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## Summer's overview - from the editor

As we all do after the homelake season and major regattas wind down, we begin to clean out from a hectic summer season. Imagine what we would do if we lived on the coast where sailing is year-round! We midwesterners would have to learn to be organized all year round. As I am cleaning out the study, where Scowlines and Scowslants are created, I ran across a US Sailing publication which I kept due to several quotes which described several important aspects of our sport.

This summer brought some new challenges for a few clubs and a few classes. Clubs are facing changes in structure, classes are contemplating future regattas and promotional ideas. While in some ways, these challenges have occurred in the past, it is always an opportunity for all of us to reconnoiter, to reconsider, to re-convene and recall what it is that makes Midwestern and all sailing so unique. There is nothing so clarifying than struggling through a dilemma with a principle.

The US Sailing publication was an interview with Jack Gierhart, Executive Director of US Sailing. His first pull-out quote is **"Sailing is an adventure that grows and evolves over a lifetime"**. No matter what our individual club or class concerns, sailing DOES last a lifetime for most of us. Our children and grandchildren enjoy today what we build each day, what we protect today. So handle the problems of today in a manner that builds or improves our sport for a



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lifetime. Think big picture and allow the petty or smaller concerns to melt away from this season. We (you) are working for an experience which transcends today and develops tomorrow.

**"Instructors are the cornerstone of the sport. They lay a foundation of skills, but also keep it fun and inspire kids to stay engaged. They are incredible mentors. Every world-class sailor can name the instructor or coach who has been a big part of their (sic) success."** Do we have a full appreciation of just who our instructors are and what they bring to the table? In my opinion, there is no one who has a greater impact on your child than the instructor you hire. I am so fortunate to have assistance on the Green Fleet Opti course from these fine individuals. Their energy is contagious, their insight wise beyond their years, their love of the sport unparalleled. They come at this wide-eyed with potential. They see the future far better than most of us. They are creative in approach; yet steadfast in their ideals. No one invests more in a summer than the instructors and coaches we hire. Choose wisely and reward them generously. They are your club leaders in a very near future. --- They will not do it your way; trust they will do it more efficiently and with more energy than we oldsters now possess. They are our strongest asset. We are guaranteed a bright future from my vantage point. ---- As an aside, we are where we are today because some 27 years ago a young Augie Barkow, Kevin Jewett and others came to Youth Development and begged us to listen to them at a GLSS Monday night dinner. High school sailing, college sailing, Rolex yachtspersons of the year are a result of that conversation. They pushed us to react and change. This year, it was with open eyes I listened at Clear Lake to a parents meeting and an instructors meeting. They are nearly 180 degrees different in views --- my inclination is to sit back and listen and be the implementor of the young, fresh ideas. These youth are not in a position to implement. They have school and careers to develop. Give them encouragement and a strong assistive hand. But let's listen to our youth. They understand and appreciate what we have built over our 115 year history. They cherish our strong family of scows. There is nothing they cherish more than our regattas and our homelake traditions. Let them lead us!!

Lastly, the US Sailing brochure features a personal narrative of a mom's perspective on a local sailing program. Describing the instructor, she claims, **"He always looks at the bigger picture and introduces us to opportunities for the future. . . . he has confidence in the kids, so they have confidence in themselves."** When speaking of her child, she notes, **"he just stands taller."** Lastly the sailor states, **"I can't wait to get back out there. They're my family."** This summer has reinforced the



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## September

10-11 Maxinkuckee Fall  
Big Waters C- South Shore  
George Dorn MC - Beulah  
10-11 USODA Midwest Champs  
- Pewaukee  
17-18 C Blue Chip - Okauchee  
North Lake MC Fall  
Lake Fenton C Scow Event  
22-25 E Blue Chip - Pewaukee

"stand taller" mentality. From our women's clinics where those exact words were spoken, "these women stand taller today" to the confidence in my little Green Fleet in Clear Lake, IA, who weathered a sudden change in weather in a couple 30 MPH gusts and safely made it back home to the club upwind with a cadre of dedicated and trained instructors shepherding the fleet to safe return, the "family" of scows and the family of friends who comprise this organization -- it's all a privilege we enjoy here in the Inland Lake Yachting Association. We all stand tall together as we serve this organization. Our struggles are like all of life but what distinguishes us is our common mission to enjoy this sport in our manner of development. Embrace your young adults and their ideals, for in the end they are going to say they want to be just like us (you) - enjoying the sport you developed in your own way, recognizing the effort you took to achieve our present health in the scow classes and appreciating all you have provided for others to enjoy our way of sailing. We are a generous lot - with our resources, financial and personal. Our attitude goes a long way in our business and personal relationships. Don't take this too lightly. Our youth to adult sailing path impacts most of our life. But also, don't let the minor struggles of one season color your overall approach. We are the strongest collective organization imaginable centered around over a century of dedicated volunteers. We are simply --- family! Enjoy your winter, work hard to develop next season's schedule and program and come back to our ILYA family ready to sail. Thanks for a great ILYA season!

## Sail it Forward Evening



**David Perrigo - UBS sponsor\_ introduced this year's theme of Sail it Forward**

accomplishment.

## SAIL IT FORWARD 2016 ILYA Championship

Good evening, everyone! Welcome to the 2016 ILYA Inland Championship and welcome back to the still brand new Buddy Melges Sailing Center! This facility will stand as a legacy in honor of the single greatest sailor to ever come out of the Inland Lake Yachting Association. Congratulations once again to the Lake Geneva Yacht Club and to Buddy on this remarkable

24-25 Lotawana C  
Beulah C Challenge

## October

1-2 Polar Bear - Davenport, IA  
8-9 C Worlds - Delavan  
Oktoberfest - Nagawicka

## 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

My name is David Perrigo. I am a Life member of the ILYA and I've had the great pleasure and privilege of supporting the Inland for many years now. I'm particularly pleased to be one of your Platinum Sponsors for the 2016 ILYA Championship. And I look forward to continuing to support the ILYA with a Platinum level of sponsorship for each of the three years our Championship will be hosted here. And, UBS and I are once again incredibly honored to host tonight's reception.

Almost 30 years ago, I had the privilege of being elected Commodore for Pewaukee Yacht Club. I was nicknamed the Boy Commodore for being the youngest Commodore in our Clubs (now) 120 year history. While Commodore, I donated the Spirit of the PYC Award. This trophy is still being awarded today, and it is meant to recognize those members of our Club who best represent the spirit of unselfish giving and volunteer service. We have about 30 names on that trophy so far - and every year the Executive Committee of the PYC Board of Directors has the difficult task of choosing the winner or winners for this year.

Does anyone remember last year's Hero's and Legends Reception? We had 600 people - 600 people! - honoring 25 of the biggest and brightest stars of the Inland. Extraordinary people who have competed at the highest levels of our sport. Who have won Olympic medals and international championships. Who are Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswomen of the Year. Iconic names like Melges, Porter, Burdick, Bentsen, Harken, Allen, Bowers, Freytag, Hodgson and Pegel. Names like Barkow, Roble, Haeger, Huse, Robbins, Schmidt, Schneider, Driscoll, Ruf and Lindeman.

It was an incredible night, and tonight's honorees have made no less of a contribution to our Association. Their work is just as important to our success, to our longevity and to our international reputation as the incredible legacy left behind by the Hero's and Legends I just named.

Tonight, we honor the volunteers who make the ILYA and our member clubs so unique throughout the world of sailing. Helen Keller once said, "The World is moved along not only by the mighty shoves of its Heroes and Legends, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each individual worker." Right?

Our theme this year is Sail It Forward. You've all heard the expression "Pay It Forward." Paying it forward happens when you do a good deed for someone in response to a good deed done for you. When you pay it forward, however, you don't repay the person who did something nice for you. Instead, you do something nice for someone else. The idea is to do a good deed for someone else and keep the



cycle going.

This is not a new concept. The phrase "Pay It Forward" was reportedly coined by Lily Hardy Hammond in her book *In the Garden of Delight* which was published exactly 100 years ago in 1916. We apply the concept each and every day within the ILYA. A volunteer is asked to run registration for the C Scow Nationals and a C Scow sailor then runs the launch crane for the E Scow Nationals. And so on. It's almost as if it happens automatically, but the concept and its practice is critical to the strength of our organization.

The Sail It Forward theme for 2016 was the brainchild of Sarah Lamphere. The Sail It Forward name came from our own Jim Smith. David Berg, our new Executive Director, then sent a letter to each yacht club requesting them to nominate a member who exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism at their club. Then, each nominee was asked to do a two-minute video explaining what their history of service has meant to them, their family and their Club. Those video clips were then edited and compiled by Dave Berg and the finished product is on display right here at the LGYC. The video has run on a continuous loop this entire week. If you want to see the video up close, please take a few minutes to sneak a peek and see if you can find the volunteer who has been honored from your lake.

Volunteers are the backbone of the 50 yacht clubs who make up our Association. They give their time and labor and expect very little in return. Tonight, we will recognize 25 nominees from 24 different clubs. This is important to do, because recognizing our volunteers for their efforts is a critical part of retaining and recruiting our future volunteers.

It's been said that God and angels don't get paid even though theirs is some of the most important work around. Volunteers don't get paid either. Not because they're worthless, but because they are priceless. And, as G.B. Stern said, "Silent gratitude isn't much use to anyone."

So tonight we honor the sometimes nameless, sometimes faceless people who work behind the scenes to put on both large and small regattas, who cook the lunches and dinners and organize the parties. We honor the people who handle our race management, registration, launching, scoring, social media, housing, taxi boats, merchandise, raffles, entertainment, sponsorship, and spectator boats. We honor the sometimes under-appreciated volunteers who step up to the plate time and time again, year after year.

So, the time has come to recognize our 2016 ILYA Sail It Forward nominees. I will go in the alphabetical order of our lakes - not the

nominee's last name. So for those of you who might be into your third vodka on the rocks, Beaver Lake is first, then Browns Lake, and so forth until we get to White Bear.

There are 25 nominees. When I call your lake, a representative from your lake will jump up and enthusiastically place your name in nomination. You are then asked to stand up, acknowledge all of your screaming fans, and step forward to join me on the stage. The nominees do not have a speaking part - so this will go quickly. Remember, each nominee has a vignette on the Sail It Forward video so you can hear what their service has meant to them, in their own words, by watching the video loop.

You will recognize some of the names, but many names will not be familiar to you. And that's the beauty and spirit of what we're doing tonight. We are celebrating the behind-the-scenes volunteers who make our sailing programs and our sailing schools successful.

So, here we go: Will the representative from Beaver Lake please place your honoree in nomination for the 2016 ILYA Sail It Forward volunteer recognition: (or) It is my distinct honor and privilege to place our first honoree in nomination for the 2016 ILYA Sail It Forward volunteer recognition:

#### NOMINEES

Beaver Lake	Scot Banholzer
Browns Lake	Leo Gale
Calhoun	Steve Woldum
Cedar Lake, WI	Chip Mann
Cedar Lake, IN	Craig Parker
Clear Lake	Margaret Osmundson
Delavan Lake	Brian Buzzell
Lac La Belle	Lou Morgan
Lake Beulah	Frank Rappold
Lake Geneva	Jane Pegel
Lake Harriet	Joe Friction
Lake Monona	Ron Hull
Long Lake	Bill Madden
Minnetonka	Peter Wattson
Nagawicka Lake	Sharon Kraklow
Okauchee Lake	Tim Kay
Okoboji	Brigid Wilkening

Oshkosh	David Sitter
Pewaukee	Joby Boland for PYC
Pine Lake	Leslie Barkow
Pistakee	Cheryl & Joe Twomey
Upper Minnetonka	Noel Neuman
Wawasee	Bill Allen
White Bear	Ed and Emily Cox

Ladies and gentlemen, your 2016 ILYA Sail It Forward Honorees!

As the great Maya Angelou once said, "I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back." Within the ILYA and at each and every member Club, volunteering is not a choice, it's a responsibility. Always remember, when you teach your children to volunteer, you teach your children's children to volunteer.

The debt that each generation owes to the past, it must pay to the future. Parents, please make sure your younger children who are racing X boats and 420's know who tonight's honorees are. Point them out to your kids and ask your kids to go up to as many of them as possible and introduce themselves. We are one big family. We learn from our past. Take advantage of your access to these 25 remarkable people. Today's young people should hold them up as role models and aspire to the same legacies and leadership roles taken on by tonight's Sail It Forward award winners.

George Bernard Shaw once said "I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live. Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for a moment and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations."

The officers, directors and leadership of the ILYA and each of the 50 clubs that make up our century-old Association salute all of you. Thank you so much for your service, and thank you all for coming!

**And here's to:**

**Sail  
it**



**Forward Nominee Steve Woldum with wife Kathy Drozd Calhoun YC** - Steve is the primary cheerleader of perhaps the largest sailing school in the ILYA. Located in a large metropolitan area, he was a man ahead of his time introducing 420s to the northern clubs as a community sail program. He was an avid C sailor and was in a leadership role WAY back at the founding of the National C class.



**Chip Mann Cedar Lake, WI**- Locally Chip is credited with the oversight and much of the construction design and detail for Cedar's \$400K addition which



has provided a spectacular entrance and expanded upstairs to an already-welcoming club. In less than a winter season, he transformed the CLYC older building to a showcase with a marvelous doubling of the launching capacity. It is an impressive site. In addition, Chip serves as PRO or RC in as many regattas as one person can fit into a Midwest sailing season. He coordinated the sailing on-water schedule at the recent ILYA Championships at Geneva.



### **Ron Hull with girlfriend, Maureen**

**Monona YC** - Ron was the chair of this year's C Nationals on Monona. Regatta hosting is not common on this beautiful lake. While they boast a healthy C fleet, travel is not the usual custom. Ron, along with Cedar Lake YC, handled a huge fleet, horrendous weather and storm with damage, use of a public park and volunteers from both Mendota and Monona. It was a fine show, so well organized but, truly, one of the most cordial, generous clubs. Ron and his homelake of Monona will be long-remembered.

More of our honored volunteers each week.

## **MC Nationals**

### **Crystal Lake, MI hosts 100 boats**



### Interview with winner Frank Reeg



I was introduced to sailing around 8 or 9 years old by my sailor parents and started sailing lessons on Optis in the summer. From there my parents bought my first Butterfly and we joined the Spring Lake Yacht Club to race on the weekends. I continued to race Butterflies until I was 16 and then switched to the MC. So once high school started I joined the sailing team and raced 420s and Lasers around the midwest. Now I'm 19 years old and I'm sailing for the Massachusetts Maritime Academy against schools in NEISA. I am currently studying Marine Transportation and will be getting a US Coast Guard license to become a third mate in the maritime industry.

In the practice before the first start I was mostly focusing on my sail trim and boat speed. I was not overly concerned with the oscillating breeze because I knew I could just play the shifts and see what happens on the first leg. My

biggest concern was the start. If there is one thing I learned from college sailing it is the start is everything. If you start in the second or third row it is very hard to find a lane with clear air and get back to the top of the fleet.

This race committee did an awesome job with the line because it was almost perfectly square every time. This made picking a spot on the line a little easier. Do I start above the midline boat or below it? My goal to a start is to be on the line going as fast as I can as the gun goes off. I try not being the first one setting up on the line but sailing in and finding a hole or making a hole that I can head off and start with as much speed as possible. I have to say that I survived most of the starts except for one of the general recalls and the 7th race. Climbing back in a fleet like this is pretty challenging, borderline stressful because in the last race I saw Cam rounding the first mark in second while I rounded in 20th. I try to not let my emotions take control of me and had to look for every little thing that I could do to go faster or catch up. I've had experience winning larger regattas before so I had some confidence that I would do well in this one.

Other than my summer sailing instructors, my first real coach was Joe Rotunda for senior year of high school sailing. I grew up racing against some great sailors at SLYC who gave me tips along the way. My Grandpa John Madison watches me sail almost every weekend and reviews what I did right and wrong. My new coaches are David Halberstadt and David Fallon at Massachusetts Maritime Academy. It does not matter what kind of boat I sail. The more boats that I can sail fast the better sailor I can become. I think that for me racing scows early in life and getting the chance to race in high school and college, plus sailing a wide variety of classes shaped me into the sailor I am today. What prepares me for racing is staying active and being passionate about the sport and sailing every chance I get.

No matter where I sail my MC, people in this class are for the competition but to also like to have a good time. I like the sportsmanship and enthusiasm that happens on and off the race course. I like that we can use crew when we need to. My friend Jonathan Prins crewed during race 6. Although college sailing is very competitive, I have the most fun sailing scows in the summer with friends and family. My future plans include more racing in college and a career working on the water.

#### [Results here](#)

1	1822 Frank Reeg	SLYC/MI Spring Lake YC- MI
2	2102 Cam McNeil	WLYC/MI White Lake YC- MI
3	2392 Scott Harestad	SLYC/MI Spring Lake YC- MI
4	2598 Ted Keller	TLYC/MI Torch Lake YC- MI
5	1888 Brian McMurray	WLYC/MI White Lake YC- MI
6	2667 Eddie Cox	WBYC/MN White Bear YC- MN
7	1897 Tony Pugh	CYC/MI Crystall Lake YC- MI
8	2585 Michael Considine	Not member of an MC Fleet
9	2653 Daniel Guidinger	WBYC/MN White Bear YC- MN
10	2072 Scott Slocum	RCYC/TX Rush Creek YC- TX
11	2169 Ryan Grosch	LHYC/MN Lake Harriet YC- MN
12	2001 Andy McDonald	ISC/IN Indianapolis Sailing Club

13 2131 John McNeil	WLYC/MI White Lake YC- MI
14 2040 Henry Chesnutt	LHYC/MN Lake Harriet YC- MN
15 2149 Peter Dobbeck	CLYS/WI Cedar Lake YC- WI
16 2661 Vincent Driessen	GLYC/MN Gull Lake YC
17 2606 Stuart Oltrogge	CLYC/IA Clear Lake YC- IA
18 2437 Matt Fisher	HSC/OH Hoover SC- OH
19 2367 Jon Pomerleau	CYC/MI Crystall Lake YC- MI
20 1861 Tommy Harken	CYC/SC Carolina YC- SC
21 1955 Rick Morris Jr	CYC/MI Crystall Lake YC- MI
22 2656 Eric Hood	LESC/FL Lake Eustis SC- FL
23 1365 Steven Callison	HSC/OH Hoover SC- OH
24 2485 Rob Terry	CYC/MI Crystall Lake YC- MI
25 2478 Joseph Rotonda	SLYC/MI Spring Lake YC- MI

## New Rulebook - 2017-2020

### Watch for US Sailing announcement

In the Fall, US Sailing will announce a new membership initiative which will include varying versions of the new set of Racing Rules of Sailing. Digital, paper, waterproof paper, explanatory articles - all will be announced soon. This is also a time when RC reviews the changes and the impact on our procedures. We know the U flag will be included which is another starting flag. We all have some learning to complete. Plan now in your budgets to include some updates to be made available to your sailors. More as it is released from US Sailing.



And DEFINITELY join US Sailing this year to receive your 2017-2020 Rulebook.

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## Weekend

Still time to register. There are 69 sailors currently registered; 13 are Green. The Green Fleet will look a little different with no scoring for the event. Instruction/coaching will be provided. The RWB fleet will use this event as a Team Trials Qualifier (Brant Beach, NJ May 11-14, 2017). Want to take the next step in Opti sailing, here is a great opportunity. Pewaukee always hosts a spectacular event - food, lodging, logistics and race committee work. Come and join us. If your sailor is not ready to put away the boat, join us for a beautiful weekend of Optimist sailing.

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## E Blue Chip Announces Mystery Guest

### Anna Tunnicliffe

The Pewaukee Yacht Club will host its 51st Blue Chip September 22nd through the 25th . On the heels of the spectacular event held last year celebrating the 50th E Blue Chip, Pewaukee will continue with its traditional format of spirited racing coupled with the Pewaukee's famous hospitality. They are expecting a great turnout this year so if you are invited and not yet responded...act now and RSVP to reserve your spot at this special event. The racing action will be intense and the evening social events will be Pewaukee at its Best. Last but not least, we are excited to announce this year's

Mystery Guest, Anna Tunnicliffe who is the most recent Olympic Gold Medal winner for the United States. Does she have the right stuff to dominate against the country's top E Scow sailors? We will know soon...stay tuned! Who is the Last U.S. Sailor to Win an Olympic Gold Medal? \*\*\* Anna Tunnicliffe \*\*\* Your 2016 E Blue Chip Mystery Guest Anna Tunnicliffe is an American sailor and CrossFit competitor. In 2008, she won an Olympic Gold Medal in the Laser Radial single-



handed sailing class. In 2009 and 2011, she won the ISAF Sailing World Cup in the Laser Radial. She was named ICSA Women's College Sailor of the Year in 2005, ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year in 2009 and 2011, and US Sailing's Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year every year from 2008-2011. Tunncliffe also competes at the highest level in CrossFit, appearing at the CrossFit Games in 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016. Her best finish was 9th overall, in 2013. She has three first-place event finishes at the Games: "The Beach" in 2014, "Sandbag 2015" in 2015, and "Rope Chipper" in 2016. Anna Tunncliffe was born in Doncaster, England. Her parents owned a yacht when she was a child and introduced her to sailing. Anna moved to Perrysburg, Ohio, in the United States, with her family at the age of 12. She attended Perrysburg High School and joined the North Cape Yacht Club, racing Optimists and other small boats for the next five years. In 1999 she began sailing the Laser Radial. Her first event in this boat was at the Leiter Cup in Detroit, Michigan. Despite her small build she advanced to the Smythe Finals for her area, where she was the only woman sailing. She participated in cross country, swimming, and track at the varsity level. In her senior year she won the district track championships in the 800 meters, setting a new high school record of 2 minutes 17.56 seconds. After choosing sailing over track, she decided to go to the Old Dominion University to study and sail. In January 2014, Tunncliffe announced her retirement from Olympic Sailing after 12 years of competition. She continues to pursue her professional CrossFit career

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