



# The Mainsheet

Newsletter of PYC Sailing  
Live well! Have fun! Sail!

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## Let's Go Sailing!

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### Photo of the Month



Clark Chapin and Chuck White (#1317) chasing eventual regatta winners Scott and Matt Savage on 30-Apr at the Chiefs Regatta in Columbus, OH. (J.P. Clowes photo)

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### 2022 PYC Race Committee

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### 2022 HPYC Board of Governors

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### Sailing Program Preparations

The Race Committee is preparing for the 2022 Season! The Committee (and any others interested in helping) will begin by removing the winter coverings from the Signal Boat and Service Boat on Wed 4-May. The Service Boat will be launched and moved to its mooring soon after, but the Signal Boat will need some Tender Loving Care (TLC) to its wiring before it is launched before our first schedule race on Saturday 21-May.

- There will be an evening session to discuss how to conduct a sailboat race on both the Signal Boat and the Service Boat on Thursday 19-May at 7:30 PM. The training session will be conducted either at the Signal Boat mooring on the dock (😊) or on the launching area next to the Club (😞) if all the wiring repairs are not completed.
- Racing begins the following Saturday (21-May) and continues with Tuesday, Thursday, and weekend (mostly Saturday) until September.

## Race Management Boats Readied for Racing

On Star Wars Day (May the Fourth), Bill O'Donnel, Marc Gleichert, Chuck White, Steve Wiseman, Clark Chapin, and Quartermaster Rick Lyons gathered to ready the PYC Signal Boat and Service Boat for action later in the month.



Laser Fleet Captain Steve Wiseman stands before the Signal Boat, being readied for the sailing season.

The boats were

uncovered and inspected, the tarps and supporting bits and pieces were stowed for use in the fall, the Signal Boat canopy was raised, and the marks inflated and loaded on board. A new anchor line was installed and the shackle to the anchor was safety wired to prevent (another) inadvertent disconnection.

Several items for repair were noted and will be resolved.

Lastly, Lyons and Gleichert launched the Service Boat at the MacGregor Road Public Launching Site and moved it to its berth at PYC.

A hearty thanks to all!

## Invitational Series Offer “A Taste of PYC Racing”



The Race Committee has approved two Invitational series that allow sailors who are curious about

sailing and racing on Portage Lake to enter and race with us for a minimum of investment of time or money. One series is for Laser sailors while the other targets owners of larger, multi-handed boats.

### ILCA (Laser) Invitational Series

**Who:** All Laser (ILCA) sailors with Full Rig or Radial and rigs may be interchanged as the sailor wishes.

**When:** Tuesdays May 24 & 31 and June 7-28.  
6:30 PM Warning Signal for several short races.

**How Much:** Free for registered PYC racers, \$65 for visiting racers.

**Boat Storage:** Boats may tow in or storage is available during the series across the street if the boat is tied down on its trailer or beach dolly.

**Further Details (NoR):** [HERE](#) or at <https://www.MS-PYC.com>

### Fun First Multi-handed Invitational Series

**Who:** All large boat (FS, Interlake, Buccaneer, Wayfarer...sailors. We don't care...show up and sail!

**When:** Thursdays June 16, 23, & 30

**How Much:** Free for registered PYC racers, \$65 for visiting racers.

**Boat Storage:** Boats may trailer in each evening or storage is available during the series across the street if the boat is tied down on its trailer.

**Further Details (NoR):** [HERE](#) or at <https://www.MS-PYC.com>

**Don't Have Crew?** We can fix that. PYC has a list of willing sailors with various levels of experience who can fill out your crew.

## Interlake Regattas



The Interlake regatta season got off to its traditional start at Leatherlips Yacht Club in Shawnee Hills, OH near Columbus. Scott Savage (Columbus) sailing with his teenage son Matt, won the event over Bill

Sanderson (Mansfield, OH) and Nate Ireland.

The club is located on the northwest side of

Columbus across the river from the Columbus Zoo.

A total of 15 boats braved the cool and occasionally rainy weather to race on April 30, and May 1.

Conditions ranged from almost drifting conditions to “sporty” during the final race on Sunday.

Clark Chapin and Chuck White (#1317) represented PYC and had a good afternoon on Saturday with finishes of 7-3-3 to end the day in tied on points for third place and only a few points out of the lead.

They didn't fare so well in Sunday's breezier conditions and would prefer not to talk about Sunday's racing.

The Interlake Sailing Class Association recognizes a series of regattas and presents trophies for the top performers each year. This year's schedule, along with other information is [HERE](#): May and June regattas are listed below and the Nationals are at Mohican Sailing Club in Mansfield July 20-22.



Regatta	Club	Start	End
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

### 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
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

### Sailing Museum Opens in Newport, RI



The Sailing Museum, a wonderful, interactive guide to competitive sailing, is scheduled to open in Newport, RI on May 9. The Museum is housed in the completely refurbished Newport Armory on fabled Thames Street and the site

of numerous post-race press conferences when the Cup was held by New York Yacht Club.

The Legends of Sailing area of the museum celebrates the National Sailing Hall of Fame and America's Cup Hall of Fame, featuring over 175 sailing legends will be honored under one roof, connecting the past to the future. From designers and builders to coaches and mentors, artists, historians, Olympians, sailmakers and explorers.



Other areas allow visitors to explore various aspects of sailing excellence: Competition; The Making of a Sailor – Physical; The

Making of a Sailor – Mental; Teamwork; and Wind and Water.

You can learn more about the Museum and purchase tickets at <https://thesailingmuseum.org/>

### America's Cup 2024 in Barcelona



On April 14, the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, who successfully defended the America's Cup a year ago, announced that the 37<sup>th</sup> America's Cup would occur, not in their home waters of Auckland, but in Barcelona on the Mediterranean. This decision followed months of wrangling and legal threats

both inside and outside of New Zealand. Other foreign sites considered were Cork (Ireland), Valencia or Malaga (Spain), Cowes (England), and Jeddah (Saudi Arabia).

Several Kiwis were bitterly disappointed that the event will be held in a location virtually at the other end of the earth, but the decision hinged on generating enough revenue for Emirates Team New Zealand (ETNZ) to mount a successful defense and they believed that the money couldn't be raised in a country of only 4.5 million people and 12 million sheep.



The New York Yacht Club has also reversed itself and will again back Team American Magic for this Cup cycle. On 3-May, they announced that SailGP

winning skipper Tom Slingsby will join the team and that they will return to use Pensacola as their warm weather training and practice base.

Other teams challenging include INEOS Britannia, funded by Britain's richest man, Sir James Ratcliffe and led by Sir Ben Ainslie, who has won more Olympic medals than anyone else. An Italian challenge from Prada Pirelli as well as a Swiss challenge from former Cup holder Ernest Bertarelli and Team Alinghi have also been announced.



## Dear Rick



### Crewing Skills – Part Deux

The crew as mentioned last month, helps the sailing team (helm and crew) maintain control of their boat that has a jib sail by

adjusting the jib as required and moving their weight to maintain a balanced boat. Other responsibilities can be watching for other boats, having wind awareness, or fine tuning some of the sail controls out of the helmsperson's reach. Wind awareness? Being aware of what the wind does to the boat regarding the heel of the boat will inform the crew when and how to move their weight to maintain a balanced boat. Learning to anticipate and reacting to, or slightly in advance of, the approaching wind's affects helps to maintain a balanced boat.

A balanced boat almost sails itself. No fighting the tiller to stay on course, no acrobatics by the crew or helm after a wind gusts or lulls. This requires some anticipation by watching the wind as it comes down the lake, proper sail control, weight placement, and calm communication to and from the helm and crew.

Below are several links that help demonstrate some of what is necessary to become proficient and learn techniques that can become second nature to sail around and enjoy your boat with friends with ease. It has been proven time and again that time spent on a race course (or like any sport); by being confined to follow certain repetition, procedures, rules, and disciplines, can move an individual whether it be the crew, or the helm, to a higher level of comfort and skill just sailing their boat. And if racing, then faster around the course with greater ease and fun as well.

All of these links are of sailboats racing, about to race, or practicing. (And include something

about the indispensable helmsperson as well, so if you are helping watch these too - more than once). But even if you are just going to day sail, anything here that is related to racing is a normal stepping stone to being a better crew/sailor in general and likely will become part of your best way to sail a boat anyway; From the crew informing the helm about approaching wind gusts/lulls, other boats, etc., to adjusting the sail shape to be more efficient/balanced related to the wind, to weight placement and how that helps keep the boat on a consistent balanced heel, to helping steer the boat by moving your weight, etc.

These links are in no particular order and can be used on most boats of this size:

[Roll Tacking a Flying Scot;](#)

[Sailing Upwind and Tacking a Flying Scot](#)

[Thistle Crew Work and Start](#)

[Thistle Crew and Start at Indianapolis](#)

[Flying Scot Crew Work at Dallas Regatta](#)

[Tacking with a Tiller Extension](#)

[Interlake Roll Tacking by Skip Dieball.](#)

Most of these videos have three things in common - Teamwork, Communication, and Practice.

Over time as a crew learns more about the basics, they can be given more to do that would either make a day sail more comfortable and easier, or make a very dynamic racing team with the helm able to focus driving the boat the least distance and most efficiently around the course with reliable input, consistent reactions, and anticipation by the crew. In other words, the crew doing more on their own without asking for help or being instructed each time for a procedure.

This takes time thru hands-on application and can be practiced while day-sailing, or to and from a race course, and while racing.

*Rick Lyons*

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