



# The Mainsheet

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Live well, have fun, sail!  
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### Photo of the Month



Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) offers a "pirate certificate" to students who complete the archery, sailing, fencing, and pistol or rifle shooting courses.

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### 2022 PYC Race Committee

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### Sailing Program for 2022

The Race Committee has finalized the sailing program for 2022. Some of the salient points include:

- Racing for multi-handed boats on seven different Saturdays (plus Sunday September 4).
- Racing for single-handed boats on 16 Tuesdays starting on May 24, including a separately scored six evening "Invitational Series" for the racing curious.
- Racing for multi-handed boats on 16 Thursdays starting on May 26, including a separately scored "Invitational Series" for the racing curious.
- The Third Annual Slalom Championship featuring two boats racing at a time over a zig-zag course on Sunday June 12, open to Lasers and other boats as well.
- Regattas for both PYC sailors and others from throughout the Midwest for Interlakes (August 20), Flying Scots (September 10), and Lasers (September 24).



Also returning for 2022 is the US Sailing First Sail Program, an opportunity for people to experience sailing in a pleasurable environment and get truly “hands on” experience on an

Interlake or Flying Scot.

### SailGP Final Thrills in San Francisco



The global series of races featuring the ultra-fast F50 foiling catamarans came to San Francisco on March 26-27

and did not disappoint.

Eight teams will compete: Australia, New Zealand, USA, Great Britain, France, Japan, Denmark, and Spain, but only the top three teams in the overall standings will race for the top prize on Sunday 27-Mar. Going into the final, the standings are:

1. 55 pts Australia, skippered by Tom Slingsby;
2. 53 pts USA skippered by Jimmy Spithill;
3. 51 pts Japan, skippered by Nathan Outteridge.
4. 43 pts Spain, skippered by Phil Robertson
5. 42 pts New Zealand, skippered by Peter Burling

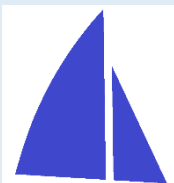
After a thrilling three races on Saturday, the first race on Sunday saw the new Spanish skipper, Jordi Xammar, force a late inside overlap on Team USA, causing a collision and damage that was hastily prepared before the winner-take-all final.

In the \$1M final, Tom Slingsby and Team Australia won for the second year.

A recap of the action can be found on the SailGP web site [HERE](#).

Season 3 of the series starts in late May in Bermuda and will add new teams from Canada and Switzerland, promising lots of action.

### Interlake Regattas in the Region



One of the advantages of sailing small one-design boats is the opportunity to travel to nearby venues and experience different sailing conditions while testing your skills against other sailors. Oh

yeah, and socializing with those other sailors afterward and learning from them on shore. You can

also see more boats than at your local club and get some rigging or hardware ideas.

The Interlake Sailing Class Association recognizes a series of regattas each year and presents trophies for the top performers each year. This year’s schedule, along with other information is [HERE](#):

Regatta	Club	Start	End
Chiefs	Leatherlips YC Columbus, OH	30-Apr	1-May
Indian Lake	Indian Lake YC Russell's Pt, OH	21-May	
Cattail	Jolly Roger SC Toledo, OH	4-Jun	
George Fisher Memorial	Hoover SC Columbus, OH	25-Jun	26-Jun
2022 Nationals	Mohican SC Mansfield, OH	20-Jul	23-Jul
Hot to Trot	Portage YC Pinckney, MI	20-Aug	
Great North	Grand Traverse YC Traverse City, MI	26-Aug	27-Aug
Sandusky 1 Design	Sandusky SC Sandusky, OH	17-Sep	18-Sep
Haphazard	Mohican SC Mansfield, OH	24-Sep	
Poltergeist	Indianapolis SC Indianapolis, IN	1-Oct	2-Oct
Fall Blowout	North Cape YC LaSalle, MI	8-Oct	
Snowball	Buckeye Lake YC Buckeye Lake, OH	15-Oct	

### Racing Rules Book Club Continues

**PYC Racing Rules Book Club**  
2022 SESSION 4 7:30 PM MARCH 31, 2022

Rule 18 – The longest rule in the book...for a reason.

The Racing Rules Book Club, an innovative and interactive way to learn more about the Racing Rules of Sailing, is halfway through its third year at PYC as a weekly Zoom meeting that stretches from early March through late April. Each session features five or six incidents with a description and then a group discussion on how the rules apply and who, if anyone, should be penalized. Incidents come from several sources:

- Questions that the participants submit;
- Dave Perry’s “100 Best Racing Rules Quizzes”;

- The US Sailing Appeals or World Sailing Cases; or
- British or Canadian Appeals.

The best questions are the ones submitted by the participants.

Sessions are on Thursdays from 7:30-9:00 PM at the Zoom Meeting ID: [482 219 6565](https://us02zoom.us/j/4822196565); Passcode: 1067

Send your questions to [ClarkEChapin@gmail.com](mailto:ClarkEChapin@gmail.com)

## Flying Scot Regattas

The Flying Scot Sailing Association has several regattas scheduled for 2022 within an easy driving distance, including the 2022 North American Championship at North Cape Yacht Club north of Toledo. Some others:

Regatta	Club	Start	End
Great 48	Lake Norman YC Charlotte, NC	May 6	May 8
Buckeye	Hoover SC, Columbus, OH	May 21	May 22
Bayview One Design	Crescent SYC Grosse Pointe, MI	June 4	Jun 5
Michigan/Ontario Districts	Crescent SYC Grosse Pointe, MI	June 11	June 12
North Americans	North Cape YC LaSalle, MI	July 9	July 14
Hot Scot	Portage YC Pinckney, MI	Sep 10	
Wife-Husband Championship	Rush Creek YC Rockwall, TX	Oct 22	Oct 23

## Bill Martin to Receive Honorary Degree



Martin

Former PYC member William C. Martin will receive an Honorary Doctorate of Laws Degree from the University of Michigan Law School at its commencement ceremony on April 30.

Martin is a Past President of US Sailing (1989-1991) and also served as President of the United States Olympic Committee during a difficult period and received its highest honor, the Douglas MacArthur Award, a distinction he shares with (among others) Dr. Henry Kissinger.

Locally, he is best known as the University of Michigan Athletic Director, a post that he held from 2000-2010.

As a sailor, Martin is a past winner of the Bayview Port Huron to Mackinac Race aboard his GL 70

“Stripes”. His wife, Sally, is a national champion in the Cal-25 Class.

## Dear Rick



### Spring Opener – A Triple Header

1. For those interested in learning to sail here are a few videos on the basics that should get you going in the right direction [HERE](#), [HERE](#),

[HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

2. Are you looking to have a trouble-free season with your sailboat? See this spring or fall checklist we ran in a previous issue of this newsletter [HERE](#).

3. How about a series on crewing as noted below:

Crewing - How the crew helps the team on a sailboat with a jib.

The team referred to here consists of the helmsperson (helm) nearer to the back of the boat, and the crew closer to the front. Each has specific responsibilities with some overlap. Leaving the helm out of any discussion on crewing just won't do.

When first learning to crew, your role may be to simply trim the jib to the position the helm indicates, and to move your weight around to where instructed. This is a good start and is very typical and with practice helps the boat sail through the water under control and more efficiently.

The helm's main tasks are to typically put the rudder and centerboard up or down, steer the boat on course, adjust the mainsail, and use their weight to help balance the boat.

The crew on the other hand primarily adjusts the jib from side to side when tacking or gybing, or as the point-of-sail changes pulls in or eases the jib sheet, and equally important moves their weight around to help balance the boat as the wind increases or decreases.

Both need to watch out for other boats, and learn to have wind awareness.

These responsibilities are on the rudimentary end of things to do, but let's get these basics down first with a few videos mentioned below that you can watch, think about, and emulate. Please ask



questions if you are new to the sport as a crew (or helm). Even if you have been sailing for years and have any questions please ask.

Currently I find no specific step-by-step videos about “crewing” on a small sailboat, though I’m still looking. But [HERE](#) and [HERE](#) are some learning to sail videos from a good series that cover what happens when tacking or gybing a “two-handed sailboat” and other general learning to sail information that is helpful. The keen eye, with repetitive views, can see how the helm and crew react individually and together while demonstrating.

Stay tuned for more on the crew (and helm’s) individual responsibilities and their interactions.

*Rick Lyons*

*(More questions? Send them to [RL@CharterMI.net](mailto:RL@CharterMI.net))*

## From the Back of the Boat – Jack White



Spring is here and with it the annual letter inviting sailors to join us is out. We’ve made a few changes, mostly with new sailors in mind. We are going to race large boats (Interlakes, Flying Scots,

and other multi-handed boats) with main and jib only (JAM). All so we will be repeating the Fun-First Laser Invitational Racing Series (6 race nights), as part of the Tuesday Silver Series, and we are adding a Large Boat Invitational series (3 race nights), as part of the Thursday Silver Series. For those of you that have thought about racing on Portage Lake, this is a chance to come and be a part of the racing and the comradery.

Again, this year we will be offering the US Sailing “First Sail” program to get folks to come out and try sailing. In addition, there will be a new and revised instruction program for juniors, junior 15-17, and adults taught by certified instructors. From here you and your family can enjoy just sailing for the mental and physical joys it brings, or you can try your hand at racing, the most fun way to improve your sailing skills.

I’ve commented in this column and other places on the feel, the rhythm of sailing. Though intensely

competitive, at times, it is a source of calm and peace. Since many of the readers of this newsletter are sailors, you know the feeling of that first sail every season, when you leave the dock and sheet in the main and the boat heels. For me that is an amazing rush. I think we had “mindfulness” down before it became the “new thing”. My last column was about preparation and anticipation. This time I want to invite you to participate.

For more information on all of this please visit the PYC web site at <http://ms-pyc.com>.

## Eight Bells – Stephen Schewe



Stephen Schewe, long time PYC member, avid photographer, and former Interlake Fleet Captain, passed away suddenly on Saturday April 2.

A graduate of the University of Michigan,

Steve and his wife Nancy were Peace Corps volunteers in Ethiopia. Steve taught for many years at Schoolcraft Community College in Livonia. Steve’s wonderful photos have graced The Mainsheet as well as several regatta reports for the Interlake Class.

When declining health forced Steve to forgo sailing, he and Nancy purchased a pontoon boat and used it often with friends and family.



Stephen Schewe photo.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 AM on Saturday at the First UU Congregation of Ann Arbor, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road.