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It's Nearly Here!!

**The 2012 ILYA Championship
Regatta on Lake Mendota begins
Thursday, August 9!**

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Opti Fleet: All Smiles at ILYA No-Tears Regatta

By Greg Simon

Six Madison sailors competed on Monday, July 23 in the "No Tears, No Guns, No Protests" ILYA regatta on Big Cedar Lake near West Bend, WI. In spite of the heat, the Cedar Lake Yacht Club put on a great regatta as the winds built from 6-8 mph in the morning up to 15-18 mph by the end of the day. The last race tested everyone's boat handling skills, and in the end, the senior fleet sailed 5 races and the junior fleet completed 3 races. Two Madison sailors, Quinn Senke and Will Hanson, enjoyed their first regatta race wins in the senior fleet. Quinn won the senior fleet regatta and Will finished 3rd overall in the senior fleet. Great job! Colin Senke, Will Segersten, Micah Hanson, and Fritz Simon raced in the junior fleet with Fritz and Will finishing in the top ten

juniors overall.

Three Madison sailors (Will Segersten, Meta, Fritz) also competed in the ILYA Opti Championship on Lake Pewaukee this week. Meta finished third place in the White Fleet (kids under 10 years old) and 24th overall in the 64 boat fleet. Fritz and Will finished 8th and 12th out of a huge 53 boat Green Fleet.



Congratulations to all sailors! A great couple of weeks for the Madison Optis! Check out full results and photos at: <http://www.optiracing.blogspot.com/>

MYC Match Racers Log Big Win at Oyster Bay

By Dave Gorwitz

We just returned from Oyster Bay, NY where we won the Oakcliff July Grade 4 Invitational match racing event sailed in Swedish Match 40s. Our team won 13 of our 15 matches overall; six teams were invited. We went 9-1 in the initial double round robin to earn the No. 1 seed in the quarter-finals. After losing our first quarter-final match, we came back to win the next two races to move on to the final. We won the final, 2-0.



Dave Niemann skippered our crew of five, with Dave Gorwitz trimming jib/spinnaker, Bill Simon, Oakcliff Race Director, Bryan Biehl in the pit, Kevin Campbell on the bow and Mark Johnson, mainsail/tactician. Our next event is the Grade 3 York Cup in Toronto, August 9-11, to be sailed in Sonars.

Burrows Park Shoreline Repair Public Meeting Announcement

By Barbie Stimpson and Don Sanford

In 2011, Barbie Stimpson, MYC Boat Storage Administrator, worked with the City of Madison to request a project to shore up part of the Burrows Park shoreline. This

shoreline has been losing ground for several years due to high waters and wave action. A few years ago, MYC, through the Madison Parks Foundation and the Friends of Burrows Park funded a project to rebuild a small portion of the shoreline. The good news is that the city approved the project for fall of 2012, and has called a public meeting to present the project and answer questions.

Here is the information from City Engineering Department:

The City of Madison is planning a shoreline repair project at Burrows Park. Burrows Park is located at the intersection of Burrows Road and Sherman Avenue. The area currently planned for repair is the eroded area south of the existing piers. The area near the existing piers and boat storage area was previously repaired a few years ago, and no work is planned in this area. At the meeting, city staff will discuss preliminary plans for the project, answer questions, and look for comments from neighbors.

Please feel free to contact Lisa Coleman at City Engineering if you have questions or comments but cannot attend the meeting: (608) 266-4093

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WHEN: Monday, August 13, 2012 at 6:30 pm

WHERE: Lakeview Library – Fireplace Side Room, 2845 N. Sherman Avenue, Madison

This is great news for MYC, and all users of Burrows Park. Please attend to show your support.

Welcome, New Members!

A hearty MYC welcome to our newest members: **Susie Barnett, Kevin Buhr, Miles Clark, Mike Crane, Mary Jo Gordon, Svetlana Karpe, Mark Krasberg and Danalyn Rayner**. We invite new members to help us get to know them by sharing something about themselves. Thanks to the following new members for their contributions!

Ocie Mathenia's home yacht club is "El Real Club Nautico de Torrevieja" in the province of Alicante, Spain. Before moving to Madison, he emailed MYC asking about racing opportunities, as his biggest fear about moving was finding a place to race! After being contacted by Bruce Wampold, skipper of *Village Idiot II*, Ocie began sailing with Bruce and crew regularly. Ocie says, "Although I have been invited on several boats in Milwaukee and Chicago, I have found a fantastic family with 'the Idiots,' and I enjoy Mendota (miss the Med) greatly." Here, Ocie shares a portion of the email that landed him on the *Idiot II*:

I started sailing in 2001 at the late age of 27. Luckily in Spain we sail all year 'round, and I have been sailing intensely from then on. I have worked the bow, mast, and piano on

several boats (Yatlant 24, Ronautica 33, Benneteau 33.7, Dufour 34, Bavaria Match 35, Grand Soleil 37, Benneteau 40.7, Benneteau 42s7, IMX 40), all with spinnaker/gennaker. I have my Spanish skipper's license for up to 12 meters sail and motor, and have been a licensed sports sailor also since 2001. During a full year I was hired as the manager of the Euromarina Sailing team on board the Grand Soleil 37; we did the entire Spanish Med circuit concluding in the 25th Kings Cup in Palma de Mallorca. I transported the boat from race to race, performed maintenance, supervised logistics and race inscriptions, and did all of the underwater cleaning of the boat. (FEDAS open water scuba license). Thank you MYC for your help; you have truly made the difference!

Dale Wettlaufer is a Vice President and analyst with Madison Investment Advisors. Having grown up on Lake Erie, he has always enjoyed the water, and though he just moved to Madison, he's already enjoying Mendota and Monona aboard his Sea-Ray 240.

Eric Cooper grew up racing keel boats on Lake Huron. He moved to Madison eight years ago, and has been racing out of Milwaukee and Chicago. He recently started racing locally, on *Javelin*, with skipper Erik Simonson. Eric says he's glad to be part of the club.

Brady Musson says: "Greetings MYC members! My wife (Kathy) and I moved to Madison about two years ago from the metro Detroit area. We started off sailing about 15 years ago on good old Sunfish, and moved our way to owning an S2 10.3M that we kept on Lake Michigan in various harbors. We both have really enjoyed the adventures of sailing, and were excited to move to Madison, where we are having fun on the local lakes. Even though we no longer have our S2, I have been fortunate to be able to crew on an I-20. Sailing on scows has been a whole new experience for me that has been a blast. Looking forward to meeting everyone!"

Mike Crane says: "I'm a Hooper sailor who truly enjoys being able to participate in MYC races, mostly on *Decoy*, but occasionally on other boats. In the past, I've raced on the Indian River in Cocoa, Florida (we once saw a NASA rocket launch during a race!) and before that on Lake Champlain in Burlington, Vermont. While I've raced for a number of years, I've learned most of what I know about sailing right here on Lake Mendota, from the wonderful instructors at Hoopers and generous fellow Hooper and MYC sailors. I'm the Director of Wisconsin Public Radio, and live in Madison with my wife Donna. We have two grown children who are music teachers in Florida."

MC Fleet Report

By Jerry Simon

July racing on Mendota was sparse, with either too much wind or not enough. Then, of

course, there was Wednesday night's July 18 storm . . . but the pizza was great! Things are improving, as our Wednesday, July 25 race was well-attended with six MC's on the line, including one Hooper boat.

The best news for the fleet is that we have some new MC sailors (and hopefully racers) on the lake. Don Cain moved into the house next to Burrows Park and has his MC on a lift. He has several other boats available, so we hope to see him on the water, and part of the MYC. The real surprise is veteran Madison sailor, and longtime MYC member, Paul McMillan. He traveled to Big Cedar with wife Diane to watch the old dogs compete in the MC Master's Championship last month, and was bitten by the MC bug. He recently purchased a 2011 model MC, #2527 called *Frayed Knot*, and will be sailing with us soon. A hearty welcome to Paul and Diane from the MC Fleet.

Some in the MC fleet have been active in off-lake regattas. Stefan Schmidt has sailed his MC #2144 fast in several regattas, including 1st place in a Spring Regatta at Big Cedar; he also had a good finish (3rd) in Pewaukee at the I-20 Invitational. As a man of many boats—Lasers, M-20, I-20, E, and MC and likely others—he has represented the MYC well, on and off the regatta circuit. He is a past commodore, and is currently coordinating housing for the ILYA Regatta here. Thanks Stefan, for your commitment to and support of the sport we love.

The big event for some of us was the MC Masters Regatta at Big Cedar, July 18-21. Four Madison MC'ers attended: Bill Hanson, Stefan Schmidt, David Sebald, and yours truly. What an event! 61 sailed, with special groupings for different ages: masters for sailors in their 50s, grand masters for those in their 60s, mega masters for 70s, and old salts for the 80 year-olds. There were two in the old salt group, so we might have something to look forward to down the road. Stefan sailed fast as usual, and was 3rd in his age group, while the rest of us had fun and learned lots. We were able to get in all 5 scheduled races, in variable and shifting winds. One interesting course was listed on the board as "WII." I took that as being a windward 2 laps, thinking they were using Roman Numerals, but no, it meant that we were in for an 11-legged race! Regattas of that size are challenging enough without having the small lake syndrome. Everyone had a great time, and we're now looking forward to more local racing to prepare for the ILYA Regatta. "Having fun in the sun on our MC's!"

Burrows Second Summer Work Party a Huge Success

By Barbie Stimpson, Boat Storage Administrator

Here's a HUGE thank you for Tuesday's work party to: Craig Jefferds, Jerry Simon, Mike Barnett, Don Cain, Bill Shelton, Ben Jacobson, Darby Sugar, Tim Sugar, Annie Sugar, Tyler Gruen, Lon Schoor, Donna Schoor, and all the Hoopers who came: Nick Grundl,

Mark Krasberg, Jon Lumpkin, Andrew Bartling, George Friou, Rob Ruth, Paul Gunther, Peter Lundt (on Wednesday).

We got one South rail rack rebuilt, and three-and-a-half new dollies built for Hoofers and our latest MC addition, Paul McMillan. We ran out of functional wheels and screws at dusk, so we'll get that finished up just in time for Inlands. Thanks again; what a marvelous turnout! And a big WELCOME to Hoofers coming to the park! It'll be great having them there with their four boats during the Memorial Union reconstruction.

PICNICS ON BOATS

By Barbie Stimpson

Watch for August 5th's *Wisconsin State Journal* article in the food section. Staff interviewed and took photos of Andy Jackson and Barbie Stimpson on their Tartan 27, which Andy has been diligently retro-moding for their planned cruise on the North Channel of Lake Huron next summer and beyond. Barbie prepared picnic food along the lines of what they have when they take friends out on Friday nights for a sail and an experience watching the keel boaters race. Barbie wants to thank Tera Ostby for her delicious recipe that added to the color of the photos.

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