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Photo of the Month



Karen and Clark Chapin with their granddaughter Leeza enjoy Leeza's first sailboat ride in 2018.

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Potluck Celebration at Commodore's Cup September 4



Sunday 4-Sep and Monday 5-Sep will mark the Commodore's Cup Regatta. There will be a potluck dinner following the racing on Sunday at about 4:30 PM. Bring a dish to pass, something to grill, and your

own table settings. The Flying Scot fleet will provide beer and charcoal. Call Brian Hawkins ((248) 842-1047) if you have any questions. There will also be refreshments following the last race on Monday 5-Sep along with awards including the coveted Commodore's Cup Trophy.

Hot-to-Trot Regatta

Jeff Clark and Tim Cullinen of Hoover Sailing Club in Columbus, OH bested a fleet of nine Interlakers from Ohio and Michigan on August 20, at the annual Hot-to-Trot Regatta on Portage Lake.



Although skies were overcast for the entire day, the rain held off (mostly) until after the boats were back on shore.



Jeff Clark (#1370) leads Clark Chapin (#1317) and Tyler Cathey (#1341) off the starting line during the 2022 Hot-to-Trot Regatta. (Jack White Photo)

Jeff battled Rick and Elliot Lyons all afternoon: neither boat finished worse than third in any of the five races and they finished with a difference of a single point. Bill O'Donnel and Brian Hawkins rounded out the podium finishes.

Interlake newcomer Nicholas Schmitt from Hoover SC in Columbus, sailing with two rookie crewmembers (Ashley and Tammi Stafford) were in the boat formerly owned by Todd and Wendy Willford. It was Nicholas' first traveling regatta and a baptism by fire for Ashley and Tammi, but they enjoyed themselves in the afternoon's racing.

Rank	Skipper / Crew	Sail #	Points	1	2	3	4	5	
1	Jeff Clark / Tim Cullensen	1370	Hoover SC	5.5	1	(2)	2	1	2
2	Rick Lyons Elliot Lyons	1189	Portage YC	6.5	2	(3)	1	3	1
3	Bill O'Donnel Brian Hawkins	972	Portage YC	9.75	3	1	(4)	2	4
4	Clark Chapin Chuck White	1317	Portage YC	17	5	(7)	3	4	5
5	Tom Marriott Tim Marriott	909	Jolly Roger SC	19	(6)	5	5	6	3
6	Brook Smith Greg Marion	1380	Portage YC	21	4	(6)	6	5	6
7	Tom Wills Sue Wills	1372	Mohican SC	26	7	4	(DNF)	8	7
8	Marc Gleichert Amy Gleichert Bothner	1282	Portage YC	30	8	(9)	7	7	8
9	Nicholas Schmitt Ashley & Tammi Stafford	1109	Hoover SC	36	(10)	10	8	9	9
10	Tyler Cathey Felicia Cathey	1341	Portage YC	39	9	8	(DNS)	DNS	DNS

Hot Scot Regatta September 10



Flying Scot sailors from the Michigan area (and perhaps beyond) will gather on Saturday 10-Sep for the Hot Scot Regatta at Portage Lake. Registration is from 9:00-10:30AM and racing starts at

Noon. Five races will be attempted and there will be

after-race refreshments. The Notice of Race with further details, including an entry form, is [HERE](#).



(Steve Schewe photo)

No Sweat Laser Regatta September 24



The venerable No Sweat Regatta for Lasers, one of the longest running Laser Regattas in Michigan, will be held on Saturday 24-Sep. Following registration (9:00-10:15AM), there will be a

short competitors' meeting before racing begins at 11:00AM. Six short races will be attempted. The Notice of Race, with more details, is [HERE](#).



Laser action at last year's No Sweat Regatta

Current Race Standings

Heading into the final third of the Club's racing season, racing is tight among the various fleets.

Series: Tuesday Evening Silver (Laser)			
Pos	Name	Sail#	Pts.
1	Rick Lyons	145449	6.75
2	Steve Wiseman	158712	15.15
3	Sam Hawkins	124390	22.38
4	Jim Sunstrum	158720	31.5
5	Dave Williams	176256	63

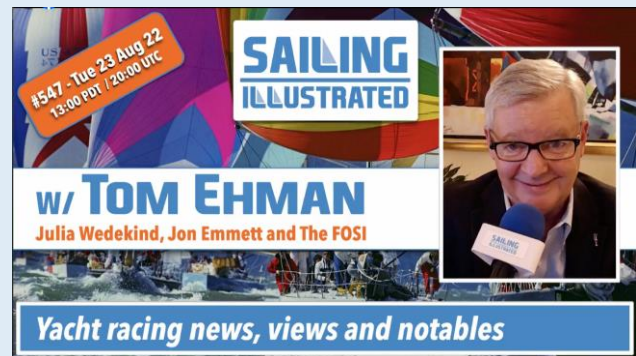
Series: Thursday Evening Silver (Interlake)			
Pos	Name	Sail#	Pts.
1	Clark Chapin (Others)	1317	9.05
2	Brook Smith Bill O'Donnell	1380	11.63
3	Rick Lyons Cheryl Lyons	1189	15.1
4	Marc Gleichert Brian Williams	1282	22.38

Series: Weekend Gold (Interlake)			
Pos	Name	Sail#	Pts.
1	Clark Chapin Chuck White	1317	7.55
2	Brook Smith Bill O'Donnell	1380	12.25
3	Tyler Cathey Felicia Cathey	1341	17.55

Series: Thursday Evening Silver (Flying Scot)			
Pos	Name	Sail#	Pts.
1	Brian Hawkins Suzy Hawkins	5235	5.25
2	Jack White Nancy Staub	3854	20
3	Nicholas Marion Greg Marion	3228	26
4	Matthew Cook Jonas Cook	4278	30

Series: Weekend Gold (Flying Scot)			
Pos	Name	Sail#	Pts.
1	Brian Hawkins Suzy Hawkins	5235	7.8
2	Jack White Nancy Staub	3854	19.45
3	Nicholas Marion Greg Marion	3228	26
4	Bill Foster Michael Ehnis	4297	29.5
5	Matthew Cook Jonas Cook	4278	70
6	Ron Frisbie Sharon Frisbie	5273	1062

Tom Ehman Live Comes to Portage Lake



Tom Ehman hosted his twice-weekly video podcast from the cottage adjoining the PYC Clubhouse on Tuesday 25-Aug. The show featured walk-through tours of the clubhouse and grounds and your esteemed editor as an in-studio guest.



View of the West Laser Rack from the walkabout video on Tom Ehman Live, 23-Aug

You can watch the show [HERE](#).

2022 Governor's Cup



Tom Ehman Jr. also provided video coverage of the Governor's Cup, a prestigious international match racing championship for young sailors (under 23-year-old) for several years. In a match race, there are only two boats racing at a time and each boat tries to outmaneuver the other to get it into the less favorable breeze in their wind shadow. Racing is close and often occurs close to the shore or spectators. The Cup is sailed in 22-foot boats that were specifically designed for the event. The event was first held each year at Balboa Yacht Club near San Diego in 1967 and was the brainchild of Andy Rose, himself a renowned match racer and America's Cup sailor.

This year's event featured the return of foreign sailors after two years of COVID travel restrictions. Twelve sailors represented clubs from the USA, Great Britain, Australia, Sweden, and New Zealand. After a double-round robin, the standings were:

Rank	Country	Skipper	W-L
1	USA	Jeffrey Petersen	18-4
2	AUS	Jordan Stevenson	16-6
3	USA	Jack Egan	15-7
4	SWE	Marius Westerlind	14-8
5	NZL	Cole Tapper	11-11
6	NZL	Will Sargent	11-11
7	USA	Morgan Pinckney	10-12
8	GBR	Robbie King	9-13
9	NZL	Marcello Torre	8-14
10	USA	Ansgar Jordan	8-14
11	USA	Porter Kavle	7-15
12	AUS	Robbie McCutcheon	5-17

In the action-packed final, Jordan Stevenson denied USA's Jeffrey Peterson a repeat title. Videos of the action are [HERE](#).

Dear Rick



How do you maintain your focus for regatta's and even your local fleet racing.

-- **Newbie**

Dear Newbie:
In a nutshell, generally to be

focused is when I've prepared the boat so there is nothing to do but the usual assembly to go out sailing. I'll try to do any fixes or updates prior to the day of the event so there is no last-minute rushing around, extra trips to the car, etc. For example, at our annual Interlake Invitational regatta on August 20 in which I was helming with my younger son Elliott as crew, we were to help any visiting participants launch and moor. This would have left little time to work on the boat. I also do not stray from my daily diet leading up to and the day of the event, unannounced variations can throw your digestion off and there could be unpleasant, er, surprises. Otherwise, I try to have read the sailing instructions in advance of the day, so not second guessing once on the water, get a good read on the weather pattern, work on visualization of boat handling and tactical/strategy situations, know the tuning guide for the boat, stretch, and cross-train by biking or hiking at the local parks.

Almost all of these practices will also set the non-racer up for a pleasant trouble-free sail as well.

Rick Lyons

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Jack White photo