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2021 Awards Night Festivities!

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Your 2021 Race Committee

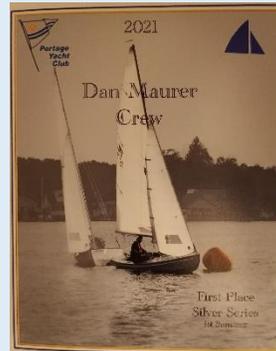
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2021 Awards Night

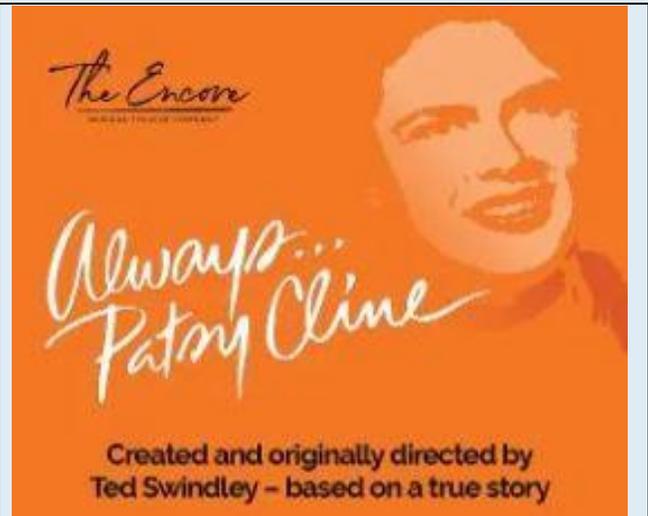
The 2021 Awards Night was held on 20-Nov. The members gathered at Portage Yacht Club for conversation and reminiscences about the 2021 year.



2021 Series Award for a crew, including a photo of the boat, the award, and the crew's name.

The fleet awards were handsome photographs of the awardee's boat, prepared by Race Committee Chair Jack White. Crews on multi-

handed boats received their own personalized awards, honoring their contributions to the success of their team.



After dinner and awards at PYC, the sailors attended a wonderful performance at the Encore Theatre in Dexter. The show was a tribute performance to the first crossover country-pop music star, Patsy Cline, who died in 1963 at the age of 30. Kudos to Commodore Brian Hawkins for arranging for the sailors to be seated in our own VIP section!

Perpetual Awards

Most Improved Sailor

This award is “to the skipper who has most improved in the current season.”



(Brian Hawkins, Jack White, and Greg Marion)
The Most Improved Sailor Award went to Nicholas and Greg Marion for their efforts in Flying Scot #3228. (Suzy Hawkins photo)

Chapin Coaching Award

“This award is to be presented to a person who has over the previous year distinguished themselves by helping others become better sailors.” The award was donated in honor of the Chapin family, Gordon, Betty, and Clark; by the Board of Governors in 1990



(Jack White and Clark Chapin)
The Chapin Coaching Award, created by the Board of Governors to honor the Chapin family, was awarded to Clark Chapin for his efforts over the last two years with the Racing Rules Book Club. (Suzy Hawkins photo)

Most Promising Beginner

The Walt Rensel Memorial Trophy is presented to a “beginning sailor who displays outstanding sportsmanship, desire, courage, and sailing skill.” The award was donated by the family of Walt Rensel, an eager beginning sailor who passed away in 1978. The award is a signed and numbered Peter Max print.



(Jack White and Greg Marion)
This award was presented to Greg Marion, who crewed this year for his son Nicholas and Brook Smith. (Suzy Hawkins photo)

Flying Scot Sportsmanship

“This trophy is awarded to promote and improve the quality of racing by acknowledging on the water integrity as practiced by a competing PYC sailor



(Brian Hawkins and Bob Harvey) (S. Hawkins photo)
The Flying Scot Sportsmanship Award was presented to Laser sailor Bob Harvey for his selfless attention to other sailors on the course.

Exemplary Crew Award

This award was created to honor longtime crew Gordon Chapin “in recognition of the recipient’s outstanding efforts as a crew, and as a reminder to skippers and crews alike of the indispensable role that the crew plays in sailboat racing.”



(Jack White and Elliott Lyons)
This year’s winner was Elliott Lyons for his efforts on Interlake #1189 during the Silver Series and Hot-to-Trot Regatta and on Flying Scot #4336 during the Hot Scot Regatta. (Suzy Hawkins photo)

Thomas Lott Award



Presented by the Past Commodores Committee “In recognition and gratitude for continuous outstanding contributions to Huron-Portage Yacht Club and yacht racing, and for inspiration to others to follow this course.”

This year, the Thomas Lott Award was given to Clark Chapin for his efforts the last two years for the Club as well as US Sailing.

Fleet Racing Awards

Open Fleet	
Silver Series	
1	Ann Taylor

Laser Fleet	
Silver Series	
1	Rick Lyons
2	Steve Wiseman
3	Jim Sunstrum
4	Sam Hawkins
5	Bob Harvey
6	Dave Williams

Flying Scot Fleet	
Silver Series	
1	Brian Hawkins & Suzy Hawkins
2	Nicholas Marion & Greg Marion
3	Jack White & Bruce Bongiorno/Nancy Staub
Gold Series	
1	Brian Hawkins & Suzy Hawkins
2	Nicholas Marion & Greg Marion
3	Bill Foster & Michael Ehnis
4	Jack White & Bruce Bongiorno/Nancy Staub
5	Rick Jarzembowski & Steve Zawacki

Interlake Fleet	
Silver Series	
1	Clark Chapin & Lynne Waldron/Dan Maurer
2	Brook Smith & Bill O’Donnel
3	Marc Gleichert & Brian Williams
Gold Series	
1	Clark Chapin & Lynne Waldron/Dan Maurer
2	Brook Smith & Bill O’Donnel
3	Tyler Cathey & Felicia Cathey

No Sweat Camera Crew



Bill O’Donnel, Brook Smith, and Paul Ehnman’s son Kainalu received these nifty keychains in

appreciation for their work that contributed to the new Laser Fleet web site. Congrats!



New Laser Fleet Web Site



This is a special year for our Laser Fleet. They have launched a website <http://nosweatregatta.com> in preparation leading up to their 50th No Sweat regatta in 2024. There, you can easily

link to everything No Sweat and more; from the Fleet's NORs, Results, Gallery, Contact Form, Instruction links, Class Links from local to worldwide, and additional links that are not necessarily about the ILCA (Laser), but still interesting bits and pieces related to sailing and racing.

Dear Rick



*Rick,
I'm new to sailing, but where can I watch some of that foiling sailboat fleet racing? It looks exciting.*

Dear Newbie:

I've been following Season 2 of **SailGP** where racing consists of eight identical 50-foot foiling catamarans on a tight close action course. Once you get to the official site for the current Season 2, and their 8-event schedule, you'll have plenty of videos of the 6 events completed so far this season.

The remaining two upcoming events;

- **December 17-18** in Australia, and
- **March 26-27, 2022** on San Francisco for the final showdown to determine the Season 2 overall winner.

Right now, there's plenty of time to catch up.

The SailGP Overview is at

<https://sailgp.com/general/sailgp-overview/>

- SailGP Website: <https://sailgp.com/#>

SailGP Future:

- **SailGP Season 3** begins May 2022. Reportedly we can expect 10 boats racing at 10 world-wide venues over the next year.

You can be new to sailing, racing, or just a general sports fan, with the commentators at SailGP helping folks find their way to easily understand SailGP.

Other Foiling features:

- PlanetSail
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sXmx8IWuq1E>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xRUHAFK0qXI>

PlanetSail creator Matt Sheahan provides really good coverage and interviews of pretty much everything he touches. He deserves a closer look via his Facebook.

- More foiling Moths:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MM5XQq-fF18>

We will probably never see much foiling on Portage Lake, but SailGP could be a nice diversion to help keep those I'd-rather-be-sailing embers burning until next spring when you hit the water again, or maybe your first time sailing at a slower, but still fun and exciting pace.

Enjoy.

Rick Lyons

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

Eight Bells – Doug Smith

Onboard ships, bells are rung every half hour to mark the passage of time. Traditionally, the day is divided into a series of five 4-hour "watches" and two "dog watches" of two hours. Eight bells, therefore, signifies the end of a watch and relief from duty. "Eight Bells" has come to signify a sailor's final watch and passing.

Doug Smith, a longtime PYC member and avid Laser and Windsurfer sailor, passed away in October.

Betty (his wife of 54 years) said, "Some of Doug's best times were windsurfing and sailing at PYC for almost 40 years. He began to sail his Laser in about 1983 and sailed and raced for several years. He also sailed a friend's Flying Scot for a few years. And, of course, he windsurfed for about 35 years - his great joy."

Personally, Doug was a great friend to your editor's parents and always greeted them warmly or, in later years, inquired as to their well-being and wished them well. We mourn his passing and wish comfort to Betty and the family.