



The Mainsheet

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Summer Sailing in Full Swing!

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Photo of the Month



Commodore Brian Hawkins (2nd from left) and his son Sam (2nd from right) pose with the rest of the crew of Mystic before the 97th consecutive running of the Bayview YC Port Huron to Mackinac Race. (Suzy Hawkins photo)

PYC Gold and Silver Series



The PYC Gold Series (weekends) and Silver Series (Tuesday and Thursday) are at their midseason points. Competition is friendly, yet fierce.

Laser Invitational Series



The Laser Invitational Series reaches out to nearby sailors to come and experience our racing program without previously committing to club membership. The 2021 series enjoyed good participation by both new and experienced sailors. A total of 14 different sailors signed up for a series of races in the early part of the year. The results are shown on the following page:



2021 Laser Invitational Series			
Pos	Skipper	Sail	Pts
1	Rick Lyons	145449	4.25
2	Jim Meyer	158743	7.75
3	Paul Offer	150937	11.00
4	Craig Pearson	167251	13.75
5	Steve Wiseman	158712	16.00
6	Jim Sunstrum	158720	24.50
7	Hugh Blaxill	198685	31.00
8	Tom Kimble	158764	32.00
9	Matt Heywood	137086	32.00
10	Elliott Lyons	159777	35.00
11	Sam Hawkins	124390	36.00
12	Bob Harvey	173239	45.00
13	Lori or Nick Ferris	217371	50.00
14	Dave Williams	176256	60.00

Silver Series (Tuesdays)

The Laser fleet has enjoyed varying conditions, good competition, and wonderful camaraderie as the season has progressed. After each week's racing, the fleet (and often the race management team) gather at the Dexter Pub to re-hash the evening's racing, talk about sailing in general, and plan for the future. During the Invitational Series in May and June, they were joined by other sailors from nearby locations.

2021 Laser Summer Series			
Pos	Name	Sail	Pts
1	Rick Lyons	145449	1.50
2	Steve Wiseman	158712	2.75
3	Jim Sunstrum	158720	5.50
4	Bob Harvey	173239	10.00
5	Dave Williams	176256	14.00

Silver Series (Thursdays)

The Interlake and Flying Scot fleets have enjoyed lively racing on Thursday evenings, followed by shared dining at PYC. Both fleets start at the same time and sail the same course, but are scored separately.

2021 Interlake and Flying Scot Summer Series			
Interlake Fleet			
Pos	Name	Sail	Pts
1	Brook Smith/ Bill O'Donnel	1380	3.35
2	Clark Chapin/ Dan Maurer or Lynne Waldron	1317	4.25
3	Marc Gleichert/ Brian Williams		
Flying Scot Fleet			
Pos	Name	Sail	Pts
1	Brian Hawkins/ Sam or Suzy	5235	3.75
2	Nicholas Marion/ Greg Marion	3228	8.75
3	Jack White/ Bruce or Nancy Staub	3854	20.00

Gold Series (Weekends)

2021 Interlake and Flying Scot Gold Series			
Interlake Fleet			
Pos	Name	Sail	Pts
1	Brook Smith/ Bill O'Donnel	1380	5.55
2	Clark Chapin/ Dan Maurer or Lynne Waldron	1317	8.25
3	Tyler Cathey/ Ann Taylor	1341	36.00
Flying Scot Fleet			
Pos	Name	Sail	Pts
1	Brian Hawkins/ Sam or Suzy	5235	3.75
2	Nicholas Marion/ Greg Marion	3228	8.75
3	Bill Foster/ Michael Ehnis	4297	15.80
4	Rick Jarzembowski/ Steve Zawacki	3288	28.00
3	Jack White/ Bruce Bongiorno or Nancy Staub	3854	36.00

Upcoming Regattas

There are several regattas coming up for the classes that sail on Portage Lake. Sailing at another venue helps grow skills as well as make new friends and contacts. It's also the best way to see how others rig and sail their boats.

Class	Regatta	Location	Start	End	Link
(FS=Flying Scot, IL=Interlake, SF=Sunfish, MC=MC Scow)					
Laser (ILCA)	ILCA No Coat Championships	Crescent SYC, Grosse Pointe, MI	7-Aug	8-Aug	LINK
Interlake	Hot-to-Trot Regatta	Portage YC, Pinckney, MI	21-Aug	21-Aug	LINK
Flying Scot	Bayview One Design Regatta	Bayview YC, Detroit	27-Aug	29-Aug	LINK
Sunfish	Bayview One Design Regatta	Bayview YC, Detroit	27-Aug	29-Aug	LINK
Laser (ILCA)	Michigan Sailing Club Laser Regatta	Michigan SC, Dexter, MI	29-Aug	29-Aug	LINK

Sailing in the 2020 Olympics

The Summer Olympics, delayed a year due to the pandemic, are concluding. They were televised in the US by NBC and its various channels and streaming services.

It was not a good sailing event for Team USA, which failed to medal yet again. The USA has only a single bronze medal to show for the last three Olympiads.

America's best chance was in the Women's 2-person skiff, the 49erFX. Stephanie Roble and Maggie Shea had finishes of 3-2-14-7-9-(16)-5-8-12-14 in the first ten races and were poised to make the final, medal-deciding race, but a disastrous Race 11 where they were penalized twice for kinetics (propelling the boat with their body movements) put an end to their medal hopes.

US Sailing's hiring of veteran Olympic and America's Cup sailor Paul Cayard is part of the process to get the US back to the pinnacle of Olympic sailing, especially with the Olympic Regatta to be held in Long Beach, CA in 2028.



You can see the full results at <https://tokyo2020.sailing.org/results-centre>.

Dear Rick

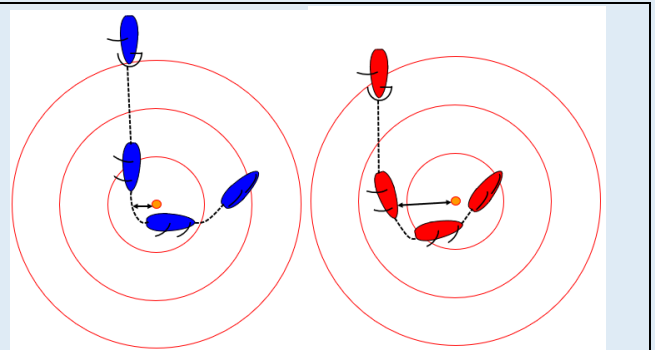


Rick,
When sailboat racing, I seem to lose ground as I round the leeward buoy to go back up wind. What can I do to minimize my loss and maybe gain on others?

- Newbie

Dear Newbie:

Mark roundings are where a lot of territory can be lost or gained. [HERE'S](#) a link to what an expert has to say about rounding marks throughout a race course and finishing.



Starting your rounding too close to the mark is a major source of lost distance. Notice how Red ends up about a boat length to windward on the exit.

One thing I see from time to time, and I have experienced myself, is waiting too long to lower the spinnaker. Having the spinnaker stowed and being ready to round the leeward mark well, typically loses less ground than a sloppy rounding trying to carry as much speed as possible with a late takedown, with too much to do at once, with too little time. The result of waiting too long to douse the spinnaker can lead to; over shooting the leeward mark with the spinnaker only partially stowed, being preoccupied with spinnaker clean up when the crew should be hiking hard on the next leg, lines lost over the bow of the boat when in a hurry, sails luffing trying to undo a spinnaker takedown issue, and a tangled spinnaker during the next hoist.

On spinnaker-less boats - Some key things to help set up for a good rounding as you approach the

leeward mark is to; Check for weeds, preset the sail controls like the outhaul, vang, and downhaul, lower the centerboard, and let the boat heel to leeward a little so the boat helps turn itself around the buoy. These are things that a boat carrying a spinnaker should do as well.

As a bonus, [HERE](#)'s another link to my favorite sailboat racing publication, Speed and Smarts (authored by the same expert sailor). It's a free sample issue from his website packed full of hints about steering. Some of the content has routines that will help with mark roundings as well. One of which is the hand-to-hand sheeting method which was featured in a previous issue of our Mainsheet newsletter [HERE](#).

Special note for those who do not race and just like to daysail - Most of the methods discussed regarding boat handling around a racecourse translate well for those who just daysail, making the ride more enjoyable and predictable for you and your guests by not fighting an unbalanced boat.

Rick Lyons

(More questions? Send them to RL@CharterMI.net)

Interlake Class Lifetime Membership

At its Annual Meeting held on 16-Jul in Sandusky, the Interlake Sailing Class Association announced that it had awarded an Honorary Membership to your humble editor. This is the second Honorary Membership awarded to a PYC sailor, the first was Tom Ehman, Sr.

The announcement read, in part:

“Clark Chapin has been an active member of the ISCA since 1968. He has competed in over 40 Nationals and hundreds of regattas. Mr. Chapin has held Board positions such as President 1984, 1989 and 1990, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Chief Measurer, U.S. Sailing Class Representative, Regional VP, Fleet Captain, Nationals Regatta Chair, Portage Yacht Club Commodore, and Interlaker of the Year 1987 and 1995. He won the Challenge Division in 1974 and 1996, the Masters Division in 2011 and countless other accolades...”

“In 1972 Chapin joined U.S. Sailing and was certified as a Judge in 1988 and Club Race Officer in 2002.

Currently he has obtained U.S. Sailings National Judge status. He was recently tapped to help revive a committee for the promotion of One Design Dinghies and appointed the Secretary and Advisor...”



I was truly humbled to join the list of Interlakers who have been honored in this way.

ISCA Honorary Members (1935-2021)

Bob Balmert, Lorain, OH *
Paul Bowers, Sandusky, OH *
Clark Chapin, Plymouth, MI
Dennis Dieball, Sr., Toledo, OH *
Vince DiMaio, Toledo, OH *
Thomas F. Ehman, Sr., Pinckney, MI
George Fisher, Columbus, OH *
William Ripley Harrison, Indianapolis, IN *
Terry Kilpatrick, Toledo, OH
Paul Koch, Sandusky, OH *
Robert Reynolds, Port Clinton, OH
Norm Winkle, Sandusky, OH *

*: Deceased



Clark and son Bill Chapin at the 2010 ISCA Nationals