



Dear Members,

December 2011

We would like to welcome any new members to our organization. Any of you current members that have boats need to give friends interested in this sport a ride so they can see how much fun it really is. Those that have boats need to bring them to the Annual Regatta to show it off. At the regatta we have a lot of fun sailing our unique craft and sharing our passion for this sport. We even race these boats. If racing isn't for you, remember that wherever we hold the Regatta the ice conditions will be best, so just bring your boat and cruise it. The more the merrier! We are a friendly group and help each other out.

New business: The NIYA recognized the need to make some updates to the scoring section in the NIYA Bylaws. The WSSA has been asked to make a proposal as to what these changes should be. The NIYA would like to discuss and vote on this issue at the NIYA annual meeting, expected to be held within the next few months at the Championship Regatta. The officers of the WSSA have put together a proposal that is attached at the end of this newsletter. It is hoped that these changes will 1) help clear up the definition of a complete regatta for the stern steerers; 2) present a participation award to those bringing the only boat in a class and thereby promote bringing another boat to race; 3) define how scoring should be accomplished for both the individual and overall stern steerer fleets; 4) define what a Competitor is to help clear up inconsistencies in the scoring methods used in the past. The proposed wording for the NIYA Bylaws is included so that the WSSA group may review the proposal before the NIYA annual meeting takes place. If you have suggestions for alternate wording or other methods to achieve the goal of the NIYA, please contact the WSSA officers. The proposed wording is not necessarily the final wording, but keep in mind the bow-steering fleets do not want any changes to affect them in the least way. Also attached is the latest revision of the NIYA Bylaws, dated February 17, 2010.

**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  
2102 Doty Street  
Oshkosh, WI. 54902

If you know of a member that has moved, or may not be on the mailing list, please let me know and I will add them. I am trying to keep the mailing list current.

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The WSSA Annual Championship Regatta was called on for Lake Winnebago south of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, February 6 and 7, 2010. We planned to sail on the same piece of ice the NIYA held their regatta on the previous weekend. There was about 2" of soft snow evenly laid on the ice. A few boats arrived Friday late afternoon and set up in anticipation of some great sailing the next two days. That evening the wind began to blow. It howled all night, about 30 from the NE. As we arrived at the lake Saturday morning we were all disappointed to find the snow had piled up into drifts, some up to 12" deep, hard enough to walk on. About 13 boats were in attendance. A couple boats that were rigged did manage to build enough momentum to break through the drifts but the conditions were far from raceable. The regatta was postponed with hopes that conditions would improve in the next few weeks and allow us to still get the 2010 WSSA Regatta into the books. We were not that fortunate, though there is still part of December available if the ice forms soon.

The Northwest Ice Yacht Association called on their Championship Regatta for Fontana, WI. January 29 to 31, 2010. Friday and Saturday brought little wind. Ice was good with patchy snow cover. Sunday turned out to have good racing in moderate wind. This made for a four-race regatta and fun was had by all who attended. 12 boats were registered which made for some good racing. Please clear your calendars again for the 2011 NIYA this coming season.

We would like to welcome a couple new stern steerer sailors that showed us how to sail this year: Joe Terry from Port Edwards sailing the D Class LaCinda Mae, and Bill Hanson from Madison area sailing the B Class Miss Jane. See their names in the results below.

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

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

First Place	V-49	Jeff Seeboth
Second Place	C-2	Peter McCormick
Third Place	I-1	Erich Schloemer
Fourth Place	D-36	Joe Terry
Fifth Place	B-5	Bill Hanson

##### **Class A Championship**

First Place	I-1	Erich Schloemer
Second Place	A-6	Rick Hennig

##### **Class B Championship**

First Place	B-5	Bill Hanson
Second Place	B-55	John Isom

##### **Class C Championship**

First Place	V-49	Jeff Seeboth
Second Place	C-2	Peter McCormick
Third Place	C-25	Mike Peters

##### **Class D Championship**

First Place	D-36	Joe Terry
Second Place	D-17	Andy Gratton

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## **W.S.S.A.-2011 REGATTA NOTICE**

Wisconsin Stern Steering Association's Annual Championship is scheduled for January 15 and 16, 2011 as a two-day regatta. Regatta information will be available after 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 9, 2011. 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 13, 2011, 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. 2011 REGATTA NOTICE**

Northwest Ice Yachting Association Annual Championship is scheduled for January 21, 22, and 23, 2011.

The Regatta Information Hot Line number is: 608-204-9876 Ext. 2 after 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 16, 2011, or [www.iceboat.org](http://www.iceboat.org). Final confirmation will be made at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, January 19, 2011. The Regatta site of order will be: Toledo, Ohio, Gull Lake, Michigan, Sturgeon Bay-Green Bay, Green Lake, Madison, Fond du Lac, Menominee, Lake Geneva, Oshkosh, Pewaukee, Detroit and Burlington Bay, Hamilton.

First race will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 21st, 2011. The entry fee is \$15.00 per yacht. Registration will be held at Regatta Headquarters on January 21, 2011, 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.)

The 2010 Hearst/Stuart Cups Challenge was not sailed for.

## **Hearst/Stuart Cups Challenge Notice**

The William Randolph Hearst Cup and the F.A. Stuart Cup Series is tentatively scheduled for January 28, 29, and 30, 2011. 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 21, 2011. Information will be available after 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 23, 2011, from 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:animae1@sbcglobal.net)

Erik Sawyer, 231-893-3921/ [ecsawyer@charter.net](mailto:ecsawyer@charter.net)

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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:



front of shirt

Andy Gratton  
2102 Doty Street  
Oshkosh, WI  
920-231-3015



back of shirt

- 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
- 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, gin 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'  
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 [bluledge@powercom.net](mailto:bluledge@powercom.net)
- Siderailer Stern Steerer, 24 ft long, and in excellent condition. Located in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. \$1300 obo. Bob 920-579-1510

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Article IX – Annual Regatta

Section 3, - The annual regatta shall be held on the third weekend in January for three consecutive days, i.e. Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. At least three races must be completed for each class at the annual Regatta before a championship or place can be awarded. In the event of an incomplete regatta for any class, all completed races for that class are cancelled and the regatta for that class starts from scratch on the later date. Any class completing 3 races will be considered complete and not rescheduled.

Add between the second and third sentences:

When the four classes A, B, C, and D race together, three races sailed by at least two of these four classes constitute a complete regatta for all four of these classes.

Section 7, Paragraph 1 – A yacht may race only in its class, except in the Championship race.

Change to:

A yacht may race only in its class, except in the Championship race and when classes A, B, C, and D race together for the overall Stern-Steerer Trophy provided by the WSSA.

Section 7, Paragraph 2 –Classes A, B, C, and D may race at the same time at the option of the Race Committee. When Classes A, B, C, and D race together, each class shall compete for its own prize only.

Change to:

When classes A, B, C, and D race together each class shall compete for its own prize and for an overall Stern-Steerer Trophy provided by the WSSA.

Article XI – Trophies

Section 2, Paragraph 2 – Trophy Schedule – If only one boat competes in any class, the perpetual trophy will be awarded but not engraved.

Change to:

Trophy Schedule – If only one boat competes in any class other than Class A, B, C, and D, the perpetual trophy will be awarded but not engraved.

Section 3 – No prize or trophy is to be furnished for any class unless two or more yachts are entered, and actually compete.

Change to:

No prize or trophy is to be furnished for any class other than Class A, B, C, or D unless two or more yachts are entered, and actually compete.

Add:

If only one yacht races in Class A, B, C, or D, and that yacht is the only competitor in that class, then a participation trophy will be awarded, and the perpetual trophy will be awarded but not engraved.

If only one yacht races in Class A, B, C, or D but that yacht is not the only competitor in that class, then a permanent trophy will be awarded, and the perpetual trophy will be awarded and engraved.

Competitor – a skipper that has paid the registration fee, and has a yacht assembled and in a race-ready condition. Once Competitor status is attained, that status remains unchanged for the duration of the regatta regardless of the subsequent condition of the yacht. A competitor need not start a race or sail around any part of the course (DNC and DNS scores handle that situation).

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## Article XII – Scoring

Paragraph 7 – At least three races must be completed at the Annual Regatta before a championship or place can be awarded. If more races shall have been sailed, the championship or place is to be awarded based on all of the races completed.

Change to:

At least three races for a class must be completed at the Annual Regatta before a championship or place can be awarded for that class. If more races have been sailed, the championship or place is to be awarded based on all of the races completed.

Add:

When the four classes A, B, C, and D race together, three races sailed by at least two of these four classes constitute a complete regatta for all four of these classes, allowing places and prizes to be awarded.

When classes A, B, C, and D race together the finishing positions will be recorded as one large fleet to determine the overall Stern-Steerer champion. Also, each class will be scored as if the other classes were not present to determine the final positions of yachts in each class.

A separate issue that needs to be addressed:

## Article XII – Sail Measurements

Section 2, e – it talks about a line AEC and a diagram, neither of which I find any other reference to in these bylaws. Is something missing, lost over the years in digitizing the document, or is there another definition of line AEC needed? It sounds like three points are defining a line, only two are needed.

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