



December 2018

Happy cold weather fellow sailors.

2018-2019 season is starting out early as the first stern steerer has hit the ice already. For those who missed the 2018 regatta on Pewaukee Lake you missed a great time. The local sailors found us some very hard, clear, and smooth ice. They were very accommodating and friendly to all.

The high point of the regatta for me came after the racing as I was able to give rides to a gentleman who had never had the chance, and a family of 4 who enjoy soft water sailing but have never been out on the ice. The youngsters thought it was great and Mom and Dad enjoyed the chance also. We need to do this often to try and grow our fan base. There were also a lot of people out on the ice to look the boats over and talk with the skippers. It presented another great chance to share our sport with others.

So, once again, I can't encourage you enough to bring your boats out and join us at our annual regatta. Even if racing doesn't appeal to you it is a great time with fellow sailors and a great chance to display our boats and most important, SAIL them.

I'm in high hopes of seeing many skippers on the ice this year.

Commodore,  
Mark Wiener.

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

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Secretary/Treasurer  
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## WSSA Regatta

The 2018 WSSA regatta was held January 13 and 14 on Pewaukee Lake. We had 9 boats in attendance:

- "Michigander" sailed by Erik Sawyer and Jay Yaeso
- "Excelsior" sailed by Kurt Martinson
- "Spindler" sailed by Dan Tess and Mark Wiener
- "Miss Mischief" sailed by Jeff and Sarah Seeboth
- "Twin Beds" sailed by Peter and Greg McCormick
- "Ace of Spades" sailed by Mile Peters and Matt Critchley
- "LaCinda Mae" sailed by Joe Terry
- "Wisconsin" sailed by Mike Kroll
- "Rosemary IV" sailed by Andy Gratton

Saturday was bright and crisp with a northwest wind of about 12 to 15 mph with gusts. The ice was hard and clear, smooth, no snow. We alternately shared the race course with the 15 boat Pewaukee Nite fleet and sailed three races by 2:30 pm. The A boat was fast with their new sail, the C and D boats mixed it up in the middle of the fleet, and the two cotton sail boats sparred off at the tail end of the fleet. After the third race the group went to the Sports Dock to warm up and eat. A photographer from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Lake Country Now took a number of fine photographs. Sunday was another bright day with the wind slightly less and from the southwest. Two more races were run, again sharing the course with the Nites. The A boat was still fastest around the marks but the middle of the fleet was changing due to the lighter conditions. Miss Mischief and Rosemary had trouble in some of the holes as did the two cotton sail boats. We all had a good time and good sailing. After racing, some of the boats were giving rides or just joyriding on the smooth ice.

### Results:

"Sailed: 5, Discards: 0, To count: 5, Entries: 9, Scoring system: Appendix A"

Rank	Class	Sail No	Helm Name	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1st	A	A10	Erik Sawyer	1	1	1	1	1	5
2nd	C	C 25	Mike Peters	4	3	2	3	3	15
3rd	C	C 2	Peter McCormick	3	5	6	2	2	18
4th	C	V 49	Jeff Seeboth	5	2	3	5	5	20
5th	D	D17	Andy Gratton	2	4	4	6	6	22
6th	D	V 36	Joe Terry	6	6	5	4	4	25
7th	B	S 3	M. Wiener/D. Tess	9	7	9	8	7	40
8th	C	W	Mike Kroll	8	9	8	7	8	40
9th	D	D 7	Kurt Martinson	7	8	7	10 DNS	10 DNS	42

  

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1st	C	C 2	Peter McCormick	1	3	3	1	1	9
2nd	C	C 25	Mike Peters	2	2	1	2	2	9
3rd	C	V 49	Jeff Seeboth	3	1	2	3	3	12
4th	C	W	Mike Kroll	4	4	4	4	4	20

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1st	D	D 17	Andy Gratton	1	1	1	2	2	7
2nd	D	V 36	Joe Terry	2	2	2	1	1	8
3rd	D	D 7	Kurt Martinson	3	3	3	4 DNS	4 DNS	17

### **Trophies:**

Overall winner, winner of 2<sup>nd</sup> race, winner of 3<sup>rd</sup> race, A class winner – “Michigander” Erik Sawyer  
 B - class winner – “Spindler” Mark Wiener/Dan Tess  
 C – class winner – “Twin Beds” Peter McCormick  
 D – class winner – “Rosemary IV” Andy Gratton  
 Cotton Sail class winner – “Wisconsin” Mike Kroll

### **NIYA Regatta**

The 2017 Northwest Ice Yacht Association Regatta was not held.

Remember, wherever a regatta is called on the ice will be good to sail. Bring your boat, even if it is just to cruise and have a good time with iceboating friends. Don't miss out!

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

Wisconsin Stern Steering Association's Annual Championship is scheduled for January 5 and 6, 2019 as a two-day regatta. Regatta information will be available by Sunday evening, December 30, 2018. Call the 4 Lakes/WSSA Hot Line, 608-204-9876 ext. 4 or see [www.iceboat.org](http://www.iceboat.org) for ice conditions and tentative regatta sites. Final confirmation will be on Thursday, January 3, 2019, with information being available after 1 PM at the above Hot Line number. If conditions do not exist the regatta will be tentatively rescheduled for the following weekend so stay in touch. The N.I.Y.A. regatta is scheduled for January 18, 19, and 20, 2019. It will take priority.

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

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

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The Regatta Information Hot Line number is 608-204-9876. Tentative call will be available after 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 13, 2019, or see [www.iceboat.org](http://www.iceboat.org). Final confirmation will be made at noon on Wednesday, January 16, 2019.

N.I.Y.A. races will be held for Class A, B, C, D, E, Renegade, and DN. NOTE: Class "A" races will be held separately in Wisconsin or Upper Michigan, if the NIYA Regatta is not held in that area.

The first race will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 18, 2019. The entry fee is \$15.00 per yacht. Registration will be held at Regatta Headquarters on January 18, 2019, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Starting positions for the first race will be by committee draw. See <http://iceboat.org/niya.html>

## **Hearst/Stuart Cups Challenge**

The Hearst/Stuart Cups Challenge was not sailed in 2018.

The William Randolph Hearst Cup and the F.A. Stuart Cup Series is strictly for Class A and larger stern steerers. It is independent from any other regatta. Further information about this event may be obtained from any of the three trustees listed here:

Rick Hennig, 262-884-0133/ [riteeng@wi.twcbc.com](mailto:riteeng@wi.twcbc.com)

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

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

## **WSSA Annual Meeting Minutes**

The annual meeting was held at Water City brewery, Pewaukee, January 13, 2018. 13 members were present. A motion was made and passed to amend the bylaws to include a Vice Commodore. The Vice Commodore will be included as a Director. This will help alleviate burdens due to one of the two officers not being able to attend the annual meeting as has happened often the last number of years.

Elections were held, the new officers are:

Commodore -	Mark Wiener
Vice Commodore –	Joe Terry
Secretary/Treasurer –	Andy Gratton

It was noted that we need to make an inventory list of the trophies we have with photo documentation.

A discussion was held whether to allow or disallow wings (hard sails). The rules currently have a minimum size limit of 50 square feet, therefore hard wings are not allowed.

Old business – there is still an outstanding proposal to change the NIYA rules to reflect the WSSA rules for minimum sail size in Class D, 50 square feet.

New business - none

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If you know of a member that has moved, or someone that should be on the mailing list, please let the secretary, Andy Gratton, know and that person will be contacted and added to the list.

### **For Sale**

- C class stern steerer, C-3, tandem cockpit, about 28' x 32' tall. 2 sets of sails-1 set new, 3 sets of runners, trailer with plenty of storage in box, gin pole, new cushions, and all new covers. Location: Racine, WI \$7500  
Call John Stanley, 414-418-1635 or [windspread@hotmail.com](mailto:windspread@hotmail.com)
- Runner sharpening machines, for Sarns runners and custom made, 1.5 hp motor, call Bob Rast, 414-791-3056
- There are a number of very nice stern steerers for sale on the 4LIYC website, [www.iceboat.org](http://www.iceboat.org)
- Ice Hagge (old English for Fallen Timber) for sale, 2 sets of runners (angles and inserts), 16'6" long x 12' wide, trailer, \$2500, contact Chuck Emery at [Boatracr@earthlink.net](mailto:Boatracr@earthlink.net).



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- Class A, Leaping Lena, 36'10" backbone, 34'6" mast, 18'3" boom, 22' plank, 2 sets of plate runners, 1 set of slush runners partially rebuilt, cotton sails plus original gaff rigged sails. Older trailer, \$5500. Contact Dan Bierman at 920-299-0773, Green Lake.



WSSA long sleeve t-shirts, \$25.00 each plus shipping. Choice of three colors – charcoal, medium blue, and forest green. A colored WSSA logo is on the left side of chest, a stern steerer in a tall hike (thanks to Jeff Seeboth for the pose) is on the back. Send t-shirt orders to WSSA Secretary/Treasurer.



front of shirt



three colors



back of shirt

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# RIGHT OF WAY and SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

## The Purpose of the Rules is to PREVENT COLLISIONS.



**Rule B - RIGHT-of-WAY - Yachts must KEEP CLEAR as follows:**

<p><b>1</b> <b>IN MOTION</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keep clear of <u>STOPPED YACHT</u></p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>OFF THE WIND</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keep Clear</p>	<p><b>3a</b> <b>ON THE WIND PORT TACK</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keep Clear</p>	<p><b>3b</b> <b>OFF THE WIND PORT TACK</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keep Clear</p>
<p><b>4a</b> <b>ON THE WIND SAME TACK</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">WINDWARD YACHT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keep Clear</p>	<p><b>4b</b> <b>OFF THE WIND SAME TACK</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">LEEWARD YACHT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keep Clear</p>	<p><b>5a</b> <b>RIGHT - OF - WAY YACHT</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Do not alter course so as to mislead or prevent a non right-of-way yacht from keeping clear.</p>	<p><b>5b</b> <b>FASTER YACHT SAME TACK OVERTAKING</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keep Clear</p>
<p><b>6</b> <b>TACK or JIBE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT IF COLLISION IS PROBABLE ←</p>	<p><b>7</b> <b>OBSTRUCTION</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Signal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keep Clear</p>	<p><b>8</b> <b>ROUNDING MARK OUTSIDE YACHT</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keep Clear</p>	<p><b>9</b> <b>AFTER FINISHING THE RACE -</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>KEEP CLEAR of the COURSE</u></p>



**- REMEMBER -**  
**PREVENT COLLISIONS**  
*Use Your Parking Break!*  
*Wear a Crash Helmet!*  
*Use Common Sense!*

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Make check out to WSSA, send check and this form to:

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Boat name and class \_\_\_\_\_

Boat overall dimensions \_\_\_\_\_

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