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Photo of the Month



From front to back, Clark Chapin and Chuck White (#1317), Tim Cullinen (#359), Jeff Clark (#1370), and eventual winners Stuart and Matt Fisher (#1174) at the Interlake Nationals in Columbus. (Debbie Parker photo)

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50th Anniversary No Sweat Laser Regatta on Tap



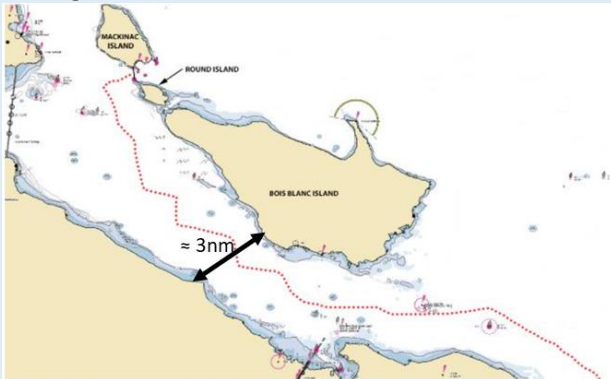
The 50th Anniversary No Sweat Regatta for ILCAs (Lasers) is on tap for Saturday September 21 at PYC. Details are [HERE](#). One of the longest-running Michigan regattas for these boats, it was first held just after Richard Nixon resigned as President and only three years after the Laser was offered for sale at the New York Boat show for \$695.

Record-breaking Entries for 100th Bayview Mac



322 boats in 18 classes – everything from cruising boats to all-out racers and multihulls – competed in the 100th Bayview Port Huron to Mackinac Race that began on Saturday

July 20. Although the Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac has a longer history, the Bayview race has an uninterrupted history and was conducted all through WWII and the COVID Pandemic.



This year's race had a new-old wrinkle: All boats sailed the original 1925 course which passed south of Bois Blanc Island and then west-to-east across the finish line.

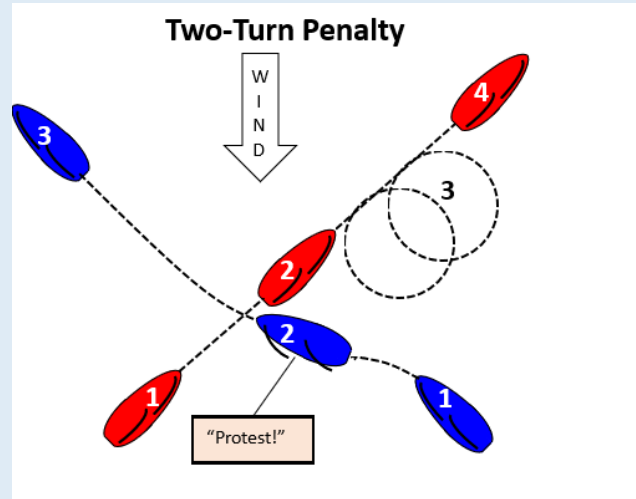
PYC was represented in this year's race by Brian and Sam Hawkins racing aboard Paul Lee's Genesis (an Islander P40) in Class J. They finished in 7th place with an elapsed time of 46:53:55.

Origins of the Two-Turn Penalty



In early July when Tom Ehman, Jr. was back home on vacation, he interviewed his father about the origins of the Two-Turn Penalty, formerly known as the 720° Rule (and originally as the 1080° Rule). The

entire show with the interview is [HERE](#) and the interview starts at about 1:21:20.



Elapsed Time Record Broken in Chicago Mac



Maverick, an 80-foot custom design, used the strong winds of a storm front on Saturday evening July 13, to smash the course record for the Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac, sailing the 289 nm (333 statute mile) course in 22:24:33, breaking the record

set by Roy Pat Disney's Pyewacket by over an hour. The Saturday evening storm wreaked havoc elsewhere in the fleet. Three boats, including the TP52 Usual Suspects with longtime Interlaker Skip Dieball aboard, were dismantled, although there were no injuries and all boats managed to reach shore safely.



The crew of Usual Suspects works to saw through the remnants of their carbon fiber mast after it fractured during a storm on July 13.

Tragedy was also averted when Shawn Dougherty, a crewmember on Callisto, a J/125, was swept overboard as he

was assisting in lowering the spinnaker in the storm. Dougherty was wearing a Man Overboard Beacon on his life jacket which activated both a radio signal and strobe light. Callisto called for assistance on VHF Channel 16 and five different boats suspended racing to assist. Dougherty was recovered by another boat, Mad Cap. According to the Protest Committee, "Madcap and Callisto's skippers discussed transferring Shawn Dougherty back to Callisto as requested by Shawn and it was decided such a maneuver would present a significant danger to both boats and their respective crew."

Afterwards, Callisto and Mad Cap resumed racing. All five boats that responded were awarded corrections to their elapsed times by the Protest Committee, as allowed by the Racing Rules of Sailing.

SailGP has a Thrilling Finish in SFO

SAIL GP™ Entering the Grand Final event for these foiling 50-foot catamarans in San Francisco, the stage was almost set for the final, winner-take-all \$2M prize race. New Zealand and Australia were assured of a spot in the final while the leading contenders for the third spot were France and Spain.

The format for the weekend was three fleet races on Saturday and two on Sunday. At that point, points would be awarded for the SFO event and the top three teams in the season standings would race for the Grand Final Prize.



France did an outstanding job on Saturday with finishes of 1-3-3 to Spain's 7-7-5, but in Race 4 on Sunday, disaster struck: France (on port tack) crashed into

Denmark (on starboard tack) and in the process destroyed their starboard side rudder. They were assessed a penalty of 12 points in the event standings and were unable to sail in the fifth race, allowing Spain into the Grand Final.

In the Grand Final, Spain nailed the start and sailed away to victory, denying Australia a four-peat in this prestigious professional sailing circuit.

You can find the videos of this and the other 2024 SailGP events on YouTube [HERE](#).

For 2025, the series will start in Abu Dhabi in November 2024 and end in the same location a year hence. Portions of the schedule are still undecided, but there is currently no Canadian event. The USA events are:

- Los Angeles: March 15-16
- San Francisco: March 22-23
- New York: June 7-8

Interlake Nationals



38 boats sailed in the Interlake Nationals July 24-27, at Hoover Sailing Club in Columbus, OH.

Clark Chapin and Chuck White were the sole participants from PYC and won the Grand Master category for skippers over 60 years of age. Stuart and Matt Fisher (#1174, above) topped the 32-boat Champion Division. Stuart previously won the Nationals at Portage Lake in 2014.

Team USA at the Olympics



The USA has teams or athletes in nine of the ten Olympic sailing events this year:



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Discipline	Class	Team USA
Mixed multihull	NACRA 17	Sarah Newberry Moore David Liebenberg
Mixed Dinghy	470	Stu McNay Lara Dallman-Weiss
Women's Dinghy	ILCA 6 (Laser Radial)	Erika Reineke
Men's Dinghy	ILCA 7 (Laser)	(None 😞)
Men's Skiff	49er	Ian Barrows Hans Henken
Women's Skiff	49er FX	Steph Roble Maggie Shea
Women's Kite	Formula Kite	Daniela Moroz
Men's Kite		Markus Edgran
Women's Windsurfer	iQFoil	Dominique Stater
Men's Windsurfer		Noah Lyons

The sailing events are not near Paris, but are in Marseille on the Mediterranean.

Team USA has medal chances in the Women's Kite (Daniela Moroz), ILCA 6 (Erika Reineke), and an outside chance in the 49er (Ian Barrows & Hans Henken).

The schedule is shown here:



“Medal Day” is a single, final race with only the top ten boats participating. Scores are doubled and cannot be discarded, so this single race often determines the medal winners.

Viewing is on NBC’s Peacock and NBCOlympics.com, but the timing is uncertain in the USA. In other countries, such as AUS and NZL, there is much more interest and primetime viewing.

Sailing Heroes

Can you name this sailing hero?

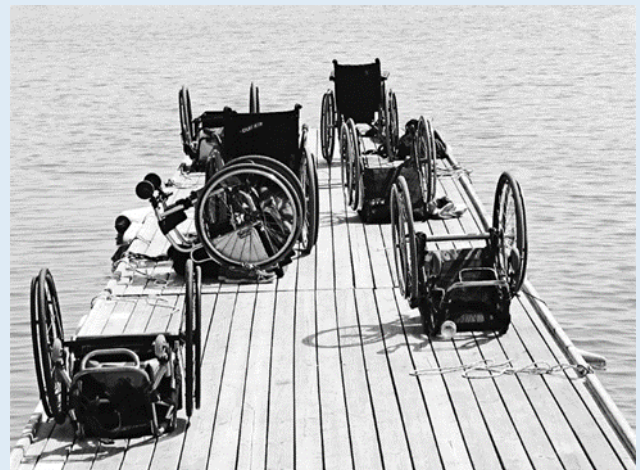
This person is an American sailor who has been voted Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year five times, inducted into the United States' National Sailing Hall of Fame in 2011, and the Tufts University Athletics Hall of Fame in 2024. After winning the Rolex International Women’s Keelboat Championship for the fourth time in a row, the trophy was retired and named in her honor.

She started sailing Sunfish as a child at the behest of her father and, while she did not initially enjoy it, she rapidly enjoyed being with her friends on Barnegat Bay. In 1977, she began sailing for Tufts University where she learned the technical aspects of racing from her teammates.



She has long been an advocate for disabled sailing and while coaching several disabled sailors, took the iconic picture shown below, entitled “Gone Sailing.” In an ironic twist of fate, she underwent cancer surgery in 2022 that left her unable to walk

unassisted and therefore eligible to compete in the parasailing that she had long championed. Last year, she travelled to The Hague and won the Women’s Singlehanded Parasailing Championship in a class called the Hansa 303.



She is Betsy Alison and she is currently the Adult Programs Director at US Sailing. You can read about her in the US Sailing Hall of fame [HERE](#).