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No Sweat Regatta Turns 50!

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Photo of the Month



Close action on the downwind leg at the 50th No Sweat Regatta on September 21. Paul Offer, Commodore Steve Wiseman, and Michigan Sailing Club's Carey Jones pass close by the PYC Signal Boat.

50th No Sweat Regatta at PYC



Susan Taylor receives the No Sweat Perpetual Trophy from PYC ILCA Fleet Charter Member Dave Williams at the 2024 No Sweat.

Susan Taylor of Lansing Sail Club emerged on top of a the close-fought battle as Portage Yacht Club in Pinckney, Michigan held the 50th No Sweat Laser Regatta on September 21, 2024. The event is the second oldest ILCA (Laser) regatta in the U.S. Fourteen sailors came to see if their names would be etched on the perpetual trophy. The event featured a host of experienced race management personnel as well as professional videographers who elevated the event to a new level. The foggy start to the day delayed the start of racing, but a shifty and challenging breeze filled in bringing a warm, sunny sky. The wind eventually



built to 6-10 kts for the remainder of the afternoon with summery temperatures.



Rick Lyons of PYC took the first bullet of the day, but the next two races were won by Lansing SC's Susan

Taylor, tightening the leaderboard.

The next 2 races were won by a pair of Pauls: Paul Offer and Paul Ehman. The sixth and final race was won by Susan Taylor, clinching her victory!

2024 50 th Anniversary No Sweat										
Pos	Skipper	Club	Sail No.	Points	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6
1	Susan Taylor	LSC	180524	8	3	1	1	2	(4)	1
2	Rick Lyons	PYC	176256	13	1	2	2	(7)	6	2
3	Paul Ehman	PYC	2356	18	(11)	5	3	5	1	4
4	Jno Disch		212926	18	4	3	6	(10)	2	3
5	Ovidiu Adam	MSC	210118	30	8	9	7	3	3	(10)
6	Sam Hawkins	PYC	124390	30	9	8	4	4	(13)	5
7	Dillon McCormick	LSC	152071	31	5	4	(10)	8	8	6
8	Paul Offer		150937	33	7	6	(12)	1	12	7
9	Carey Jones	MSC	210113	33	2	7	(11)	6	7	11
10	Hugh Blaxill	LSC	198685	44	6	10	9	(11)	11	8
11	Jim Herold	TIYC	1	48	(13)	12	5	13	5	13
12	Elliott Lyons	PYC	159777	51	10	11	8	(12)	10	12
13	Steve Wiseman	PYC	158712	57	(RET/15)	RET/15	RET/15	9	9	9
14	Tom Kimball	PYC	158764	66	12	13	13	14	14	(DNS/15)

After racing, the competitors and volunteers enjoyed beverages, snacks and grilled brats provided by the host Fleet members. The crowning event was a viewing of the same-day edited video of the day's racing following the awards ceremony.

Everyone was thrilled and looked forward to the next half century of ILCA sailing in Southeastern Michigan and Portage Lake!

Annual Awards Dinner Coming Up!

2024 AWARDS DINNER
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024
AT PORTAGE YACHT CLUB

Social Hour **6:00 PM**
Dinner **7:00 PM**
Awards **Following**

O'Donnel and Hawkins Win at Indy!

Portage Yacht Club's Bill O'Donnel and Brian Hawkins were victorious in a hard-fought weekend of sailing at the Indianapolis Sail Club's Poltergeist

Regatta on October 5-6, sailed at the Indianapolis Sailing Clubs' Geist Reservoir.

In a 7-race series, they bested 2-time ISCA Nationals winner Steve Aspery, but they traded wins with Steve all weekend.

Poltergeist Regatta October 5-6, 2024											
Boat #	Skipper & Crew	Club	Rank	R #1	R #2	R #3	R #4	R #5	R #6	R #7	Score
1341	Bill O'Donnel Brian Hawkins	Portage YC	1	1	(2)	1	2	1	1	2	8
1435	Steve Aspery Scott Stephen	Hoover SC	2	(2)	1	2	1	2	2	1	9
1386	Don Bacharowski Diana Kniper	Hoover SC	3	3	(5)	4	3	4	3	3	20
1317	Clark Chapin Chuck White	Portage YC	4	4	3	5	4	3	4	(6)	23
1372	Tom Wills Sue Wills, Kyle Wills	Mohican SC	5	7	4	3	5	5	(DNF)	4	28
1270	Joe Novak Peggy Stockdale, Vicki Chen	Indy SC	6	(8)	6	7	8	6	5	5	37
1406	David Weimer Ros Lim, Karthik Chandramouli	Indy SC	7	6	7	6	6	7	6	(DNC)	38
863	Brent Addington Kay Patel	Indy SC	8	5	DNF	8	7	(DNC)	DNC	DNC	46

Winds were typically "Poltergeist-ish" on Saturday – light to moderate from a wide variety of directions. On Sunday morning, winds were fresher (10-15 kts) from the southwest, allowing the race committee to run three races in the area near the club.



O'Donnel and Hawkins at the Poltergeist Regatta.

PYC's Clark Chapin and Chuck White had a spirited battle for third place with Hoover SC's Don Bacharowski, a talented newcomer to the Interlake Class. The battle for the final podium position was decided

in the final 100 yards of the last race when Chapin and White overstood the finish line, allowing Bacharowski to slip by.

As is traditional, the Saturday night dinner featured luscious pork chops and rich desserts from the Indianapolis Sailing Club's fleet.

37th America's Cup in Barcelona



by Craig Leweck,
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The Louis Vuitton Cup fulfilled its mission of providing a competition to advance the best challenger to the 37th America's Cup. INEOS Britannia was most certainly not the best when the series began August 29, but the British team proved to be for their final race on October 4.

While the devil is in the details, which is hard to detect with the hyper-tech AC75 yacht, the British squeezed more out of their boat than the others. The French were first to go, then the Swiss were no match, and the USA couldn't get it together. As for the Italians, they plateaued while the Brits continued their climb.



Aside from it being 60 years since Great Britain had a yacht compete in the America's Cup Match, INEOS Britannia is not

going to cheat the viewer when they face the Kiwi defender. While the AC75 yacht may not be everyone's cup of tea, the Brits aren't afraid to match race, and the America's Cup is a match racing event.

The Italians were plenty good in the Louis Vuitton Finals, but the Brits remembered match racing mattered. While Italy was likely to play the course and wind shifts, the Brits were as likely to play their opponent. Passing is hard after the start, and British skipper Ben Ainslie made it harder. Watching punches thrown and landed is entertaining. Ainslie was the 2010 Match Racing World Champion, and his team was the most aggressive and inventive before the gun. When they mastered what moves were possible, and improved their all-around speed, they were too much for Italy. Will they be too much for New Zealand? The 37th Match (best of 13 series) is October 12-27.

US Sailing Adult Championship at NYC



By Eliza Garry, US Sailing

The 2024 U.S. Adult Sailing Championship at Detroit Yacht Club was a thrilling display of skill and strategy. The regatta featured a competitive fleet, with sailors from across the

country showcasing their talents in various conditions. Over several days of racing, participants demonstrated excellent teamwork and boat handling. Paul Lee, who won NYC's Hot Scot Regatta three weeks previously, represented the host Detroit Yacht Club and finished fifth.

The first day of racing was canceled due to heavy winds from Hurricane Helene's outer bands, leaving teams just two packed days of racing to fight for the title.

The event saw a mix of seasoned veterans and emerging talent, all vying for the top spot. Close finishes and tactical duels were a common sight, keeping spectators on the edge of their seats. The regatta completed ten races throughout the weekend.



Jeff and Bradley Whiteway, 2024 winners of the Mallory Cup.

In the end, father-son duo, Jeff and Bradley Whiteway of Avalon YC in Maryland emerged victorious, showing consistent performance and tactical acumen throughout the series. Their win was a testament to their preparation, skill, and the ability to adapt to changing conditions on the water. The regatta also highlighted some breakout performances from newer teams, hinting at a promising future for the sport.

"It's my second time sailing a Flying Scot so I'd like to thank all of my coaches at the Coast Guard Academy because dinghy sailing is dinghy sailing and all the same stuff applies with tactics and speed," said Bradley Whiteway. "It's great sailing with your son," said Jeff Whiteway. "We had lots of different conditions over the course of this regatta and we were pleasantly surprised at the teamwork we had, being just the second time sailing together." On the regatta overall, Jeff added, "Great event! Great qualifying series with top-notch sailors. We love that they change classes year-to-year to give sailors the chances to try different classes."

2024 Championship of Champions

The 2024 Championship of Champions brought together an exceptional group of sailors for a weekend of intense racing at the Grand Maumelle Sailing Club. Taking place from October 3-6 on the scenic waters of Lake Maumelle in Roland, Arkansas, this year's event showcased top talent from across the nation, with competitors sailing in Y-Flyers—a class known for its speed, agility, and the tactical demands it places on both helm and crew. One of US Sailing's most prestigious events, the C-of-C delivered thrilling competition, with close races, sharp maneuvers, and a dramatic conclusion. The Interlake Class was represented by Stuart and Matt Fisher of Hoover Sailing Club, who finished sixth behind the winning Lightning Class representatives, David Starck & Jenna Probst.



Robert & Nina Cummings from the Flying Scot Class finished 13th in the 20-boat fleet. Lake Maumelle provided a challenging

backdrop for this year's championship. Races were marked by lighter winds, giving way to an eventual cancellation of racing on the final day, due to the cutoff time. Results are at:

<https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024-CofCDay-2.pdf>

Sailing Heroes



Can you name this sailing hero?

This person was the son of a sailing canoe enthusiast and an avid disciple of the British racer and designer Uffa Fox.

At a young age, he learned to race sailing canoes and ice boats. After graduating from Dartmouth College in 1926 he met the legendary Uffa Fox at a regatta. He described his admiration for Fox in an article written in 1933, "I have no hesitation in naming him my most unforgettable character: boat designer, racing skipper, writer, wit, raconteur, singer and friend." He was also a good athlete which helped his sailing.

During the Depression years he started a boat building company that made sailing canoes, International 14s (an Uffa Fox creation), Stars, and Interlakes. After the war ended, he designed a new 17-foot open cockpit planing dinghy and named it the Thistle. He was proud of his Scottish heritage and named his subsequent one designs the Highlander (1949) and the Flying Scot (1958). During the early years of his boat building he shifted from wood to (then new) fiberglass and pioneered advances in construction techniques in the process. The Thistle, Highlander, and Flying Scot have stood the test of time and are actively raced throughout North America. His concept was to create affordable, small one designs to be raced by families.

To help build up the classes, he raced regularly and was often at the front of the fleet. His racing was impressive and included winning the Thistle National Championship five times, the Flying Scot North American Championship seven times and the North American International Ten Meter Sailing Canoe Championship five times. His wife Mary (1907-2005) was a regular crew for over 30 years. Writing about the Thistle, he noted, "Thistle would be light and graceful – how she would slip along in the lightest airs leaving hardly a ripple on the water, sailing right through the entire fleet." You can just imagine how he got his boat rolling in light wind and found a way to take the lead.

He is Sandy Douglass (1904-1992)