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MELGES



Julie's Blog From Rio ---- Medal Race Today

The din on the beach has started to die down. Venues are being broken down, vendors are not so prominent and thankfully my whistle blowing friends seem non-existent. It's sad in a way. Our rugby players upstairs, discovered to be three young boys ages 7, 5, and 3, are still going at it albeit not as enthusiastically and not as late into the evening.

The last few days my sense of humor has failed me. Nothing I'm proud of. Sailing mornings are a bit more relaxed - up and out by 10:30ish. Sugarloaf is a shorter drive, Niteroi our longest. Today was Niteroi - or so we thought. Fourteen of us pile into the van, everyone in a jovial mood. Will and Andrew lead us in song (rather risqué is how they started out but that was quickly squashed by the self proclaimed 'fun sponge').



The trip is the quickest one yet - we arrive with an hour and a half to spare to 'Sketchy Beach'. Greg, Dede and I decided to walk the beach. We wanted to feel the water - it was chilly but refreshing on such a warm day.



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August

17-21 ILYA Champs - Geneva

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
 24-25 Lotawana C
 Beulah C Challenge

October

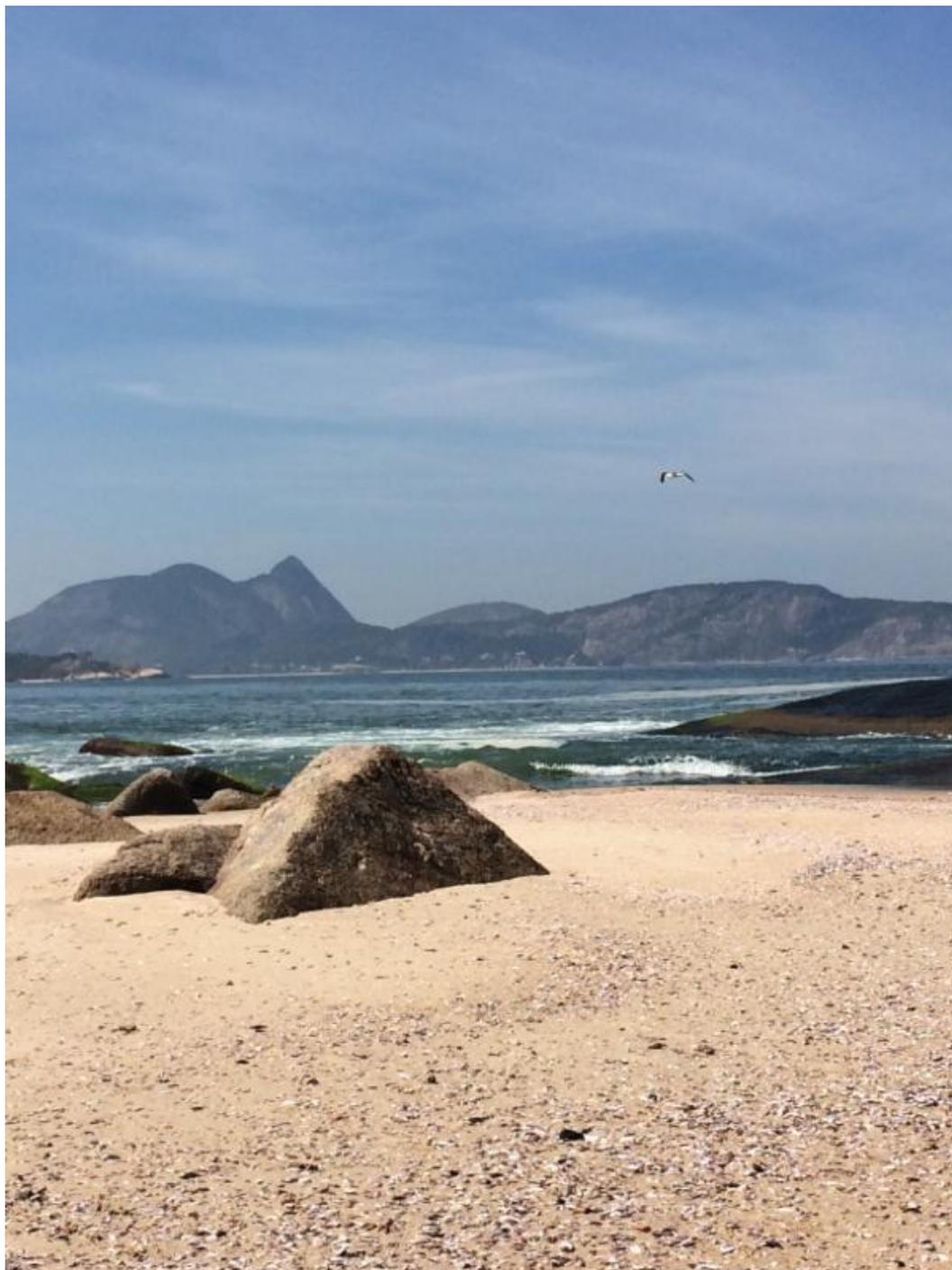
1-2 Polar Bear - Davenport, IA
 8-9 C Worlds - Delavan

2017

TBD WI MC Champs - Nagawicka

July

20-23 MC Masters Nationals - Cedar, WI



The rest of the crowd head to the rocks and secure a table and umbrella on the rocks- what??? Beers follow. As the DiBiase clan is on their back from their 45 minute walk, the Bombedier truck stops in the street directly by where we are walking. My heart stops - what could we possibly have done to get into trouble? Well, out pops J.P. and tells us the racing has moved to a new course and Carlo is relocating us.



The Bombadier who turned out to be lifeguards in a red truck sent to find Julie, Dede and Greg as the course changed while they were walking

It's 12:45 - we'll miss the start of the first race. Kent pin points our target area. You guessed it, another military base. It's a 25 minute ride. Kent and Will update at mark roundings. Our hearts drop. We know they'll rally. They do, but not soon enough. Getting to our 'check point Charlie' we discover is some type of plant. Carlo explains to MVP Andy that we can't go any further. Kent is convinced we can. Carlo laughs and says, 'be my guest.' Andy and JP head off to the guard gate to try their best. They tell them to scram in words of one syllable but give them directions to a potential site. Off we go. Boy, did we score. It was some type of outdoor theater equipped with a bar and bathrooms.



(Editor's son-in-law standing far right - who knew he liked sailing? He's one of us now).

Getting our priorities straight, we go to order beer. Alas, the bar is closed on Tuesdays. Who does that?

Watching racing was tough today. I don't know what else to say. She's tough, a fighter, a competitor.

Tonight Vicki and Matt are cooking in for 14. The smell coming from the kitchen is delicious. Can't wait to eat, have good conversation and try to get some sleep.

Hold her tight in your thoughts. -- Julie

NO MC RACE on SUNDAY!

Trophy Presentation on Saturday

The page yesterday copied from Scowslants had our original schedule. Due to MC Nationals in nearby Crystal Lake, the MCs have opted to conclude on Saturday and travel on. They have a potential of 6 races scheduled.



The A's will be concluded on Saturday. The C's have the potential of completion. If six races are concluded, all three fleets will enjoy trophy presentation on Saturday night.

ILYA Champs - Last Minute Housekeeping

1 - Enjoy the view - As you walk down the parking lot, look up and view the banners. Your fleet is represented. Thanks to member Bridgette Bonifield for creating these beauties. Note our sponsor banners and thank them. Many are members, just like you.

2 - Softgoods - Gill, our major sponsor, is the supplier of the softgoods. You know the quality;

enjoy the goods.

3 - Registration - inside and it should take only one minute. You must check-in. Gone are the days of printed SI's but we still check to see you know they are online

4 - Legal YOUNG FOLKS drinking - Easiest if you send your 21 year old sailor or a youthful face legal drinker to obtain a wristband. Bring ID with to the registration desk.

5 - Trophies - No need to carry down to the clubhouse. Give them to the greeters at the top of the hill.

6 - Parking - enforcement begins today. One car down with boat. The C's have 12 slots which are double due to the length. We will accommodate your car but if you are relatives, really good friends, think of taking one of the double long slots 10-22

7 - Moorings are still available at the South Shore Club for those of you who would rather avoid the crane each day. See Kristin Gannon or Steve Schmidt for more info.

8 - Have fun! There are 191 boats. That's 20 A's, 56 E's, 61 C's and 54 MC's. That's 550 sailors at a minimum! This is the best few days of the summer.

9 - Sail it Forward - PLEASE stop and view the video, produced by Dave Berg, of the many volunteers who will be honored Friday night. You sail due to their efforts. Please thank them and please cheer your representative on Friday Night as they are presented.



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