



W I S C O N S I N S T E R N S T E E R I N G A S S O C I A T I O N

Dear Members,

December 2009

Here is a note from our Commodore:

Hello all fellow stern steerer sailors.

I hope that everyone has had a great summer and fall so far. As we look forward to a great winter I would like to encourage everyone to get your boats and trailers ready for the upcoming season. ('tis far easier to work on those pesky trailer lights when it's 50 degrees than 20....speaking of which, where is my 'to do list'?) We are already shaping up to have one of our best years yet, with lake temps already dropping quickly and some reports of a dry winter and many new fleet members and new projects in the works.

We will do our best to keep everyone apprised of developing conditions and potential sites for fun sailing and conditions leading up the annual regatta. To do this, it always helps if we have input from our group to report on their local conditions. If you think there are potential conditions in your area, let us know.

We can build the membership and help the general health of our association if we spread the word and encourage fellow sailors, boat owners or potential fleet members to join the group. If you know of someone that might be interested or someone that has 'drifted away', encourage them to come and join us.

The association recognizes that not everyone is into hard-core racing and that our main event each year is a 'regatta' which many associate with strictly racing. I want to stress that first & foremost, we are a group of similar minded individuals with a similar passion who love to get together to share in this great sport and help each other. If racing is not your thing, please consider coming to the annual event/regatta anyway and think of it more as a fun gathering where everyone can enjoy each others company and simply sail these great boats (and we will have some races as well). If you want to come, but need any assistance to do so, please let me know. Whether it is a broken or missing part or just a little help lifting the boat off the trailer when you get to the ice, we will do our best to help. This is a very friendly & helpful group and we will welcome all participants with open arms.

One last note, we are trying to keep the lines of communication open and flowing and e-mail seems to be the quickest way to do that (particularly when the conditions change rapidly). Andy has been working very hard to make sure that his files are current, but please make sure that you have given Andy Gratton your latest e-mail address that you would like to be used. We will also do our best to keep everyone updated on the 4LIYC web page as well.

I look forward to seeing you all on the ice this winter!

Erich Schloemer  
WSSA Commodore

The WSSA Annual Championship was called on for Lake Geneva at Fontana, Wisconsin, February 20, 21, 22. The wind was light on Friday with one race attempted. Only two of the eight boats made it around the course within the time limit. No further racing that day. Saturday brought great

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sailing, however snow moved in and reduced visibility to about ¼ mile. Nonetheless, three races were completed on Saturday. It was interesting to see who really beat who because not all the competitors could be seen at one time on the course. Sunday morning showed little promise of wind so competitors took down the boats and didn't race, though later in the day good sailing was had. I would like to thank Chip Sawyer and crew for taking on the PRO responsibilities.

The annual meeting and dinner were held Saturday night at The Village Supper Club on Lake Delavan.

Erich Schloemer was nominated for another term as Commodore. Erich accepted, nominations were closed, the vote was unanimous. Andy Gratton was nominated for the Secretary/Treasurer position. Andy accepted and likewise was voted in unanimously. Fred Stritt brought forward the "A" class concern with the change to the regatta format to a three-day event. A long discussion followed with a motion by Fred Stritt to change the regatta format back to a two-day event. The motion was seconded by Eric Sawyer. The motion carried.

In the D fleet, Marv Luck in 'Gee Wizz II' and Andy Gratton in 'Rosemary IV' tied on points, and Andy won the tiebreaker.

In the C fleet, Pete and Nolan McCormick in 'Twin Beds' & Jeff & Sarah Seeboth in 'Miss Mischief' tied on points and Jeff won the tiebreaker.

The overall trophy, called the Evening Wisconsin Trophy (for Second Class Iceboats on Lake Winnebago), was awarded. It was recently refurbished and donated by Mike Peters of Oshkosh. The trophy is beautiful and a great piece of history that dates back to 1900 and even features a sterling silver stern steerer on the lid of the cup. It was first won by 'Flirt' and the 'Annie R' in 1900. Many familiar names in the history of the stern steerer fleet are represented on this trophy over the years. It is interesting to note that the 'Taku' was owned by Mike Peters' father years ago but under the name 'Maybid' and she was the last winner of this same trophy back in 1953. So, 56 years later she gets to bring it home again.

#### **The WSSA Overall Championship**

First Place	I-1	Erich Schloemer and Matt Critchley
Second Place	C-2	Pete & Nolan McCormick
Third Place	V-49	Jeff & Sarah Seeboth
Fourth Place	D-17	Andy Gratton
Fifth Place	D-2	Marvin Luck
Sixth Place	A-81	Erik and Rich Sawyer
Seventh Place	S-3	Mark Wiener and Dan Tess
Eighth Place	D-7	Kurt Martinson

#### **Class A Championship**

First Place	I-1	Erich Schloemer and Matt Critchley in 'Taku'
Second Place	A-81	Erik and Rich Sawyer in 'Michigander'

### **Class B Championship**

First Place                    S-3    Mark Wiener & Dan Tess in 'Spindler'

### **Class C Championship**

First Place                    V-49   Jeff & Sarah Seeboth in 'Miss Mischief'  
Second Place                C-2    Pete & Nolan McCormick in 'Twin Beds'

### **Class D Championship**

First Place                    D-17   Andy Gratton in 'Rosemary IV'  
Second Place                D-2    Marvin Luck in 'Gee Wizz II'  
Third Place                  D-7    Kurt Martinson 'Excelsior'

Again we had two young sailors with us, Nolan McCormick and Sarah Seeboth. We welcome the opportunity to share this sport with new people. Getting young sailors hooked on iceboating is a great way to perpetuate the sport.

The Northwest Ice Yacht Association called on their Championship Regatta for Fontana, WI. February 27 to March 1, 2009. Friday and Saturday brought little wind. Ice was good with patchy snow cover. Sunday was a blowout and racing was cancelled. This made for a three-race regatta but fun was had by all who attended. There were even a few spins due to runner tops coming off. Participation was lower than expected due to various reasons from competitors. Please clear your calendars for the NIYA this coming season.

### **NIYA Stern Steerer Race Results:**

#### **The Don Ward Overall Championship**

First Place                    I-1    Erich Schloemer  
Second Place                Z-1    Chip Sawyer  
Third Place                  V-0    Jeff Seeboth  
Fourth Place                V-11   Jay Seeboth  
Fifth Place                  A-5    Fred Stritt

#### **Class A Championship**

First Place                    I-1    Erich Schloemer  
Second Place                A-5    Fred Stritt

#### **Class C Championship**

First Place                    V-0    Jeff Seeboth

#### **Class D Championship**

First Place                    Z-1    Chip Sawyer  
Second Place                V-11   Jay Seeboth

The 2009 Hearst/Stuart Cups Challenge was not sailed for.

## **Hearst/Stuart Cups Regatta Notice**

The William Randolph Hearst Cup and the F.A. Stuart Cup Series is tentatively scheduled for January 22, 23, and 24, 2010. This will be the first of typically a two-weekend event. This is a Class A stern steerer event that is independent from and generally not sailed as part of any other regatta. Stay in touch - if conditions do not exist this series will tentatively be re-scheduled for the following weekend. The N.I.Y.A. annual regatta will take priority. Please return the Official Entry form (obtained from the WSSA Secretary) by Friday, January 22, 2010. Information will be available after 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 17, 2010, at any of the following:

Rick Hennig, 262-884-0133/ [riteeng@ameritech.net](mailto:riteeng@ameritech.net)

Dave Lallier, [920-921-8345/animae1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:920-921-8345/animae1@sbcglobal.net)

Bill Bentsen, [wbentsen@gmail.com](mailto:wbentsen@gmail.com)

Four Lakes/WSSA Hot Line number, 608-204-9876 Ext. 5

## **W.S.S.A.-2010 REGATTA NOTICE**

Wisconsin Stern Steering Association's Annual Championship is scheduled for January 9 and 10, 2010 as a two-day regatta. Regatta information will be available after 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 3, 2010. Call the 4 Lakes/WSSA Hot Line, 608-204-9876 Ext. 5 or [www.iceboat.org](http://www.iceboat.org) for ice conditions and tentative regatta sites. Final confirmation will be on Thursday, January 7, 2010, with information being available after 12:00 noon 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.

Attention, Attention, Attention! We could use some people to volunteer to be on the Race Committee for this regatta. Many thanks to those that can do so.

## **N.I.Y.A. 2010 REGATTA NOTICE**

Northwest Ice Yachting Association Annual Championship is scheduled for January 15, 16, and 17, 2010.

The Regatta Information Hot Line number is: 608-204-9876 Ext. 2 after 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 10, 2010, or [www.iceboat.org](http://www.iceboat.org). Final confirmation will be made at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, January 13, 2010. The Regatta site of order will be: Toledo, Ohio, Gull Lake, Michigan, Sturgeon Bay-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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The entry fee is \$15.00 per yacht. Registration will be held at Regatta Headquarters on January 15, 2010, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Starting positions for the first race will be by committee draw. (NOTE: Class "A" races will be held separately in Wisconsin or Upper Michigan, if the Northwest is not held in that area.)

**W.S.S.A. dues are \$20.00 and can be mailed to Andy Gratton at the following address:**

W.S.S.A. c/o Andy Gratton  
Secretary/Treasurer  
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## **For Sale**

WSSA tee shirts, \$15.00 for short sleeves and \$20.00 for long sleeve. Sizes in stock are XL (black short sleeve) and XXL (navy blue long sleeve, black short sleeve). The WSSA logo is on the left side of chest, a stern steerer in a tall hike is on the back. Send tee shirt orders to WSSA Secretary/Treasurer at:

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

- 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
- 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.
- D class Stern Steerer, backbone and baskets, sloop rigged, needs work. \$1000, Neenah. Contact Jim Stolla, 920-725-4865 jimstolla@new.rr.com
- C class Stern steerer, C-3, tandem cockpit, 2 set of sails-1 set new, 2 sets of runners, trailer with plenty of storage in box, jin pole, and new cushions Location: Racine,WI Call John, 262-554-1635 or [windspread@hotmail.com](mailto:windspread@hotmail.com)
- ECLIPSE - A Class Stern Steerer LOA 42' LOP 25' SA 315' Asking \$12,000. Call for details, located in Michigan. Erik Sawyer 231-893-3921 Home 231-740-5185 Cell
- Class D Skeeter rigged stern steerer. Ready to race or enjoy. Very fast and very competitive. Extra parts. Located in Green Lake, WI. Tim [blulledge@powercom.net](mailto:blulledge@powercom.net)
- Evinrude Class B, Banana Mast, stern steerer owned by the Green Lake Ice Yacht Club. Will trade for a Nite. Located in Green Lake WI. \$4000.00 [blulledge@powercom.net](mailto:blulledge@powercom.net).
- Siderailer Stern Steerer, 24 ft long, and in excellent condition. Located in central Wisconsin. \$1500 obo. Bob 920-579-1510

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- Some of the original spars from Flying Dutchmen and Debutante III. Contact Mike Peters at 920-252-1114

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