



The Mainsheet

Newsletter of PYC Sailing
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A Summer Packed With Sailing Fun

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Photo of the Month



Not sailing related, but the damage to various boats in the marina due to the tornado that passed through Portage Lake on Thursday evening 24-Aug. Thankfully, racing was over for the evening and everyone is safe.

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PYC Sailing Calendar	
Basic Knots (animated)	US Sailing

Awards Dinner Set for Friday November 17

The Board of Governors met on July 13 and, among other things, selected **Friday November 17**, as the date of the Annual Awards Dinner.

Mark your calendars now and stay tuned for details on this evening of celebration of our sailing season.

Interlake Nationals July 28-August 1



Lorain's Bryan Parker, a perennial top-contender, won his first Interlake National Championship at Grand Traverse Yacht Club in Traverse City, MI from July 28 to August 1.



Tiffany and Bryan Parker, along with Mark Makielski, won the 2023 Interlake Nationals in Traverse City, MI.

Twenty-nine interlakers from across the Midwest enjoyed fabulous weather and great hospitality over the four day course of the event.

The top finishers in the 23-boat Championship Division were:

Championship

Pos	Crew	Sail No.	Points
1	Bryan Parker Tiffany Parker, Mark Makielski	923	9
2	Craig Koschalk Lauren Ohara, Nick Turney	842	11
3	Jim Ward. Jayme Ward, George Ward	1425	16

Koschalk had a challenge merely making it to the event. He was refurbishing his personal boat in early July when it was damaged during a hailstorm in the Toledo area in early July. Ryan Kyle of Sandusky generously loaned him his boat so that Craig could compete. Craig even changed the sail numbers to match Kyle's hull number to comply with the Interlake Class rules.

Portage Yacht Club was represented by one boat: Clark Chapin and Chuck White in #1317. They finished in 9th Place, third among the "Masters Division" for skippers more than 60 years of age.



PYC's Clark Chapin and Chuck White sailing before the start of a race on Grand Traverse Bay.

Six boats competed in the Challenger Division. The top finishers were:

Challenger

Pos	Crew	Sail No.	Points
1	Julian Ahluwalia, Luke Adams	1333	7
2	Nicholas Schmitt, Katherine Harris	1109	12
3	Jacob Campbell, Ameila Campbell, Avery Thorpe	1427	13

The second place boat in the Challengers was formerly owned by PYC's Todd and Wendy Willford. It seems to have found a good home.

Next year, the Nationals will be hosted by Hoover Sailing Club in Columbus, offering conditions not unlike Portage Lake.





ILCA Nationals on Lake St. Clair August 3-6



PYC's Jim Sunstrum competed in the ILCA Nationals August 3-6, on Lake St. Clair. A total of 146 boats

were there made up of 25 ILCA 4's (formerly the Laser 4.7), 91 ILCA 6's (formerly the Laser Radial), and 46 ILCA 7's (formerly the Laser Full Rig).

In the ILCA 4's, San Diego YC's Kousei Hatter came out on top with a three point margin over Jackson Wilcox. The competition was tight and four points separated the first four places. Kyla Benesch of Florida's Coral Reef YC seemed to be headed for victory until a disqualification in the penultimate race proved too much to overcome.

The ILCA 6 is the Women's singlehanded dinghy for the 2024 Olympics, so there is always a lot of interest among aspiring female sailors. The class is also popular among teens who aren't yet ready for the larger ILCA 7. Jaje Homberger from the Lauderdale Yacht Club won four of the eight races to edge out Tanner Krygsveld from the St. Thomas Yacht Club by three points,

In the ILCA 7, Ford McCann from Texas Corinthian Yacht Club bested his brother Marshall McCann by a mere two points in the ten race series. A further surprise was that Canadian sailors filled out three of the top six finishing positions.

Hosting the event was a goal for Crescent Sail Yacht Club member Bill

Vogel after Crescent's successful hosting of the 2020 and 2021 No-Coast Championships.

2023 Flying Scot Districts



Paul Lee of the Detroit Yacht Club edged PYC's Brian and Suzy Hawkins by a single point in the Flying Scot Michigan-Ontario District Championships on August 5-6.

Three races were sailed on Saturday, but rain and light winds led to the abandonment of Sunday's races.

Pos	Skipper	Sail No.	Points
1	Paul Lee	6133	4
2	Brian Hawkins	6279	5
3	Sean Murphy	6266	10



Brian Hawkins wasn't quite the fastest, but he was the tallest competitor at the Flying Scot Districts.

2023 Hot-to-Trot Regatta, August 19, 2023									
Pos	Boat	Club	Crew	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	1341	PYC	Bill O'Donnel Paul Ehman	1	1	1	2	1	4
2	1320	HSC	Jeff Jones Bob Sagan	2	2	5	1	2	7
3	1317	PYC	Clark Chapin Chuck White	3	5	2	4	3	12
4	1372	MSC	Tom Wills Sue Wills	4	3	7	3	6	16
5	1380	PYC	Brook Smith Greg Marion	6	7	3	5	4	18
6	1318	ASI	Sam Durbin Mike Krawec Neal Higginbotham	7	4	4	7	5	20
7	1282	PYC	Marc Gleichert Brian Williams	5	6	6	6	7	23

Hot-to-Trot Regatta Features Close Competition

Sailors from Michigan and Ohio gathered on Saturday August 19, at Portage Lake for the Hot-to-Trot Regatta. PYC's Bill O'Donnel, racing the recently acquired Farkelberry Too (#1341) was the overall winner in the shifty winds.

Jeff Jones from

Columbus's Hoover Sailing Club sailed with Bob Sagan from Traverse City to a solid second place finish while Clark Chapin and Chuck White in #1317 rounded out the podium spots



Bill O'Donnel and Paul Ehman (#1341) lead Clark Chapin (#1317) and Brook Smith (#1380) in the 2023 Hot-to-Trot.



Paul Ehman and Bill O'Donnel explain the secrets of their success to Interlake Fleet Captain Marc Gleichert (Ann Taylor photos)

Following racing, the assembled racers were treated to a veritable plethora of treats prepared by Sarah Walsh, including her world famous (according to Bill O'Donnel) mini-sandwiches.

Steve Wiseman did his usual superb job as the Principle Race Officer and was assisted by Ann Taylor,

Hot Scot Regatta on Tap for September 9



The annual Flying Scot regatta will take place on Saturday September 9, at Portage Yacht Club. Although the early registration discount has expired, sailors can still receive a \$5 discount on the \$40 entry fee if they are members of US Sailing.

The entry fee includes coffee, juice, and rolls for a continental breakfast along with cocktail party and dinner after racing, but not lunch.

Five races are planned with no warning signal after 4:00 PM.

The Notice of Race is [HERE](#).

No Sweat Regatta September 23

No sweat! Laser Regatta

Portage Yacht Club

49th Sept 23, 2023



A fixture on the PYC Calendar for almost a half-century, the No Sweat Regatta will be held on Saturday September 23.

On-site registration will occur between 0900 and 1015 EDT with the first Warning Signal at 1100 EDT. The event will feature up to six races over short courses with no Warning Signal after 1630 EDT. Afterwards, a BBQ dinner and awards. The Notice of Race is [HERE](#).

