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2019 (tentative) - PLEASE CHECK FOR ACCURACY OF DATES

February

2 - Strategic Planning session - Harken

March

10 (tentative)- Dave Dellenbaugh Racing Seminar - Beulah

May

10 - US Sailing Race Committee Certification Course - Clear Lake, IA

June

8-9 C MIR C- Beulah
15-16 C Nationals - Pewaukee
22-23 A Nationals
24 Beulah Opti Regatta
25-26 TRAP X Pine

July

1-2 Quad Lakes - Cedar
8-9 GLSS Dinghyfest X
9-10 GLSS Dinghyfest Opti
11 GLSS Dinghyfest Melges 14, Open Bic
12-14 E Invitational - Clear Lake
15-16 X Treme Oshkosh
20-21 WYA X - TBD

Awards - ILYA Celebrates its Own



MC Invitational - Gull
C Invitational - Okauchee
22 No Tears - Cedar
24-27 ILYA X Championships -
Minnetonka
28-30 ILYA Opti Champs - White
Bear

August

2-4 WYA C - LaBelle
8 - Pram Power - North Lake
9-10 X Blue Chip - Cedar
14-18 ILYA Championships -
Oshkosh
22-25 MC Nationals - Minnetonka

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ILYA Members of the Year

Rick Roy (Pewaukee - top photo), John Porter and Al Haeger (Beulah - bottom photo) were awarded the William Hunt Trophy for Member of the Year. The three were acknowledged for their work on the 2018 Fair Sailing initiative. These three were solely responsible for the presentations and written Fair Sailing articles and quizzes. The effort was an outreach to all our sailors - youth through adult - but the outreach was national and international as many other organizations joined in our educational focus on rules understanding. - See more on the Fair Sailing initiative for 2019 below.

Pillsbury Sailor of the Year



Peter Strothman - (Minnetonka) was awarded for his consistent performance at the ILYA Champs MC Fleet at Upper Minnetonka. Peter is the third recipient in the Strothman Family to receive this most prestigious award. Peter's father Jack won in the D class



1962; his brother David won in the C fleet in 1999. In Peter's acceptance speech, he acknowledged his family's past but he enthusiastically spoke of the future of sailing. If there were a model for encouraging youth sailing, Peter Strothman and his cohorts on Geneva exemplify the best by example. With three children under 10, Strothman rarely races without one or more children on the boat. The joy of sharing and teaching his children exemplifies his dedication to the sport and its continuation. Congratulations to a leader on the water in more ways than one. This selfless dedication to giving back resulted in a true champion named as the ILYA's Best Sailor of the Year.

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ILYA Club of the Year



Pewaukee Yacht Club

Joe Barker, holding trophy in front row, accepted the ILYA Club of the Year award for hosting the X and Opti Championships. Over 250 boats and over 500 people a day for 6 days was efficiently and graciously hosted by this generous club. With a hospitality unparalleled, PYC turned out en masse to accept the award. Kudos to Pewaukee Yacht Club.

ILYA Hall of Fame Inductees





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Andy Burdick and Harry Melges III

The Bilge Pullers introduced their newest inductees at the Minnetonka ILYA Championships in August and they were recognized again during the ILYA Awards. The following words were submitted by Geneva's John Porter in preparation for this second ceremony:



Andy Burdick and Harry Melges are two of my best friends. The most fun I have had in my life racing sailboats has been with them.

We are all aware of the Inland Championships they have won. Besides those ILYA awards, they have won all kinds of Nationals and World Championships in Scows and other classes. This all started at a young age for them. Andy won every race in the X-Inlands at the age of 14. He still won't let me forget it. He also won his first Pillsbury Cup that year. Harry was just a few years out of the X boat and won five E-Inlands and five E-Nationals in a row. WOW! So these victories started at an early age and continued on.

Why are they so good and why do they win so much? Many of us know how to race a sailboat, make it go faster with an inch of trim here or there on a sheet, getting a good start etc. I had the good fortune of racing with Andy and Harry in the 90's and 2000's and experienced firsthand how good they are and why. Their unique quality is an ability to see the race course and to see their competition in a different way than the rest of us. I've always been amazed to hear them quickly analyze how another boat is gaining or losing in the heat of battle. Whether the boat was two boat lengths away headed in another direction or a mile away. This is a gift they both have. I believe this is why they are not only the two best sailors in the ILYA but also two of the best sailors in the world.

Lastly, their sportsmanship is unparalleled. A quality I saw firsthand that showed how to recognize when you are wrong and how to stick up for yourself.

I'd also like to point out that whenever we had finished one of these events in Europe or somewhere other than an inland lake all of us would say "there is not a better boat than a Scow and nothing better than sailing in the Inland."

Board of Directors Quick Notes

Regatta sites awarded

2020 Opti Championships - Beulah
 2020 E Invitational - White Bear
 2021 E Invitational - Mendota - if park
 permission can be obtained



Coye Harrett, chair of Regatta Coordinating Committee, was recognized for his efforts as the ILYA adopts a new format for awarding regattas.

Strategic Planning

Vice Winter/Spring Board meeting in March. To prepare for her two-year term, the Board met with Walter Jankowski who took the Board through a two-hour preliminary exercise to plan our overall operation, mission and vision. The Board will meet again February 2 after both the Board and the ILYA membership complete a prepared survey. Surely, there is work to achieve as this organization reviews its ability to respond to our younger audience, maintain our traditions, develop efficiencies and identify our brand.

Class changes

- 1 - X boats will now be allowed to carry VHF radios to receive RC communication.
- 2 - Fleets that require more than one race to constitute a regatta are encouraged to consider changing to one race constitutes a regatta.
- 3 - There is the possibility of utilizing a new mast extruder from England. Further discussion will ensue.
- 4 - SI's and NoR's will be drafted by a Document Director who will serve on the Fleet Council. The SI's and NoR's will not be included in Scowslants but will be available on RegattaToolbox. All mention of these documents will be linked to that single source.
- 5 - All C and X sails must use same color on both sides of a sail for the lake designator and sail number.
- 6 - The X fleet will further discuss the awarding of the top girl award at the X Championships
- 7 - Non-ILYA lakes who have sailors competing in the third year of ILYA events will be approached to initiate the process of joining the ILYA on the club level.

Race Committee - topics covered in Sat. meetings

- The length of lines will be longer next season. (The C fleet, in particular, has been aggressive at the start. That fleet

suggests longer lines, more aggressive use of penalties at the start and a delay in announcing OCS boats (not a delay in the individual recall flag) to allow fuller inclusion in the those boats that are OCS. Videotaping of the start may be practiced to determine more accurate calling of OCS boats.) It was recommended the starting formula for fleets be a minimum of 1.5 x number of boats x length of boat.

- Use of midline boats will be utilized more
- Local RC training is most important. This topic was discussed in the Foundation Committee meeting and also throughout the weekend. Issue was forwarded to the new RC Chair, Mark Tesar.
- Chip Mann was recognized for over 10 years of service to the ILYA. Chip continues to serve for several National Classes, local club regattas, ILYA events and US Sailing and USODA Championships. Chip is credited for the development of the four-boat system and establishing a consistency or standard of practice recognized throughout the midwest and in his travels elsewhere.
- Fair Sailing committee spoke of establishing and teaching a "fair course" at the local level as part of the 2019 Fair Sailing conversation.

ILYA Championships - Oshkosh

The first tentative schedule was issued from Oshkosh:

Wed - August 14 A Scow sailing commences

Thu - E/C/MC fleet racing commences; A's also sail

Fri - all four fleets sailing with party at Waters.

Sat - all four fleets sailing with big party at Waters

Sun - only those fleets who have not completed the regatta

Of note, Miller's Bay will be closed to the public which allows sole use by the ILYA. Motor and sailboats will have access to all parking and all launches.

The Oshkosh Best Western is booked in its entirety to the ILYA but early reservations are a MUST!

Fair Sailing Initiative

The committee met on Saturday to review the first year. It was unanimous to continue in year two with more presentations.

- In addition, John Porter and Al Haeger were asked to develop a next-step or more advanced set of scenarios with a more advanced set of questions for a quiz.
- There was consensus that local RC needed more instruction which could fall under the aegis of Fair Sailing or RC Committee. A mentoring or on-the-water opportunity is much needed.
- Incentive programs to achieve higher numbers of

completion of quiz is desired whether Fair Sailing 101 or the to-be-developed Fair Sailing 201

Race Committee Courses

For those desiring US Sailing RC certification, **May 10th Clear Lake, IA** will be the only opportunity in the ILYA region. The date of the course is confirmed but not yet posted (as of Sunday night) on the US Sailing site. John Strassman is the presenter. He is an expert on RC management but an entertaining, easy-going instructor.

Tentative courses:

US Sailing Certification for Judges - tentative request for a north and south course has been made. The northern course will be tentatively during the ILYA Winter Board meeting; the southern at Harken in April. US Sailing's Bruce Martinson will instruct

Dave Dellenbaugh is tentatively scheduled in combination with a Chicago course in early March. Lake Beulah will host the Sunday course. This will be Speed and Smarts 2 building on the 2018 course.

RC 201 - again by John Strassman is a more hands-on RC course. This is practical rather than textbook. Geneva will host either April 27th or May 18th. More details as the date is finalized.

Melges-Rowe Take Third in Youth Red Bull Event



Designed to find the best youth sailors aged 16-20, 16 teams competed in the US qualifier for the Red Bull Foiling Generation held November 2-4 in Miami, FL. Sailing the two-person Flying Phantom, Ian MacDiarmid and Nicolas Muller survived the four-

boat heat format to triumph in the winner-take-all final - text from Scuttlebutt, 11-3-18.

US Sailing Offers Three Sessions in Chicago - November 16th -18th

You're invited to join US Sailing in Chicago, IL the weekend of November 16 for the Midwest Regional Symposium on Friday followed by a Reach Educator course and a Level 3 Head Instructor/Program Director course. Thank you to Columbia Sailing School and Yacht Club for hosting

- Friday, November 16: Regional Symposia are an opportunity to come together and share ideas while tackling the challenges facing the sailing community. The event is sponsored by our partners at Gowrie Group and will be moderated by a US Sailing representative. Topics covered include on-water safety, off-water engagement, fleet/facility maintenance, and much more. There is time throughout the day for small group discussions and networking. [Tickets](#) are \$10 for US Sailing members (\$25 for non-members) and include coffee and lunch.
- Saturday, November 17: Reach Educator is a one-day eight hour professional development/training opportunity for teachers and sailing instructors to learn how to implement US Sailing's STEM program and curriculum called Reach. The Reach modules are a great teaching resource for classrooms, sailing centers, yacht clubs, summer camps, or after school programs.
- Saturday, November 17 and Sunday, November 18: Level 3 Head Instructor/Program Director is designed for those who are making the transition to a leadership or management role in their sailing programs. This two-day course contains information on how to manage more effectively, problem solve, conduct risk management, and create a quality environment for students and staff. It is available both for certification and audit (a previous certification is not necessary).

We hope to see you in Chicago!

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