



November 2021

Ahoy Stern Steering sailors and supporters,

As your new Commodore, I'd like to thank you for the honor to serve and introduce myself for those who may not know me. I started iceboating in 2003 when a friend introduced me to "Big John" and I got a ride in his Nite sailing out of Appleton and was hooked. I built a small home-made iceboat called the FrostFish from plans in a magazine and sailed it for a few years before getting my first ride in a stern steerer from Andy Gratton in the Wisconsin. I was even more hooked. In 2009 I purchased my stern steer, Wonton, (now named LaCinda Mae after my lovely wife) from Rex Lovelace with Andy Gratton's help and have been sailing, breaking, repairing, and sailing it some more ever since. I like joy riding, adventure sailing with Andy and Mike (and whomever joins us), and racing. I think "adventure sailing" has the highest risk, but going with several boats and taking it slow has proven safe and has been great fun.

My vision for the class is to promote stern steering sailing by being an open and inviting group, communicating where there is good ice, and getting together frequently to have fun reuniting with friends old and new, and of course promoting and racing in our annual WSSA regatta.

As we move into the holiday season and are on the lookout for some good ice, I was reflecting on our 2021 WSSA regatta and the fun we had. Great friends helping each other set up and take down along with plenty of stories and some great winds for racing sure made it a memorable event for me, which makes me all the more excited for this upcoming season.

When looking for good ice, we have several means of trying to find information. The Four Lakes Ice Yacht Club has both a website ([iceboat.org](http://iceboat.org)) and a facebook group. MidWest Hard Water Sailing is another facebook page. Of course, we have email and my favorite, the telephone, to call friends and spread the word. If you have a body of water nearby and can check the ice conditions, please let us know so we can get the word out.

If anyone has any class business you'd like to see addressed, such as updating bylaws, regatta rules, etc., please let me, Mike Kroll our Vice Commodore, or Andy Gratton our Secretary/Treasurer know and we'll get to work.

Until we meet on a sheet of ice, please feel free to call me or contact any of our officers if you have questions, whether it be WSSA specific or just anything iceboating in general.

Joe Terry  
Commodore

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## WSSA Regatta

The 2021 Wisconsin Stern Steering Regatta was held March 6 and 7, 2021, off Menominee, MI. We had eight boats in attendance of which seven were registered to race. Winds started off light from the NW on Saturday morning. The first race was started but became more difficult as the light wind dropped to the point of no wind for a short time, then it filled in from the SE as a 180 degree wind shift. The marks did not even get moved, we just went to the other end to start the next race. Three more races were run on Saturday in 8-10 mph wind. The ice stayed hard until the last race when two of the bigger boats started cutting in. Sunday started out as predicted with no wind, increasing by 10 am through the afternoon to the low teens. The ice again stayed hard all day. Two more races were held with a superb performance from LaCinda Mae by leading one race until the last leg when Michigander passed her. Rosemary almost caught up at the finish but LaCinda Mae got across the line about ½ second ahead for second place.

Dave Lallier attended with his new side-by-side stern steerer powered by a Renegade rig. It was going nicely in the breeze, giving him and friend Jeanne front row seats for the races. (They actually raced, but Jeanne didn't know that.) Three new people attended: Max Runge in Jay Seeboth's old boat, and Clay and Jason Yaeso crewing alternately with Jay Yaeso in Haywire. We hope to see all three in future WSSA races.

Erik and Rich Sawyer took home the Overall trophy and the Race 2 and Race 3 trophies. Mark Wiener and Dan Tess were awarded the Cotton Sail trophy. A big Thank You to Ann Gratton for running the races and taking times and finishes. Off in the distance toward Chamber's Island we could see the Mackinaw ice breaker working on shrinking our beautiful piece of ice that continued for miles and miles. It was a beautiful weekend and all had a good time.

### A Class Fleet

Sailed: 5, Discards: 0, To count: 5, Entries: 1, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Fleet	Boat	SailNo	HelmName	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total
1st	A Class	Michigander	A 10	Erik & Rich Sawyer	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	5.0

### B Class Fleet

Sailed: 5, Discards: 0, To count: 5, Entries: 1, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Fleet	Boat	SailNo	HelmName	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total
1st	B Class	Spindler	S 3	Mark Wiener & Dan Tess	1.0	1.0	2.0 DNS	2.0 DNS	2.0 DNS	8.0

### C Class Fleet

Sailed: 5, Discards: 0, To count: 5, Entries: 1, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Fleet	Boat	SailNo	HelmName	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total
1st	C Class	Haywire	C 47	Clay, Jason & Jay Yaeso	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	5.0

### D Class Fleet

Sailed: 5, Discards: 0, To count: 5, Entries: 4, Scoring system: Appendix A

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Rank	Fleet	Boat	SailNo	HelmName	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total
1st	D Class	Rosemary IV	D 17	Andy Gratton	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	6.0
2nd	D Class	LaCinda Mae	V 36	Joe Terry	2.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	2.0	10.0
3rd	D Class	Slick Trick	D 4	Mike Kroll	3.0	3.0	2.0	4.0	4.0	16.0
4th	D Class		V 11	Max Runge	4.0	4.0	5.0 DNF	3.0	3.0	19.0

### Overall Fleet

Sailed: 5, Discards: 0, To count: 5, Entries: 7, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Fleet	Boat	SailNo	HelmName	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total
1st	overall	Michigander	A 10	Erik & Rich Sawyer	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	6.0
2nd	overall	Haywire	C 47	Clay, Jason & Jay Yaeso	2.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	1.0	11.0
3rd	overall	Rosemary IV	D17	Andy Gratton	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	15.0
4th	overall	LaCinda Mae	V 36	Joe Terry	4.0	4.0	5.0	2.0	4.0	19.0
5th	overall	Slick Trick	D 4	Mike Kroll	5.0	5.0	4.0	6.0	6.0	26.0
6th	overall		V 11	Max Runge	7.0	7.0	8.0 DNF	5.0	5.0	32.0
7th	overall	Spindler	S 3	Mark Wiener & Dan Tess	6.0	6.0	8.0 DNS	8.0 DNS	8.0 DNS	36.0

### NIYA Regatta

The 2021 Northwest Ice Yacht Association Regatta was cancelled due to Covid-19.

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

Wisconsin Stern Steering Association's Annual Championship is scheduled for January 8 and 9, 2022 as a two-day regatta. Regatta information will be available by Sunday evening, January 2, 2022. See [www.iceboat.org](http://www.iceboat.org) for ice conditions and tentative regatta sites. Final confirmation will be on Thursday, January 6, 2022, with information being available after 1 PM. If conditions do not exist the regatta will be tentatively rescheduled for the following weekend so stay in touch.

To the non-racers, remember that wherever a regatta is held the ice will be good to sail on. Bring your boat, even if it is just to cruise and have a good time with iceboating friends. Don't miss out! WSSA even has a trophy for the winner of the "Cotton Sail" division, so bring the old boats to the event!

We could use some people to volunteer to be on the Race Committee for the WSSA regatta - starting the race and recording finishes. It's easy, you'll get direction and help, and you get front row seating. Let an officer know if you are available to help. Many thanks to those that can do so.

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

The Northwest Ice Yachting Association Annual Championship has been scheduled for January 14 to 16, 2022. Watch [iceboat.org](http://iceboat.org) for further information.

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

The Hearst and Stuart Cups Challenge was not sailed in 2021.

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  
Dave Lallier, 920-921-8345/ animae1@sbcglobal.net  
Erik Sawyer, 231-893-3921/ ecsawyer@charter.net

### **WSSA Annual Meeting Minutes**

The annual meeting was held on the ice at Menominee, 11 were present. Commodore Mark welcomed everyone to the regatta. Minutes of last meeting were approved, the treasury has \$2196. No old business was brought up. New business - motion made to give Watermark Restaurant \$100 toward repair of yard, grass, and beach since there was so much traffic on that area for ice access. Motion approved. Nominations for officers made and voted on. Officers are now:

Joe Terry – Commodore  
Mike Kroll – Vice Commodore  
Andy Gratton – Secretary/Treasurer

Mark's last act as Commodore is to approve WSSA buying two drinks each at the next regatta instead of just one since we couldn't do that this year due to Covid.

### **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)
- There are a number of very nice stern steerers for sale on the 4LIYC website, [www.iceboat.org](http://www.iceboat.org)

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- [Stern steerer](#) in Minneapolis area, 1937 Johnson Boat Works B boat with D sail plan, 38' LOA, 18'+ newer plank, 26'x 2" S&R glass wing mast, 3 sails, 2 booms, plate and slush runners, trailer with storage box. \$2,500  
Kurt Martinson, 612-388-6009 or [Kurt.r.Martinson@gmail.com](mailto:Kurt.r.Martinson@gmail.com)



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- Ice Hagge (Old English term for Fallen Timber) for sale, 2 sets of runners (angles and inserts), 16'6" long x 12' wide, trailer, \$2500, contact Chuck Emery at [Boatracers@earthlink.net](mailto:Boatracers@earthlink.net). Photo below.



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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. Photo below.



- 16' sloop, cast runners, 4 cotton sails in bag, needs some TLC, needs to be put back on the ice, make offer. Menominee, MI, contact Jason Fifarek at 906-290-0047 Jason.fifarek21@gmail.com. Photo below.

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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



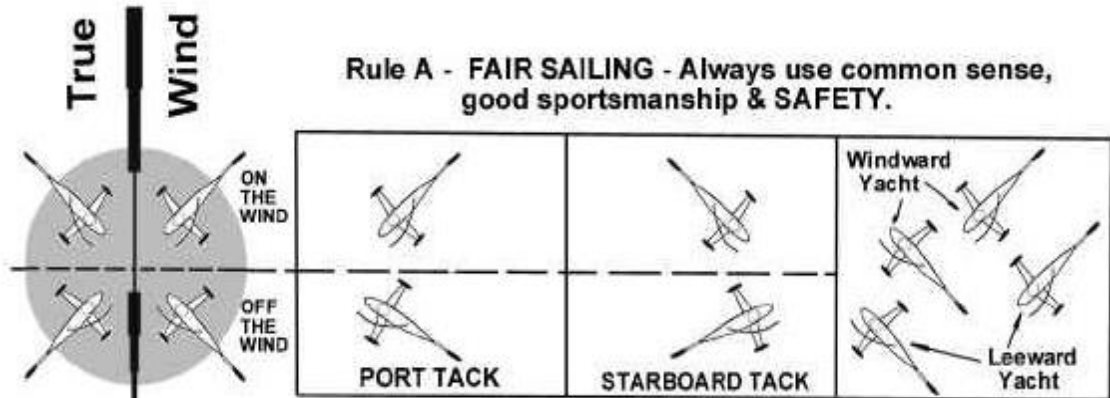
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# RIGHT OF WAY and SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

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



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

<p><b>1</b> <u>IN MOTION</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keep clear of <u>STOPPED YACHT</u></p>	<p><b>2</b> <u>OFF THE WIND</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keep Clear</p>	<p><b>3a</b> <u>ON THE WIND PORT TACK</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keep Clear</p>	<p><b>3b</b> <u>OFF THE WIND PORT TACK</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keep Clear</p>
<p><b>4a</b> <u>ON THE WIND SAME TACK</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">WINDWARD YACHT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keep Clear</p>	<p><b>4b</b> <u>OFF THE WIND SAME TACK</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">LEEWARD YACHT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keep Clear</p>	<p><b>5a</b> <u>RIGHT - OF - WAY YACHT</u></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> <u>FASTER YACHT SAME TACK OVERTAKING</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keep Clear</p>
<p><b>6</b> <u>TACK or JIBE</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT IF COLLISION IS PROBABLE ←</p>	<p><b>7</b> <u>OBSTRUCTION</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Signal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keep Clear</p>	<p><b>8</b> <u>ROUNDING MARK OUTSIDE YACHT</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keep Clear</p>	<p><b>9</b> <u>AFTER FINISHING THE RACE -</u></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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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