

BETWEEN THE POINTS

News from the Lake Geneva Yacht Club

July 2013



● **Welcome aboard.**

Jamie and **Tamara Hummert** from Milwaukee are new Regular members, sailing in the M24 fleet. They also are members of Milwaukee Yacht Club.

Tom and **Janet Nickols** from Lake Geneva have converted from Associate to Regular members.

Dennis and **Erin Keller** have converted their Trial membership to Associate status. They are residents of Arlington Heights and Lake Geneva. Their children are **Kaitlyn, Keira, Brendan, Grace, and Emma**

Bryan and **Debby Hobgood** and daughter, **Courtney**, from the Village of Lakewood are new Associate members.

Alan and **Kathi Bosworth** and their children **Becky** and **Nikki** from Lake Geneva are new Associate members.

Brock and **River Paquin** from Belvidere are new Junior members sailing in Optimists, Class X and 420s. Their mother, **Karen**, is an active Sailing School volunteer.

● **Time to return your trophies.**

Please polish and return to the Club the perpetual trophies you won in 2012. Leave them with the office staff.

● 2013 Class A Nationals huge success.

The *A Nationals* in June was an outstanding event with close competition over three days of racing in winds ranging from dead calm to over 30 mph. Full results and a spectacular video can be found via the Club website, www.lgyc.com.

Vice Commodore, and regatta chairman, **Terry Blanchard's Silverhawk Team** consisting of **Andy Burdick** (helm), **Ben Porter**, **Peter Keck**, **Molly Forbes**, **Joe Kutchenreuter**, **Jim Petersen**, and **the owner**, prevailed in a closely fought series.

Volunteers making the event successful included: **Don and Merilee Holst**; **Bud and Gloria Melges**, **George Kummer**, **Chris and Kristin Gannon**, **Nancy Blanchard**, **Julie Navin**, **Bob and Jane Pegel**, **Art Larson**, **Bill Bentsen**, **Tom Hodgson**, **Hank Stuart**, **Jim Smith**, **Bob Harring**, **Dan and Sandy Barker**, **Dennis Schalk**, **John Zils**, **Devin Farley** and the **Club Staff**.

● LGYC youth and junior sailors = outstanding regatta results

During the month of June, LGYC youth sailors nailed two championships.

Malcolm Lamphere won the *U.S. Laser Radial Championship*. Sailing in a 73 boat fleet off Santa Cruz, CA, in the final race Malcolm skillfully controlled his major competition to take the title.

Griffin Rolander and **Mark Davies** won three races at the *ILYA Club 420 Championship* on Delavan Lake and finished first overall. **R.J. Porter** and crew, **Clare Perry**, placed sixth.

30 boats sailed in the *Optimist Midwest Championship* at Gull Lake, outside Brainerd, MN. **Parker Michel** placed 2nd overall and 2nd in Red Fleet; **Chapman Petersen**, 6th overall and 1st in White Fleet; **Marleigh Belsley**, 11th overall, Top Girl and 4th in Blue Fleet.

At the annual *Lake Beulah Optimist Regatta*, 57 boats competed in the Red-White-Blue Fleet. **Chapman Petersen** placed overall 2nd; **Parker Michel**, 6th; **Henry Rolander**, 8th; **Finn Rowe**, 14th; **Cameron Desnoes**, 31st; **Brock Paquin**, 35th; **Marleigh Belsley**, 37th; **Tommy Whowell**, 41st; **Emelia Larimer**, 44th; **Sarah Larimer**, 49th. There were 26 competitors in the Green Fleet. Geneva sailors placed: **Aran Freytag**, 2nd; **Christian Karabas**, 9th; **Sam Stout**, 11th; **Devon Belsley**, 14th; **Jack Chvojka**, 16th; **Sailor Whowell**, 17th; **Alana Dvorak**, 22nd.

Geneva's Class X Junior Fleet members sailed in the *TRAP* at Pine Lake. **Henry Rolander** and crew **Kyle Navin** won a race and placed overall 2nd. **Harry Melges/Hunter Sharpe**, 15th; **Parker and Sean Michel**, 17th; **Finn Rowe/Patrick Crist**, 20th; **Emelia and Sarah Larimer**, 23rd.

● And the adults also competed.

Tom Pomierski and **Rob Boettcher** were the only sailors representing Geneva at the *Class C National Championship*. Sailing at Pewaukee in light, fluky winds, they finished 41st.

Gordy Lamphere, now a member of the U.S. Sailing Team, placed 3rd in the *Finn Class Estonian National Championship*.

Frank Davenport and **Steve Boho** and crews enjoyed the M24 Gold Cup off Belmont Harbor.

● **Members participate in corporate team building regatta.**

Steve Boho, Kathy Tegler, Paul Wood, Don Holst, Frank Davenport, John Zils, and Bob Winter helped the Sailing School introduce sailboat racing to a corporate client. Four races sailed in M24s and Sonars over a short course in fresh breezes presented a challenge to all involved.

● **Protecting your lead.**

Pick up a sailing publication, and you're sure to find all sorts of advice about how to improve your racing performance. Practice with a regular team. Set up the boat according to the sail maker's tuning guide. Smooth the bottom. Get a good night's sleep. Stay away from the lay line. Find a clear lane.

OK. You follow all these tips and now you're in first place. Do you know how to protect your lead?

It's simple.

(1) Two important fundamentals:

(a) Sail fast and in clear air.

(b) When you round the leeward mark in the lead, "Halve your lead to windward".

If you have a 50 ft. lead, sail 20 ft. on port tack. Then tack to starboard and sail until you're directly upwind of the leeward mark. Then tack back to port so that you will be on the port tack when the next boat rounds the mark. Then match him tack-for-tack, keeping in mind #2 through # 5 below (If you've rounded a starboard gate mark, then you'll be sailing on starboard, then port, then back to starboard tack.)

(2) Position your boat between your competition and the next mark (or the finish line). If you do this, the only way the other guy can pass you is if he physically sails right through your boat.

(3) You may adjust your position to also stay between the competition and the wind. This does not mean abeam (abreast) of the competition. When sailing to windward, make sure the wind hits you before it hits your competition.

(4) When sailing downwind or reaching, position your boat so the competition is not blocking your wind and so that on the final jibe for the mark the competition will not have right-of-way or be inside of you at the mark.

(5) Position your boat so that it slows down the competition. Make sure the wind that is reaching the other guy's sails is the turbulent wind flowing off the back of your sail or your sails are blocking the wind in his sails.

Now all you need is silver polish.