



## Mendota Yacht Club Welcomes 2012 Inland Lakes Yachting Association Championship Regatta

The Mendota Yacht Club will celebrate its 109<sup>th</sup> anniversary by hosting one of sailings largest events, the Inland Lakes Yachting Association Annual Championship Regatta.

The event will happen August 9–12 and August 16-19, 2012 on Lake Mendota in Madison, WI, known among sailors as one of the nation's finest sailing venues, and Madison, known by everyone as one of the most enjoyable cities to visit. This annual event plays host to many of the country's finest sailors including numerous Olympic medalists, national and regional champions and crew all competing in one of six classes of sailboats.

### Detailed Regatta Schedule:

#### August 9-12:

Thursday Aug 9 <sup>th</sup> :	Registration for class E, C and I20
Friday Aug 10 <sup>th</sup> :	Racing begins for class E, C and I20 1st race – 10 a.m.
Saturday Aug 11 <sup>th</sup> :	Racing continues for class E, C and I20 1st race – 10 a.m.
Sunday Aug 12 <sup>th</sup> :	Racing continues for class E, C and I20 1st race – 10 a.m. Trophy presentation after lunch

#### August 16-19:

Thursday Aug 16 <sup>th</sup> :	Registration for class A, MC and 420
Friday Aug 17 <sup>th</sup> :	Racing begins for class A, MC and 420 1st race – 10 a.m.
Saturday Aug 18 <sup>th</sup> :	Racing continues for class A, MC and 420 1st race – 10 a.m.
Sunday Aug 19 <sup>th</sup> :	Racing continues for class A, MC and 420 1st race – 10 a.m. Trophy presentation after lunch

### The sailboat classes included are:

**A scow** – 38 foot, 6 to 7 crew. The fastest monohull sailboats on the planet and most difficult to sail.

Teamwork is the key to winning. These boats are truly a joy to watch, A scows were created over 100 years ago. Photos and more info: <http://www.ascow.org/>

**E scow** – 28 foot, 3 to 4 crew, fast and competitive. The E scow is possibly the most popular high performance class in the world. Photos and more info: <http://e-scow.org/>

**C scow** – 20 foot with a single sail. Crewed by 2 to 3 people, the C scow class contains a unique breed of highly competitive racers. Photos and more info: <http://www.cscow.org/>

**I20 scow** – 20 foot with a crew of 2, the I20 fleet contains seasoned veterans as well as beginners. A big family environment yet still very competitive racing. Photos and more info: <http://www.inland20.org/>

**MC scow** – 16 foot 1 crew, the most popular scow class with competitors ranging from 16 to 80 years old. Like the A, E, and C fleets, the MC fleet draws many top sailors. Photos and more info: <http://mcscow.org/>

**Club 420** – 14 foot crewed by 2 people. The 420 is usually sailed by young men and women in high school and collegiate sailing programs. Highly competitive, these 2 sail rigs are quick and very nimble boats.

Mendota Yacht Club plans a significant media campaign to inform the southern Wisconsin as well as the national sailing community of the planned events to show the sailing world how great Madison and Lake Mendota are for the sport of sailing.

### Estimated / Targeted attendance:

A scows: 24 boats - 240 people - 4 race committee / safety boats & 10 competitor support boats  
C scows: 80 - 95 boats - 285 people - 4 race committee / safety boats  
I20 scows: 20 - 28 boats - 50 people - 3 race committee / safety boats  
  
E scows: 60 - 70 boats - 275 people - 5 race committee / safety boats & 10 competitor support boats  
MC scows: 70 - 80 boats - 80 people - 4 race committee / safety boats  
Club 420s: 15 - 20 boats - 30 people - 3 race committee / safety boats

### Venues:

Regatta Headquarters: Governor Nelson State Park  
Launching: **All classes except Club 420s** will launch at Governor Nelson State Park.  
Club 420's will launch at Burrows Park.  
We expect that the launch ramp at Governor Nelson will be the busiest at these times on regatta days when competitors launch and recover boats:  
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.  
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Racing Area: Three courses will be set each weekend, approximately ¾ mile from shore. Exact location will vary depending on wind direction.  
Spectators: Sailboat races can be exciting spectator events and we encourage boaters to come out and watch the fun. Information for spectator boats will be posted at <http://www.Mendotayc.org> about a month before the regatta.

### Sponsorship Opportunities:

Your business or organization can become a sponsor of this regatta. Sponsors receive recognition in regatta and will have their logos and contact information in front of hundreds of participants and supporters. To learn how your business can become a regatta sponsor, contact  
Trey Sprinkman: <mailto:trey.sprinkman@gmail.com> or 608-245-9567

“All of us in the Mendota Yacht Club are looking forward to this event,” said Trey Sprinkman, regatta co-chair. “Sailors from the Midwest know about our outstanding sailing conditions and our hospitality. They’re looking forward to racing on Lake Mendota this summer.”

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