



# The Mainsheet

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Live well! Have fun! Sail!  
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## Sailing Into Summer!

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| <a href="#">Basic Knots (animated)</a> <a href="#">US Sailing</a> |

### Photo of the Month



The American team, 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Racing arrives in Genova, Italy as winners of The Ocean Race, a six-month race around the world. They are the first American winners of this race, which was first staged 50 years ago.

### 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Racing (USA) wins The Ocean Race



Charlie Enright (Newport, RI) hoists the trophy in Genova, Italy at the Grand Finale of the 2022-2023 edition of The Ocean Race.

11<sup>th</sup> Hour Racing, an American team based in Newport, RI, won the 2022-2023 edition of The



Ocean Race (formerly the Volvo Ocean Race and originally the Whitbread Ocean Race) on June 29. Somewhat anticlimactically, they won the race while still motor sailing toward the finish in Genova, Italy when the 6-person International Jury for the event awarded them four points for the final leg after they were holed in a collision at the start the final leg from The Hague to Genova by another competitor, GUYOT Environnement Team Europe. The collision was the fault of GUYOT and 11th Hour Racing was unable to continue in the race. Under the Racing Rules of Sailing, the International Jury awarded them a score for that leg of 4 points, equal to the average of their finishes in the previous six Legs, giving them the win. Skipper Charlie Enright was ecstatic about their victory after a ten year quest to win the event.

Interlake Nationals on Tap



The 2023 Interlake Nationals will be held at Grand Traverse Yacht Club in Traverse City, MI from July 28 to August 1. Sailing

will be on Grand Traverse Bay in Lake Michigan. The event includes the Junior Nationals and the Women’s Nationals. The schedule includes:

Table with 2 columns: Date, Activity. Rows include Registration, Junior and Women’s Championships, Competitors Meeting, Championship & Challenger Racing, Annual Banquet, Awards.

Grand Traverse Bay offers winds that are similar to Lake Michigan, but protected from large waves (except from the north) by the Leelanau Peninsula. Portage Yacht Club will be represented by Clark Chapin (#1317) and Bill O’Donnel (#1341). Stay tuned for a report on the event.

(Ed: And don’t expect a new issue of The Mainsheet on August 1!)

Details are at the web site HERE.

Flying Scot North Americans



The 2023 Flying Scot North Americans were held at Lake Norman Yacht Club near Morresville, NC on June 8-12. 60 boats participated, divided into the Championship and Challenger Fleets after a 3-race

qualification series.

Jeff Linton and Amy Smith Linton of Davis Island YC (Tampa, FL) won a close victory over Tyler and Carrie Andrews of the Deep Creek YRA by a single point.

In the Challenger Division, Mark Johnson and David Gorwitz from Neenah-Nodaway YC bested Scott and Laura Marriott from Florida’s Lake Eustis YC by three points, 17-20.

The final podium finishes were:

Championship

Table with 4 columns: Pos, Crew, Sail No., Points. Rows for Championship winners: 1. Jeff Linton/Amy Smith Linton (6133, 14), 2. Tyler Andrews/Carrie Andrews (6279, 15), 3. David Ames/PJ Buhler (6266, 20).

Challenger

Table with 4 columns: Pos, Crew, Sail No., Points. Rows for Challenger winners: 1. Mark Johnson/David Gorwitz (5721, 17), 2. Scott Marriott/Laura Marriott (5179, 20), 3. Carol Claypool/Dave Safirstein (4282, 30).

Complete details are at the regatta web site HERE.





## Sailing Illustrated Comes to Portage Lake



A veritable plethora of Ehmans descended on Portage Lake during the last few weeks. First, Paul Ehman, son Nalu and daughter Regina arrived from Maui, HI.



Then, on June 29, Tom Ehman, Jr. arrived along with his daughter Meg and Meg's fiancé, Aaron Schraberg from San Diego, CA.

On Thursday evening, June 29, Tom joined in the Silver Series racing on his father's venerable Interlake #1318.

On Friday, Tom broadcast his bi-weekly sailing show, Sailing Illustrated, from the cottage adjoining PYC.



Studio C (for "Cottage") for Sailing Illustrated

The main topics of discussion were the protest and redress hearings that had concluded The Ocean Race along with some of the history of Portage Yacht Club, the circling penalty used worldwide in sailboat racing, and the Interlake.

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

Sailing Illustrated, now in its seventh year, is streamed live on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:00 PM each week on both Facebook and YouTube. There is often a lively stream of comments from the FOSI (Friends of Sailing Illustrated) during the live show. Shows are also available to view (and comment on) afterward. There are regular FOSI viewers and knowledgeable commentators from Australia, New Zealand, the USA, and Europe. The YouTube link is [HERE](#).

## Most Improved Sailor Trophy

Each year when the Race Committee meets to decide the recipients of our various perpetual awards, the lion's share of the debate occurs surrounding the Most Improved Sailor Award. The trophy was donated by Jack and Avery Bartlett and is PYC's oldest perpetual trophy, having been first awarded in 1958 to Bill Bird. Avery Bartlett won the trophy himself eight years after its inception in 1966.



"To the skipper who has most improved in the current season. May be someone who has made a major move in the bottom or middle of the fleet, or someone who made a smaller move in terms of number of places advanced, at the top of a competitive fleet....

Factors: Enthusiasm, participation, success, sportsmanship."

Notable winners

include:

- **2022.** Sam Hawkins received the award for his performance in the Laser, joining his father Brian Hawkins, who won in 2004.
- **1972.** 51 years ago, the trophy was awarded to Rick Lyons, then an up-and-coming junior sailor who would go on to win the US Sailing (then "NAYRU") Junior Singlehanded Championship two years later and the Interlake National Championship in 1987.
- **1959 and 2009.** Bob and Jack Coleman won the awards for their prowess in the Interlake exactly fifty years apart.

- **Two-time Winners.** Although eight people have won the award twice, two are notable for the time that elapsed between their awards. Tyler Cathey won in 1977 and 2012 (15 years) and Brook Smith won in 2001 and 2017 (16 years).

## Bayview Mackinac Race Kicks off July 15



Bayview Yacht Club's Port Huron to Mackinac race, which bills itself as "The World's Longest Continuously Run Long Distance Freshwater Yacht Race" starts from the

southern end of Lake Huron on Saturday July 11. This event was even (in a modified form) run during the Pandemic in 2020, even though the Chicago Yacht Club was forced to cancel the Chicago to Mackinac Race that year. Currently, 202 boats are registered for this event, ranging from two 27-footers who will race with 118 other boats in on the shorter "Shore Course" up the Michigan side of the lake to the 80-footer "Maverick", which will race with 81 other boats on the longer "Cove Island Course" that features rounding a buoy in Canadian waters near the entrance to Georgian Bay.



"Stripes", skippered by Bill Martin.

Among the local favorites is "Stripes", a 68-footer owned by former US Sailing President and U of M Athletic Director Bill Martin. Bill will sail with his son Michael and a

crew of eleven other sailors on the Cove Island Course. Martin has earned various honors in years

past and could be in the mix for the overall prize on the Cove Island Course.



Genesis, skippered by Paul Lee, with Brian and Sam Hawkins aboard as well.

Closer to our PYC "home", Brian and Sam Hawkins will sail with Paul Lee on "Genesis", a Doug Peterson designed Islander 40, on the Shore

Course. Paul Lee is also an experienced Flying Scot sailor who has sailed at Portage Lake several times.



Shore Course (red) and Cove Island Course (blue) for the 2023 Bayview Port Huron to Mackinac Race.

## Invitational Regattas are Coming Up!

The Interlake Hot-to-Trot Regatta is a one-day event scheduled for Saturday August



19. Interlakers from Michigan and Ohio (and maybe an Indiana boat or two) will gather for up to five races.



The Hot Scot Regatta for Flying Scots will be on Saturday September 9 and

will feature sailors from similar regions. The regatta will be run by the Interlake and Laser sailors and, once again, five races are planned.



The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual No Sweat Regatta for Lasers (or ILCAs, as they are coming to be known) will be on

Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> to round out the sailing season at PYC. As many as 20 boats are expected and the racing is usually close and spirited. These boats are popular the world over and the recent ILCA 6 World Championship in Poland attracted over 240 entries from 48 different countries. The ILCA 7 (formerly the Laser Full Rig) is the Olympic Men's Dinghy while the ILCA 6 (Laser Radial) is the Women's Dinghy.