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Winter Inland - NOvember 5th - Save the Date

From Dave Berg

I can't believe that the summer has flown by and I am reaching out to you regarding our Fall Board Meeting already! As the attendees of the ILYA Champs and all of our faithful Scowlines readers know, Bill Allen and Donald James Williquette have been nominated to enter the ILYA Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony has been scheduled for the evening of Saturday November 5th at Harken in Pewaukee.



The Executive Committee thought it would be appropriate and convenient to schedule our fall Board meeting the following day, November 6th from 9 AM to 2 PM, also to be held at Harken. All ILYA members are welcome at the Board Meeting.

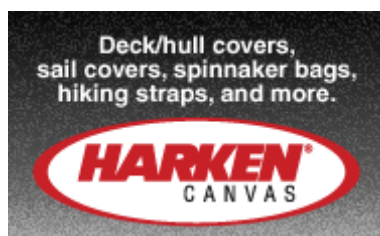
Furthermore, since we have been so generously afforded the use of the Harken facilities we have resolved to have a Mini-Winter Inland there as well, immediately preceding the Induction Ceremony.

With the release of the new US Sailing Rulebook, we thought it would be appropriate to schedule sessions in the early afternoon for rules updates. I have also had the opportunity to

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touch base with Melges to see if they would like to conduct a rigging seminar and Harken said they would be happy to do the same for controls. Fleet Committees or Class Committees, if you would like to hold fleet meetings there in the AM, the meeting space is available.

The ILYA annual awards will immediately precede the Hall of Fame induction ceremony and both will be accompanied by heavy hors d'oeuvres and an open bar featuring a keg of beer (brought to you by your Commodore Steve Schmidt) and other ILYA mainstays (Mt. Gay and Tito's). The entire day will be covered by a nominal fee and registration will be live on Regatta Network in the coming days.

Sunday will feature continental breakfast, box lunches and beverages to keep your energy up throughout the meeting.

Watch for more details as the date approaches.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

All the best,

Dave

Lake Harriet Die Hard



Tesar takes MC Title

It was very very close, down to the 8th and final race, with Tesar, Ryan Grosch (Lake Harriet), and Stu Oltrogge (Clear Lake) ending up 2 points apart. Take a look at the scores [here](#). Given a 32-boat fleet on a small shifty lake, Mark, Ryan and Stu were all impressively consistent. Dan Guidinger (White Bear Lake), returning to the MC fleet after a 15-year

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September

October

8-9 Polar Bear - Davenport, IA
8-9 C Worlds - Delavan
Oktoberfest - Nagawicka

November

5-6 ILYA Winter Inland and
Board Meeting - Harken, Inc,
Pewaukee

2017

April

21-23 Black Tie - It's Back -
Rush Creek, Tx

June

TBD WI MC Champs -
Nagawicka

July

20-23 MC Masters Nationals -
Cedar, WI

hiatus, had an excellent series as well, coming in a solid 4th. The next 4 places (5th through 8th) had a 4-point spread between them, with Henry Chesnutt (Lake Harriet) leading that group. There was tight competition at all levels in this fleet.

There was also a great party - Lake Harriet neighborhood style - at Wendy and Chuck Ott's house, where we filled the backyard, garage, and driveway with stories of all of the near misses, beautiful starts, and cosy buoy roundings that this regatta served up. Wendy deserves huge credit for being the lead co-chair, hosting the party, prepping the committee boat, and, and, and... Lake Harriet is so lucky to have a volunteer as committed and kind as Wendy Ott!

Back to sailing - I've seen Mark Tesar come to our lake for every regatta we've hosted since he started in the MC 15 years ago. His home lake (Clear Lake, Iowa) is a place of consistent, steady, and strong wind. Ours is near opposite. This weekend we had what I call "bucking bronco conditions," where the puffs bring 20 mph whitecaps, last for a minute, and leave you in a 10 mph lull. I asked Mark what it took for him to be so consistent, and he summed it up beautifully:

Sailing on Lake Harriet can be a challenge with the variable conditions you can find during the race, but that is also part of the charm of Lake Harriet and why I love sailing there. The things I tried to focus on are things that everyone always tries to focus on; getting a good start in clean air, sailing on the favored (lifted) tack, and trying to sail towards to the dark water (puffs). However, when I did not get a good start, I tried to stay calm and get to a side of the course where I could get clear air. This did not always mean sailing a long tack into the corner of the lake, but just a short tack to get free of the other boats. Once in clear air, this allowed me to really focus on sailing the boat fast and sail the favored tack.

During this weekend, the puffs were hitting really hard, so you really had to be looking up the lake and ready for them when they hit. I sail singlehanded, so this meant getting the vang on before they hit and then getting the sheet ready to ease with the puff. I really try not to jam the boat into the wind on the big puffs, but let the sail out, hike harder, trim the sail, and then head the boat up if I can while maintaining my speed and angle of heel. The other thing that was a challenge this weekend was the wind seemed to flutter back and forth when the puffs hit, so identifying the direction was very difficult. That is another good reason to not jam the boat up, but let the sail out and

accelerate the boat when the puff hits and then worry about pointing after the boat is moving. Going downwind was more of the same, watch the puffs and get in front of them and sail the closest heading to the leeward mark. On the first race, I gybed for the wrong reason around the offset and missed a huge puff that really hurt me. That was a mistake I tried to not make again the rest of the regatta.

It was a really fun regatta with several good sailors and great sailing conditions. With the short races, you had to be on your toes the whole time and with the dramatic shifts, if you were not paying attention, several boats could sail around you at any moment. Also, part of the charm of Lake Harriet and why I'll go back.

Congratulations to Mark Tesar, and consider a trip to Minneapolis next fall!

Lake Harriet Diehard PRO,

Bill Colburn
Mango 2644

Two MC's for Auction

Hartland, Wisconsin

This year the University Lake School Barn Sale has 2 very nice & competitive MC's up for Auction....a 1994 on a trailer and a 1992 (without trailer).

Both are very clean & in excellent shape. They would be great boats for x boaters looking to move up into the fleet!

Auction is next Saturday, Oct 8th. For more info, contact [Leslie Barkow](#).

Polar Bear Regatta moved out one week

Please check date

Due to current secondary to the flooding in IA, the Polar Bear has been re-scheduled for one week later.

Beulah Challenge



Jay and Tommy Hiller Win Challenge

Trading his regular crew, Robert Klement, for son Tommy, Beulah's Jay Hiller took the Nancy Neal Norris Beulah Challenge. The event began as encouragement for our youth. They still attend for free thanks to the generosity of the Beulah home fleet. Thirty-three boats attended with seven free youth enjoying the event. Beulah proved to be Beulah with many folks saying, "this is not big lake sailing; you cannot sacrifice catching the next shift for an open lane." Thanks to David and Shannon Ginsberg for traveling from Calhoun. Twelve off-lake boats made the Fall drive.

[Scores here.](#)

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