



# The Mainsheet

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### Handy Reference Links

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### Photo of the Month



Defending America's Cup holder Emirates Team New Zealand (ETNZ) revealed, rigged, launched, and sailed their boat for the upcoming America's Cup match all on the same day, April 12.

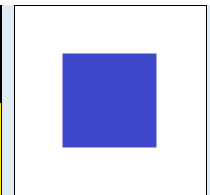
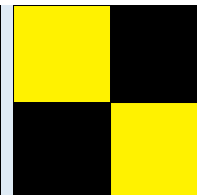
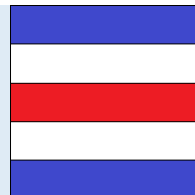
### Race Management Training

The system for running races at PYC has changed in the last two years – new displays for shapes, new course configurations, and new boat controls. The annual training session for all registered racers and their race management assistants (i.e. friends, crews, or significant others) will be on 7:30 PM this Thursday May 9, at PYC. Training will occur on the Signal and Service Boats, weather permitting.

#### 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!



## George Griswold Awarded Judge Emeritus Status



by Nancy Zangerle,  
Area E Regional  
Administrative Judge

George Griswold is the living illustration of “lead by example”. For over 60 years, George

with quiet determination has served the sport of sailing as a judge, race officer, administrator, teacher and more. He is responsible for exposing thousands to the sport of sailing and mentored hundreds to follow his lead in service to the sport.

George learned to sail and race his freshman year while attending the College of Wooster in Ohio (1957 to 1961). Sailing MIT Tech dinghies, and Flying Juniors, he found success on the race course. By his junior year he was the chair of Midwest Collegiate Sailing Association.

After graduation, George became the Graduate Secretary of the Midwest Collegiate Sailing Association (MCSA) and held the position until 1994. George gave up his position on the MCSA Board of Directors to create and lead the MCSA Foundation, a position he continues to hold.

He heard his first protest hearings in 1966. In 1982, then US Sailing President Dick Latham tapped George contributed to the redrafting of the ICSA (Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association) Procedural Rules that are the heart of the current version.

By the 1980s, George became the Chair of the ICSA Rules Committee, updating the Rules and Bylaws and chaired the All-American Selection Committee. He is the current Chair of the ICSA Eligibility Committee, a position he has held since 1972.

George has always been devoted to Midwestern Collegiate Sailing. He has said that helping the 30 college teams in the Midwest has been his “biggest mission”.

He is also a Regional Race Officer.

George met his wife while they were teaching. George finished his Master in Chemistry and started teaching chemistry at Washtenaw Community College in 1966 becoming its Professor of Chemistry and retiring in 2000.

The ICSA and MCSA have recognized George’s contributions by dedicating perpetual trophies for the ICSA Open Singlehanded Second Place and the MCSA Team Race Championship Trophy in his honor.

He received the 1973 ICSA Hall of Fame Award for Meritorious Service and the 2000 ICSA Campbell Family Award for Lifetime Service. George still attends every MCSA Executive Board meeting. In February, the U.S. Sailing Judges Committee awarded Judge Emeritus status to George Griswold in recognition of his exceptional service to the sport of sailing.

## 100<sup>th</sup> Mills Trophy Race June 7



The Mills Trophy Race is held each year on the second weekend following Memorial Day. The race goes through the night putting a premium on both navigation and boat handling. The race is open to several handicap classes. The three courses offered, depending on class and boat rating, all begin on Friday evening near the Toledo Harbor Light and end at a finish line near South Bass Island and the village of Put-in-Bay, OH.

In accordance with the deed of gift for the Mills Trophy that the race be a test of navigational skill, starts begin in the late afternoon and sailing continues through the evening and night.

There are three courses:

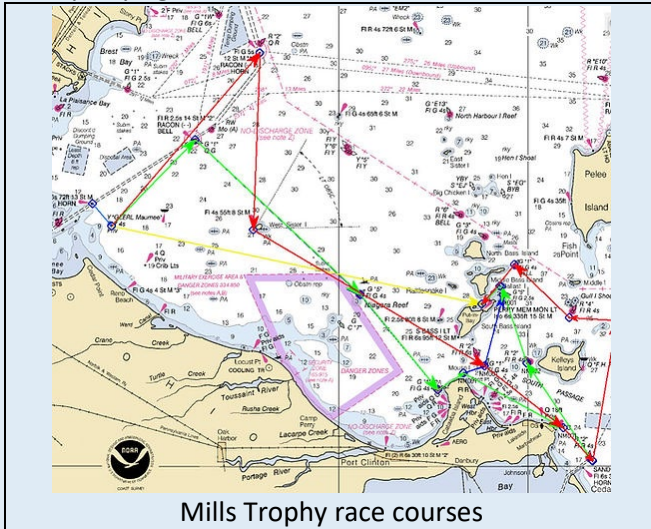
**Mills Trophy Course:** 67.8 nm for larger, faster boats. This course involves racing around seven different marks and then finishing. Currently, 87 boats are registered for this course.

**Governor’s Cup Course:** An intermediate length of 52.6 nm, this course is used for a variety of boats, and currently has 25 entries.

**President’s Trophy Course:** The shortest of the three courses is 37.6 nm and is for smaller boats including boats sailing with only two people on

board. There are presently 52 entrants for that course.

Most years, the racers finish during daylight on Saturday morning and there is time for relaxation and partying before



Mills Trophy race courses

## Sailing Heroes

Can you name this sailing hero?



This person is one of only two sailors to win four consecutive gold medals in the Olympics. He competed in eight Olympic regattas over a span of forty years. He sailed five different classes in the Olympics but won his medals in only two of them.

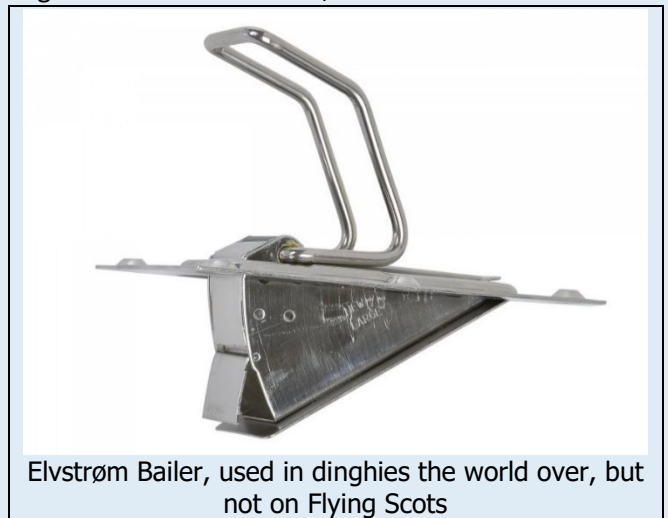
He won World Championships in twenty classes including the Finn, 505, Snipe, Star, and Soling. As an innovator and inventor, in the 1960s he invented an indispensable device that is ubiquitous in dinghies over a half century later. He also designed a personal flotation device specifically for sailors on small boats. Although he didn't invent it, he developed the boom vang from an occasional novelty into a universal device for the control of mainsail shape. At first, he hid the device from his competitors by dismantling and stowing it before he returned to shore so that his competitors couldn't easily copy him.

He formed a company that not only designed and produced sails, but also masts and booms. He pioneered the use of intense physical training to enhance sailing performance, particularly hiking out farther and for longer periods of time. He built an utilized a replica of the deck of his boat so that he could practice hiking out on shore, even while working at a desk.

In the area of race management, he brought leeward (and windward) gates to race courses in order to add strategic and tactical challenges and better manage right of way disputes around marks. Although windward gates proved unworkable, gates at leeward marks are universal at large regattas. He also wrote small, handy books to explain the racing rules to beginning sailors.

Lastly, he was known as both a tough competitor and a consummate sportsman. His most famous quote was, "You haven't won the race if in winning the race you have lost the respect of your competitors."

He was Paul Elvstrøm, "The Great Dane" and Denmark's Sportsman of the 20th Century. He was born on February 25, 1928 and passed away at the age of 88 on December 7, 2016.



Elvstrøm Bailer, used in dinghies the world over, but not on Flying Scots

## Sailing Illustrated Celebrates 700 Shows

Tom Ehman, Jr.'s bi-weekly video show, Sailing Illustrated, celebrated its 700<sup>th</sup> show on April 5.



Total views of all shows are greater than 265,000 and frequent guests include Alistair Murray, the President of Sail Australia; Jon Emmett, a world class coach for ILCA 6s and 7s, and sailing notables from around the US and abroad.



The shows can be viewed on both Facebook and YouTube. Recent shows include:

#699: Olympian John

Bertrand on the US Sailing – America One Racing controversy. [HERE](#).

#703: Reveal of the Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli America’s Cup boat revealed. [HERE](#).

#706: James Pleasance (GBR) and the Congressional Cup Match Racing Event. [HERE](#).

## Best. Diagram. Ever.

On August 27-28, your intrepid Editor judged the Mallory (High School) Midwest Interscholastic Sailing Association Qualifier for their Nationals. It involved 20 schools and was held at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in their new fleet of 20 Club 420s.

In one race on Saturday after a boat rotation, the next race was started while one of the boats was still inside the harbor at GPYC fixing a boom vang problem. The team involved filed a Request for Redress (i.e. a request that their score be adjusted because of something outside of their control) because the race was started before the rotation of teams among the boats was complete. The protest committee awarded them redress (adjusted their score appropriately), but the redress form included the cutest and most detailed diagram that any of us had ever seen for a redress request. The diagram shows (in an approximate scale):

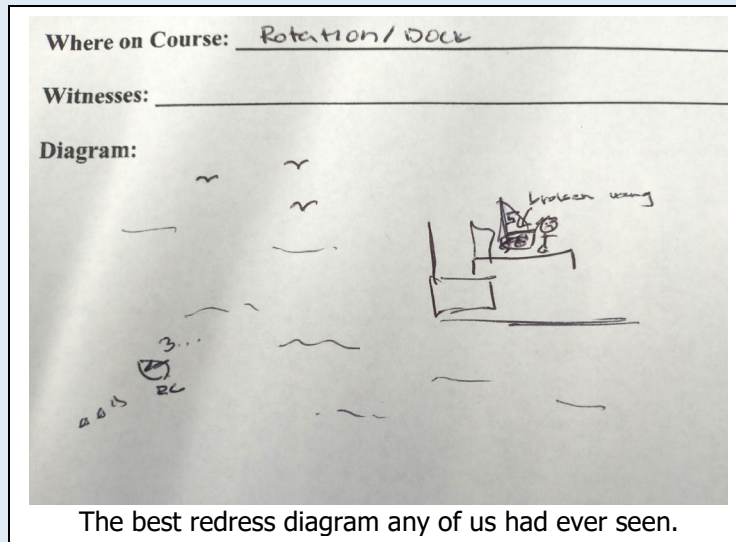
- The RC Boat on station in the lower left. (The wind is coming from the upper left),

- The other boats as little images down the starting line,
- The GPYC Harbor in the upper RH corner, along with an approximation of the floating dock where the boat rotations took place. The rectangle is the GPYC Marine Activities Center where Junior Sailing is headquartered,
- The boat in question (Boat 5) with the notation “broken vang”,
- The sailor (as a stick figure) with a frowny face,
- The waves (it was a windy day with gusts later to 30+ kts), and
- The omnipresent seagulls, although we saw more geese yesterday than seagulls.

## First Regatta of the Year for

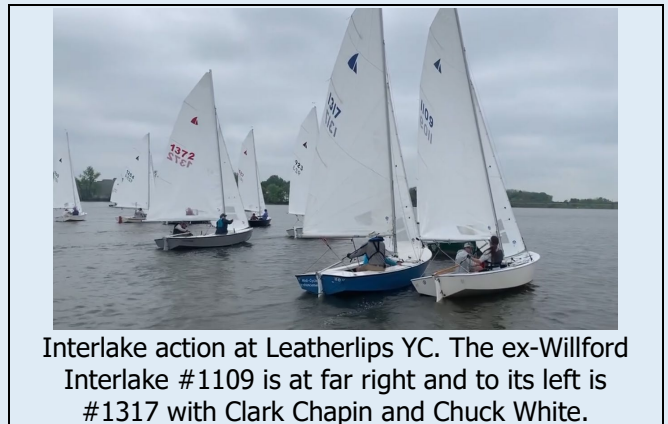
## Interlakes

The 54<sup>th</sup> Chiefs Regatta kicked off the midwest sailing season for the Interlake Sailing Class Association on May 4-5 at Leatherlips Yacht Club near Columbus, OH. Bryan Parker of Lorain, sailing with his wife Tiffany as crew, dominated the 24-boat fleet with all single digit finishes while the rest of the fleet had their ups and



The best redress diagram any of us had ever seen.

downs. PYC’s Clark Chapin and Chuck White finished as high as third in one race, but had to settle for tenth overall after a poor showing in Sunday’s final race.



Interlake action at Leatherlips YC. The ex-Willford Interlake #1109 is at far right and to its left is #1317 with Clark Chapin and Chuck White.