



The Mainsheet

Newsletter of PYC Sailing
Live well! Have fun! Sail!
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Spring is Coming!

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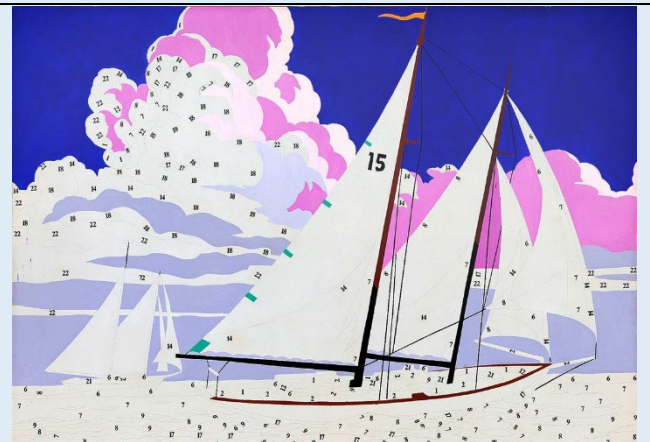
[PYC Sailing Calendar](#)

Photo of the Month



29-year-old Cole Brauer of Boothbay, Maine becomes the first American woman to race around the globe non-stop and unaided. She finished second in the Global Solo Challenge at A Coruña, ESP on 7-Mar.

Mainsheet Quiz: Who Painted This?



(Answer is elsewhere in this issue)

2024 Race Management Training Thursday May 9 7:30 PM @ PYC

- Setting the Course
- Operating the NEW motor!
- Setting a Mark
- Raising the Shapes
- The Starting Sequence
- The Finish
- ...and much more!





Race Committee Reacts to US Sailing Lawsuit



On 18-Feb, the PYC Race Committee, after much discussion, reacted to a US Sailing lawsuit against several people, including:

- Former Olympic Chief Paul Cayard,
- Former US Sailing Foundation Chair Bill Ruh,
- Former Olympic Development Director Jose Leandro Spina, and
- America One Racing, a foundation supporting high performance sailing and sailors;

sent a letter to the US Sailing Board of Directors threatening to end our membership in US Sailing if the lawsuit was not resolved by 1-May-2024. At its meeting on 21-Mar, the Race Committee voted to send a letter to both US Sailing and America One Racing urging them to use a “white paper” on the issue by Olympian John Bertrand as a basis for mediation and resolution of the lawsuit. The Bertrand paper is [HERE](#).

Olympic Sailing Team Taking Shape



The 2024 Olympic Regatta will be sailed in Marseille, France starting on July 28, and lasting until August 8. A total of ten different

types of boat and boards will be included, but a country must qualify itself for an event. Of the ten events, the USA has qualified for seven:

- Women’s Windsurfing**
- Women’s Dinghy**
- Women’s Skiff**
- Mixed Dinghy**
- Women’s Kite**
- Men’s Skiff**
- Mixed Multihull**

There are still opportunities for the USA to qualify in the other three events:

- Men’s Kite**
- Men’s Windsurfing**
- Men’s Dinghy**

The members of the US Sailing Team for the 2024 Olympics is taking shape. Selection trials were held in Miami during January for several classes.

Discipline & Class	US Athlete(s)
Men’s Kite Formula Kite	Markus Edegran*
Women’s Kite Formula Kite	Daniela Moroz

Discipline & Class	US Athlete(s)
Men’s Windsurf iQFOIL	Noah Lyons*
Women’s Windsurf iQFOIL	Dominique Stater
Mixed Dinghy 470	Stuart McNay Lara Dallman-Weiss
ILCA 7	Ford McCann*
ILCA 6	Erika Reineke
Women’s Skiff 49er FX	Stephanie Roble & Maggie Shea or Paris Henken & Anna Tunnicliffe Tobias
Man’s Skiff 49er	Andrew Mollerus & Ian MacDiarmid
Mixed Multihull NACRA 17	Sarah Newberry Moore & David Liebenberg or Carson Crain & Lindsay Gimple

*: USA has not qualified as a country for this event. The last chance is at Hyeres, France on April 20-27.

Indian Lake YC Damaged by Tornado



Indian Lake Yacht Club’s main club house, damaged by the tornado on 14-Mar.

The tornados that swept through central Ohio on Thursday 14-Mar caused three deaths. In addition, the storms did major damage to the Indian Lake Yacht Club, home of Interlake Fleet #10. The club was well insured and looks forward to being fully restored.



Racing Rules Book Club Returns!

PYC Racing Rules Book Club
2024 Session 2 7:30 PM April 4, 2024

Contact ☹️ and exoneration ☺️

US SAILING

Portage Yacht Club

The PYC Racing Rules Book Club, an innovative and interactive way to learn and understand the Racing Rules of Sailing, returned for its fifth year in 2024. Five sessions were planned, with the second one planned for Thursday April 4. The first session included participants from other clubs in Michigan and as far away as Massachusetts(!). Each session is on Zoom and there is no charge. Each session, from 7:30-9:00 PM features about five different quizzes taken from Dave Perry’s quiz books, other sources, or from the participants themselves. Each quiz starts with a diagram of the boats and a description of the facts of the case. The major rules pertinent to the situation are briefly reviewed, and then the participants discuss how the rules should be applied. The participants are asked for their opinions and discussions ensue until something of a consensus is formed. When that happens, the answer is revealed. Sometimes, multiple variations of the same scenario are presented and the participants explore how slightly different facts or boat movements affect the outcome. Geared to less-experienced sailors, the quizzes concentrate on the rules when boats meet and mark roundings, although other realms of the rule book are also included. Meeting ID: 898 5617 8050 Passcode: 855 699 To receive the meeting notice, email ClarkEChapin@gmail.com.

Inside Great Lakes Sailing

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[Inside Great Lakes Sailing](#) is a YouTube Channel that focuses on issues related to the Detroit Area as well as other events in the Great Lakes, such as the Chicago and Bayview Mackinac races.

Recent shows (and their links) have included

- Former US Sailing President and TV producer Gary Jobson on [Show No. 116](#).
- US Sailing High Performance Director Marcus Lynch on [Show No. 118](#).
- Rules expert Dave Perry and US Sailing President Rich Jepsen on [Show No. 119](#).
- Author Wally Cross and your humble editor on [Show No. 120](#).

Greg, although a seasoned journalist, sports official, and Michigan sports aficionado, is comparatively new to sailing, so you should excuse his occasional misuse of terms familiar to the competitive sailing community. OTOH, he has ridden on one of the boats used in the SailGP series. How many of us can say that?

Quiz Answer:
Do It Yourself (Sailboats), 1962
Acrylic, graphic, and Letraset on linen
Andy Warhol (Andy Warhol Museum, Pittsburgh)
Warhol created only five *Do It Yourself* paintings. This rare series demonstrates the artist’s experimentations with pop imagery. Like the iconic *Campbell’s Soup Can* paintings, the Do It Yourself works use instantly recognizable imagery as subject. (Thanks to Jim Sunstrum for this quiz)

100th Anniversary of Bayview Mackinac Race



Bayview Yacht Club of Detroit is eagerly looking forward to the 100th running of the Bayview Mackinac Race in July. As of April 1, a record-setting 323 entries have been received for this event,

billed as “The World’s Longest Continuously Run Long Distance Freshwater Yacht Race.”

The race will start on Saturday July 20, from just north of the Bluewater Bridge in Port Huron. This year, all boats will race on the original 1925 course up the Michigan shoreline and leaving Bois Blanc island in the Straits of Mackinac to port. That course is 204 nautical miles and the record was set in 2021 by a crew from Oakcliff Sailing in New York at only a little more than 17 hours – they arrived at the finish line at 7:01 AM on Sunday morning after starting at 2:00 PM on Saturday afternoon.



OC86 (formerly “Windquest”, holder of the Shore Course Record for the Bayview Mackinac Race

From the Back of the Boat – Steve Wiseman



Bob Dylan sang “The times, they are a-changin’” ...but what if they didn’t? We recently completed another rite of Winter Passage. No, I am not talking about the arrival of Spring with the vernal

equinox. It is the transition back to daylight saving time (DST); Hawaii and Alaska excepted. Love it or

hate it, nearly all of us have a strong opinion about it; complaints abound. But have you stopped to think that the strength of our national conviction conflict may be influenced by where we live (and play) in our time zone and latitude?

In Michigan, the pending Senate Bill 168 proposes year-round observance of DST, if Congress allows states to do so, and if the surrounding Great Lakes states do so as well. There are dozens of similar proposed bills across the country to do the same, as well as some to eliminate DST altogether.

Here in the western part of the Eastern Time Zone we can see on A.M. news shows the sun shining on streets in New York and Boston 30-40 minutes before our sunrise. In eastern Texas the sun rises (and sets) 40 minutes before it does in Pecos in western Texas; both in the CTZ.

Latitude plays an even greater role since the time zones are taller than they are wide. At a comparable longitude (think east to west) the differences can be quite dramatic, depending upon your latitude (think north to south). On the summer solstice the sunset for Spokane is 8:51PM, and yet it is only 8:00PM in San Diego. For us it is thankfully 9:16PM.

Around here if DST was eliminated, instead of having our sunset in mid-August at 8:30PM, it would be 7:30PM and by mid-September it would be 6:45PM! With our 6:30PM Thursday start times our racing program would effectively be done by early August.

The flip side of this is if we had DST year-round our sunrises in most of December and January would be after 9AM.

If you really want to stick to one and want the later summer sunsets, be prepared for later sunrises over the winter on DST. If you want to do away with DST, be prepared for earlier sunsets (substantially so in the north) during your prime outdoor play time. As with many things, isn’t the best solution still a compromise, like we do now?

Be careful what you wish for.

