

BETWEEN THE POINTS

News from the Lake Geneva Yacht Club

July, 2011



► *In Memorium*

J. Wendell Sherry joined the Club in 1992 and raced in the J-24, Laser, M16, E, and A fleets, as well as DN iceboats during the winter months. His family was his first love. Next came his love for competition, in business and in sailing.

Winning the *Wacker Trophy* in 2009 was one of Wendell's most memorable racing experiences. The *2010 Big Inland* was his last regatta.

Wendell served as Club Secretary and devoted a generous amount of time to fleet-building. The International DN Ice Yacht Racing Assn. has retired Wendell's sail number 45.

Annual Old Guard Race - Begin Your Training Regimen

Planning is underway for the annual Old Guard Race.

Members # 1 - 50 are eligible to be at the helm.

Invitations will be in the mail shortly.

► *Welcome Aboard*

Hunter Sharpe has joined the Club as a new Junior member racing an Optimist.

David Brown and **Charles Marlas** are new Associate members.

Tammy Frazier and **Lisa Pavett** are new Trial Members.

Please Clear the Lower Parking Lot

The Sailing School Regatta is July 11-13.

Prior to 3:00 p.m. on July 10th,
Please remove all MCs, M17s, Es, and M24's from the lower parking lot and park them up-the-hill in the paved area between the storage buildings or in the center at the top of the hill.

Thank you!

▶ ***A Reminder -- Your Co-operation Is Appreciated***

The trophy committee extends its thanks to the sailors who have returned their trophies. The remainder of the sailors who won perpetual trophies in 2010 are asked to return them to the Club today so the trophy committee can make arrangements for the names of the 2011 winners to be engraved on the trophies prior to the 2011 awards dinners.

▶ ***Trial Membership Program***

Introduce your friends to the Lake Geneva YC by encouraging them to take advantage of the 2011 Trial Membership Program.

- No membership dues in 2011.
- Restaurant and bar privileges with only a \$300 minimum in each month for July and August. No minimum in September.
- No membership dues until January for those choosing to officially join for next season.

SPECIAL EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 23rd -- Black and Red, Commodore's Dinner

6:30 p.m., \$75.00 ++

Join us for a very special evening to honor the service of our past and present Commodores.

Wear your best black and red attire and enjoy an elegant evening.

A four course menu plus appetizers with wine selections to complement each course.

Enjoy the music of Marshall Vente on the jazz keyboard

August 5th - Island Buffet

5:30 - 9:30, \$19.00 ++

Bring the entire family to enjoy dinner and fun.

Wear tropical attire and we'll have the leis ready.

Kids, bring a pair of flip flops to decorate - we provide the rest.

Limbo contest, special tropical drinks.

Live music by LGYC's own Paul Wood with Mary Barrett.

A great way to celebrate the fleeting days of summer!

Awards Dinners

September 3 - Junior Fleets Trophy Dinner

October 15 - Senior Fleets Trophy Dinner

Race Committee Appreciation Dinner

November 8

► **Boats Signing Up For M24 Nationals**

LGYC is host to the 2011 Melges 24 National Championship. The regatta Notice of Race and registration are available at www.yachtscore.com.

Early entries include boats from Australia, Canada, and the USA.

► **Regatta Reports**

Mike Lynch and **Erick Youngquist** sailed their C scows in the *Browns Lake MIR* regatta in early June.

Andy Burdick, with **Junior Impens** crewing, successfully defended his *C Scow National* Championship sailed at Lake Maxinkuckee, IN. **Jim Petersen** also competed.

The Geneva contingent won two of the four races at the A Scow Nationals held at Oshkosh but Minnetonka boats took the top two spots in the overall point tally. **Tom Freytag** placed 3rd; **Chuck Lamphere**, 4th; Terry **Blanchard/Charlie Harrett**, 5th; **John Anderson/Bud Melges**, 6th.

On the international scene, **Stuart Henry** sailed in the *Scotia Bank Optimist Clinic and Regatta* at the St. Thomas, VI, Yacht Club. **Gordy Lamphere** raced his Finn at *Kiel Week* and led at the top mark in one of the races. **Malcolm Lamphere** won the *Canadian Laser Radial Championship*.

Susie Pegel competed in the *Great Lakes Laser Masters Championship* at the Royal Hamilton YC. Prior to the Hamilton regatta she sailed the *Atlantic Coast Masters* at New Bedford, MA, and the *Laser District 19 Championship* on Lake St. Clair, MI, where she took a bullet.

Optimist sailors competed in the *Lake Beulah Fun Regatta* on June 27th. In the Red-White-Blue Fleet: 7th, **Mark Davies**; 9th, **Joey Fontana**; 13th, **Charlie Reynolds**; 15th, **Kyle Navin**; 16th, **Jacob Stout**; 18th, **Bo Freytag**; 21st, **Parker Michael**; 24th, **Finn Rowe**; 25th, **Henry Rolander**; 26th, **Taitan Workman**; 27th, **Hunter Sharpe**; 28th, **Will Davies**; 30th, **Josh Navin**; 31st, **Quin Frazier**. Competing in the Green fleet: 8th, **Hans Melges**; 13th, **Marleigh Belsley**; 20th, **Thomas Whowell**; 21st, **Sarah Larimer**; 23rd, **Ellie Fontana**; 26th, **Chapman Peterson**; 28th, **Emelia Larimer**; 29th, **Annie Rowe**; 30th, **Jack Reynolds**; 31st, **Aran Freytag**.

The X boat sailors sailed the *TRAP* regatta at Pine Lake. In the Senior Fleet: 2nd, **Griffin and Henry Rolander**; 8th, **R.J. Porter/Kyle Navin**; 9th, **Mitchell Lee/Hunter Sharpe**; 10th, **Colin and Finn Rowe**; 17th, **Nate Freytag/Jacob Stout**; 22nd, **Mac Six/Ryan Ripkey**. In the Junior Fleet: 4th, **Mark and Will Davies**; 30th, **Will Huerth/Charlie Reynolds**; 34th, **Bo Freytag/Taitan Workman**; 39th, **Caroline Reynolds/Fontana Frazier**.

Meg Six was a member of the team that took top honors at the *GoPro Match Race Event* in Chicago.

As we go to press, **John Porter** is packing up to compete in Italy in the *Melges 32 Series #4*. **Gordy Lamphere** is in Helsinki for the *Finn European Championship* and **Susie Pegel** is headed to Kingston for the *Laser Canadian Masters Championship*.

Back here in scow country the E's are headed for Delavan, the MCs to Beulah, and the C's to Fond du Lac for the *ILYA Invitationals*.

Here at home we're getting ready for the *Annual Geneva Lake Sailing School Dinghyfest* with X boats racing July 11-12, and Optimists, 420's, and Laser Radials racing July 13. Well over 100 entries are anticipated. A new addition to the regatta will be Open Bic racing on Thursday.

► **From the Archives**, contributed by History and Archives ch., Ellen Bentsen

An organization's minutes are rarely gripping, but those dated August 31, 1931, for the Lake Geneva Yacht Club are an exception. At that meeting, it was moved and seconded that the history of that day's Sheridan race be incorporated into the minutes. The motion carried, and here is the report:

"The Sheridan Race of Saturday, August 29, 1931, was started from the City of Lake Geneva at 10:37 in the morning. The course was to Fontana and return, buoys starboard. A twenty-five to thirty miles an hour southwest wind was blowing; many of the puffs, however, were much stronger. Eight yachts have been entering our races during the past summer but on this occasion Melville Jones and L. B. Hamlin did not attempt to come out for the Sheridan Race on account of the heavy wind. Col. Wm. Nelson Pelouze attempted to sail down from his residence to the city of Lake Geneva, but capsized shortly after leaving his dock. When the Assembly Gun was fired, the following yachts appeared for the start: *Viking III*, Henry H. Porter, owner and skipper; *Happy Warrior*, Fred G. Wacker, owner and skipper; *Big Foot*, A. F. Gartz, Jr. owner and skipper; *Little Smoke*, Harry N. Gifford, owner, John F. Perrigo, skipper; *Black Point III*, Ernst C. Schmidt, owner and skipper.

"Before the start *Little Smoke* capsized. *Happy Warrior* capsized several minutes after the start of the race. *Big Foot* sailed for about a mile and then capsized. *Black Point III* sailed about a mile and a half and capsized. This left only *Viking III*, skippered by Henry H. Porter, in the race. He was as far as Ryerson's (approximately) when he also capsized. Mr. Porter was prepared for an emergency of this kind and was not to be cheated out of winning the Sheridan Race by weather conditions. He had planned how to right his boat without aid and then proceeded to put the plan into execution. It is understood that the method he used was somewhat on this order: he stayed his spinnaker pole forward and aft onto the lower bilgeboard next to the hull of the boat. He had the pole leaning out from the boat, supported by a spinnaker halyard. He had another rope fastened to the outer end of the spinnaker pole and this rope dangled into the water. His son, Henry, swam out to this rope and commenced climbing up on it after the mainsail and jib had been taken down and lashed to the boat. The weight of Henry, climbing up on this rope, righted the boat without difficulty. Mr. Porter then proceeded to have the jib thrown overboard and a member of the crew stand on the jib boom and hang onto the boat so that the jib would act as a sea anchor. He also left the spinnaker pole under the boat next to the rudders so as to stop the drifting of the boat as much as possible. The remainder of the crew and himself now commenced to take in two more reefs. When his mainsail was ready for hoisting it contained three reefs. He sailed the *Viking III* to Fontana with only his mainsail. Even under this small sail area he and his crew had all the wind they could handle, and many times were not certain they could ride out the severe puffs of wind. He rounded the Fontana mark successfully at 12:35:10 p.m., and without shaking out his reefs, but setting his jib, sailed back to Geneva in 47 minutes and 2 seconds, finishing at 1:33:12 p.m., which was exceptionally good time considering the small amount of sail on the boat. There was a time limit of 4 hours and 40 minutes on this race. It took Mr. Porter, from the time he capsized until he was sailing again, 30 minutes. At the conclusion of the race he had 1 hour, 43 minutes and 48 seconds to spare. It is the belief of the yachtsmen of Geneva Lake that no Sheridan race was ever sailed in such a gale and that no one has ever performed such an extraordinary feat of righting a sailboat in such seas as were rolling on Geneva Lake on this Saturday and in such a wind, and then successfully finishing the race. Crew list: Mr. H. H. Porter, skipper; Henry H. Porter, Jr., mainsheet; Ralph N. Isham, jib; ...Hill; Prentice Porter."

Note: Current LGYC member #1, **Dr. Edward S. Petersen**, well remembers August 31, 1931. He and his grandfather, Dr. Otto L. Schmidt, were part of the spectator fleet on the lake that day aboard their motor launch *Nepenthe*, and they went to the rescue of Dr. Schmidt's son Ernst and his crew when *Black Point III* capsized on the first leg. *Nepenthe* towed them home. **Page 4**