

BETWEEN THE POINTS

News from the Lake Geneva Yacht Club

July, 2010

Welcome Aboard

We're pleased to welcome these new members:

Regular – **Ron and Judy Bjurstrom** from Wonder Lake, IL. Ron is a former member of the Geneva J24 fleet and is now racing a C Scow.

FJ and Kimi Frazier from Fontana have children **Kaz, Fontana, Quin, and Findley** in the Optimist GLSS Learn to Race fleet.

Brett and Stephanie Gruchow from Lake Geneva are sailing in the Sonar fleet. They have two daughters, **Cassandra** and **Alexandria**.

Elizabeth and **Chris Harned** from New York and Nashotah, WI, are sailing in the Melges 24 fleet. Their children are **Ellie, Kit, William, and Alec**.

John and Jennifer Plummer from Naperville and Fontana have two boys, **Jared and Joey**, in Sailing School and a future sailor, **Jack**.

Dave and Julie Stout from Fontana have children **Jacob, Olivia, and Sam** in the Sailing School Learn to Race and Pram Camp.

Intermediate – **Eric Youngquist**, Fontana, is back on the race course with a new C Scow.

Junior – **Charlie Curtis** from Lake Geneva and Florida, is racing an Optimist.

Associate – **Dale and Trina Gustafson**, Fontana.

Special Events This Month

July 12-14 – *Annual Sailing School Regatta Week*: X boats Monday and Tuesday; Optimists, 420s, and Lasers on Wednesday. New this year will be awards for combined performance in more than one fleet.

July 24 – *Commodore's Dinner*. Cocktail cruise on the "Lady", followed by dinner and dancing at the Club.

July 31 – *Annual Old Guard Race*. Please contact **Don Holst** to reserve a boat.

Note: When inclement weather cancels evening racing, the buffet price is discounted.

Capital Improvements

A new *Long Range Planning Committee* established by the Board of Directors is developing a "wish list" of capital improvements for the Club buildings and grounds. It is anticipated that a report will be ready for the annual meeting. The committee welcomes input from interested members. Please contact chairman, **Bob Winter**.

ILYA Regatta, Just Around the Corner, August 11-21

There still is time to volunteer for a regatta committee. Please contact:

Private housing – **Frank and Melanie Davenport**, fastsailor@aol.com 262-245-5014

Spectator boats – **Dave Williams**, david.b.Williams@sbcglobal.net, 262-245-6338

Boat parking, launching, retrieving– **Don Holst**, dchmmh@charter.net, 847-322-7403

Trophy Committee Reminder

Sailors who won perpetual trophies during the 2009 season are asked to return them to the Club by July 15th or A.S.A.P. The Trophy Committee prefers that you *DO NOT* engrave your name on the trophy. Arrangements for engraving have been made and the Committee will be taking groups of trophies to the engraver at bi-monthly intervals during the summer, making sure all will be ready for Trophy Night on Labor Day Weekend, 2010.

▶▶ Racing News

Optimist sailors went over to Beulah for the *Fun Regatta* on June 28th and brought home some hardware. In the Red-White-Blue fleet, **Nate Freytag** placed 3rd; **Stuart Henry**, 10th; **Charlie Curtis**, 17th; **Parker Michael**, 23rd; **Mark Davies**, 25th; **Charlie Reynolds**, 27th; **Harry Melges**, 29th; **Henry Rolander**, 34th. **Kyle Navin** placed 2nd in the Green Fleet; **Josh Navin**, 3rd; **Ryan Ripkey**, 8th; **Caroline Reynolds**, 12th; **Annalise Floody**, 14th; and **Isabel Keefe**, 18th.

Tom Freytag and his "Mad Cap" team returned home from the *A Scow Nationals* with the top prize, winning three of the five races sailed on Lake Mendota. **Terry Blanchard's** "Silverhawk" placed 4th; **John Anderson/Bud Melges**, 6th; **Chuck Lamphere**, 10th; and **Wendell Sherry**, 14th.

Susie Pegel placed 9th on the *Laser Master's Great Lakes Championship* held on Lake Huron off Sarnia, Ontario.

Andy Burdick won the *C Scow Nationals* on Lake Chatauqua, NY.

John Porter's "Full Throttle" team dominated the *Melges 32 Nationals* held in Newport, RI.

Charlie Reynolds, **Joe Griffin**, and **Henry Rolander** and **RJ Porter** sailed in the *Junior Olympic Regatta* held at Columbia YC, Chicago. Videos of interviews with Charlie and Henry can be viewed on the Columbia YC Sailing School website. Results were not available as we went to press.

A reminder: Coaching during championship "A Series" races in all classes is a violation of the Rules. Please be aware that race officials are monitoring all radio channels.

▶▶ When a Storm Hits

In this part of the country it is not unusual for sailors to encounter the challenges presented by an isolated thunderstorm or a passing weather front. On sailing days it is worthwhile checking the weather forecasts and monitoring the radar web sites. Sail only when the weather is appropriate for your skill level. Review with your crew the drill when a storm is approaching. Be sure to wear your PFD. Dark clouds on the horizon are a signal to be alert. If there is time, sail to the closest pier and lower your sail. If you're too far from shore, lower your sail, keep your hand on the tiller and head down wind to "ride it out". Be aware that the wind can get under the wide expanse of the hull of a scow class boat and capsize the boat even though the sail is down.

When a rescue boat arrives; Pivot the capsized boat into the wind. Slap the bailers shut so no one gets cut. Work to get the boat on her side by loading crew weight on the centerboard or bilgeboard. When the mast and sail are parallel to the water, someone on the rescue boat can unshackle the mainsail and push the mast up. (Vang and cunningham controls will need to be slack to be able to release the halyard. If your scow is capsized, but not turtle, stand on the extended bottom board to get leverage to right the boat. Leave your boat only to board a rescue boat. Phone the YC when you're safely ashore.