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WELCOME...

to the brand new MYC News. We've given the "News for MYC'ers" a new look that might even include the occasional photo (assuming you send us one). Let us know what you think: membership@mendotayc.org.

ON THE WATER

Changes to the Racing Format

The 2010 racing calendar is in production right now and posted on the MYC website. One of the changes you will see this season is every Sunday in the Sunday Summer Series is posted as B-2-B. What this means is there will be Back to Back races at the PRO's discretion in accordance to the wind conditions.

This was done in response to direct request from the E Scow fleet to run two shorter races. The Keelboat racing fleet was asked their preference and they said on a good wind day, sure. On a typical summer doldrums day — no way!

This season's Sunday PRO, Anma Ingeana said she had great success last season on Friday nights of managing A Scow back to backs with a Cruiser start in the middle. So she's game with managing the Sunday format. But the decision of whether or not there will be back to back races on a particular Sunday will be made by the PRO on the race course once wind conditions for the day can be determined. The intent is to manage course length so that back to back races will finish approximately in the same time as a normal length race.

As a racer, it is your responsibility to check the board on RC1 to know the game plan for that day. See you on the race course...Soon! Questions? Contact Vice Commodore, Joye Ebert at joyeber@gmail.com

OFF THE WATER

ISLANDPALOOZA!!! (aka MYC Annual Spring Banquet)

We're kicking off the sailing season with fine Caribbean food and plenty of island music. The event will be at Bishops Bay Country Club on the north shore of beautiful Lake Mendota. (Where, on a clear day you can see Burrows Park). Plan on spending the evening breaking bread and sharing salty sailing stories with other MYC members. Commodore Trey Sprinkman is breaking the dress code and offering a treasure chest of prizes for best dressed sailors in their finest sailing attire: tropical shirts & madras pants, nautical ties, flip flops and perhaps that braided belt you've been stowing away all these years are required.

You should have received an official invitation in the mail, but the invite is also posted on the MYC website. Don't get left on shore or as they say miss the boat. Save the date and plan on coming out to kick-off an amazing summer of sailing and racing!

Date: May 8, 2010

Cocktails: 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Concert: 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. (Video)

Location: Bishops Bay Country Club

Cost: \$35 per person (includes all taxes and gratuity), Children can order off the kids menu at BBCC for our Spring Banquet for just \$10!

Menu: Chili braised pork shoulder, jerk chicken, fresh fruit, wild rice salad, black bean and corn salad, roasted sweet potatoes, bars and cookies. Mmmm, mmm, good!

RSVP online by following this link <http://www.mendotayc.org/springbanquet.html>.

Burrows Park News

It's that time of year again! Burrows Park Storage Contracts have gone out via email to last year's boat owners. Please return the completed form and payment to me as soon as you can.

If you are in need of a contract, please contact Myles Sommerfeldt 2010 MYC Burrows Park Administrator me myles@standardimaging.com.

Pier-in this year is scheduled for Saturday, May 1 at 8:30 am. If we have *really* lousy weather, the rain date will be May 2. Plan ahead and you're your calendar for Pier-out on Saturday, October 9 at 8:30 am. Remember to ask your crew to help out.

A few reminders:

1. Contracts must be received before your boat can be placed on the rails.
2. Boats will not be scored in any races until Burrows fees have been received.
3. Please do not leave trailers at the park, with or without boats on them, without prior approval for special events (such as regattas).
4. Please do not bring your boats into the park until after the pier-in work party is completed.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Pier-in.

MC Fleet Update

The MC fleet is gearing up for another fun and competitive racing season. We should have all of last years members competing again this year and hope to see Ryan Malmgren's team joining us when he finds a replacement for his MC. I'd also like to welcome Mostafa Ahmed and his MC to Burrow's Park and hope to see him joining the fleet on the race course this year. Questions? Contact MC Fleet Captain Myles Sommerfeldt at myles2go@charter.net

Keelboat Fleet Update

Our fleet had a great turnout at the sailors social last week. I met several people interested in getting involved in MYC who are looking for rides in the upcoming season. I have contact information from several people if anyone is looking for crew. There will be a new keelboat to the fleet, an I-550 home-built boat as well at least 1, maybe 2 SB3's. Everyone is looking forward to a great season.

Also, is time to put the Maple Bluff pier in! Sunday May 2 is the day 8:30am is time. Unfortunately, Dane Vermillion will be out of town that weekend, so he's asked Jerry Ebert if he will be able to be in charge on Sunday.

Questions? Feel free to contact Dane Vermillion, Keelboat Fleet Captain at dvermillion1@mac.com or Jerry Ebert at ???????

A regatta, within another regatta?!!

MYC and Madison Optimist Racing Federation are partnering up to pull off this new sailing stunt while getting the next generation of sailors out on the water. The first All-Madison Optimist Regatta will be held during the pig roast at MYC's Payton Regatta this summer. Once the location of the Payton regatta is defined, the format for the Opti racing will be finalized and details shared with any interested in participating. Parents, here's an opportunity to get your kids into sailing this summer - The Madison Optimist Racing Federation will be offering youth sailing around Madison. If you don't have a boat and you'd like to try sailing out first, we will have some boats available for rental. This summer, the Federation will run informal races at different locations on all the lakes in Madison. Call Greg Simon at 608-849-4605 or Jamie Hanson at 608-225-2717 for more info.

Or visit Madison Optimist Racing Federation on the web at: <http://optiracing.blogspot.com/>

Sailor's Social Recap

Come early, and stay late seemed to be the theme at the 2nd Annual Sailor's Social on April 7th. Approximately 125 sailors from around the greater Madison area came together to catch up with old friends, meet new ones, talk sailing, and cheer on their favorite local club commodore. Six local Commodores stepped forward to represent their club in this years Commodore's Challenge which turned out to be a test the skill and ability to tie various knots while blindfolded, or behind their backs. Congrats to Mendota Yacht Clubs Commodore, Trey Sprinkman for taking home this year's trophy!! Photos of the event are posted on the MYC website.

Among the larger sailing community...

Sails for Haiti

Do you have an old sail to donate? Maybe a boat cover? ILYA sailor, Brad Clinkingbeard of Lake Geneva is one of a group of builders heading for Haiti to help people displaced by recent earthquakes. He is collecting old sails, awnings, boat covers and tents for use as interim shelters. Please e-mail details (size, condition, location) to Brad at bclink@charter.net. (For information about the overall project see rainmakerfundraising.org and click on Haiti.)

Collegiate Nationals begin May 25th

College teams are nearing the qualification point in the season. Over 400 sailors will flood Madison for the Women's, Co-ed and Team Racing Nationals. Thanks mostly to Terry Kohler and many ILYA members, the team is nearing its fundraising goal of \$40,000. The new boats have arrived on campus.

Now what can you do? Come and watch! Generate enthusiasm for your youth sailor or just come to watch the action from the Union Terrace (first Union to serve beer in the US - know your Badger history). Support Chip Mann and his crew as they serve as RC for two of the sections. Watch the exciting team racing with umpires and fast moving racing and racecourse changes.

Can you help? Absolutely - you can help the UW Sailing Team reach their fundraising goal with a donation of any amount. Many ILYA clubs gave more than \$700 to be named a Burgee Club. If you make a product that is appropriate as a giveaway to display Midwest hospitality - consider a donation. If you can volunteer to help this is the time to get involved. Lon Schoor is MYC's point of contact. Let him know you want to help. Connect with Lon at Irschoor@wisc.edu.

MYC Member Barbie Stimpson asks for help in helping others

A young couple and their baby lost everything when their Madison apartment ceiling collapsed, leaving all their belongings water-soaked and damaged. Barbie worked with the young man and his siblings when they were teens and has been close to the entire family for close to a decade. He has helped Andy do maintenance on our previous keel boat and some of his siblings have helped with Burrows pier-in over the years. He and his fiancée now live responsible lives and work hard to give their young baby a good life and to be productive members of the community.

Please contact Barbie at stimpson@wisc.edu to arrange for pickup of anything you might be able to give. Most needed are baby items such as a crib, stroller, and clothing for a 9-12 month baby. Also needed are kitchen supplies (pots, pans, utensils, dishes), and any used

furniture you might be ready to part with.

News from the Madison Sailing Center

The Madison Sailing Center (MSC) has just signed a lease for the entire building at Warner Park (except the public bathrooms). Interest in Laser sailing remains strong. We expect to have a several new racers and new boats coming out this summer. Racing begins on Thursday June 5th. I hope to start practicing on Thursdays as weather beginning May 5th. If you want to start practicing before that please let me know. Eventually, MSC will offer rentals and concessions. Thursday night Laser sailing could become quite civilized! Think about it; we'll have changing rooms, lockers, and a place to get out of the rain and cold in a building we can call home. The Parks Department has a lot of machinery to remove so it may be awhile before they are out and we can get in.

Dierk Polzin was presented with the Laser Fleet Trophy for not only bringing the District 20 Championships to our home waters but also the outstanding job he did running a great event. Thanks Dierk! For questions about the Madison Sailing Center, contact Robert Krebs at robert@madisonsailingcenter.com.

Local Laser For Sale:

There is a "Lightly used older boat, updated with new lines, good sail. Not perfect but does not leak. Located in Monona, WI, \$799 base offer, make a bid higher by April 15th Doug@labjet.com 608-213-5557. Tell your friends and let me know of any other Lasers for sale.

Syttende Mai Regatta:

May 15th on Lake Kegonsa learn more at <http://www.lksc.org/smrace.html>

Hoofers Spring Chicken - Open Tech Regatta

Come join us to open the racing season in Madison with the Spring Chicken Tech Regatta. We have about 25 working techs and hope to get them all out on Sunday May 2nd, free parking everywhere. This is a great way to get your feet wet and a little cold and dust off the rusty sailing skills with a lot of short-medium races. \$15 entry fee for non-Hoofers. Rigging at noon, First race 1 pm. Questions? Contact Hoofers at racing@hoofersailing.org, or email Dierk Polzin at dierkp@gmail.com.

Boat Show and Swap Meet Saturday, May 8th

The Madison Boathouse's 2nd annual event is this Saturday, May 8th, 10 am – 7 pm, 5345 West River Rd., Waunakee.

The fun starts at 10 am, rain or shine! Bring your boat down to put up for sale in the boat corral. Enjoy food and refreshments. Clear out your garage or basement! Bring a table because they'll have spaces for your swap meet items too. Great deals on their huge selection of new and used boats too.

ONGOING REMINDERS

Have you paid your Dues?!

The deadline for renewing membership dues has past! Please don't force some nice person to hunt you down and come up with another way to awkwardly remind you that you haven't paid. To make a payment, please go to our web site in the members section or click this link:

Newsworthy News

Know of something that the entire club would benefit from hearing about? All MYC members are invited to contribute to the weekly news. Please don't hesitate to send material to Don Sanford at dpsanford@charter.net.

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