



Dear Members,

The 2008 Hearst/Stuart Cup Challenge was not sailed for. The WSSA Annual Championship was called on for Lake Mendota, Madison, Wisconsin February 2nd and 3rd. Great sailing for those who were there on Friday however the wind calmed and snow moved in and foiled Saturday's race day plans. One race was attempted however due to light winds and poor visibility the rest of the day was spent in the pits.

The annual meeting and dinner were held Saturday night at the Elks Club overlooking Lake Monona, thanks to Pat McCormick for the great site, the food was good and the staff was very accommodating! I would also like to thank Pat for his role as regatta PRO, his help is greatly appreciated!

Pete McCormick was nominated for another term as Commodore but declined and quickly nominated Erich Schloemer, Erich accepted, nominations were closed the vote was unanimous. A discussion followed which resulted in a motion to change the traditional regatta 2 day format to a 3 day format in an attempt to assure regatta success and minimize the potential of having to schedule subsequent regatta dates. The motion was seconded, discussed at length and passed, changing the long standing format to three days. The meeting was adjourned and tentative start time was established for Sunday morning's races.

Sunday Morning brought more snow and very light winds. The regatta was abandoned uncompleted at 11:00 am. Suffering from a fair dose of snow the potential of another weekend of racing looked bleak.

Lake Geneva froze but shortly thereafter was covered with snow. A week later another major winter storm was taking aim at the Midwest but then took a northerly track bringing rain to Lake Geneva and allowing for the Northwest Ice Yachting Association to call their Championship Regatta on for Fontana, Wi. February 22nd, 23rd and 24th.

Day one brought lots of sunshine but very little wind; no races were sailed as a result. The race committee discussed the possibly of splitting the fleets onto two courses, this as it turned out was a brilliant idea allowing all four fleets to complete the regatta with four races, pretty remarkable! The results are as follows:

The Don Ward Overall Championship

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| First Place: | A-11 | Erich Schloemer/Mike Peters |
| Second Place: | D-2 | Marv Luck |
| Third Place: | V-49 | Jeff Seeboth/Jordan Schackleford |

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Class A Championship

First Place: I-1 Erich Schloemer/Mike Peters
Second Place: A-81 Erik Sawyer
Third Place: A-6 Rick Henning/Todd Knop

Class C Championship

First Place: C-2 Pete McCormick/Jim McCormick
Second Place: V-49 Jeff Seeboth & Jordan Schackleford
Third Place: T-5 Jim Stribrny

Class D Championship

First Place: D-2 Marvin Luck
Second Place: V-11 Jay Seeboth
Third Place: Z-1 Richard Sawyer

As it turned out Lake Geneva was the only ice around, it did pick up several inches of new snow but then cleared and of course became a very popular place. The WSSA, ISA, IRIYA all called their events for Fontana Friday, Saturday and Sunday March 7th, 8th and 9th. The DN Western Regional's also scheduled their event which is a two day format. Friday was a breeze with plenty of room for two race courses; Saturday became a bit more of an issue to manage. As always Geneva was very accommodating laying out three separate sailing areas to handle the three different events without jeopardizing race course integrity.

Thanks to the Skeeter Ice Boat Club, Steve & Mary Jane Schalk and their team for their efforts and willingness to host this type of format and allowing for these regattas to be sailed, as spring was upon us!

Also, a thanks goes out the Rex Lovelace and Jordon Schackleford for the fine job they did on the race management side of this event, their efforts are greatly appreciated.

I would also like to recognize two youth sailors that joined us this year, Nolan McCormick and Sarah Seeboth. Nolan must have been talking a lot to dad as they were near untouchable until race five where they got off to the side a bit. Sarah saw the opportunity vowing to push the boat for the final leg to stay ahead of the C-2 to the finish line, which we did. Great to see some younger sailors taking interest!

Day one: As we have seen too many times in the past, Friday was a great day of sailing, good winds and smooth ice. This time though due to the regatta format change we were able to take advantage of it and sailed three races in very competitive conditions, great social venue afterwards with the pit area being full of activity.

Day two: The winds appeared to be promising Saturday morning but the forecast was not good. We moved our race course area east of the narrows and setup in a NNE 10 to 12 mph breeze. The race area was smooth and very roomy eliminating any concerns with traffic. Race four was sailed in nice conditions but it was apparent the wind was beginning to shift and lighten. The course was adjusted to better fit the wind direction and race five was started. The fleet managed to stay just within the time limit for all three laps and raced five was completed. It was the decision of the fleet to retire to the pits for the day as the wind was becoming light and variable and the pits were an easy seven miles to the west. After a slow ride and a fair amount of pushing the entire fleet arrived in the pit area, an assessment of the forecast for Sunday and potential change in positions if race six were to be sailed was made. The decision was to call the regatta complete at 5 races as it would not impact anyone's final regatta position and the forecast looked less than favorable, trophy presentation followed immediately on the ice.

Results are as follows:

The Overall Championship

First Place: C-2 Pete & Nolan McCormick
Second Place: D-2 Marv Luck
Third Place: V-49 Jeff & Sarah Seeboth

Class B Championship

First Place: S-3 Mark Wiemer & Dan Tess

Class C Championship

First Place: C-2 Pete & Nolan McCormick
Second Place: V-49 Jeff & Sarah Seeboth

Class D Championship

First Place: D-2 Marvin Luck
Second Place: D-17 Andy Gratton
Third Place: V-11 Jay Seeboth

Hearst/Stuart Cups Regatta Notice

The William Randolph Hearst and the F.A. Stuart Cup Series is tentatively scheduled for January 23rd, 24th and 25th, 2009. This will be the first of what is typically a two-weekend event. This is an independent event and generally not sailed as a part on any other regatta. Stay in touch, as this series will be tentatively re-scheduled for the following weekend if conditions do not exist. The N.I.Y.A. annual regatta will take priority. Please return the Official Entry form by January 23rd. Information will be available after 1:00 p.m. on January 18st. at any of the following: Rick Hennig@ (262) 884-0133/ riteeng@ameritech.net, Dave Lallier@ (920) 921-5087/animae1@sbcglobal.net, Bill Bentsen@wbentsen@gmail.com or Four Lakes/WSSA Hotline number, (608) 204-9876 Ext. 5

W.S.S.A.-2009 REGATTA NOTICE

Wisconsin Stern Steers Association Annual Championship is scheduled for January 9th, 10th, and 11th, 2009. Regatta information will be available after 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 4th. Call the 4 lakes/WSSA hot line, (608) 204-9876 Ext. 5 or www.iceboat.org for ice conditions and tentative regatta sites. Final determination will be on Wednesday, January 7th, with information being available after 12:00 p.m. at the above Hot Line number. The regatta is tentatively rescheduled for the following weekend if conditions do not exist, but the N.I.Y.A. regatta will take priority, so stay in touch.

N.I.Y.A. 2009 REGATTA NOTICE

Northwest Ice Yachting Association Annual Championship is scheduled for January 16th, 17th, and 18th, 2009. Regatta information will be available after 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 11th, at (608) 204-9876 Ext. 2 or www.iceboat.org. Final determination and details will be available after 12:00 noon on Wednesday, January 14th. The

Regatta site of order will be: Toledo, Oh., Gull Lake, Mi., Sturgeon/Green Bay, Green Lake, Oshkosh, Madison, Fond du Lac, Menominee, Lake Geneva, Pewaukee, Detroit and Burlington Bay, Hamilton.

First race will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 16th. Registration will be held at Regatta Headquarters on January 16th from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Starting positions for the first race will be by committee draw. The entry fee is \$15.00 per yacht. (**NOTE:** Class "A" races will be held separately at Lake Geneva if the Northwest is held outside Wisconsin or upper Michigan.)

W.S.S.A. dues are \$20.00 and can be mailed to Jeff Seeboth at the following address:

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For Sale

*W.S.S.A. tee shirts, \$15.00 for short sleeves and \$20.00 for long sleeve. Sizes large, XL and XXL are available. Send tee shirt orders to:

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Additionally, we have available on an order basis Polar tech Fleece vests, pull over or zip up tops with the WSSA logo embroidered on the front and options for personalizing with boat name and number, great gifts for the loyal crew! If you're interested please contact me for pictures, prices and availability.

- *Class "D" Stern Steerer, Skeeter rig and runners with trailer. Contact Rex Lovelace (262) 549-0021
- *1979, 24 ft Searay "Cutty", Chevy 350 CI engine. Boat and drive system in good condition. Interior is in need of repair. Willing to trade for an iceboat. Contact Dennis Buetow (262) 646-8897
- *Class "A" Stern Steer – Recently rebuilt and refinished, the "Rainbow II" is in excellent shape. Sail inventory is good and entire package is race ready. Contact: George Miller, (732) 836-0914 or ghmiller@optonline.net
- Bill Hanson of the Madison area is looking for a Class "C" hull or plans to construct one. If there is anyone out there that can help please contact Bill at (608) 767-5050. It would be great to have another boat on the starting line

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