



August 8, 2010

## IMPORTANT NEWS TO KNOW...

**No race this Wednesday! New proposed MYC By-laws! (details below)**

## ON THE WATER...

### **Notice: No Racing this Wednesday**

**-Joye Ebert**

We just discovered a mistake in the directory showing racing on August 11. That is our August break and we will honor the race calendar as opposed to the directory calendar. There will be no racing on Wednesday, August 11. The directory was proofed by numerous sets of eyes but this one managed to sneak through our dragnet. Our apologies for any inconvenience. Enjoy the week off!

### **ILYA Opti No Tears Regatta**

**-Greg Simon**

Seven Madison Opti fleet members attended the No Tears regatta on Monday, July 26 at Pine Lake. The Barkow family residence was the regatta headquarters and provided a stunning venue for the sailors and families to enjoy. Four races were completed in light to moderate winds. The lake water was increadably clear and clean which made it impossible not to take a dip.

Oscar Anderson, Bryn Ostby Schoor, Tyler Metzlof, Meta Simon, Quinn Senke, Billy and Micah Hanson represented the Mendota Yacht Club, Monona Sailing Club, and the 4 Lakes Ice Yacht Club very well. The ILYA was thrilled with the "revival" of youth sailing in our Opti fleet. Look for a future regatta on our home waters!

Thanks to all the young sailors from Madison that made the effort to compete. They all left the water with huge smiles on their faces and no tears. Great first regatta learning experience for all, including the parents. Look for results to be posted soon on the ILYA website. Go Team Mendota!

### **CONGRATULATIONS!!...**

**-Don Sanford**

to Meta Simon who finished 9th in the Green Fleet at the ILYA Opti Championships at Okauchee!! Meta, the daughter of Greg and Hope Simon and granddaughter of MC Skipper Jerry Simon. Well done!

### **Victory Day Race Recap**

**-Carolyn Curry**

Find the sailors, and you'll inevitably find the fun.... To quote a local sailor "No wind, no race but a lot of fun. Boats rafted up and swam and listened to music and generally enjoyed each others company." Sounds like it was victorious day for all!

## OFF THE WATER...

### **Reconstituted By-Laws**

**-Barbie Stimpson**

**Notice is hereby given that the attached, reconstituted by-laws dated August 3, 2010, will be discussed and voted upon at the Mendota Yacht Club Annual Business Meeting on September 22, 2010 at the Essen Haus, 514 East Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin.** The meeting will be convened by Commodore Trey Sprinkman at 7:00 PM, Central Daylight Time.

On August 3 the MYC Board of Directors completed revisions and recommended approval of the attached reconstituted by-laws dated August 3, 2010, to the members attending the Mendota Yacht Club Annual Business Meeting on September 22, 2010. These by-laws have been reconstituted from a version dating back to 1990. The purposes of reconstituting the by-laws are (i) to assure proper reference to our Articles of Incorporation, (ii) to carry

forward all pertinent language from earlier versions of the by-laws, (iii) to update specific information to reflect current practices (e.g., update of committee functions and update of communication practices), (iv) to reorganize the presentation of information for clarity, and (v) to assure proper provisions for the amendment process.

The Board did significant research, diligently reviewed all past records, and carefully reviewed current operating practices to provide these reconstituted by-laws. We heartily invite all members to review the attachment before the annual business meeting, send any comments or questions to the secretary at [stimpson@wisc.edu](mailto:stimpson@wisc.edu) at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, and to attend the annual business meeting at which time these reconstituted by-laws will be discussed, revised as needed, and voted upon for approval by the full membership.

To conserve the club's funds, the review will be conducted using projection of the content. Paper copy will not be provided at the meeting, so please bring your own copy if you wish to have one as a reference. The approved by-laws will be posted on the Mendota Yacht Club website and a paper copy will be placed in the Wisconsin Historical Society archives along with all other archived materials of the club.

## Among the larger sailing community...

### **Out and About**

**-Don Sanford**

I happened to see Tom McMahan and Jim Carrier out rowing the other day. Next time anyone sees Jerry Simon joins out in his skiff, be sure to take a photo for the MYC website. Jim told me that the 20+ tall ships arrive in Green Bay Aug. 12 for 3 days of harbor puttering. Look for Jim's story in the December issue of Cruising World on "The Race to Save the Lakes" from his vantage point aboard the S.V. Dennis Sullivan, the Lake Michigan tall ship home ported in Milwaukee. The tall ships will be making other stops in Port Washington and Chicago during August. Here are a couple of links to the event:

<http://www.sailtraining.org/>

<http://www.tallshipgreenbay.com/>

[http://www.midwestweekends.com/plan\\_a\\_trip/history\\_heritage/frontier\\_history/tall\\_ships\\_festivals.html](http://www.midwestweekends.com/plan_a_trip/history_heritage/frontier_history/tall_ships_festivals.html)

### **Was that who I think was?...**

**-Don Sanford**

Though we don't have any photos, yet, we're happy to report that the fun loving, sailor friendly powerboat affectionately named *Four Play* was seen on Lake Mendota this weekend. She's been absent for several years, welcome back!

### **Boating Safety event at Christy's Landing!**

**-Don Sanford**

The Madison Navy League and the Coast Guard Auxiliary have teamed up for a community boating safety event on August 17 at Christy's Landing on Lake Waubesa.

**4:00 p.m.** Coast Guard Auxiliary members will conduct courtesy vessel safety inspections at Christy's pier on Lake Waubesa.

**5:00 p.m.** Social hour. Minnow races for kids (and adults). Enjoy dinner on your own on Christy's deck overlooking Lake Waubesa. Cash bar.

**7:00 p.m.** From 1875 to 1896 brave men from stations in Kenosha, Racine, Milwaukee, Sheboygan, Two Rivers, Kewaunee, Sturgeon Bay, Baileys Harbor and Plum Island put out to rescue of vessels in distress along Wisconsin's east coast. Dan Larson, the producer of *Lakeshore Guardians* will show sections of his program and tell us about some of the rescues that tested the men's endurance and courage.

Following Dan's presentation, Madison Navy League will recognize our first "Coastie of the Year"--an outstanding member of the Coast Guard crew from Station Two Rivers, Wisconsin and the Cutter Wyaconda home ported in Dubuque, Iowa. Then we'll officially celebrate the birthday of our nation's oldest seagoing service, the U.S. Coast Guard with a birthday cake. It's free (including the cake) and open to the public. More info at

[www.MadisonNavyLeague.org](http://www.MadisonNavyLeague.org)

### **Dane By Local Venetian Boat Parade**

**-Grant Frautschi**

Please consider sailing in Madison's newly created annual event...Dane Buy Local Venetian Night ~ A Boat Parade of Lights on Lake Mendota!

The parade will again begin at DUSK this year, on the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend (September 5th @ 7:45 PM). Last year's parade was hailed a true success by [Channel 3's live coverage](#) of the 27 decorated parade boats passing by while thousands of spectators cheered along the shoreline. Dane Buy Local has again arranged for the UW Marching Band to perform in the parade from a decorated barge and immediately following the parade, Spectrum Pyrotechnics will light up the sky with a fireworks display from another barge anchored off the Edgewater Hotel Pier and UW Memorial Union.

This event is a fundraiser for Clean Lakes Alliance and Dane Buy Local, an organization created to help build our local economy. By donating your time to Captain your boat in the event, you will be a major part of this fundraiser and have fun doing it! Please help make Madison's newest annual event bigger and better than the last by allowing a Dane Buy Local member business to sponsor your boat. If you're unaware of a local business to represent, email Kelly Starr-King at [DBLVenetianNight@gmail.com](mailto:DBLVenetianNight@gmail.com) or call her at 608-698-8000 and she will match you up with a member to pay your registration fee and help decorate your boat.

## 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. Pay your dues at [mendotayc.org](http://www.mendotayc.org) in the members section, or click this link: <http://www.mendotayc.org/registration.html>

### **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](mailto:dpsanford@charter.net).

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