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**Tom Marriott at the 2002**  
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## Step on the Gas, Class!

*By Jeff Clark  
ISCA President*

By most traditional measures, the Interlake Sailing Class is in fine shape, particularly considering the state of the economy. Membership in the ISCA is high, fleets have been established or reactivated in each of the last few years, and the Builder is flush with orders for new boats. Excellent leadership, planning, and commitment to principle by class membership have made the Interlake a regional one-design class to envy.

Our recently idle Marketing Committee might seem to be a tolerable flaw in this overall picture, but the reality is that we need to reestablish a sound marketing effort now, not someday in the future when membership takes a downturn.

The products to be marketed – the boat and the class - are great, they're also both priced right, and the timing is right to take advantage of a tight-economy recreation market where folks might be receptive to a high-quality, but affordable, family boating option. There's no better time to market the Interlake than when all these factors are in place.

We're getting inquiries from Florida that could result in a fleet forming, and possibly a site for a Midwinter Regatta! But we need to seize and develop these opportunities when they come up, not just sit back and figure that the sparks of interest will burst into flame by themselves.

As I write this, Bob Butsch has just been appointed Marketing Committee Chairman, joining the other recently appointed committee member, Bob Sagan (who has the persuasive ability of two ordinary mortals). **The marketing team still needs** at least one but preferably two or three more members - to use each of their particular strengths to produce advertising, assist new or reviving fleets, distribute promotional materials, coordinate boat shows, and help market new Interlakes. Many hands make light work, and a good marketing strategy will divide the overall marketing plan into manageable projects.

How do you sign up? First, your name doesn't have to be Bob, appearances to the contrary notwithstanding. If you want to be a part of crafting the future of the class, please contact Bob Butsch or me, right away. Coasting is never a smart long-term organizational plan – let's take a great class and keep moving it forward!

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## Sail It, or Sell It

*By Jeff Clark  
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If for whatever reason your Interlake has spent the last few seasons on the trailer, take a second to think about what you'd like to do with it. Two major options are to use it, or find it a new owner. Here are ways to make either option easier:

### Sail It ...

Maybe your time will be more available this season as family, job or physical situations change. As summer recreation, sailing your Interlake is an affordable way to spend time with family, treat friends to a new experience, take advantage of public waters near or far, or test yourself in competition.

Check out the Getting Started page on the Interlake web site ([www.interlakesailing.org](http://www.interlakesailing.org)), for an overview of Interlake sailing these days. The page will also steer you toward tips on tuning your boat, finding places to sail, and people to sail with. Maybe this is the year sailing fits into your plans again!

### ... or Sell It

Boats belong in the water, and your money belongs where it does you the most good. If that's not in sailing right now, why not convert an asset in storage into market value, and get a boat into the hands of another sailor? Spring is the time to do it, while people are shopping for a boat to use this season.

The single best way to sell an Interlake is on the Interlake web site, where equipment of all vintages and conditions changes hands. We'll post any Interlake ad, from anyone, for free. Just send an E-mail to: [webslave@interlakesailing.org](mailto:webslave@interlakesailing.org) with boat description and contact info. You can go to [www.interlakesailing.org](http://www.interlakesailing.org) and click on the Classifieds button to check out representative asking prices, and ad content.

We're just interested in seeing that all of the hundreds of durable, classic Interlakes out there are being used, and it doesn't matter how. Some are kept at home and trailered on road trips, others at a vacation spot, and others at sailing clubs across the country. More power to all of you! In addition, we're interested in helping anyone who'd like to form a fleet of Interlakes in their area – contact us! Or you might want to join the ISCA to keep in touch with the Interlake Class through this newsletter – the first year's membership is free.

Interlakes – keep 'em sailing!

# Fleet 39 – 2002 Year in Review

By Martin Howell  
Captain, Fleet #39

“Growth” was the buzzword for our ever-expanding little fleet in 2002. At the Chief’s Regatta in May, Doug and Liz Savage purchased Interlake #1153. They finished mid-fleet on their first try at racing this new and unfamiliar boat. Doug and Liz continued to be active participants and great catalysts for growth in our fleet all year.

In the fall, I received a phone call from Julio Barros, a sailing friend who crews with us on Doug and Liz’s 30-footer, “Anthem.” Julio said to me, “Martin, I’m ready to buy a sailboat and I want you to talk me into an Interlake.” This proved to be about as difficult as talking the Pope into attending Mass. Why can’t I get more phone calls like this? Two weeks later Julio was on his way to Ohio to pick up #384. The following week he sailed in his first regatta at the SMSA Fall Invitational. He did really well for his first time out considering the big breeze and a crew who had never sailed before. It wasn’t until the Race Committee tried to help him out on the way back to the docks that the boat went over. What a great way to spend your first day of sailing your new Interlake! Maybe his pride was tarnished a little, but it didn’t show. Julio was out the next day with yet another rookie crew and stayed dry and faired well. Welcome to the fleet, Julio!

Later in the fall, Pat Williams (lamenting a broken mast on his Evelyn 26) and Hank Messick decided to trade-in a PHRF handicap for some good one-design racing in Interlakes. Together, we contemplated a few different boats for sale on the ISCA website. After some phone calls and E-mails were traded, they became owners of Interlake #443. Doug Savage was kind enough to bring this boat back from Ohio after visiting his family for Thanksgiving. Pat and Hank have been learning about their new boat all winter, regardless of the temperature outside. We look forward to having them as competition in the coming season.

In other news, Eddie Rozier has been enjoying his #700 for a few years now and is continually improving. His crew, Amy Plett, has been the reason for much of this improvement. Not wanting to lose a good crew, Eddie proposed to Amy this fall. An April, 2003 wedding is in the works. Congratulations Eddie and Amy!

Our fleet enjoyed another year of great racing. The Herbigs continued to dominate the 2002 Thursday night Portsmouth-rated racing at SMSA. The Spring and Fall Series at PRSA were also great fun, with Team Savage

bumping up the level of competition among the Interlakes. Our weekend regattas were a great time. Particularly noteworthy to me personally was Kevin Bracy and Jodi DelMar’s performance at the SMSA Fall Regatta. Kevin crewed for me for several years when I still had #700. After years of prodding, he finally broke down and bought his own Interlake. Apparently the folks at Sandusky Sailing Club are teaching Kevin and Jodi quite a lot about how to make an Interlake go fast. (Hank, stop sharing all your secrets!) Attending many regattas on the Traveler’s Series hasn’t hurt them either. They traveled from Ohio for the SMSA Fall Invitational and took all of us locals to school. Bravo Kevin and Jodi! (P.S.: – Kevin, I’ll see you at Chief’s. Keep an eye on our transom, buddy!)

Fleet 39 wrapped up the year with a Fleet Party at Doug and Liz Savage’s home. And we began 2003 with a Hangover Regatta on New Year’s Day, won by Doug Savage and myself on #1153. We’ve been having Interlake Frostbite racing every other Saturday since then.... It’s not that cold outside! We’re really looking forward to getting our new members out racing with us in 2003, and hoping to add a few more to our family of Mid-Atlantic Interlakers.

Don’t forget to come join us for the PRSA Spring Regatta on May 24-25, 2003. It will be a part of the ISCA Traveler’s Series. The Road Warriors from Columbus came out in 2001 and really enjoyed themselves. We hope to see more of you this time around.



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# ISCA National Championship Series – A Preview

By Clark Chapin  
VP-Michigan

2003 marks the fiftieth year of sailboat racing on Portage Lake in Pinckney, MI. As a highlight of the year's activities, Fleet 22 and Portage Yacht Club is hosting the 2003 Nationals on August 10-15.



## The Lake

Portage Lake is a small, glacial lake that is part of the chain of lakes on the Huron River in southeastern Michigan. A small dam just downstream from the lake's outlet into the Huron regulates the water level so that the water level has virtually no variation. Although the lake is a square mile in area, only the southern two-thirds are useable for racing, as shown in the attached aerial photograph. Portage Yacht Club is on the southern shore and there is a small bridge in the southwest corner that connects the lake with Little Portage Lake. The deepest part of the lake, in the southwest corner, reaches to 80 feet. Most of the shallows are outside of the racing area, but in the center of the lower "bowl" is a small sandbar where Interlakes will touch bottom with fully extended centerboards. Unfortunately, a weed bed also surrounds this sandbar.

The prevailing winds are southwesterly, but generally mimic the wind patterns in the southeastern Michigan area. Because of thermal effects, large changes in wind direction are possible.

As a rule of thumb, if you are in the center of the lake, the "danger bearing" is toward the bridge that carries Dexter-Pinckney Road over the channel to Little Portage Lake. If a thunderstorm approaches to one side or the other of that bridge, it will miss the lake, but if a thunderhead appears

directly over the bridge, extra caution is indicated.

Since the early 1990's Portage Lake has been home to zebra mussels. Since it will be necessary to walk boats from the mooring area to the sail raising area, a pair of old shoes or surf moccasins is recommended.

## The History

In 1953, the races were started from the end of a dock at one of the cottages and homes that surround the lake. In the mid-60's, the focus of activity moved to Newport Beach Club on the south shore where the club marina allowed non-residents to moor their boats and participate. In 1992-4, the aging NBC clubhouse was torn down and the new Portage Yacht Club facility arose.

Fleet 22 has hosted the Nationals four times previously. In 1971, 1978, and 1986 the fleet used the facilities at Glen Lake Yacht Club in the far northwest corner of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. In 1994, the Nationals were held on Portage Lake for the first time to celebrate the opening of the new PYC facility.

Sailors from Portage Lake have won national or North American championships in the Rebel, Flying Scot, and Interlake classes as well as the US SAILING Championship-of-Champions and the Junior Single-handed Championship (Smythe Trophy). Club members have served as officers, directors, and committee chairs of the North American Yacht Racing Union (NAYRU) as well as its successor acronym, USYRU and US SAILING.

## The Facility



Portage Yacht Club is located at 8900 Dexter-Pinckney Road on the south shore of Portage Lake near Pinckney, MI northwest of Ann Arbor. The club features changing and shower areas as well as deli and restaurant services. Midwest Sailing, located across the street, is a Customflex dealer and has a complete compliment of Interlake parts, up to and including masts. Rigging and repair services are also available along with hardware and apparel.

On-site camping may be available south of Dexter-

Pinckney Road.

### **The Race Committee**

The National Race Committee, chaired by ISCA Vice President Don Wilson, is responsible for the planning and smooth operation of the event. The other members of the Committee are Clark Chapin, Dave Nighswander, Jamie Jones, Jeanne Koschalk, Bob Bradley, Bob Sagan, and Steve Wiseman. The co-chairs of the Local Committee are past ISCA Presidents Clark Chapin and Steve Wiseman.



The Principle Race Officer, or PRO, is Tom Ehman Jr. Tom was the PRO at the 1994 Nationals and grew up on Portage Lake. He is a three-time Flying Scot North American Champion and served as a Judge at the ISAF World Sailing Championships as well

as the 1996 Olympics in Savannah, GA. He was most recently the rules advisor for the Oracle BMW America's Cup syndicate.

The Chief Judge is Dick Rose of Seattle, WA. A long-time sailor of Lasers and other small boats, Dick is the Chair of the US SAILING Rules Committee, a member of the ISAF Rules Committee, and a regular columnist for *Sailing World* magazine.

### **The Racing Format**

After a seven-year hiatus, the Qualification Series will return to the Nationals in 2003.

The racing schedule is shown below:

Date	Activity
Sunday 10-Aug	Registration, weighing, and measuring for Women's and Junior entrants.
Monday 11-Aug	Registration, weighing and measuring for Nationals. 3 Races for Women's Championship 3 Races for Junior Championship Competitors Meeting
Tuesday 12-Aug	3 Races for Qualification Series
Wednesday 13-Aug	3 Races for Championship and Challenger Series
Thursday 14-Aug	3 Races for Championship and Challenger Series
Friday 15-Aug	2 Races for Championship and Challenger Series Awards Banquet

After the three-race Qualification Series, the top half of the fleet will race in the Championship Division and the

balance in the Challenger Division. Novice sailors can set their sights on qualifying for the Championship Division.

Although three races sounds like a lot, each race will be about 50-60 minutes and the club is only five minutes from the sailing area, so the time on the water will be less than in other venues where the race course was more remote. Each day will include a lunch break, as well.

### **Arbitration of Protests**

To speed the resolution of boat vs. boat protests, the National Race Committee has adopted the use of non-binding arbitration before a protest hearing. Further information will be printed in *The Intercom* and the Notice of Race. The basic principles are:

- Boats retain the right to a full hearing.
- Only the rules of Part 2 (rules 10-22)
- Only two-boat protests are subject to arbitration.
- No "serious damage" due to the incident.
- The arbitration hearing is less formal.
- No witnesses.
- Each arbitration hearing last no more than 15 minutes.
- A boat may accept a 40% penalty rather than disqualification.
- A boat may withdraw her protest.
- The arbitrator can only discuss the incident after the protest is resolved.

This process has been used in several high-profile events including Key West Race Week and is part of the US SAILING Judges Manual.

### **More Information**

For more information:

#### **2003 ISCA Nationals web site:**

[www.ms-pyc.com/ILNCS03/](http://www.ms-pyc.com/ILNCS03/)

#### **Portage Yacht Club:** including a map, see:

[www.ms-PYC.com](http://www.ms-PYC.com)

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## 2003 ISCA Nationals Hotel Information

There are the three motels at I-96 and D19, approximately 12 miles from Portage Yacht Club. Each motel has offered a special group rate for the event. When making reservations, be certain to mention that you're attending the Interlake Nationals at PYC.

### Kensington Inn

124 Holiday Lane  
Howell, Mi 48843  
517-548-3510 or 866-222-2122  
[www.kensingtoninn.com](http://www.kensingtoninn.com)

\$49.00 a night for a king-sized bed or 2 doubles.

### Quality Inn

125 Holiday Lane  
Howell, Mi 48843  
517-546-6800  
[kjappaya@aol.com](mailto:kjappaya@aol.com)  
[www.QualityInnHowell.com](http://www.QualityInnHowell.com)

Double or King is \$66.99  
Suites with jacuzzis are \$109.99  
Includes continental breakfast and an outdoor pool.

### Best Western Howell

1500 Pinckney Road  
Howell, Mi 48843  
517-548-2900 or 800-528-1234  
[bestwest@cac.net](mailto:bestwest@cac.net)

King \$62.00  
2 Queens \$69.00  
Features an outdoor pool.

There is a NASCAR event at Michigan International Speedway near Jackson the next weekend, which might cause some booking problems for Thursday and Friday. Early reservations are encouraged.

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## I-LYA Bay Week Results Put-In Bay Yacht Club August 3-8, 2002

Place	Skipper	Boat #	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Total
1	Bob Bradley	1332	0.75	2	0.75	2	0.75	2	8.25
2	Tom Marriott	909	4	0.75	2	0.75	2	0.75	10.25
3	Ray Gall	1325	2	3	3	6	6	6	26
4	Ron Soka	496	5	4	5	6	3	3	26
5	Jeanne Koschalk	1198	3	5	4	6	6	6	30

# Ahoy Fleet 28

By Bill Kennedy  
Fleet #28

Despite cold winds and snowdrifts, many fleet members met at Bob and Pat Butsch's home Saturday night, February 22. A big thank you from all was expressed to our hosts on this winter evening. Unfortunately, the other big event, Race 4 of the America's Cup was postponed yet again due to Geist-like weather conditions, shifty and less than moderate winds.

However, in contrast to the becalmed conditions on the Hauraki Gulf, the Fleet encountered some interesting and moderately windy discussion on rules, yielding two motions to modify ISAF/USSA Racing Rules of Sailing to meet fleet philosophy. More on this later as we follow the agenda.

Fleet Captain, Bob Butsch, opened the business meeting with thanks to all that came out in the "atrocious weather". He expressed thanks to all for their work for the Fleet and the Indianapolis Sailing Club (ISC), and that they make this Fleet "One of the Best Fleets" of the club. Comments about ISC and sailing on Geist by Paul Page, a former work colleague of Bob's and presently commentator for the America's Cup broadcasts on ESPN2, were acknowledged.

Terry Harper will be attending the US SAILING Spring Meeting the weekend of March 14, and he noted that there would be some excellent seminars, including one on race organization. The Spring Meeting is scheduled for March 14-16 and the Basic Race Management Seminar will precede the Spring Meeting on March 13. The meeting and seminar will take place at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza Hotel. Ohio is pretty close folks! Go to [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org) for more information.

Bill Mullineaux reported that the treasury has over \$1100 in the bank with a few dues outstanding. Dues must be paid for your scores to qualify for this year's season standings. Please send Bill your dues as soon as possible.

On behalf of George Reichard, Don Wilson presented proposals for two and three Interlake racing fleets based on recent scoring and skill levels. Members present voted to continue the three (Red, White and Blue) Fleet skill level divisions.

Captain Bob announced that the last race of the Spring Club Race Series for fleet scoring would be on July 27. Discussion and decision on trophy acquisition and allocation was deferred to a future business meeting.

As Scoring Chair, Don Wilson reviewed the Racing Rules

of Sailing's (RRS) scoring rules adopted by a majority vote in the January Meeting as the fleet rules. This discussion yielded some modifications.

Hans Haupt proposed two motions to revise the RRS in favor of a family fleet oriented philosophy. It was agreed that the Fleet would embrace a rule to recognize a finish in place, at the invitation of the Race Committee, rather than a DNF scored for the total of starters plus one.

Motions passed in both cases 4 to 3 that:

- A DNF shall be scored as the number of boats finishing a race plus one
- A DSQ shall be scored as the number of boats starting in a race plus one

Generally, these prescriptions to the RRS are less harsh in the consideration of a series such as a regatta or season scoring. The RRS provides for scoring based on the number of boats in a series rather than a race.

Don Wilson is now Vice President of the Interlake Sailing Class Association (ISCA). He introduced John Nagle as the new Indiana/East Coast Regional Vice-President. Don indicated there would be an ISCA meeting on March 1 and that he planned to attend. Don noted that ISCA members are invited to attend class meetings.

There are currently 226 ISCA members, and the class is seeking a new marketing director. ISCA dues must be paid by March 10 to ensure their names are included in the membership directory.

NOTE: Please support our national organization by becoming a member if you have not done so already. Point your browser to: [www.interlakesailing.org](http://www.interlakesailing.org)

The Poltergeist Regatta has been moved forward to the weekend of October 4-5 this year.

Don announced that Hoover Yacht Club was now Hoover Sailing Club.

The ISCA Nationals will be at Portage Yacht Club, a family oriented facility, this summer. The first three races will determine the Championship and Challenger divisions for this event.

The meeting was adjourned and we went forth to clean snow from cars and push a few through the drifts too!

Late breaking news from the ISCA: At the Executive Committee Meeting of the Interlake Sailing Class Association held in Wapakoneta Ohio on March 1, Captain Bob was elected to the position of Vice President of Marketing. Your ideas on how to promote the Interlake Class would be most welcomed by Bob.

# US SAILING Names Recipient of C.R.E.W. Award

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Cincinnati, Ohio (March 14) -- US SAILING has named Clark Chapin recipient of its C.R.E.W. Award. Chapin was presented with the award on Friday morning at US SAILING's Spring meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio. The C.R.E.W. award recognizes US SAILING staff and volunteers who effectively set clear expectations, show mutual respect, and are committed to collaboration within the organization.

Chapin is a long-time volunteer of US SAILING from Plymouth, Mich, who joined the ODCC executive committee in 1989. Nominated by his peers, Chapin was cited as follows: "He doesn't exemplify one or two of the C.R.E.W. values, but all of them, and he truly lives by them—and began doing so long before we wrote down these values and put them on a card." Another nomination read: "He's one of those rare type A personalities who is also genuinely thoughtful of others."

At the awards presentation, made by staff member Wanda Tuck and volunteer John Burnham, Chapin was credited with being a "rock for the US SAILING staff" during the spring meeting and the annual general meeting. "He's the one you'll find on his knees trying to fix the copier, helping someone figure out why their laptop is not working properly, showing someone how to use the printer, and answering questions regarding US SAILING in all aspects."

Burnham also noted that Chapin "is a man of quotes. If you get his voice mail, he'll give you something to think about and make you smile; he always has a new quote of the week. The thought for this week comes from Dan Quayle: 'I stand by all the misstatements I've made.'"

The C.R.E.W. award, first presented in the spring of 2002, is now a regular part of US SAILING spring and general meetings. It's based on the C.R.E.W. Member Agreement, which establishes the values by which staff and volunteers strive to work together:

**C** stands for **Commitment** to exceptional service.  
**R** is for **Respecting** fellow CREW members.  
**E** stands for **Expectating Excellence** as a standard.  
**W** is for **Working** together in a responsible consistent fashion.

Nominations are currently being accepted for the C.R.E.W. award to be presented at the annual general meeting in the fall of 2003. For more information on the award and to make your nomination on-line, go to [click here](#)

## National Annual Sportsmanship Trophy Awarded

US SAILING has named Henry Maxwell, Jr. winner of the W. Van Alan Clark, Jr. National Sportsmanship Trophy. Maxwell was presented with the award on March 15 at US SAILING's annual spring meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio.

During the New England School Sailing Association (NESSA) Team Racing Championship in May 2002, Henry Maxwell demonstrated exceptional character and dedication to the success of the sport of sailing.

Maxwell sailed with his team from the Williams School, at that time the defending champions of the event. The Williams School was in a very close race against Tabor Academy. The race would determine which New England team qualified for the Interscholastic Sailing Association (ISSA) Team Racing Nationals.

Although the Williams School won the race on the water, the judges lodged a protest against Maxwell, who had entered another protest himself. After Maxwell realized he had indeed committed a foul and that his own protest was inappropriate, he retracted his protest and withdrew from the race.

As a result of this decision, the Williams School lost the race, sending Tabor Academy to the Nationals.

For more information, go to:  
<http://www.ussailing.org/pressreleases/2003/Sportsmanship.htm>

# SMSA Invitational Regatta

## Southern Maryland Sailing Association September 21-22, 2002

By Kevin Bracy  
Fleet #1

On September 21-22, six Interlakes from four clubs competed in the SMSA Fall Invitational. As typical for this regatta, the weather cooperated very nicely with breezes running anywhere from 10-20 knots and the temperatures in the low 80s.

Seven boats were required for an individual class start, so the Interlakes started with the Mobjacks, but were scored as an individual class. Other classes at this regatta included the Lightning and Portsmouth with Force Fives, Lasers, and a variety of dinghies sailing the course.

In the first race, the Interlake fleet was pretty tight. At the first weather mark, Doug Savage and Liz Beckman (1153) were in the lead by three boat lengths with Martin and Ashley Howell (807) close behind. Kevin Bracy and Jodi Del Mar (1248) and Tim Fawcett and Meghan Rasmussen (502) were close behind them, putting four boats within striking distance of first place after the first mark.

The boats continued in this fashion until the second weather leg. As the fleet paraded upwind, 1248 tried to cut the distance by tacking back across the middle of the course toward the pin and found a huge hole. 1153

maintained their lead by banging the corner and finding consistent air. John and Barbara Herbig with Brian Spicuzza (265) moved up on this leg and pushed to a fourth-place finish.

The second race proved to be one of the most exciting races of the weekend. The first two legs found the Savage and Beckman boat, the Howell boat, the Herbig boat, and the Bracy and Del Mar boat in a very close race while competing on the five leg race with a downwind finish. It all came down to the last leg with spinnakers flying.

1153 started the leg in front with 807 right on their heels. 1248 and 265 were close behind and closing. 265 rounded the weather mark and reached for the corner while the other three boats played it closer to the middle of the course and headed straight for the finish line. 807 and 1153 started battling for air and 1248 was able to move up on the left side of the course with 1153, 807, and 1248 all sailing on port.

These boats traded the lead frequently on the last leg and everyone approached the finish line to within a half boat length of one another. But, before the three boats could finish dueling for air and placement, 265 came in on starboard from the corner of the course! We now had four boats within a half boat length and closing on the line. As all four boats finished and the gun went off, no one was sure who won.

By the third race, the wind filled in at a steady 10-15 knots across the entire course. 1248 found her stride and made good use of the upwind legs to put some distance on the rest of the fleet. Bracy and Del Mar took the third race with Savage and Beckman in second, the Herbig's in third

*SMSA Regatta article continued on next page*

Place	Boat #	Skipper & Crew	Club	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Total
1	1248	Kevin Bracy Jodi Del Mar	SSC	(5)	1	1	2	1	5
2	1153	Doug Savage Elizabeth Beckman	PRSA	1	(4)	2	1	3	7
3	807	Martin Howell Ashley Howell	PRSA	2	2	4	3	(DNS)	11
4	265	John Herbig Barbara Herbig Brian Spicuzza	SMSA	(4)	3	3	4	2	12
5	502	Tim Fawcett Meghan Rasmussen	GSA	3	5	(DNS)	5	4	17
6	385	Julio Barros Mike Hovan (Saturday) Randy Tidd (Sunday)	PRSA	6	6	5	(DNS)	DNS	24

SSC = Sandusky Sailing Club, (Sandusky, OH)

PRSA = Potomac River Sailing Association (Alexandria, VA)

GSA = GlenMar Sailing Association (Baltimore, MD)

SMSA = Southern Maryland Sailing Association (Solomons, MD)

and the Howells in fourth.

Following the races, everyone moved onto the local watering hole, Bowen's, for dinner and the daily awards. The Howells were presented with two shots of José in honor of their second wedding anniversary (celebrated at the regatta.) Bracy and Del Mar were presented with a \$20 gift certificate to West Marine for being the leading Interlake for the day. Everyone enjoyed dinner and the sailing banter over drinks.

The second day of racing started with the breezes up in the 15-knot range with occasional gusts of 20. Savage and Beckman came out gunning in the fourth race and took an early lead that was never really challenged. 1248 kept trying to catch up with 1153, but ended up in a fight for second with 807.

While rounding the final weather mark, Bracy and Del Mar had some issues getting the kite up and the Howells were quick to take advantage. As the downwind leg progressed, the Howells maintained their lead while Bracy and Del Mar worked to find an opportunity. With a half leg left, 1248 made their move and went on a tight reach. 807 moved to cut off 1248's air, but there was too much room and Bracy and Del Mar were able to move ahead to finish second.

The final race of the regatta became a tacking duel between the Savage and Beckman boat and the Bracy and Del Mar boat. After both boats got off the line, 1153 had the initial lead, but 1248 was able to pull ahead. The rest of the upwind legs were spent covering one another loosely and working to gain boat speed. At one point, 1153 had to make a last second tack, as 1248 called starboard and tacked to port immediately after 1153 tacked over. 1248 finished comfortably in first. On the final leg, the Herbig's took advantage of banging the corners and jibed into the finish in second place.

A special note should also be made for Julio Barros. SMSA marked the first time that he had sailed his boat, let alone raced it. He obtained Interlake 385 just the week before SMSA and found crew willing to go out with him. Good job Julio! We look forward to seeing you on the Traveler's in 2003!

We would like to thank SMSA for a great regatta and a very enjoyable weekend! For those of you that travel or have thought about traveling, SMSA makes for a great regatta in the fall. The weather is generally 10-15 degrees warmer than the Midwest at the end of September and the winds are fairly consistent. Anyone traveling with you can take advantage of the Art Festival taking place that same weekend or the nearby historical venues. To top it off, the racing is great and the awards are very nice! See you there next year!

## From the Measurer

*By Scott Savage  
ISCA Chief Measurer*

As the new Chief Measurer, I have been tasked by the Executive Committee to address issues that arose at Nationals this past year; more specifically the issue of hull shape as it applies to the Interlake.

After many hours researching the topic and reading and re-reading the Interlake Specifications and Chief Measurer's interpretations we opened the topic to further discussion at the fall meeting of the general membership.

The result of these efforts is an interpretation approved by the Executive Committee of the Interlake Sailing Class Association. The wording is as follows:

### **11. Deck and Hull Repair** (Adopted):

Although new fiberglass decks and hulls come from an approved builder, any person can repair a hull or fiberglass deck to approximately its original appearance and shape. Persons contemplating more than simple repair must seek the prior approval of the Chief Measurer and describe the nature and method of the repair completely. The repair must meet the following minimum requirements:

- A. After repair, the hull and deck must be capable of fitting back into its original mold, i.e. the repair must not modify the shape on the outer (gelcoat) side in such a way as to interfere with the body of the mold;
- B. After repair, the boat must contain at least the amount of flotation as when it was built. If foam has been removed after the original manufacturing date, it must be replaced at this time;
- C. The materials used in the repair must be equal to or greater than the original materials in weight, thickness, and strength; and
- D. The interface between the repaired area and the original deck must be carefully sealed to avoid water intrusion into the core of the deck or hull.

The upcoming Nationals will be our first experience with this interpretation.

Molds have been produced from the Class Mold to check the chines and transom as well as radius gauge to confirm compliance. If your hull has been repaired or modified, please contact me for help in remedying the situation.

While on the topic of Nationals Measurement, I would like to pre-measure as many boats as possible prior to the event. The sail measurement will still be accomplished at Portage. I am planning pre-measurement at select spring regattas to make measurement less painful at Nationals. We will start at the Chief's Regatta, May 3-4 with pre-measurement Friday evening.

If you are interested please let me know and I will make arrangements for your boat to be looked at. If you think you have unresolved issues this would be a great head start towards getting your boat Nationals ready.

# ABC

By Ron Gall  
Intercom Editor

Here is a cute article that everyone can relate to, and also comes in handy when learning your ABCs. This was inspired by the thousands of Dr. Seuss books that I have read since the birth of my first daughter. It works best if you sing it.

Big A, little a  
What begins with A?  
Aspery and auto-tack  
AAA

Big B, little b  
What begins with B?  
Boat, beer, and boo-boos  
BBB

Big C, little c  
What begins with C?  
Captain Clark Chapin  
CCC

Big D, little d  
What begins with D?  
Damp, dumped and drowning  
DDD

Big E, little e  
What begins with E?  
Eventful Lake Erie  
EEE

Big F, little f  
What begins with F?  
Farkleberry and the "Fish"  
FFF

Big G, little g  
What begins with G?  
Galls, Galls, and more Galls  
GGG

Big H, little h  
What begins with H?  
Hike, Hank, hike  
HHH

Big I, little I  
What begins with I?  
Interlakes and ice-cold-beer  
III

Big J, little j  
What begins with J?  
Jib, jibe, and JAWS  
JJJ

Big K, little k  
What begins with K?  
Karl Bradley's kite  
KKK

Big L, little l  
What begins with L?  
Laugh, lose and lost  
LLL

Big M, little m  
What begins with M?  
Mike Muhn Mentor  
MMM

Big N, little n  
What begins with N?  
Not nice, and nasty  
NNN

Big O, little o  
OOO  
Oh-no Bob's overboard  
OOO

Big P, little p  
What begins with P?  
Party, Party, Party  
PPP

Big Q, little q  
QQQ  
Quit, I don't think so...  
QQQ

Big R, little r  
What begins with R?  
Roll-tacking and rolling over  
Rrrrrrrr

Big S, little s  
What begins with S?  
Sagan sailing south  
SSS

Big T, little t  
What begins with T?  
Tip-a-canoe and Tyler too  
TTT

Big U, little u  
What begins with U?  
Upside-down and under-  
appreciated  
UUU

Big V, little v  
What do I see?  
Violence is not allowed  
VVV

Big W, little w  
What begins with this?

Wet, wacky, and wonderful  
Words describe pure bliss

Big X, little x  
You use it when you spell  
Customflex and SNAX  
In case you couldn't tell

Big Y, little y  
What begins with Y?  
Yankees-on-the-water  
YYY

Big Z, little z  
What begins with Z?  
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I'm a Zany Intercom Editor  
As you can plainly see

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# Clark Lake Regatta

## Clark Lake Yacht Club

### September 21-22, 2002

By Ron Gall  
Intercom Editor

This year was marked by something not seen at Clark Lake for a long time (at least that I can remember), and that is weeds. They weren't real obvious at first, because no one was clearing their boards, and everyone was going approximately the same pace.

By Sunday everyone caught on, except me. I was so far behind in the first race on Sunday that the Race Committee counted me as finished after rounding the final mark, just so that we could start another race.

It was then that I finally realized what was happening. During the last race, I cleared my board about every two minutes. This allowed me to stay with many of the boats. I'm sure they were doing the same thing. The weed problem is a little frustrating, but it does add another dimension to this complicated sport, and another chance for the leaders to make a mistake.

I'm sure that the water levels will begin to rise in the near future, and will eliminate the weed issue, but for now we can all work on this aspect of our sport, in hopes that we can turn this into an advantage.

Congratulations to Bob Bradley. He seems to own this lake. I can't even count how many times he has won this regatta. Maybe it is time for me to start paying attention to what he does to achieve such great results. Also congratulations should go out to Tom Marriott, who almost dethroned Bob. I don't know if it's even possible, but if any one could do it, it would be Tom.

Please come out next year and enjoy the fun. This regatta has been growing slowly for a few years, and I've enjoyed it immensely. Stop by and have a beer.

Place	Boat #	Skipper	Points
1	1332	Bob Bradley	11.75
2	909	Tom Marriott	12.75
3	1341	Ty Cathey	17.75
4	1286	Jack Coleman	22
5	1268	Tim Marriott	22.75
6	1010	Dick Barker	26
7	1322	Brook Smith	28
8	1325	Ron Gall	44
9	1371	Gagnet	46
10	161	Craig Spear	53
11	987	Gies	54

# ISCA Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, November 16, 2002  
Customflex / Kilpatrick Home,  
Whitehouse OH

## I. CALL TO ORDER

President Jeff Clark called the meeting to order at 11:20 am. A quorum (at least 50%) of the voting members was present:

Jeff Clark (President)	Don Wilson (Vice-President)
Lisa Aspery (Sec-Treas)	Tom Marriott (Past-President)
Clark Chapin (MI-VP)	Scott Savage (Chief Measurer)

Also in attendance: Terry Kilpatrick (Builder) and John Nagle (member, to be nominated as Indiana Vice-President).

## II. REPORTS

### A. Secretary - Treasurer

There was not an official meeting held in October, as a quorum was not available. The date for this meeting was chosen.

Lisa Aspery presented the officers with a year-to-date accounting of monies spent. Current totals:

#### Membership:

	Current	Nov last year:
Active:	178	180
Associate:	14	16
FYF	32	28
Life	4	3
Totals	228	227

#### Money:

Checking:	\$ 5,234.59 (as of 10/31/02)
Savings:	\$ 3,931.07 (as of 09/30/02)
Merrill Lynch:	\$ 5,000.54 (as of 10/25/02)
Total:	\$ 14,166.20

### B. Intercom

Ron Gall was unable to attend. The fourth issue of the year is due.

### C. Website

A discussion group has been added, which is free with the pop-up advertising. Jeff Clark will look into the cost to eliminate the ads.

### D. Chief Measurer

Scott Savage has been gathering information about sharpened chines. He proposed adding "hull and" to Chief Measurer's Interpretation 11A:

**After repair, the hull and deck must be capable of fitting back into its original mold, i.e. the repair must not modify the shape on the outer (gelcoat) side in such a way as to interfere with the body of the mold;**

Scott moved, and Clark Chapin seconded, to approve the proposed interpretation. Motion passed.

Scott's complete report follows these minutes. Scott plans an Intercom article describing how to fix a boat with sharpened chines.

Terry Kilpatrick has agreed to help Scott create a jig to measure the radius and flatness of the hull.

#### **Nationals Measurement**

Scott announced that the measurement committee will select several measurements to spot check at Nationals. All participating boats will be checked for compliance.

For discussion at next meeting - what about boats that don't comply?

#### **E. Builder**

Terry Kilpatrick has orders for 3 new boats, and has several more pending. He is working on updating his price list for 2003.

### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **CAD Drawings**

The fiberglass plans are complete; plans for a wood deck are included. Copies need to be made available on CD for CAD programs. The radius measurements will need to be added.

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Approval of Nominations**

Don Wilson nominated John Nagle for the Indiana and East Coast VP position. Scott seconded, motion approved.

Scott Savage nominated Jamie Jones as Southern Ohio VP, Don seconded, motion approved.

#### **2003 National Race Committee**

As ISCA Vice-President, Don Wilson will chair the committee. Don nominated the following committee members: Clark Chapin - local chair, Dave Nighswander - previous year representative, Bob Bradley, 2004 Nationals representative, Jamie Jones, Jeanne Koschalk, and Bob Sagan. Clark seconded, motion approved.

#### **Marketing**

Bob Sagan has agreed to serve on the Marketing Committee, and has just provided a low cost video of the Traverse Bay Nationals to use at the Cleveland Boat Show and other marketing efforts, but we still need more Marketing Committee members, and a chairperson.

#### **Measurement Committee**

Chief Measurer and Committee Chair Scott Savage submitted the following nominations: Steve Aspery, Clark Chapin, Ray Gall, Mike Koschalk, and Bob Bradley. Don seconded, motion approved.

#### **B. Cleveland Boat Show**

\*\* Volunteers are needed to help at the show. A boat is lined up for display.

#### **C. National Race Committee Manual**

Clark Chapin has made several updates. The changes will be finalized the approved at the next meeting.

#### **D. Traverse Nationals Video**

A promotional video from 2001 Nationals has been created. Scott moved to get enough copies for each fleet to have one, to be distributed at the Fleet Captains Meeting in the spring. Motion passed.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, January 18, 2003 at Dodge City Restaurant in Wapakoneta Ohio 9:00AM.

# **ISCA Executive Committee Meeting**

**Saturday, January 18, 2003**

**Dodge City Restaurant, Wapakoneta, OH**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Jeff Clark called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. A quorum (at least 50%) of the voting members was present:

Jeff Clark (President)	Don Wilson (Vice-President)
Lisa Aspery (Sec-Treas)	Tom Marriott (Past President)
Ron Gall (Intercom)	Clark Chapin (MI-VP)
Jamie Jones (S-OH-VP)	John Nagle (IN-VP)

### **II. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the November 2002 meeting were approved as distributed.

### **III. REPORTS**

#### **A. Secretary - Treasurer**

Membership: Active - 178  
Associate - 14  
FYF - 30  
Life - 4  
Total - 226

Current total of accounts: \$14,086.82  
Balance this time last year: \$12,977.69

#### **B. Intercom**

2003 deadlines and publishing schedule:

March 1 April 1  
May 10 June 1  
August 22 September 1  
November 1 December 1

#### **C. Webmaster**

Jeff Clark will contact the company hosting our web discussion group so we can begin to pay to have the advertisements removed. We will continue paying if the group gets reasonable usage.

In 2002, regatta results were posted as soon as they were received. Alan Freeland did a great job keeping the results up to date.

#### **D. Chief Measurer**

Scott Savage sent a report (attached). Molds have been produced to check hull shape at the chine at multiple locations along the hull. A radius gauge is available and may be purchased by the class. A straight edge tool is being built to check hull conformity

in regards to convex and concave. The measurement committee will be discussing items to be considered for the Nationals spot check.

#### **E. Builder**

Terry Kilpatrick is not here because he has five boats underway.

#### **F. VP Reports**

**Michigan:** Clark Chapin reported that the Hot to Trot Regatta must change dates this year only to Sept 27 - 28.

**Indiana:** John Nagle reported that Indianapolis is moving the Poltergeist Regatta to Oct 4 - 5.

**Southern Ohio:** Jamie Jones announced that Hoover has changed its name to Hoover Sailing Club. US SAILING will hold its Spring Meeting in Cincinnati on March 14-16, with a Basic Race Management Seminar on Thursday March 13.

#### **G. Marketing**

Jeff will write an article for the next Intercom stressing that marketing is one of the most important things we can do as a class.

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **2003 National Race Committee**

Don Wilson, chair of the NRC, met with seven members of the committee last weekend. Plans are going well. There will be an elimination series consisting of the first three races, and then the scores will be discarded. Also discussed: on-the-water judging, arbitration, and wind levels for racing.

Don nominated Steve Wiseman to serve as an alternate to Clark Chapin to the NRC, Jamie seconded, nomination approved.

##### **Measurement Committee**

Clark Chapin asked to resign from the measurement committee, and moved that his replacement be Gordon Chapin, as Gordon is on the local measurement subcommittee. Motion passed.

##### **Member-Builder Committee**

This deals with any issues between ISCA members and the builder. Current members are Scott Savage and Steve Wiseman. One additional member is needed.

##### **Perpetual Trophies**

The ISCA is looking for a volunteer to check into the condition of the class's trophies. This person would make sure the trophies are in good shape and coordinate repairs or refurbishing as needed. Please contact Jeff Clark if you can help.

##### **2002 Traveler's Awards**

Alan Freeland is in charge, and will have trophies ready for presentation at the Chief's Regatta in May.

##### **Cleveland Boat Show**

We are unable to show a new boat (required by the show) this year, as the boat that was to be used got locked into storage. Our participation was cancelled.

##### **NRC Manual**

Clark Chapin moved to approve the changes and corrections as distributed. Approved.

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Nationals Bids for 2004, 2005**

North Cape Yacht Club has been approved for 2004, no other details provided at this time. The ISCA is seeking bids for 2005 and beyond. Don Wilson noted that many Indiana sailors have school conflicts with the mid-August date, and would like future host clubs to consider alternate dates.

##### **Fleet Annual Reports**

All fleets must provide an Annual Report to the Secretary-Treasurer by January. This report consists of Fleet Officers, fleet racing results, and membership roster. The roster is most important as the spring Intercom will be sent to all known Interlake owners, not just ISCA members.

##### **Fleet Captains' Meeting**

The annual FCM was set for Saturday, March 22nd beginning at 9:00am. Details will be sent later.

## **Classified Ads:**

**Interlake #869:** "Chiquita". Yellow and white colored Interlake with cover, trailer, and Thomas main, jib and spinnaker. Call Susie Wathey at (419) 726-3454.

**Used Interlake Sails:** I have sails for an old Interlake sailboat. The boat was destroyed in dry dock many years ago, while the sails were stored indoors in an attic. There are two jibs and two main sails. One of the sets looks like it has had very little use. They both have #332 on the main. They were made by Thomas sails in Cleveland and are in yellow sail bags. I was planning to sell them on ebay, but decided to look first at Interlake sailing clubs. If you have an interest, please reply. I have not set a price, but will entertain any reasonable offers. E-mail Sid Jordan at [sjordan@deboisinc.com](mailto:sjordan@deboisinc.com)

**Used Interlake** - Looking to buy an Interlake. If anyone knows of any at your fleets for sale, please let me know. Something in the \$2,000-3,000 price range with a flat deck is preferable, but will take whatever I can get. For more information, please contact Martin Howell at (703) 837-1668 or [mhowell@oehrlein.com](mailto:mhowell@oehrlein.com).

**Used Interlake Sails** – The American Sailing Institute (ASI) in Wixom, Michigan is looking for used Interlake sails that are still in usable, good condition. Our 501(C)(3) status allows tax-deductible donations. Donors will receive all the necessary IRS documents.

ASI is a non-profit teaching organization that is fully staffed by volunteers. Our focus is on teaching nautical skills and boating safety. We are located in Southeastern Michigan with training boats for water instruction at the Stony Creek and Kensington Metro Parks. Your donation would contribute to maintaining our program and our fleet.

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