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# From the President

By Jim Bradley, Interlake #1376



I hope everyone had a good holiday season and that New Year proves to be better than predicted. For our family, the most important gift this holiday season was time spent together. Our daughter, Sarah, is currently working in Metz, France as an English instructor and she was not sure if she was going to be able to come home

for the holidays. As it worked out, Sarah came home for two weeks during her Christmas break and was able to travel in good weather between storms. My son, Bryan, spent most of his holiday going between his DN ice boat and his snowmobile. If you have never experienced ice sailing, I would recommend that you at least try it once. It is amazing how fast these boats can go. Bundle up, the drawback to this sport is that it is very cold!

My brother Bob and his family went on a sailing cruise in the British Virgin Islands. I have not seen him since his return home but I bet that he and his wife Betsy have that summer tan look and will have some good stories to share.

As for me, I have been trying to keep busy making small changes to our Interlake. Our boat #1376 is now 8 years old and her rub rail was starting to look dented and scratched. This year I purchased new vinyl rail and with the help of a \$15 heat gun I was amazed how easy it was to install. It definitely gives our boat a newer look.

It's hard this time of year to think about Interlake sailing, especially after you've finished shoveling 10" of snow out your driveway, but for some of you, Interlake Mid-winters is just another month away. This year, the Interlake has again been invited back to Davis Island Yacht Club in Tampa, Florida. The dates are Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> through Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>. This would be a great time to get out of the cold and get some practice in for the upcoming spring regattas. From talking to the people who made the trip last year I heard that Davis Island YC is a very nice facility and that a good time was had by all. For our family, the school schedule again conflicts with Mid-winters and since we sail as a family, we will have to sit this one out again. I hope that those that can go enjoy the warmer weather and the fellowship of other sailors.

My first meeting as president of the ISCA will be held at Jolly Roger Sailing Club on January 24<sup>th</sup> (which will be before this Intercom makes it to print). The executive committee and fleet captains will meet to discuss the business of the class. At this meeting, I am hopeful that we will be able to iron out a proposal regarding the rudder and the compass issue which we will then present to the membership at our next meeting at Leatherlips YC. This will be our first regatta of the season and I look forward to seeing all of you then.

## Congratulations



... to our builder, Terry Kilpatrick and his bride Karen Foy, who surprised family and friends with their December 20<sup>th</sup> wedding.

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# Intercom Feature

## Two Years before the Mast\*

By Dave Thomas, Interlake #1415

*\*Two Years Before The Mast is the title of a book written by Richard Henry Dana*

.....And another three to go. When Dave Thomas, ISCA member since 2007, was searching for a new project to occupy his winter months, among those he considered was building a sailboat in the workshop on his property. So, he purchased a couple of books on the subject and sat down to study. In a short period of time, it became apparent that this would be no small task and upon the advice of his wife and one of his sons, decided to build a scale model instead. Not just any model, but a large scale reproduction of an actual vessel. A major task in and by itself. One that would require years to build. His "Masterpiece", he hoped.



Having been in engineering for over 30 years, and a woodworker since a young boy, he set about the task of finding both a design that was feasible and also able to be built within the confines of his shop. Another important consideration was the ability to purchase components such as pulleys and fittings that would be of the appropriate scale.

He ran across an article in the April/March 1998 issue (#141) of *WoodenBoat* magazine about a design by Paul Gartside based upon the Itchen Ferry Cutter *Blue Jacket* taken from an old photograph. Length on deck was 20'-0" long plus rudder and bowsprit, and was gaff rigged with a deep keel. Originally a workboat, the design was adapted by Paul for pleasure cruising. It would be a perfect adaptation in quarter scale, one-fourth size.



So, Dave telephoned Gartside in British Columbia, and he agreed to forward a set of study plans, considering the 1"=1'-0" (1/12<sup>th</sup> scale). Then they were developed on the computer, (lofted, if you will) and a table of offsets were calculated. From there, cross sections were drawn at each of the 10 main stations where the frames were to be located, and a set of scale templates were made from them. After that it was an easy task to have them printed and transfer the templates to wood.

Sounds easy, doesn't it? Making the drawings and redesigning them to be adaptable to a scale model took about three months, full time. Decisions such as what type of wood to use for the bent and tapered planking required tank testing, and miniaturized fittings needed to be thought out thoroughly to actually be producible in their smaller form.

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Next, it had to be decided how the actual building should be done. A teacher once told Dave that if he wanted to become a successful designer, he had to take a series of machine shop classes. "Why? I should be taking drafting classes instead!" was his response. The answer was that a good designer only puts on paper what is able to be built. It doesn't make sense to design something that can't be made. That's as true today as it was many years ago, so advance planning was a necessary prerequisite on many fronts. Consider the next paragraph.....

It was decided that the building method would emulate those involving a full scale boat. After consulting additional boat building manuals, Dave designed a base frame, and fixtures mounted on it, to hold the main frames of the model in place while it was being planked, yet being removable when completed. Construction would feature inner and outer keels and stems. Planking was done prior to attaching the outer keel/stem just as in an actual vessel build. You guessed it.....for all the time spent, he could have built

the real thing except for the \$80,000 it would have cost according to Paul, who also builds the boats he designs.

The photographs show the work in progress. Some show the outer keel and stem held in place by gravity, since before installing them, the hull must have all the 750 brass screw holes filled, sanded down and fiberglassed. That should take place sometime during the summer of 2008. In addition, the cabin framing fixture and the rudder have also been completed, but not shown in the photos. The deck, cabin build and partial interior will come later. Lastly the spars and rigging.

The custom made brass hardware, portholes and fittings are being made by Roger Cousineau, owner of Model Yacht Fittings in Windham, Maine. Overall, the model will be 7'-0" long x 2'-0" wide x 9'-8" high fully rigged, not including cradle, when completed. Dave has yet to convince his wife to make the sails. But, he's working on it.

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# Intercom Tips and Techniques

## FUN IS THE KEY

By Dave Irish, former president of US SAILING (1995-97). Article excerpted from American Sailor, July/August 1996.

Let's talk about growth in our sport. Our race courses are not too crowded, and we have plenty of room for more sailors in our schools, club programs and community sailing centers. We want more people to sail, right?

So how do people decide on sailing (or golf or in-line skating or surfing the Internet)? Jeff Napier, president of the National Marine Manufacturers Association, defined it well in a recent trade edition of Soundings. The research has been done, the experience has been gained; people are introduced to leisure activities by family and friends already involved. Lifestyle ads on TV don't work, public relations campaigns don't work, even free boat rides don't work. People choose a new activity like sailing because they are introduced to it by existing participants who are having great fun and want to share that fun with their friends. It's also a question of fun balanced against time, money, hassles and frustrations.

If you are reading this, you are probably a leader in our sport. You already know intuitively that the way each of us creates growth is by helping people have more fun playing with sailboats. In turn, they bring their friends into sailing, who then bring their friends and so on. More fun yields more players, less fun yields dropouts.

### How do we do it?

- Bring people you know from other activities sailing with you. But when you do, don't let them just be passengers. Let them steer or trim. Ask them to watch for gusts of wind. Above all, explain what's going on at a pace and in a way that engages them and makes it fun.
- Is there someone in your racing fleet who has a boat but isn't yet up to speed? Being way behind is not fun. Being in the hunt and gaining new skills is. Try letting your crew sail your boat next week, and offer to sail with this individual. Your enthusiasm will rub off, as will any helpful, friendly coaching. The newer sailor will start to keep up, not because you took over, but because you provided focus on doing those things that make a difference.
- Do you know someone "almost ready" to venture farther afield? Offer to do a mini-cruise, each in your own boat: "Let's sail to the island and overnight this weekend." That removes the anxiety and concern about "Where will I moor?" or "Will I get lost?" Cruising

in company is usually more fun, and the other sailor will pick up the habit.

- Remember the first time you were protested in a race? Probably a "not fun" experience. If you hear that a new sailor has gotten into a protest, offer to help. Explain the rules, assist in written preparation, and offer to go to the hearing and walk him or her through it. (The jury can but shouldn't exclude you if you were not on the boat.)
- Help the people you sail with to get better, to the end that they outgrow your own skills. Encourage them to move on to the next challenge, whether on their own boats or by moving up to a tougher "league." Meantime, introduce someone new to your team. Done well, this is the process that keeps all sailors stimulated and learning. That's the key to fun in sailing!

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**Hey Ladies!**

**FEATURING THE  
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Calling all members...Skippers, Crew-women, Wives, Mothers, Daughters and Grandmothers of the Interlake family – past, present and future. We are looking to recognize you in an upcoming issue for your tireless contributions to the sport.

Nominate a female that has made an impact on the fleet, or send us a story about your own sailing experiences. There are so many amazing women to mention. I need your help and inspiration. Photos, names and dates are encouraged!

There will be a group photo taken for those who are interested. Date, location & time to be determined. We would love to have a huge turn-out and make this a memorable story.

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# **The WAY WAY BETTER BECAUSE IT'S A YEAR LATE: ISCA Nationals 2009 in Traverse City, MI Grand Traverse YC**

**July 25<sup>th</sup> Ladies /Juniors**

**July 26-28 The Main Event!**

Way better because the new clubhouse really is NEW & IMPROVED! I've walked the halls, been in the expanded restrooms, expanded main hall and on the second floor enclosed mezzanine. It is fantastic! Current status has the building enclosed with wiring/plumbing beginning. Scheduled opening date: mid April. The GTYC is also celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Interlake Nationals will be the first big event held at the new facility and we are looking forward to a banner 50<sup>th</sup> year and a spectacular event. The growing fleet and entire club are eager to greet and show you a good time.

For Nationals information including housing, non-sailing activities and so much more (such as photos of the building in progress) please visit the GTYC website: [www.GTYC.org](http://www.GTYC.org)

Also, you can reach me at [BSagan1411@charter.net](mailto:BSagan1411@charter.net) or phone 231.929.3555

Considerable courtesy housing is available: Give me a holler - Bob Sagan, Interlake #1411



## **Interlake Midwinters**

**March 13-15<sup>th</sup>**

**Davis Island Yacht Club**

**Tampa, Florida**



Join your Interlake friends in Tampa, Florida for the 2009 Interlake Midwinters. Beat the snow and ice and head for the sunshine state for three days of racing (NOR enclosed). The site is Davis Island Yacht Club which is close to the downtown area and easily reached via expressway.

Camp on the club grounds in an area that lies within a three boat length circle of the pool, shower, restroom, keg, and ocean. Consider it camping with an ocean view!

The sailing is in a protected area of Tampa Bay within an easy sail of the club. The facilities are great. The hospitality is even better.

Bring your sunscreen, boat, and that nasty sun deprived attitude to sunny Florida. It is the cure for the icy blues!

**See the Notice of Race at <http://www.interlakesailing.org/2009midwintersnor.pdf>**

## **Sandusky Sailing Club Races for Victory**

Sandusky, OH November 26, 2008

By Brad Huntley, Interlake # 1399



*Kudos to the hearty sailors at SSC! Photo by Jenny Everson*

The Sandusky Sailing Club held its first annual Turkey Bowl Sailing Regatta on Saturday, November 29 on the Sandusky Bay under sunny skies and temperatures in the low 40's. This year's event saw 16 sailors brave the waters on Sandusky Bay which had been ice covered earlier that morning as the participants arrived.

14' Sailboats from the Sandusky Sailing Club's Learn to Sail Program were used for the event even though they had been stored for the winter back in early October. As all the participants commented, being able to go sailing in late November is really an unexpected treat. For added safety, a Junior Sailing Program power boat was used as the safety and starting boat.

While this would clearly be the last sail of the year, several of the participants were able to make it the last swim of the year as well. Two sailors fell in the water at the dock as they tried to step into the small one design boats, while two other sailors tipped over during one of the races. All were able to run to warmer clothes, along with quite a bit of ribbing from their fellow competitors.

Once the sailors were on the water, the racing was every bit as close as expected. The first heat was won by the brother and sister team of Ryan and Caitlin Kyle, with another brother and sister team, Jay and Rachel Austin, advancing to the finals with a close second. The second heat was just as close with the team of

Hank Boissoneault and Brian Malott taking first, followed by the team of Mike Zuilhof and Kevin Bracy in second. These four teams raced in the finals.

In the finals, Ryan and Caitlin Kyle proved to be much faster than the rest as they posted a 1, 1, 2 finish to win the regatta. Jay and Rachel Austin took second, followed by Hank Boissoneault and Brian Malott in third.

The racing was held just off the sailing club wall, allowing a group of about 50 fans to huddle around a fire pit provided by a member. Both cheers and boos from shore motivated the chilly sailors. The crowd really responded when Will Kruger, sailing with sister Kim, capsized the boat in the 40 degree water on the final race of the second heat, which ultimately cost them a spot in the regatta finals. Kim, from San Diego, later commented that the water really didn't seem too cold.

Once off the water, with all the boats stowed for the winter, the sailors, race committee and spectators enjoyed a wonderful chili cook-off and some late afternoon football. In lieu of an entry fee, canned goods were accepted and donated to Victory Kitchen. Next year's event promises to be even bigger with the word now out that there's still fun to be had sailing on the Sandusky Bay in late November.

## 2009 Hangover Regatta

### Potomac River Sailing Association

Alexandria, VA January 1, 2009  
By Martin Howell, IL #1395 – Screamin' ECHO

For the past 6 or 7 or 8 years (I forget), Interlake Fleet 39 has made it a tradition to get a few friendly races in the record books on January 1...an appropriate way to start each year off on the right foot. I don't think it's ever been cooler than the mid 40's, and one year, we wore short sleeve t-shirts.

The weather was less cooperative this year. With a forecasted high of 36 degrees and the water temperature at 39 degrees, the four brave Interlake sailors who showed up to sail gave Mother Nature due consideration in coming to their decision whether or not to race. I think it was Bill Shakespeare who wrote, "*The better part of valor is discretion, in the which better part I have sav'd my life.*" (King Henry IV, Part I) We chose discretion. The idea of being in a dinghy with 39 degree water was less than appealing. The Laser sailors, with their fancy-schmancy drysuits, had more courage than us. Our own Doug Savage (IL #1153) served as race committee and treated the Laser sailors to several excellent races in light and challenging conditions.

As for the rest of us, we sought an alternate (and dryer) means of sailing fulfillment. The "big-boat" club

at our marina was also running a "Freeze Your Masst Off" race that day, and among the four of us, we had a pair of Lindenberg 26 keelboats to sail (less tippy, high freeboard, minimal chance of crew getting wet). Mike Magee (IL #384) and crew Greg Colley sailed Mike's L-26 "Wiz" with a third pick-up crew found on the dock. I was lucky to have Wes Blazer (IL #1185) as crew. Wes recently relocated to Annapolis from Sandusky. Wes and I sailed my L-26 "Truculent Turtle" for what would be my first real sail on the boat (except for a 138 mile delivery under motor and mainsail in November). About 8 or 10 other keelboats participated. The first leg provided what varied from a tight reach to a port tack beat in 5-8 knot winds. As we neared the weather mark, the wind all but turned off. We drifted downwind and down-current to the finish line of a shortened course. What few puffs came along, we played as if it was the deciding race of the America's Cup. Mike and Greg proved unbeatable and won the day, followed by a pesky Kirby 25, and then Wes and I in third. Congratulations to Mike and Greg on a well-sailed race in tricky conditions.

Although it wasn't the friendly Interlake racing we're accustomed to on New Year's Day, it certainly beat watching college football bowl games at home. Happy New Year to all Interlake sailors, and here's to a successful 2009 Interlake sailing season.



Mike Magee (IL#384) at the helm of his "second choice" boat on New Year's Day on the Potomac

# 2008 Great White Northern Championships

Grand Traverse Yacht Club  
Traverse City, MI August 9, 2008

Place	Skipper/Crew	Boat	Club	Race 1
1	Bob Sagan, Jason Masseroni	1411	GTYC	1
2	Bob Cornwell, Loren Newton, Cam Forton	1290	GTYC	2
3	Jim Menzies, Bubba Poppa, Ben Corwin	1363	GTYC	3
4	Dave, Sherry & Clark Phelps	1131	GTYC	4
5	Jack Coleman, Ann Taylor	1269	PYC	5
	Andy with Terry Kilpatrick	1418	NCYC	DNF
	Abby Skibowski, Chelsie Saunders, Maddie Dawson	TACS 2	GTYC	DNF
	Mark Clark & Family	1194	GTYC	DNS
	Dick Hirtreiter, George Panks	1372	GTYC	DNS
	Emily Zakem, Kate Smith,	894	GTYC	DNS
	Rob Young, Andy Smith, Gordon Johnson	TACS 1	GTYC	DNS

## Grand Traverse Yacht Club

Interlake Fleet #38 *By Jim Milliman, Co-Captain*

We sail on big water, and we have big fun. We sail on beautiful Grand Traverse Bay.

Sailing four races a night, our Thursday evening summer race series provides us with many opportunities to compete and develop our racing skill. Bob Sagan, the cheerleader of the Interlake fleet, sees to it that we always have race committee, that we have fun, and that we remain competitive.

Bob is once again hard to beat!

Our goal is to increase interest in the Interlake sailboat, increase skill in our racing participants, encourage youth participation, and have fun. We do this in a couple of ways. Every month we determine a monthly champion. One of the rules is that you cannot have won it in the previous month...so we might see a middle of the fleet sailor enjoying the prize for the month. With some very experienced sailors in our fleet we will conduct informal racing clinics. One of the most beneficial was conducted by Jim Menzies. On shore, we create a racing scenario, typically a starting sequence, using sticks as our "boats". Counting down to the start we place our sticks, at timely intervals, where we would like to be on the race course and talk about why. Jim will coach us with the pros and cons of our positions and thinking. We also have a monthly picnic after our monthly champion awards. Simple burgers and brats and lots of sailing chat. Finally we encourage youth participation. Traverse Area Community Sailing (TACS) is a community sailing organization providing instruction for all ages. Recently they have developed a high school racing team. These sailors are welcomed to compete with us each week. Their enthusiasm is rewarding. There is nothing that will get your competitive juices flowing more than to have one of these sailors crossing you on starboard in a donated boat with used sails...arrgghh! It is fun and they so appreciate our patience and the opportunity to compete.

Our fleet standings for the season are important but not nearly as important as the people who challenge us to be better sailors. They do this by showing up each week, rigging their boats and sailing with true enthusiasm. Our fleets are only as deep as the commitment of these participants whom we call friends. Many of their contributions provide us with the true rewards of the season regardless of the place we may finish. Ok so I didn't win the season and am trying to find solace in fourth place!

Our fleet would not survive if it were not for the unbridled enthusiasm of our captain Bob Sagan. Singlehandedly he champions our cause in the community and in our club. Dick Hirtreiter is a sailor who consistently challenges us to participate. He is there week in and week out with his ever present good nature and gentle nudges on the course. Loren Newton and Bob Cornwell teamed up this year to ...well I should say "ganged" up on us this season. Combining two talented sailors in one boat is successful. Jim Menzies is the true competitive sailor. Having come close in his long life to almost compete in the Olympics says a lot about his ability. Never trust him on the race course! And his crew Bubba...well Bubba is a hockey playing mom that sails. No lipstick. With her infectious laugh it easy to see why Jim's boat is a fun place to sail. With my crew of Louis Rodriguez, I am continually thankful for his patience and his quest to learn all he can about sailing. Louis and his wife are busy providing us with future sailors. Emily Zakem skippers the female boat and provides us with a unique reference point on the course. Never count them out and continue to measure your position by their progress!

### The standings for summer 2008:

1. Bob Sagan / Jason
2. Jim Menzies / Bubba Poppa
3. Bob Cornwell / Loren Newton
4. Jim Milliman / Louis Rodriguez
5. Clark Phelps jr. / Dave Phelps (dad)
6. Emily Zakem
7. Dick Hirtreiter / George

## 2008 Traveler's Series

The ISCA Travelers Series finished another successful year. Nine teams qualified and the season was marked with excellent competition and plenty of close finishes. The 2008 series could not have been any closer. After an entire sailing season, the series was decided in the last race of the Poltergeist. Scott Savage and Steve Aspery battled in the challenging conditions but good luck favored Steve in the end. Congratulations to all of the competitors that make this series and class a great place to sail.



Complete series results at [www.interlakesailing.org](http://www.interlakesailing.org)

2008 Traveler's Champs: Steve, Lisa, and David Aspery. Other teammates not pictured: Jamie Jones, Joe Hurst, Richard Blake, Mike McClinchie

		2008 ISCA Traveler's Series Regattas																							
Place	Hull#	Name	Home Club	Regattas attended	Midwinters	Chiefs	FRSA Spring	Cattail	Indian Lake	Interlake Stakes	SSC One Design	LSYC Annual Regatta	Nationals	Bay Week	Great Lakes Northern	Caledonia Can Race	Haphazard	Hot-to-Trot	Clark Lake	Poltergeist	Fall Blowout	Total Points	Scores Needed	Total Adjusted Pts	Position
1	1402	Aspery, Steve	HSC	8	1	8				1		2	9					1	6	1		29	0	6	1
2	1340	Savage, Scott	LYC	7		1			1	3		1	4						1	3		14	0	7	2
5	1332	Bradley, Bob	JRSC	8							4	18				2	2		3		5	32	0	18	5
7	1384	Balmer, Brad	LSYC	6	2	7					3	14	7								2	35	0	21	7
3	1010/1411	Nixon, Andy	PYC	5					5	8							5	2	2			22	0	22	3
4	1370	Clark, Jeff	HSC	8		10	1			5	5		18							2		41	0	23	4
6	1325	Gall, Ron	JRSC	8		16			2		7						7	8	4	17	7	68	0	27	6
8	1248	Bracy, Kevin	SSC	8	5	17				11		6	15					7	9		9	79	0	36	8
9	1280	Graham, Scott	LYC	5	7	14			8								3			12		44	0	44	9
0	1185	Blazer, Wes	SSC	4							2	4					6				4	16	1		
0	923	Parker, Bryan	LSYC	4		3				6		5	8									22	1		
0	1317	Chapin, Clark	PYC	4		9							14						5		4	32	1		
0	1293	Savage, AJ	LYC	4					3	7			15							8		33	1		
0	1374	Wilson, Don	ISC	4		12						3	20							5		40	1		
0	1178	Boucher, Jim	LYC	4		19			12	12							9					52	1		
0	1174	Fisher, Matt	HSC	3		2				2			5									9	2		
0	1376	Bradley, Bryan	JRSC	3							6								7			14	2		
0	1418	Dieball, Skip	NCYC	3		15					1		1									17	2		
0	909	Marriott, Tom	JRSC	3		5															3	18	2		
0	842	Kyle, Ryan	SSC	3									11				8				6	25	2		
0	1411	Sagan, Bob	GTYC	3		13							13		1							27	2		
0	1386	Bardus, Steve	HSC	3								7	24			4						36	2		
0	979	Ostler, Mark	LYC	3		20			6	15												41	2		
0	972	Wismer, Rich	LSYC	3							11	8	23									42	2		
0	1066	McClinchie, Mike	HSC	3		18				13			21									52	2		
0	1382	Boisoneault, Hank	SSC	2									3				1					4	3		
0	1395	Howell, Martin	FRSA	2	4		2															6	3		
0	191	Dieball, Denny	NCYC	2	3				7													10	3		
0	1299	Zaugg, Marion		2									6				4					10	3		
0	472	Herbig, Robert	FRSA	2	10		3															13	3		
0	1240	Evans, Dick	LYC	2		4				9												13	3		
0	1399	Huntley, Brad	SSC	2							8		10									18	3		
0	1380	Smith, Brodke	PYC	2															5	13		18	3		
0	836	O'Donnel, Bill	PYC	2									17					3				20	3		
0	161	Spear, Craig	JRSC	2															12		8	20	3		
0	466	Ward, Jim	SSC	2									12							11		23	3		
0	1341	Cathey, Tyler	PYC	2														14		9		23	3		
0	1393	Graf, Dan	ILYC	2					10	14												24	3		
0	1381	Koenig, Doug	PYC	2					4				21									25	3		

# Dave Perry Analyzes New Rules at One-Design Symposium

## Star-studded Cast Discusses Promotion, Go-Fast, and Rules at Atlanta

By Clark Chapin  
ISCA US SAILING Representative



The 2008 US SAILING One-Design Sailing Symposium was held November 15-16, in Acworth, GA. In contrast to the other Symposiums held since 1994, this year's event was not held at a hotel site, but at Atlanta Yacht Club on Allatoona Lake. Many of the participants were able to stay in cabins on site for no cost due to the hospitality of the AYC members.

Ron Gall and Clark Chapin attended from amongst the ISCA membership, but 2008 ISCA National Champion Skip Dieball and runner-up Greg Fisher co-hosted a series of go-fast sessions that were well attended.

For the entry fee, participants received a welcome party, two days worth of continental breakfasts, lunches, a Saturday evening dinner, and a Mount Gay cocktail party. Oh yeah, and Dave Perry's Mount Gay Lecture and all the symposium presentations.

### One-Design Promotion

Amidst the news of economic downturn and crisis, Jonathan Banks, Executive Director of SailAmerica, the trade association of the US sailing industry, reported on the state of the sailing market. He said that sailing participation is down over the last seven years according to several measures, including new boat production. He opined that the current credit crunch couldn't help matters.

His overall message: Take more people sailing to grow the sport!

The most electrifying presentation of Saturday morning was Fried Elliot's ideas on using photos to enhance class marketing efforts. Fried is a professional who is the official photographer of both the Snipe and Star Classes and his work can be seen at [www.Friedbits.com](http://www.Friedbits.com). His mantra was, "Show the faces, show the fun." Fried later held a session that "focused" on photography techniques.

Jan Davis from the Lightning Class discussed the Lightning Boat Grant Program, now entering its third year. This is the prototype for what Interlakers are attempting to set up for the ISCA using the George Fisher Invitational Regatta as a springboard.

Ken Taylor described how the US SAILING Regatta Network can simplify class management and communication.

During Sunday's session on connecting with the sailing industry, Steve Perry described how his company is successfully importing Optimist dinghies from China to sell in the US.

### Go-Fast Sessions

Skip Dieball, Greg Fisher, Greg Griffin, and Mike Inham presented a day-long series of clinics on such topics as racing in multiple classes, sail shape, reading the wind, and preparation for big regattas. The sessions were all packed, as you might imagine!



### 2009-2012 Rules – How the Game Changes

The headliner for the weekend was Dave Perry, author of "Winning in One-Designs" and "Understanding the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012." Dave is also the Chair of the US SAILING Appeals Committee.

Dave Perry discussed how the one-design game will change with the new rules in 2009

Dave's presentation after the Mount Gay Rum Cocktail Party was entitled "Winning Moves in One-Designs" and highlighted several critical areas during races where specific tactics can pay off with large dividends (*Ed: something you can't say these days about your 401(k)!*). The situations were described with

humor and enthusiasm.

Three hours on Sunday morning were devoted to an abbreviated version of the North U Rules Seminar. Much of this focused on the largest change: New rules for rounding marks and obstructions. Much has been written by Dave and Rules Committee Chair Dick Rose on this subject, but the important lesson is that the game will change. Day-long sessions are planned by several presenters across the nation, including Grosse Ile, MI on 7-Mar. For further information, see: [www.NorthU.com](http://www.NorthU.com).

### Next Year

The 2009 One-Design Symposium will probably be held in San Diego, CA where there isn't a lot of Interlake activity, but after that, the series will back East. It's a great way to spend a cold weekend in November when you probably won't be sailing (much) anyway.

**ISCA Executive Committee Meeting  
Saturday, January 24, 2009  
Jolly Roger Sailing Club, Toledo, OH**

NOTE from the editors: At the time of publication, these minutes had not been approved by the ISCA executive committee.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Jim Bradley called the meeting to order at 10:13 am. A quorum (at least 50%) of the voting members was present:

Jim Bradley (President) AJ Savage (Vice President) Bob  
 Alan Freeland (Past Pres) Jeff Clark (Chief Measurer)  
 Sagan (Marketing VP) Jim Milliman (MI VP)

Steve Aspery (Intercom) Ron Gall (Sec-Treas)

Also in attendance:

Terry Kilpatrick (Builder) and Clark Chapin (US SAILING).

**MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of July 24, 2008 were approved.

**REPORTS**

**A. Secretary - Treasurer**

The minutes from the October 4, 2008 Executive Committee Meeting were approved.

The proposed 2009 budget was presented and debated. Some discussions included no income from the 2008 Nationals, incomplete income from sail royalties and advertising, and adjustments in the money allotted for trophy expenses, including budgeting for a reconstruction of the Nationals' Champion trophy. An item was added to the "Income" section of the budget to allow for sponsorship of our trophies. This was given a budget of \$450. And, the trophy portion in the "Expenses" section was changed from \$200 to \$600. \$250 of this \$600 is allotted for the Nationals Trophy. The budget was approved as amended.

Ron Gall reported:

	2008	2007	Money:	as of 1/24/09
Active	168	175	Checking	\$9,836.02
Associate	20	27	Savings	\$8,915.10
FYF	14	29		=====
Life	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>		\$18,751.12
	209	238		

**Fleet Status**

Ron reported that Port Clinton Yacht Club's Fleet 20 did not meet the requirement of having three active ISCA members in 2008 for maintaining their Fleet status. Jim Bradley and Alan Freeland have contacted their members several times to remedy the situation with no success. As of today, Port Clinton Yacht Club's Fleet 20 is no longer an active Fleet and their regattas will no longer be included as counters on our Travelers' Series schedule. Fleet 20 can return to active status in 2009 by meeting the required "three active-member" rule. Steve suggested that we send them a letter informing them of their inactive status.

Steve Aspery mentioned that Buckeye Lake Yacht Club has enough Interlakes (four or five boats) to establish a Fleet and they have shown some interest in doing so. Steve was asking our members to encourage Buckeye Lake along this route.

**B. US SAILING**

Clark Chapin's report on the 2008 One-Design Symposium in Atlanta will be included in the next Intercom. The Symposium for 2009 will be in San Diego, California.

Clark announced that US SAILING has come out with their new rule book. All members should have received their complimentary copy by now. If they haven't, they need to contact US SAILING. Along with this, North Sails is presenting a series of rules seminars. There will be a seminar at Grosse Isle on March 7, and future ones in Columbus and Cincinnati as well. For people in search of obtaining their Judges certification there will be a Judges'

seminar at Bay View on the weekend of March 7.

The US SAILING Spring Meeting will be held in Denver, Colorado on the last weekend in March.

**C. Chief Measurer**

Jeff Clark reported that at the last meeting he was tasked with writing up a proposal on the expansion of the current electronics device rule. Jeff did not complete this. Jeff will produce this proposal in time for our meeting at Chief's to be voted on by our membership. Bob Sagan proposed that we place this proposal on the same ballot as the "Crew/Associate" name change proposal discussed later. Steve Aspery stressed that the Measurement Committee needs to get this done so that it is written properly, before the general membership petitions to get a possible poorly written version of this on the ballot.

As a clarification, Jeff Clark proposed a motion that as of this date we recognize the rudder as a part of what we consider an Interlake, which flows from our builder's contract that Customflex is the exclusive builder of commercial rudders. Bob Sagan noted that we are in the second year of our current contract with Customflex. The question was raised as to how many rudders have been made commercially since then from businesses other than Customflex. It was mentioned that at least one other company has produced at least one rudder since then. The Class will inform this company that they can no longer produce these. Jeff's motion was seconded and approved.

Jeff stated that the official rudder template is missing. Clark Chapin will help Jeff in locating this. Jeff will also be updating the sail templates this year.

**D. Builder**

Terry Kilpatrick will report at the Fleet Captain's Meeting.  
 [Note from editors: will publish in the April Intercom]

**E. Intercom**

Steve Aspery reported that Lisa Aspery and he are working on the current issue right now. This issue will be published February 1. The remaining deadlines for this year are April 1, June 1, August 15 and October 15. Steve and Lisa would like to put together a group of four or five people to help on The Intercom. In particular they are looking for editorial direction, to come up with ideas for themes for various issues and collect articles, etc. They will be recruiting for that in the near future. One of the themes for a future issue will be on "Women and Sailing." Midwinters will also be discussed to encourage participation. For the June issue, there will be a Nationals prep. Steve stated that they are always looking for articles and pictures.

**F. Marketing**

Bob proposed that we spend some of the budgeted marketing money this year on www.interlakesailing.org bumper stickers, this time using the colors: red, white and blue. Bob also suggested that we buy more stickers that just had the word "INTERLAKE" in italics on them. These would be clear-back stickers with dark blue lettering that would be placed on the boom. This would be intended for easy identification of our boat for people who are not familiar with our boat. A total of 500 with two colors would cost \$320 and the clear-back stickers would be similarly priced, for a total of about \$700. It was discussed that the builder could include the boom sticker with every new boat. Bob will send these out with paid membership. A motion to spend the budgeted money on the boom stickers right away was proposed, seconded and approved.

## G. VP Reports

### Northern Ohio-Brad Balmert

Brad stated via e-mail that he had no report.

### Southern Ohio-AJ Savage

AJ reported that he will present the award for last year's Southern-Ohio Regional Championship winner at this year's Chief's Regatta in May.

**Michigan-Jim Milliman** No report.

**Indiana/East Coast-Don Wilson** No report.

## OLD BUSINESS

### A. 2009 Interlake Nationals

Bob Sagan stated that everything is going well and is much easier because of having it all set up last year. The clubhouse is well on the way to being completed. Everything is now enclosed so progress is much faster. The clubhouse is slated to be opened in early May. Bob reported that this year will be Grand Traverse Yacht Club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Bob stated that they will have a lot of courtesy housing available for Nationals – ask Bob for details.

### B. Regional Championships

Jim Bradley asked a question about awards for the regional championships. Steve Aspery confirmed that the regional VPs were budgeted \$50 to spend on awards. The regional VPs are tasked with purchasing the awards and to determine a place or venue to present the awards.

### C. Sponsorship Oversight

AJ Savage presented guidelines that he intends to add to the NRC Manual. It would give guidelines for a local committee that may not be familiar with soliciting sponsors. Another thing this would tell you is that for at what level you need to go to the NRC or the Executive Committee for approval. AJ suggested that if a sponsor is willing to give a significantly larger donation that they may be allowed to place logos on the boats and have naming rights to the event. AJ suggested that the logos would have to be approved by the NRC and the naming rights approved by the Executive Committee. The verbiage for the name was suggested as "The Interlake National Championships, sponsored by XXXX." The guidelines stress that it is important to follow up with your sponsor after the event for future sponsorships. AJ will finalize these guidelines in the near future.

### D. 2009 Midwinters

The 2009 Interlake Midwinters will be held in Tampa at Davis Island Yacht Club again on March 13-15. We will still be part of the Fireball & Friends event. More information will be e-mailed shortly. We are looking to get better communication in the future for this event.

## NEW BUSINESS

### A. Travelers Series

The Travelers' Series Schedule was approved as listed:

March 13-15	Midwinters – Tampa, FL
May 2-3	Chief's Regatta – LYC
May 23-24	PRSA Spring Regatta
May 30	Cattail Regatta - JRSC
June 20-21	Interlake Stakes Regatta – HSC
June 27	SSC One-Design Regatta
June 27	Great White Northern Regatta – GTYC
July 11-12	Indian Lake Regatta – ILYC
July 18	Lorain One-Design Regatta – LSYC
July 25-28	Interlake Nationals - Traverse City – GTYC
Sept 12	Haphazard Regatta – MSC
Sept 19	Hot-to-Trot Regatta – PYC
Sept 26-27	Clark Lake Regatta – CLYC
Oct 3-4	Poltergeist Regatta – ISC
Oct 10	Fall Blowout – NCYC

Clark Lake's Regatta date has not been verified. If it is truly on Sept 19-20, Clark Chapin has agreed to take the Hot-to-Trot

Regatta off the schedule as being a counter for our Travelers' Series and a notification will be sent out to the Class.

Alan Freeland reported that earlier he e-mailed the proposed Travelers' Series NOR for review and that he would like to have it approved. It was the same as last year except for names and dates and a small clarification - for regattas where no races are scored, they will not be counted. The NOR was approved.

### B. 2010 Interlake Nationals

Steve Aspery discussed that at the last meeting we were looking for a more formal proposal for clarification purposes from Indian Lake Yacht Club for the 2010 Nationals. AJ Savage noted that the original proposal was similar to last year's from Lorain Sailing and Yacht Club. AJ suggested that we come up with a formal application form to make this process easier. Jeff Clark suggested that we send out a previous model proposal to work off of as an example. AJ Savage presented a motion to accept Indian Lake's bid for the 2010 Nationals. The motion was seconded and approved.

### C. Nationals Championship Champion Trophy Reconstruction

It was proposed that we form a committee to design a new or fix the old championship perpetual trophy with the goal of having something prepared by this year's Nationals. It was also discussed that whatever the design we should also include a shipping or carrying case with it. It was brought up that bowls are very popular these days with improved non-tarnishing surfaces. This committee must have design ideas ready for presenting at the Chief's Regatta in May. The committee will consist of Bob Bradley, Jim Bradley, Terry Kilpatrick and Martin Howell.

### D. Crew/Associate Membership

Steve Aspery suggested that we change the title of Associate Membership to Crew/Associate Membership to encourage Interlake crew to join the Class. Our Constitution and Bylaws were quickly reviewed to see what was needed to make this happen. Steve suggested that we have somebody put the text down, so that we could approve it at Chief's and present it to the Class for voting at Nationals.

Jeff Clark pointed out that the Executive Committee has the power to clarify, simplify or collect the wording of any article of our Constitution without changing the intent, purpose or spirit of the article in question. Jeff proposed a motion that we insert the words "Crew/Associate" in place of "Associate" because it doesn't change the intent, purpose or spirit of the article. The motion was seconded and approved.

The next meeting will be on May 5, 2007 at the Chiefs Regatta.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

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## Classified Ads:

**Interlake 1415** (2007) by Customflex with molded in seating, open centerboard trunk and (2) Supermax Elvestrom bailers. Genesis trailer with spare tire, mount and parking wheel. North Sails, Harken Jib furler, custom padded hiking straps. Sailor's Tailor mooring cover, Tiller hiking extension, (2) paddles and mast mounted windvane. Reefing points and Jib Sock by North Sails with additional Harken Hardware. (2008) Sailor's Tailor padded rudder cover and (2) APS bailing buckets. Plastimo Mini-B Compass. Cost \$12,670 Sell \$8995

2007 Mercury 2.5 HP four stroke engine with Garelick adjustable engine mount. Cost \$945 Sell \$650

All the above in like new condition. Willing to sell engine/mount separately. Dave Thomas (248) 685-9753

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## Classifieds continued

**Interlake 1225** White hull and deck, race rigged with flush deck, cut down centerboard trunk, Stainless steel centerboard, flotation tanks and aluminum trailer. Sails include Thomas Jib, Main and spinnaker. Very good condition and very good race record, previous owner was Art Barrie, two time National Champion. Price \$2,200.00 Also, like new Griener/Dieball main and jib, used only 3 times, asking \$600.00

Boat and sails are located in Toledo, Ohio. Contact: George Reis, 419-729-2983

**Interlake 1170** Race ready. Red hull and white deck. Newer North main, jib & spinnaker. Control lines modified by Customflex to terminate within easy reach. New adjustable shrouds and Highfield lever. Equipped with vang, halyard tensioners, through-deck Cunningham, internal main outhaul, Harken ratchet jib blocks and boom topping lift. Recent cut down centerboard trunk, new control line and swivel cleat by Customflex. Two suction bailers. New spinnaker pole and padded hiking straps. Trailer ok shape with lights. Varnished oak tiller with adjustable extension and one piece fiberglass rudder. Blue Sailor's Tailor boat cover recently restitched. Asking \$3400. Steve Kelly, Westerville, OH 43081 (614) 891-0587, skelly1@insight.rr.com

**Interlake 1000** Race Ready (past national champion), White hull and deck. Rolled in side deck and cut down center board trunk, Polished stainless center board, Custom wood

rudder with aluminum tiller and composite tiller extension, Two sets of Doyle/Boston sails one set has been used twice and second set is a practice set in great shape. Pictures available upon request. Asking \$2500 Please contact Aaron Stange at 248-860-3769 aaron\_stange@yahoo.com Toledo, OH

**Interlake 466** – EXCELLENT CONDITION! Completely restored by Denny Dieball in 2003. Boat is light gray with a beautiful varnished mahogany deck and transom. Teak floorboards with two bailers and four built-in cup holders! New Harken jib tracks and custom Nickels Boat Works Lightning style jib block system in 2008. All Harken carbo blocks. New Maffioli main, jib, and spin sheets in 2007. New upgraded wire to rope jib halyard with halyard purchase system just before Nationals this year. Spinnaker halyard was replaced in 2007. Control lines and adjustable traveler run to side decks. Cut down centerboard trunk with stainless steel board that is polished and in great condition. This boat is 1 pound over minimum weight. Nice trailer with new bearings in 2004. Mooring cover included. Boat comes with a 2006 North main, 2007 North jib, and 2005 North Spinnaker. Great Interlake that is light, fast, and very stiff (new stringers in 2004). Boat has finished in the top six at Nationals in 5 of the last 6 years. Boat has always been meticulously maintained and has only been stored in a heated storage garage. \$6,000. Pictures available upon request. Please contact Jim Ward at 216 529-4692 jimward7@hotmail.com

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