Rates \$170-\$206

Arrowwood - Okoboji

712/332-2161
Rates \$123 - \$152

Boulders Inn - Milford

855/392-9300
Rates \$154 - \$244

Abe's Okoboji Motel - Okoboji

712/332-8040
Rates \$120 - \$170

Ramada Inn - Spirit Lake

712/336-3984

Rates \$149 - \$179

Rodeway Inn - Milford

888/430-2692

Rates \$100 - \$117

Super 8 - Spirit Lake

712-336-4901

Rates \$104 - \$109

There are many other resorts and motels available in the Iowa Great Lakes area. Vacation Okoboji is a great resource for lodging. You can reach them at 800-270-2574

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