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Vincent Porter - Pillsbury Award Winner



ILYA Sailor of the Year

With concurrent A and E Championship titles in the same four-day period, Vincent Porter was a standout choice for 2014 Best Sailor of the Year. Any one of these titles is prestigious due to the level of competition in either the E or A scow fleet. To capture both titles sailing morning and afternoon is unthinkable possible. Add the E Invitational title and you can see he is a runaway winner for 2014. Porter of Lake Geneva is the 18th time Lake Geneva has been named a recipient. Vincent has won the award two times before. He boasts titles in the X and Melges 17 also. Congratulations on a spectacular year of sailing. Porter will be more formally presented with the award at the grand opening of the new Lake Geneva Yacht Club and Geneva Lake Sailing School building at the Buddy Melges Sailing Center.

Delegates Meeting

Call-in Delegates Meeting

For the first time, Club Delegates of the ILYA attended a remotely-hosted meeting. Thanks to Harken for providing the technological resources to allow this method.



Treasurer's report: Operating income \$164,000. Expenses \$167,000 to result in 3% loss overall in 2014
 Commodore's Report:

- Promotion: White Bear Sailing School took advantage of the Promotion

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Regattas / Calendar

April

18-19 No Frills C- Missouri YC
25-26 Springfield C - Island Bay

May

2-3 Icebreaker C - Cedar, IN
8-10 Cedar WI C/MC
9-10 Mother's Day C- Spring
Lake, MI
16-17 Labelle tuneup C -
LacLaBelle YC

June

6-7 Eastern C - Chautauqua, NY
6-7 MIR C - Browns
12-14 C Nationals - Minnetonka

July

15-16 ILYA Women's/Girls Clinic -
Beulah
17-19 ILYA C Invite - Beulah

August

1-2 Interlake C - TBD
5-8 WMYA Champs -
Torch
7-8 X Blue Chip - Cedar, WI
7-9 WYA C - Okauchee
19-23 ILYA Championships A, E,
C, MC, Melges 17 - Geneva

September

5-6 USODA Midwest
Championships, Minnetonka, MN
12-13 Maxinkuckee C/MC
19-20 Fenton Fall C
19-20 C Blue Chip - Okauchee
24-27 50th E Blue Chip -
Pewaukee
26-27 Nan Norris Beulah C
Challenge
26-27 Lotawana C Fall

October

3-4 Polar Bear C - Davenport, IA
10-11 C Worlds - Delavan

Committee's offer to assist with purchase of X boat.

- Foundation hosts three campaigns this year: Steph Roble, Annie Haeger and Erik Bowers
- Regatta participation: X was down a bit this season due to distance required; 27 420s at White Bear; 120 Optis at Cedar which is stable for last two years at 120+
- 2015 Regattas - three-year experiment at Geneva begins with the ILYA Championships. Thanks to Oshkosh for bridging our experiment with many aspects changed to reflect the format to be duplicated at Lake Geneva.
- Actions in 2015: Sailing Schools are now allowed to join as ILYA members; Rules committee was transitioned to a Fleet Council which has worked to improve promotion, communication and development of the fleets

Delegate comments:

Okoboji - Phil Petersen spoke to the concern that regatta site allocation be distributed both east and west.

Nominating Committee:

Directors:

Martin Barr (Beulah), first three-year term
Peter Keck (Nagawicka), first three-year term
Stuart Oltrogge (Clear Lake, IA) - second three-year term;
Rick Kotovic has resigned after serving first term. The Board will elect a replacement for Kotovic for a one-year term until the Nominating Committee can bring forth a candidate for Kotovic's term. Thanks to Paul Reilly, Sue Weston and Rick Kotovic for their recent years of service on the Board of Directors.

The slate to be presented to the Board for officers and subsequently approved:
Commodore Stephen Schmidt (Okauchee)
Vice Commodore David Porter (Beulah)
Sec'y-Treasurer Beth Wyman (Oshkosh).

Are you coming?

Lake Geneva 2015 ILYA Champs

Are you coming with your boat, crew, family? We welcome every aspect of your participation. But would you like some professional recognition, business exposure or would you like to support us anonymously for all your years' of participation? Mike Keefe of Geneva and Tim Browne welcome any support - financial or in-kind - for this event which will be an extravaganza. We anticipate the largest fleets in a decade. Everyone is coming. There are means to customize your involvement with the event if you would like to assist. More details in a few weeks. Consider your exposure or support to the 2015 ILYA Championships.

Here are our new sponsors this week:

Geneva Lake Brewing - "We are a rapidly growing craft brewery in Lake Geneva. We have been shipping beer for three years and plan to produce 1,200 barrels in 2015. Our Taproom is open 6 days a week and have 8 brews on tap. All of our beer is brewed, bottled, canned and kegged onsite. Our current distribution covers the entire state of Wisconsin, Lake and McHenry counties in Illinois. We are



planning to expand distribution to Cook County, IL late 2015."

Submit your 2015 dates

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Join the ILYA

[Register for Dues](#)

The Abbey Resort & Avani Spa. -The only full service resort on the shores of Geneva Lake! Complete with a luxurious spa, fabulous dining options, versatile meeting space and marina. The Abbey Resort offers the perfect escape for any occasion. View our video at <http://youtu.be/SKh1m5AANGs> or visit our website at TheAbbeyResort.com

UBS and David Perrigo - After reviewing the regatta schedule and focus, David stepped up additionally from his first donation to assume naming rights for one of our events. There are breakfast, after-race informal socials and Saturday night still available for your sponsorship. Thanks to David as he moves to Platinum Sponsor; he has always been a staunch supporter of the ILYA. Look for some time to reminisce about sailing with Curly Perrigo on Friday's celebration of our heritage.

The BIG SHOW - 2015 ILYA Championships

Social

Wednesday Night - Opening Ceremony.

Thursday Night - Bilge Pullers take over the club, but don't fret if you are not a member. Local restaurants are planning sailing specials and have reserved space for all the rest of us.

Family Friday - that's what we are about! Friday night will honor our Legends and Heroes. The new Buddy Melges Sailing Center will host the ILYA Hall of Fame so honoring our living Legends is a natural. Thank you to UBS, David Perrigo, for sponsoring our Friday night festivities. With the family legend like Curly, what could be more fitting? Friday night will be more family-friendly fare with games (of course, competitive) for your entire family, all generations, or team. Minute to Win It absurd tasks will challenge your skills(?). In addition, all day Friday we will honor your family with a special viewing and lunch for those who come to celebrate their history with the ILYA.

Saturday will be a more formal dinner with the naming rights still available. Our association awards will be presented that night - Pillsbury, Member of the year, race committee honorees, etc.

For your little ones, Geneva Lake Sailing School will be providing some midday activities, Gordy's in Fontana is always fun, Fontana Beach and babysitting opportunities. We hope your littlest tykes will someday say, "I first met my friends at Lake Geneva. Now I sail with them."

Breakfast and lunch - Join us every morning for a complimentary breakfast. If you are sailing first, come early before launching. If you are sailing later in the day, enjoy the views from the new deck. Lunch will be available for morning pick up but we hope you will join us on land for a catered lunch varied each day, LGYC restaurant items or for fast grill fare again by the generous Cedar, IN team led by Craig Parker.

Registration- Opens in mid April

Housing

We have had requests for camping info so here you go:

Big Foot Campground has 87 of the 94 spaces still available. Sites are daily \$12-17 and weekly \$84-119. They have tent, trailer and camper sites available. Phone 888-947-2757. <http://wisconsinstateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/big-foot-beach-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=WI&parkId=60005>

Delavan and Beulah are recruiting housing to assist Geneva.

Sailing

The water show begins on Wednesday with our Melges 17 fleet. They will showcase their marvelous boat and many of our youth during mid afternoon racing on Wednesday and evening racing later in the event. Enjoy the after-race treats and drinks and watch this exciting fleet race in front of the club (weather permitting, of course!).

C's and E's sail together again this season. Launching will be staggered as will the start times to ease launching. Some on-the-water mooring areas at various locations will be available for those who wish not to dry sail. Racing schedule will be very similar to the schedule that was implemented at Oshkosh in 2014.

Thursday is our busiest race day with two back-to-back races for the C's, E's, MC's and A's. No racing for the Melges 17s as Bilge Pullers take over the club Thursday night.

A's and MC's take our alternate sailing slots. MC's - launching is easy. You are closest to the water. We know a lot of you attend solo. We will hand launch and take your trailer back to your spot. You stay with your boat and can concentrate on winning races. We will meet you at the pier upon return. A's - some of you will launch from homes, some from Gage and some from the normal slots at the club. Good coordination amongst the race committee will always keep your timing and interests in mind. Dr. Tom Hodgson will again coordinate the schedule between racing slots. And ALSO THE WIND!

So it's a MUST with planning continuing to anticipate all your needs. The clubhouse will be ready and so will you. See you in August.

ILYA Board Meeting

Overview/Highlights



Board changes - Peter Friend (Pewaukee) received a past commodore burgee to mark his two-year term as Commodore. Rick Trester (Cedar Lake, WI) will retire from the Board and as chair of the ILYA Foundation and Nominating Committee as Peter takes on those positions. Steve Schmidt (Okauchee) moves into position as Commodore and relinquishes the regatta organizing responsibilities to new Vice Commodore David Porter. The watchful eye of Beth Wyman will now be employed to review financials of the organization. The Executive Committee of Friend, Schmidt, Porter and Wyman watch over the actions of the organization between Board meetings.

2015 ILYA Championship report -Terry Blanchard reports the new clubhouse will be ready for operation June 1. Site work is major thrust now as they plan for the 2015 event. Biggest challenge is logistics which are planned in detail at this time. Sponsorship is focusing on giving value back to the sailors. The ILYA is building three-year partnerships with sponsors. A marketing firm has been hired to assist with generation of donors. Wednesday will be registration and races start mid-afternoon for the Melges 17 fleet. They will return to center stage on Friday and Saturday nights.

Fleet reports:

A fleet - Nat'l Champ at Green. Two new boats are reported on Geneva this season.

E fleet - Building 19 new boats this season. Nat'ls is Little Egg Harbor; Invite at Minnetonka. Spring E will be held at Gage tentatively as Geneva builds. E Blue Chip is 50th anniversary with big plans. NCESA is looking at changing finish and consider dogleg finish.

C fleet- double digit numbers building. Third set of new masts from this die has arrived. Nat'ls on Minnetonka and Invite on Beulah. Looking for affordable plans at Geneva ILYA Champs for housing their numerous youth members.

I-20s - numbers are low and will not be attending Geneva. Invitational at Green Lake, Champs at Mendota this season. 25 regularly attend Nat'ls and will try to promote participation at ILYA. No new builds. There is a new potential club, Potomac River, with I-20 representation.

MC - Nat'ls on Pewaukee, hoping for 80+ at Nat'l. Looking to turn Invite into a training ground. Bring in new sailors with clinic in 2016. Anticipate 30 new boats built.

Melges 17 - 130 total boats built to date; none in last two years. Geneva and Pewaukee are strong. Excited to be in ILYA Champs and happy with format at Geneva. Plan to visually be on display late afternoons. Nat'ls are Macatawa Bay in May. Asking for assistance from Promotion to encourage promotion to outlying areas with non-member clubs. Melges 17 fleet will speak to EC regarding membership dues requirement to allow increased participation.

X fleet - no report

Opti - 86 RWB; 36 Green in 2015. Committee will promote participation; will work to transition to X, second day racing deadline of 3:00 PM will be encouraged.

420 - Healthy, HS sailing continues to grow with area lakes purchasing fleets, communication is strong amongst lakes; on-land training has begun already

although ice is on water. 420 fleet asks for re-invigoration of Lasers.

Fleet Council Report

- RC - all our RC are volunteers and are most highly respected; fleet council is asking to re-vitalize RC committee format with bylaws, members, recruitment and education goals; implement improvement program in conjunction with Fleet Council; publish procedures to become ILYA RC member - recruit and train; judge/jury training; implement feedback form so RC is informed of fleet's desires; develop process for RC trial procedures
- Review or standardize anemometers - consider Snake and Snuff RC fund to choose reliable anemometer. Language and instrumentation will be developed to observe, quantify wind speed.
- Fleets are changing opinion to read they would rather have quality races rather than lots of races.
- Class X still has open issue of reducing weight of boat; used boat market is essentially non-existent due to rapid growth.

New bid fulfillment of 2015 events -

I20 Invite - Green

I20 Champs - Mendota

Women's Clinic - Beulah

IOD No Tears West - no bid

Club 420 considering addition of Lasers/Radial Lasers to future 420 Champs

2016 Bids Accepted

ILYA Champs - Geneva

Melges 17s will evaluate their Champs for '16 after Geneva '15

MC Invite - Harriet

E Invite - poll fleet

I-20 - would consider joining site with Melges 17

C Invite - postpone until Fall

X Champs - Okoboji

No Tears East - no bid

IOD Champs - decision in one month

Race Committee Report

Recognition was given to Marilyn Krause, Mary Carol DeGuire and Debbie Prange as ILYA Associate Race Officers. 2015 assignments were reviewed. Tom Hodgson volunteered to PRO 420 event with team racing added to last year's format.

Promotion

Recognition of Vincent Porter, Annie Haeger and Steph Roble as Rolex short list candidates was announced. X fleet website and website in general were discussed with direction back to the committee. Women's clinic will again be hosted by Beulah with plan to find alternate host for 2016.

Winter Inland review

Alternate year organization meeting with awards and education will be considered.

Welcome to new member club, Potomac River Scow Club, who boasts an I-20

fleet. We look forward to their participation at the I-20 Invite on Green Lake July 10-12 and I-20 Champs on Mendota, August 6-9.

US Sailing Championship Dates/Sites

NOTE YOUTH DEADLINES

US Youth Match Racing Championships- for the Rose Cup - applications due by April 15

June 17-21 Balboa Yacht Club

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/usymrc/>

US Singlehanded Sailing Championships OPEN Entry

The 2015 Laser Class US Nationals and US Singlehanded Sailing Championship Men's and Women's Divisions will be held July 21-24, 2015 at the Brant Beach Yacht Club.

This regatta will be hosted at Brant Beach Yacht Club and organized by the Brant Beach Sailing Foundation on behalf of the International Laser Class Association and U.S. Sailing.

The NOTICE OF RACE, event registration, and other regatta details can be found at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/9868>

US Youth Championships - Application deadline March 15th

July 6-10 at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island.

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/youthchamps/>

US Jr. Women's Doublehanded Championship

June 25-30 at Columbia Sailing Club in South Carolina

Registration opens March 3rd. Registration limited to 40 teams.

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/jrwomensdoublehanded/>

US Jr. Women's Singlehanded Championship

July 14-19 Rochester Yacht Club

Registration Opens March 5th. Event cap at 60 boats

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/jrwomenssinglehanded/>

Adult Championships Complete announcement next week

Manhattan Yacht Club, Jersey City, NJ J/24

Chubb US Junior Championships for the Sears, Bemis and Smythe Trophies August 2-6 at Wianno YC MA

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/juniorchamps/>

CHECK to see if your AREA qualifier is posted ASAP!

US Match Racing Championships

October 9-12, Oakcliff Center, NY

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/adult/matchracing/>

US Offshore Championship

September 24-27 Annapolis Naval Academy Sailing Squadron

Applications online

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/adult/offshorechamps/>



Women's and Girls' Clinic

Yes, it's a REPEAT!!

Lake Beulah will again host the event with the hopes another club will own it next year. It was a rousing success with 100% of the participants responding to a post-event survey with "YES, continue" and two comments, "It changed my life" and parents reporting youth participants claiming it as "inspirational" The event has been moved to July 16-17 this season to allow more folks to get settled into the sailing mode. It has been placed after the Xtreme to allow our Northern friends ease of transportation down to this region with return up north possible for weekend sailing.



Instructors - Olympians all the way

Sally Barkow - fresh off the Volvo Ocean Race, Sally will come with tales of the sea. She is a member of SCA the first all-female team to tackle the around the world event. Sally is a past Olympian and past ILYA X champion. Sally appeared via SKYPE last season and kept the women mesmerized with discussions about preparation, clothing and goals.

Annie Haeger - in two of her rare days at home this summer, Annie will repeat as X instructor for the event. She is currently campaigning for a spot in Rio sailing the women's 470. Her students last year took both top female sailors in the ILYA X Championships, top female in WYA X, top 15 finishes in ILYA X Champs for all clinic participants.

Maggie Shea - Maggie has been a part of the most successful Epic team of women's matchracing. She is integral to Steph Roble's success and came recommended as Steph is out in California this time around. Maggie is sailing director of the Chicago Match Race Center. She is currently sailing with the Epic team and also campaigning as a newcomer for the Rio Olympics.

Steph Roble - this year Roble will be the SKYPE lecturer on Thursday morning. Steph's class last year was entirely Green fleet. These girls won every race in the ILYA Green fleet with the exception of one. Took overall title and three in top five at ILYA Champs. There is no comparison to top notch coaching.

Format - all ages welcome

The 2015 format will be the same as last year but may be altered by future host clubs. Instruction will be in Optis, X boats, MCs and Cs. While Optis and X boats will be led by one instructor, C and MC participants will be 1:1 instruction. This allows new entrants, crew wannabes or experienced sailors individualized attention. This is only possible by the generous offer of volunteer time by other women of the ILYA. Six C and six MCs will be provided by Lake Beulah members. This event is held immediately prior to the ILYA C Invite to allow those with privately-owned boats to attend the clinic and stay for the regatta.

Instruction is on land and water drills on Wednesday; Thursday consists of short races with instructors on board for racing in the scow fleets.

Mentoring

An honorary Sail Pink, Sail Strong Board exists of women in sailing in the Midwest who will join the participants for Wednesday's banquet. Any woman of an ILYA-member lake is welcome to attend. Table discussion is directed to provide our youth with an overview of where sailing has taken our successful Women of the

ILYA.

Sponsorship

YES, WE NEED YOU! Last year our inaugural named sponsor was the Windhover Foundation who generously supported us with \$5000 - nearly 50% of our donations. This allowed us to support breast cancer research as well as provide sailing gear and the best of the nation's instructors. We thank the Quadracci (Harned) family who donated, participated as Opti sailors and served. Elizabeth Harned served as one of our honorary Board members. Elizabeth is an example of the strength of our members - successful in business, sailing her own campaigns in E scows and Melges 20 and next year moving her three young children from Optimist Dinghys to X boats. Her children join those of her sister - an example of the ILYA family heritage we all enjoy.

Many of our ILYA members supported us to allow us to fulfill the mission statement:

. . . Empower girls and young women with confidence through the sport of sailing & support breast cancer research

Last year's donors:

Windhover Foundation

Anonymous

ILYA Promotion Committee

New Studio Architecture - Sean Wagner and Melissa Martyr

Melissa and David Myers Family Foundation

Kiernan Family

Charles and Sarah Lamphere

Transtech - Mary Kay Davenport

Kathy Barth

This year SCA has committed money to the women aboard its Volvo boat. Sally Barkow has asked that her money be dedicated to this event. Details of the donation are not firm at this time. Small donations have begun arriving before the official announcement of the date of the event. Donations are charitable due to the ILYA 501(c)(3) status.

More info:

There is more info to come as we are able to plan with receipt of donations. Reserve your dates now so we are on your calendar. Beulah will attempt to house as is available with a C Invite also in the same week. If you are a woman interested in volunteer coaching, PLEASE email to volunteer. This is the most difficult asset to obtain. Thank you. --- candaceporter@wi.rr.com

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