

OUR NEW WYC BOAT HOIST NEWS AND POLICIES FOR 2004

By Steve Bren

Several of our members have been working tirelessly to finalize the operation details of our brand new crane. We will be ready to go by Saturday, April 25th for a pre-crane in. Pat Maloney, Pete Willenbring, Jack Christofersen and Steve Mulich are working on speeding up the lift rate and slowing down the rotation so it will be a good design for our own boats and club. The put in slips will be cleaned out, as will the infamous 'hump' at the public access! There will be a sign up sheet for a 5 hour put in on Saturday, April 25th and a full day on Saturday, May 1st. Sign up sheets will be posted at the club, so come down to grab your slot! It will probably go a little slower because it is electric vs. hydraulic, so 8 slots per hour are anticipated. The price at the 'full service put ins' these two Saturdays will be \$45.00.

Read on to discover the simple way to use the lift hoist this summer if you desire or need more than a simple in and out. In addition, the board has wisely decided to make 6 simple rules to follow for this year, and will observe how the process works. We can't predict all scenarios, and will add more restrictions only if we have problems. It boils down to being sensible and respectful. Here are two good examples. If someone is waiting, hurry up, but be safe! Don't **ever** lift anyone's boat but your own, or lose your card. And most of all, don't leave your darn trailer in the parking lot after you put in your boat! Woops, I guess that's three! That being said here are the new simple rules for the crane!

1. Boat owners at regular put in day, May 1st, will pay \$45.00 to Steve Mulich or Steve Bren at the crane, for full service put in - sign up sheet at club.
2. Family of annual members can purchase an unlimited use card for \$175.00 for the entire year. This will include your in and out, which would be \$90.00 anyway. However, you will put your own boat in and retrieve it on your own. (So it's \$85.00 more to get your own unlimited card, over and above the \$90.00 you'd spend anyway.)
3. A family or annual can buy a temporary card for say, damage repair or one regatta for \$50.00. It will work for 2 weeks and then expire.
4. When the card is swiped, it will turn on the crane for 20 minutes, then automatically shut off. If you need more time, you will reswipe your card (no by the minute charges will occur). If you are finished before allotted time expires, turn off the crane when you leave the area by swiping your card once more.
5. Only members who have had orientation and training on the crane will be eligible to use it. We will have a class Wednesday, April 28th at 6:00pm for those who wish to be certified, and get their own card. Upon completion you'll sign a binding agreement and be sent a card.
6. Most importantly - #1 Don't even dream of pulling or strapping in on anyone's boat but your own, and #2 Don't park in front of the crane thus blocking it and most of all #3 Don't leave your darn trailer garbaging up the parking lot for the other members!

That's it - simple, huh?

Thanks again to Pete Willenbring, Pat Maloney, Mark Janda, Jack Christophersen, Steve Mulich and Bert Foster for bringing us this great convenience!

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ANNUAL J-22 DAVE COOL ICE BREAKER REGATTA SET FOR MAY 1-2

Yes, you know spring is here when the ice is out and the whispers of the first regatta of the year are all over Sunsets. As it has the past J-22 fleet #1 will put on the first WYC event of the season, The Dave Cool Ice Breaker. This regatta was started in 1999 as a remembrance for Dave Cool. Dave, who lost his battle with cancer 5 years ago, was one of the first ever J-22 owners, (#20) and was a staple in the fleet and at WYC till the day he left us. He is missed dearly by all who ever knew him. So once a year we do battle in his honor.

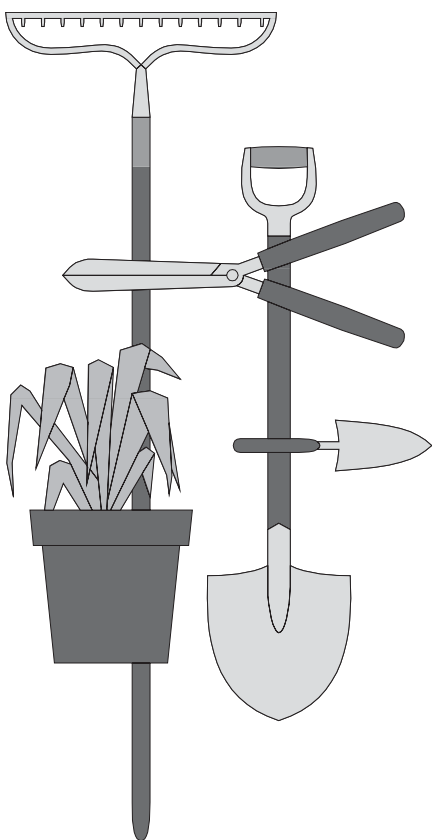
This regatta, already a classic, is known for its great spring wind, flat water, and amazing Cool Cup Trophy. This year promises to be no different. Swirling rumors that Lars Hansen, one of the fleets finest and multiple Cool Cup champion, may be out of town for this year's event. This means it's really up for grabs! Who will it be this year? Team Foster, last years champ series winner? Maybe Roger Carlson multiple district champ. Or even Mr. Cool's own seed Steve. Could it be you? Grab a J-22 and come out to play!

Our fleet captain Peter Lovald has been working hard behind the scenes to ensure a great time is had by all participants. This year's regatta, as in past years, is sponsored by Absolute Vodka by way of Tom Griffin from "Bodhi" (T-shirts & party essentials ie booze). Cheryl Paul, from Great River Real Estate, will be sponsoring breakfast on Saturday & Sunday. Also word on the street is that Liz Greene from Evergreene Jewelers is kicking down some extra special prizes and awards. You J-24 people know what Liz has done for prizes in the past, so the sky may be the limit! Also Steve Bren has assured the fleet that any losses the fleet may incur at this regatta will be subsidized by the overflowing "Laser" rack superfund. Yeh baby!

A challenge to all...Come sail with the fastest & most fun boats at WYC and see how you stack up.

Hope to see you!!

Nick Anderson



CLEAN UP DAY – SATURDAY, APRIL 24, THIS YEAR!

Bring a broom, rake or wheelbarrow, and your favorite tool to pitch in and give the clubhouse and grounds a thorough Spring-cleaning. Festivities start at 9:00 am with trash pick-up, window cleaning, raking, general yard work and face painting. Free beer, brats, soft drinks and hamburgers. We will be working on mulching the garden, planting new plants, organizing the main back closet, and building laser racks. This event counts as one score. Wear your grubbies and bring a smile! This is a fun event and a great place to see everyone you've missed over the winter! Extra wheelbarrows needed!

2004 CREW MEMBERSHIP

All crew membership applications have been sent out. Please return them by May 10th to be published in the WYC annual log. Encourage your friends to join WYC – at \$70 it is the best bargains going! Support your club and all the fantastic upgrades, (new patio, new crane, beer and pop, etc) we are relying on everyone to pay their own way. Please send in your membership fees. If you did not receive an application in the mail, pick up a blank at the Clubhouse and join on up! **BE LEGAL OR BE LIABLE.**

MOORING DUES

Members who moor their boats at WYC all have received the 2nd mooring billing statement requiring the remaining mooring balance by February 28, 2004. A map showing your slip assignment will be posted on the Web. All members should have received their membership fee billing which went out early last week and is due by April 15th. Please make sure you get your membership fee in on time. This year the Board is calling for stricter adherence to deadlines regarding both mooring and membership fees. If you anticipate having a problem, please **call Steve Bren at 952-473-3641.**

WYC HAS TOP NOTCH 2003 RACE COMMITTEE

Thanks to Bert Foster and his hard work, WYC has once again contracted Blake Middleton, Chris Humphrey, John Lorenzini, Dave Onan, Craig Lofgren, Cheryl Paul, Jarrod Silverman and Charlie Onan and the beautiful Stephanie to head up our expert on-the-water race officiating this year. Thanks to all of these fine lads we are very fortunate to have a fabulous race committee like ours. Please show your courtesy and appreciation for their hard work. **These guys make our club rock!**

CREW AND RACE TRAINING

(A fun mixer, especially for new members!)

Here is a great opportunity to bring into the club any friends, business acquaintances, OR relatives to learn the racing tactics and rules for 2004 and also what yacht racing is all about! Enclosed you will find a brochure. Please show it to your mates and encourage them to become crew! These classes consist of three Tuesday night tactics seminars and three Saturday mornings so hands on training.

Tuesdays - Sailboat Racing Seminars - May 4th, 11th, 18th, 7:30-9:30pm

Saturdays - On The Water Training - May 8th, 15th, 22nd, 8:30am-1:00pm

Wednesdays - Advanced Crew Training - June 9th, 16th, 23th, 6:00-8:30pm

Hands on boating and a FABULOUS lunch! We really need your boat for the Saturday race drills. One race credit for each Saturday! Learn a ton and make new friends!

WOMEN AT THE HELM CLINIC

The Women at the Helm seminars are geared toward adult women racers to prepare for the Women's Racing Series at Wayzata Yacht Club. Wednesday, July 7th, 7:00-9:00pm, Classroom training by members of the Minnesota Women's Sailing Team. The classroom session, by members of MWST, will cover balance of forces, boat speed, weight distribution, sail trim and advanced rigging. Saturday, July 10th, 1:00-5:00pm, On-the-water training by Wayzata Yacht Club Guest instructors. The on-the-water sessions will cover starts, buoy rounding, and upwind/downwind legs. The sessions are designed to give women the skills and confidence to skipper their boat during WYC races.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!! CRANE IN SIGN UP SHEET FOR MAY 1ST

WYC will have a sign up sheet at the club posted by April 15th, 2004. Approximately 8 spots per hour are available. This will help eliminate the huge conga line. Please sign up because these people will be organized and be able to pull in and have first service in their time slot (8:00 – 4:30). Have everything ready to go when you show up - your check written out (\$45), lines out, paint ready, etc. Have a 2nd person as a driver ready to take your trailer completely out of the West lot as soon as you're launched to prevent gridlock (**very important**). So to recap: First priority will be going to those already signed up at put-in, and we'll fill in with those who just showed up – as time permits. So sign up or you could be waiting a while!

BOATS NEEDED FOR SATURDAY TRAINING SESSIONS

An urgent plea from Bert Foster and Ernie Brody to ask members to provide boats for the Saturday Training Sessions on Saturday, May 8th, May 15th and May 22nd. Here is the deal: You received great experience, learn new tricks and tactics, get to start more races in an hour than in 3 months, receive the coveted green WYC hat, meet new people and eat a free gourmet lunch on the club. Best of all, have three race credits under your belt before the season ever begins! Call Bert Foster or Ernie Brody.

THURSDAY NIGHT RACING AND PARKING

As Thursday night racing has gotten to be a huge success, we are struggling with our parking situations in the East and West lots. The West lot, adjacent to the club, will continue to park Annual and Family members on a first come, first serve basis. Cars without stickers will be towed. A staff member, who will be monitoring parking of Crewmembers with C4 stickers on their vehicles, will serve the East lot crew lot. The non-crew (**GUEST**) parking **may be very limited** so as to accommodate our paid members and assist in parking. This will make a safe, hopefully damage free, lot and not the gridlock as in the past. To accomplish this non-parking insanity, the monitor may have to post "LOT FULL" to avoid late parking which causes block-ins and gridlock. Please understand, be cooperative and non-abusive!

NEW CROP OF BOAT OWNERS TAKE TO THE MARINA

We are pleased to welcome several new family members to Wayzata Yacht Club this spring. This is the magic that keeps our club vital fun and exciting! Many of these, in fact most, have been crewing on WYC boats here for a few years, and now have created – offspring of their own, a.k.a. bought their own boat. This is how we grow our club. It keeps us sharp, on the edge, where we gotta be!

Dave Johnson, welcome to the new rank of family member.. What boat have you picked out?

Chuck and Bonnie Ullmer with a paceship 23 Red Dog

Will Sutton and Linda Christensen are new with their San Juan 24

Bob Peterson and his Tartan 27

Jeff and Mary Bisek and their McGregor 26

Will Foster is now a family member and has a new J-22

Chris and Sara Williams and their cute lil' Chrysler 22

Bob McNamara and his Creekmore 22. Now Pete Palm has a one design class!

Welcome all you great sailors, ask questions and let's get to know you!

ADA REGATTA AND COMMODORE'S CUP

Reserve July 24th and 25th on your calendar for the American Diabetes Association (ADA) Regatta. This was a super event last year and promises to be even bigger this year. The Commodore's Cup will also be a bit more glamorous this year with sponsorship from the new Portofino Restaurant that will be opening this summer in the old boat works building. If you can devote a couple of hours a day to the ADA Regatta and the silent auction, it would be a BIG help and your assistance would be greatly appreciated!

15-RACE MINIMUM

If you came to sail with your crew, and the wind went to zero or for any reason the race was abandoned; this year you will be able to notify the race committee after cancellation to be counted for a race towards the 15-race minimum for 2004. If you volunteer for a clean up day at the club you may also use this as one race towards the 2004 race schedule.



MATCH MONDAY'S

Monday Night Math Racing is here! Come learn the game that all the America's Cup and rock star pro sailors are competing in.

Starting June 7th and continuing through the summer, WYC will be holding match racing in Wayzata Bay. Match racing will be open to all local sailors who wish to refine their rules skills or learn this fun head to head competition.

The format is simple, 3 Monday's in June, July and August we will meet at WYC, have a quick shore meeting, then put our teams together, grab our boats, and battle mono-eh-mono baby! We will track season standings and have a season end Match Champion, who will then represent Wayzata Yacht Club for the Richardson Cup Qualifier, to be sailed in mid-September on Lake Minnetonka, if our WYC teams wins the Qualifier that team will travel to Michigan to take on the best teams from around the country!

The first Monday will have a quick introductory shore meeting on the basics of Match Racing with our own local Match rock star Lars Hansen, then we pick teams, jump on our boats and race.

After a great night of racing, we will retire to our Match Monday Sponsor, Chez Foley Restaurant, in downtown Wayzata for free appetizers drink specials and a "de-brief" session, where all sailors get a chance to ask questions, review rules, and go over the nights sailing.

Spread the word, call your buddies, put your team together, or just show up! This promises to be the best night of sailing!

For more information call or email Sean Hendrickson.

sean@pcspeed.com or 612-325-1954

ADA REGATTA – PLAN NOW FOR 2004

The 3rd Annual ADA Sailing Regatta hosted by the Wayzata Yacht Club took place on July 26-27, 2003 on Lake Minnetonka. With nearly 100 boats participating, skippers and their crew enjoyed two days of racing (despite wind challenges), silent and live auctions and a picnic dinner and awards ceremony. The event raised nearly \$34,000 for the mission of the American Diabetes Association which is to prevent and cure diabetes and improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

A new fundraising component was introduced to the Regatta this year. Participants of the event could raise money as an individual or as a team to compete for recognition and special prizes. Top individual fundraiser this year for the event was Nancy Anderson who raised \$1000 in addition to participating on the boat Rockit. Her team raised \$1525 overall!

For 2004 the date has been set for July 24 and 25, and the WYC has generously agreed to again host the event. The Regatta Committee has been meeting regularly and have set some aggressive goals for the event this summer.

- Increase participation and recruit more boats from other yacht clubs and marinas.
- Promote the fundraising component of this event by giving participants tools to ask their employers for sponsorship of the event.
- Add to the silent auction more sailing specific merchandise.

We encourage you to participate and register early. **For questions on the event, visit the WYC web site or contact Jenni Hargraves at the American Diabetes Association at (763) 593-5333, ext. 6787.**



BAYFIELD RACEWEEK 2004 THE SILVER ANNIVERSARY

By Herb Garcia

I would like to give the club a brief update on Bayfield Raceweek for this year. As you may know this is the 25th anniversary of Raceweek and plans are progressing nicely for what we expect will be the biggest, baddest and most fun regatta ever held on Lake Superior. The dates are July 5-July 9 and we will have around 2-3 bouy races per day and hope to have at least one medium distance race (i.e. around an island, etc.).

In the past two years we have seen one design J24 and S2 7.9 fleets and with the new club crane in place we hope to build on those fleets. We have seen J22's in many past years and were pleased that a Capri 25 made it last year. We heartily invite all Wayzata racers and trailerable boats to make it. Please note that we offer free launch and haulout (before and after the regatta), and dockage is also free so there is no need to worry about those expenses.

We are lining up some excellent sponsorships (if you know what I mean...) and a very cool new thing this year is that we have teamed up with a company called Boatpix (www.boatpix.com). Boatpix will do aerial photo shots of YOUR boat. They send you an initial 8x10 and you can pay for it or send it back or order more through their website and the costs are quite reasonable. So those of you yearning for an aerial shot of your boat can have that done by coming to Raceweek this year.

We are somewhat changing the format this year to allow more racing (up to three races a day) and are looking for feedback from skipers on how we can make this event even more spectacular than it already is. There is a proposal to have a "mini" regatta within the regatta for boats who would like to compete just the last three days. This is your chance to be heard on that topic as well.

I'll be giving updates in forthcoming issues and we intend to update the website (www.bayfieldraceweek.org) soon with a Notice of Race and other info that participants might find useful. We are also putting out the call for volunteer help for the regatta. If you are interested in helping with sponsorships, mailings, general "tasks," or during the regatta please get in touch!

For further information please email me at chairperson@bayfieldraceweek.org or herb@eworld3.net. Or get a hold of me through my contact info in the Log.

Thank you sincerely and good sailing,

Herb Garcia, Chair
Bayfield Raceweek 2004, The Silver Anniversary

VIEW FROM THE MASTHEAD

The winter is finally losing its grip on our beloved lake and racecourse, and spring is right around the corner. As what little snow melts away, we find the lake down a good foot to 18". Don't freak out though, last year was the highest water levels anyone can remember. Can we use a lot of rain? You bet (in 2001 we got 9 inches in April, all but erasing our earlier drought). We're at about normal for this time of year. This year we have 2 big events we'll be hosting: The Junior Olympics and the American Diabetes Association Regatta. More about those inside. Please consider giving one day back to sailing and volunteering for one of these events! Regattas, especially, are a lot of fun and wouldn't happen without people like our generous members. In addition the first month of May will be a beehive of activity at WYC. On the weekend of April 24th and 25th we have the MISSA - Midwest High School Championships Mallory Cup. Followed, the next weekend May 1st, with put in by all members with our first ever crane. A FUN all-day affair. Sign up sheet posted April 15th. The same Saturday, May 1st we have the annual Dave Cool Memorial IceBreaker Regatta. Two races back-to-back Saturday, and one on Sunday. They will crane in at our own crane! Just to keep things interesting, we will host the U of M Sailing Team as they sail their Midwest College co-ed Championship. May 2nd finds us taking to the field (or lake) for the first tune up race followed by beer and brats at the club. How's that for the first tow weeks of ice out? And P.S.! Bert would like me to remind you all of the training sessions we always have in May! Three Tuesdays and three Saturdays to bone up on your skills and mentor new sailors to the sport. Read on and discover how one can own the coveted red hat. We need your boat out there on Saturdays in May. The board of directors have worked hard to make this a fun filled, action packed summer of sailing hard, friendly competition, fresh air, sun tans, bathing suits, and a host of activities and social events for young and old alike. Read on Sailors! **S.B.**

LAKE MINNETONKA SAILING SCHOOL NEWS

Registration for the LMSS 2004 season has just opened.

The popularity of these programs have grown enormously in the past several years and many classes fill up in a matter of weeks. Introductory sailing classes begin for kids as young as seven years. Full class information and registration materials are available at www.lakeminnetonkasailingschool.org <<http://www.lakeminnetonkasailingschool.org>> or by calling 952-404-1645. Register now to insure a spot for the future foredecker in your home.

Cappy Capper, the director of the LMSS, has been asked to speak at this year's US Sailing Symposium for Sailing Program Directors. His two topics are entitled "Take the Big Step: Successfully Change Your Youth Program From A Seasonal Volunteer Organized Program To A Year-Round Professionally Run Program" and "Sailing, Kids, and Alcohol".

Cappy recently was an inaugural graduate of US Sailings Small Boat Level III Advanced Coaching Program Certificate. Only a handful of US coaches currently carry this high a level of certification. WYC is fortunate to have one of the best youth sailing programs in the country for our youth, HS, and College racers. For more information, visit <http://www.lakeminnetonkasailingschool.org/news.htm>

ADVANCED YOUTH RACING & LMSS

by Gordy Bowers

We are excited to be joining the Lake Minnetonka Sailing School.

The mission of Advanced Youth Racing is to significantly improve the physical and mental skills of young sailors while instilling a lifetime love of the sport of sailboat racing.

My role as Directing Instructor will be to support and mentor a talented group of Head Coaches – Anders Laugesen (Optimist), Lindsay Allen (X-Boat) and Mark Dunsworth (Laser and Laser-Radial). Our Instructors will be excellent racers and positive coaches. The Head Instructor in one class will function as an Assistant for at least one other class. The philosophy is to have a well paid, small group of Instructors that are expected to meet very high standards on Lake Minnetonka and when away at Regattas. I am confident each of them can walk that fine line between building skills through hard work and keeping the kids enthusiastic through fun and enjoyment of the sport.

The Optimist, X-Boat and Laser class size is limited to twenty boats per class. Our new class schedule attempts to make room for outside interests while fostering intensity and exciting learning in class. Students will set individual long and short-term goals that are specific, measurable and challenging, yet achievable. Self esteem and confidence are based on having success each step of the way – divide and conquer. In addition to gaining new skills the young racing sailor will learn lifetime values: work ethic, excellence, discipline, concentration, responsibility, the joy of learning and respect for coaches, competitors and the rules of sailboat racing. Our goal as Instructors is to do all of the above and make it fun for the kids. Time spent with this group of 60 skippers and their crew will include classroom and on-water training on Lighthouse and Bug Island, and on-water coaching for club races, and also regatta support in team building, preparedness, and coaching before and after races.

The level of parent help and support has been wonderful. Advanced Youth Racing could not have come this far without the

hard work of Mark Bowers as Parent Liaison. The Parent Coordinators are David Ferguson-Optimist, Bob Allen-X-Boat and Chris Thompson-Laser. Sharon Garber is heading up the Fundraising effort. David Garber is the Regatta Team Travel Director. Larry Hester is the Clinic Coordinator. Our Advisory Committee includes, David Ferguson, Bill Allen, and Tom Burton. The Charter Boat Director is Pete Carlson. He will be taking over for Dan Crear who is leaving us an exceptional fleet of Charter X-Boats and related equipment (i.e. lifts, sails and trailers). The Charter X-Boat Lease Program is a tremendous bargain. There are still two X-Boats available. Many other individuals have contributed their time, support and ideas. As always, we welcome feedback from everyone.

The Lake Minnetonka Sailing School under President Peter Wattson, Executive Director Cappy Capper and many others has become one of the largest sailing schools in the country.

The addition of Advanced Youth Racing will stretch the top end of the school's pyramid. Our strategy is to generate numbers and enthusiasm from the bottom up and develop excellent racing sailors at the top who will act as role models for kids coming into the sport as beginners. In subsequent years, a strong top and bottom will grow more intermediate sailors in the middle of an even larger sailing school pyramid. The result will be a bigger and better Lake Minnetonka Sailing School, excelling across the full spectrum.

I am eagerly looking forward to Advanced Youth Racing classes starting in June. At this time, there a few slots in each fleet open. I welcome your request for more information. **You can contact me at 952-473-5395, Mark Bowers at 952-474-0739, or any of the fleet Parent Coordinators (i.e., Opti Parent Coordinator - David Ferguson: 952-294-6202, X Boat Parent Coordinator - Bob Allen: 952-474-1902, Laser Parent Coordinator - Chris Thompson: 952-935-1010).**



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