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# Commodore's Banquet & Dance, October 26 By Grant Frautschi

Commodore D.J. Klauser requests your presence at Mendota Yacht Club's 109th Annual Commodore's Banquet. **RSVP HERE**, right now! You know you can't miss this party!



This year, the event will be hosted again at the Brink Lounge, with a delicious buffet meal catered by always-fabulous Bunky's Café. Music throughout the evening will be performed by "The New You Trio," sponsored by Grant Frautschi. Plan to sing along and dance the night away! Celebrate and relive the super season we all had during the award show, a multimedia experience produced by Louther- Sanford Event Services. Unlike last year, we'll have the nightclub to ourselves all night, so plan to show up early, stay late

and enjoy great food.

Be sure to hail for room on the dance floor! This is the end-of-season event you cannot afford to miss! How can you help? Start right now by clicking RSVP, then call/email all your friends/crew and tell them that they have to come! RSVP before October 19.



### MC's on the Move

#### By Jerry Simon

The MC Fleet voted at our annual meeting to race more next season; we will now do all of the Sunday Series races and the usual Wednesday Series. The fleet is adding two more trophies for 4th and 5th place in our season championship series. We also discussed having an MC at Burrows for prospective MC sailors to try out before jumping into the fleet and boat ownership. We hope "Fun in the sun on our MC's" is contagious! The last bit of business was electing a fleet captain. Jerry Simon will continue for another year, and David Sebald will take over duties the following year. Thanks to the Capital Brewery and Tom Stitgen for hosting the meeting; they provided an indoor room and fine beverages to go with our pizza.

### "Brrr !!! rows" Pier is Out

#### By Barbie Stimpson

Thanks to all the folks who showed up on a very chilly pier-out day. It was surely making ice today. Helping out were: Andy Jackson, Lon Schoor, Donna Schoor, Craig Jefferds, Myles Sommerfeldt, Mike Barnett, Lance Puccio, Marshall Gibbons, Emily Green, David Sebald, Ray Riddle, Bill Bock, Andy Hanson, Ann Miller.

A special thank-you to Donna for the hot coffee and bagels. Thanks to Myles for the use of his truck to pull the rail out again. Also thanks to Emily for her perseverence digging out a willow bush to transplant that otherwise would have been lost to the shoreline repair, and the final coup de force by Lance and Lon to get it out, planted and watered.

Everything is nicely tucked away except for the buoys that Bill Bock is still working on - getting a boat to pull them out, and then Craig Jefferds will put them in the boathouse at Maple Bluff. Paul McMillan will create a new rail doo-hickey to replace the one that rusted out. We also have one pier section needing a repair before pier-in that was set next to the batch for the south rail. Everything looks great!

The two remaining small boat owners know who they are and will get their boats and equipment out soon, or suffer the consequences of constant reminders from "moi."

Next step is the shoreline rennovation by the city to happen in November.

I have now passed the torch to our new fearless leader, Craig Jefferds, for the coming season. A final thank you to rail bosses Mike Barnett and Jerry Simon for their help this season.

See you at the banquet, on the ice, or in the spring.

# **Opti Season Recap**

#### By Greg Simon

The hot, dry conditions of the 2012 summer didn't stop Madison's Opti sailors from practicing and racing hard all summer. A record high number of kids participated in the five Fridays at Burrows Park in June and July. We saw many new faces at Burrows this year for Opti sailing, including MYC member Don Cain and family.

Madison Opti sailors also hit the regatta circuit including events on Lake Beulah, Lake Geneva, and Pewaukee. Our largest turnout was at the No Tears, No Guns, No Protests regatta held on Big Cedar Lake near West Bend with six sailors competing. The last race tested everyone's boat handling skills with 15-18 mph winds; 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. Colin Senke, Will Segersten, Micah Hanson, and Fritz Simon raced in the junior fleet with Fritz in 2nd and Will in 6th overall in the regatta. Photo below: Will Segersten and Fritz Simon at the Opti Inlands.

Several sailors competed in multiple regattas including the Inland Championship for Optis held on Pewaukee. Will Segersten sailed in four events in his first summer of sailing which just may be a record for a first year Opti sailor. Will Hanson and Meta Simon represented the MYC in the invitation-only Red, White, and Blue Chip regatta held on Lac La Belle in Oconomowoc to cap off the Opti season.



Next year, we look forward to a more formal racing series and sailing school organized by Opti parents Brian Anderson and Jamie Hanson, along with the MYC Board. This will be the first formal youth program in the MYC since the mid-80's. We also hope to see the return of the Metzloff family after spending this summer in upstate New York.

In the nearer term, Opti sailors are getting ready to hit the lakes this winter in their ice Optis. Grandpa Jerry Simon helped get Meta and Fritz Simon out in ice Optis last year and we know that the Metzloff and Hanson families will have ice Optis this year as well. See you on the ice!

More photos and stories about the Opti fleet at optiracing.blogspot.com

#### From the Editor

Check the MYC website at the end of the week for minutes from the annual meeting.

Following are a couple of items from "*LAKE NEWS & EVENTS*," published by the Yahara Lakes Association. Look here for further lake news.

Remember: Love your lakes! Don't leaf them! During fall clean-up, please ensure your leaves don't make their way into our lakes which adds nutrients that encourage algae growth. For more information go to:

http://www.myfairlakes.com/fall campaign.aspx

# Yahara Lakes: Implementing a Vision

By Chuck Gates, President Yahara Lakes Association, Ltd.

Join us **FRIDAY**, **NOVEMBER 9**, **2012** at the **Monona Terrace** and learn how to get involved to clean up the Yahara chain of lakes (Mendota, Monona, Waubesa, Kegonsa)! At only \$45 for the entire day (including meals and materials), you won't want to miss presentations including:

- the action plan to implement Yahara CLEAN and reduce phosphorus inputs by 50% to clean up our lakes;
- the partnership among area farmers, municipalities and the Madison Metropolitan
   Sewerage District to install agricultural practices to control phosphorus;
- how community manure digesters reduce phosphorus runoff; and
- UW's Steve Carpenter, one of the world's most influential environmental scientists, comments on the future of the Yahara watershed.

Events begin at 7:30 a.m. with the Yahara Lakes Community Breakfast hosted by the Clean Lakes Alliance. Register now click here!

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