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# From the President

By Mike McClinchie, Interlake #1424



The Interlake Sailing Class Association (ISCA) and its members have had a great 2011 so far. But before I get too far I wanted to stop and introduce myself for those that don't know me. I live in Westerville, Ohio with my wife, Elizabeth, and three daughters, Margaret, Maddy and Abby. We are members at Hoover Sailing Club and sail Interlake #1424 which I named "Three Rivers" in homage to

Pittsburgh where I grew up. For the past couple years on the Interlake Travelers' Series circuit I have primarily sailed with Bill Smith, a fellow Interlaker from Hoover.

So onto the business at hand. There is a tremendous amount of work and planning that goes into hosting our Nationals and Buckeye Lake Yacht Club (BLYC) and fleet #40 did a fantastic job hosting this year's 2011 Interlake Nationals. I want to thank the Board of Governors at BLYC for the gracious hospitality, and the leadership of Steve Harris and Matt and Tracey Davis from Fleet #40. Our principal race officer (PRO) John Strassman and team did a great job managing the racing at this year's event.

Congratulations to our 2011 National Champions Matt Fisher and his crew Stu Fisher and Brett Freeman. The Fisher team put on a clinic, winning 5 of the 8 races in the championship division. The racing was very tight with sometimes as many as ten boats finishing in less than ten seconds. Also congratulations to our 2011 National Women's Champions Betsy Bradley and crew Becky Vardian. In the Junior Division congratulations to David Aspery (defending Jr. National Champion), and crew George Vogt and Dane Kirk for winning this year's Junior Championship. Most importantly thanks to all the sailors, family members and everyone else that experienced our Nationals this year.

During Nationals there is one group in our class that does not get enough attention and accolades, and that is the ISCA Measurement Committee led for the past five years by Jeff Clark, Chief Measurer. This group ran boat and sail measurement for 20 hours over three days. Being a part of the ISCA Executive Board and heading the National Race Committee (NRC) this year I have a true respect for the value this group adds to our class. We all love one-design sailing and the Interlake Class owes a great deal to those that volunteer on the Measurement Committee. This year during measurement a few boats were out of specification, and not a single sailor complained or argued but rather made the necessary changes. One boat took out a hack saw and hammer and another used power tools in a mad scramble to relocate some hardware. This kind of cooperation embodies one-design sailing and the Interlake Class, and for me personally lowered my stress level as all

boats were registered by the deadline. Please thank Jeff Clark, Bryan Parker, Mike Zuilhof, and Scott Savage when you see them. Clark Chapin has agreed and was approved by the Executive Board to be Chief Measurer, while Jeff Clark takes a much deserved break. Clark Chapin has held this position many times before, so welcome back. Additional members joining this group this year are Matt Fisher and Mark Presley.

Past President Scott Savage is leading the charge on the finishing touches to the ISCA 501(c)3 designation. At our annual meeting at Nationals this year the membership approved the new ISCA constitution. We are hopeful that the IRS will review and ultimately approve our application by end of this calendar year. Please stay tuned.

I have been communicating with two clubs interested in hosting Nationals in 2012. The Executive Board will communicate to the membership the location and dates for next year's Nationals at the very latest right after Indianapolis SC Poltergeist Regatta this year.

Lastly I wanted to say thank you to Fleet #38 at Grand Traverse Yacht Club (GTYC) for inviting me to sail with them the first two Thursdays in August, while I was on vacation near Traverse City. I already knew many of the members at GTYC, but I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know many more of them.

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*Cover Photo: National Champions lead the pack.*

*Photo by Karen Baltzell*

# *Intercom Feature*

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## 2011 Interlake Nationals

By Matt Fisher, Interlake #1174, 2011 Interlake National Champion



The 2011 Interlake Nationals were held at Buckeye Lake Yacht Club July 27-30. BLYC was an outstanding host for the event. The Interlake Fleet at BLYC is new, but hosting big events is something that the club has been doing well for 65 years. I am biased, I admit, but the sailing was wonderful, and the club and their members made everyone who participated feel at home. There are not too many clubs that we travel to that have a pool, restaurant and bar. More importantly, the hospitality was warm - the yacht club members really looked forward to the regatta, and they wanted the Interlake Fleet to have fun.

I also want to applaud the leadership of the class for a variety of reasons. The electronic and local media had made some noise regarding blue-green algae at the lake.

Scott Savage did not panic and communicated accurate status of the lake to the class members. When the warnings were posted Memorial weekend, I will admit, I was one who was thinking this could only get worse. Scott communicated what truly was going on, which was not nearly as negative as the media would have us believe. I mean when I learned that a "Level 2 Warning" means not to drink the water, I can only say that (as you will see throughout this article) I love Buckeye Lake, but even after the Level 2 is lifted, I highly recommend that you still do not drink the lake water!

I struggled on whether to build this next paragraph into this article, but I want to explain something. My kids, Amanda and Stu, learned to sail late in their youth. We moved to Chicago in 2005, and really did not actively sail. Both kids truly learned to crew for the first

time in races in 2008. So Amanda was 20 and Stu was 15. Their first regatta was the Interlake Stakes in June of that year and they really didn't even know what a jibe was. Then we sailed the Nationals that year at Lorain and really had a great time which confirms that sailing with our kids is very special for our family.

### PRE- NATIONALS PREP

Once Steve Harris proposed the request for Buckeye Lake to host the 2011 Nationals we were really looking forward to the event. As the kids went from learning to sail to wanting to compete, we went from an attitude of "let's have a good time" (2008) to "let's have a good time and win!" To prepare we planned two tough regattas and one boat practice for boat handling. We are fortunate at Hoover to have truly 5 or 6 boats who could easily win the Interlake Nationals: Scott Savage, Steve Aspery, Jeff Clark, Jamie Jones and his up and coming brother, Jeff. So Sunday races are very competitive. Our two regattas were the George Fisher regatta (formerly Interlake Stakes) and the July 4th holiday series. At Hoover we knew we would get great competition. Both turned out to be great preparation.

My daughter Amanda and I sailed together at the George Fisher regatta at Hoover (don't worry this is not going to be a summer of 2011 diary, I just hope to make a point here). On Saturday, it was very light, and we had only one race. We finished 16th. Hold that thought for a minute. But on Sunday it was 6-8mph out of the South -- straight down the reservoir at Hoover -- and after 4 good, tough races, Amanda and I won the regatta. We sailed very loose on Sunday, and seemed

to be very fast. You need to know it was very emotional for Amanda and I to win - not just because of it being the GVF Memorial, but it was truly the first regatta that the two of us won and it was hard fought against tough competition.

Amanda couldn't sail in the Nationals so Stu and I asked Brett Freeman, the junior coach at Hoover, to sail. Brett is very good and he and Stu are great friends. We worked out to have some very good crew work and were really looking forward to the Nationals. We spent a lot of time together during July. I wanted to sail with 3 at Buckeye because there are some rare occasions where the wind blows right down the lake and kicks up some good chop. Stu and I together are about 310 lbs, and we wanted to be competitive if it blew.



## NATIONALS BLYC

Thursday at the Nationals dawned to have winds directly from the southwest at 10-15 which is perfect for Buckeye Lake. The lake runs WSW & ENE and the sailing area allows for 3-4 miles of "open" water. I don't know that I always believe in local knowledge, but when the wind is out of the southwest, it pays more often than not to be on the south side (left side) of the lake. That is not 100% of the time. There are times when there are lifts near the actual yacht club that can come out of the north. But 75% of the time, the left side of the beat is the better place to be. For the first race we had an average start. We tacked to port to clear ourselves. We got a good lane across 2/3 of the fleet. While on port on the right side we got a 15 degree lift, and found ourselves on the outside of a circle and 3rd to last at the first mark. We worked our way back up to 16th, same position as GVF regatta, except we had only 20 minutes to emotionally recover instead of an entire evening.

So this didn't seem good, to start with a 16th. We had traveled the night before from Lake Ontario where Stu was sailing in the Laser junior semi-finals and Brett was coaching him. I don't know if our collective heads

weren't in it, or what. We didn't panic, but in the 20 minutes between races we did assess what went wrong. We had said before the race that we were going to stay on the left side of the course and we didn't stick to our plan. We had to get a start where we could sail our own race and not have our race dictated to us. We acknowledged out loud that we were fast upwind and downwind and had to keep ourselves in a position to take advantage of that. We didn't panic, but we knew that in the first 30 minutes of the regatta, we had already sailed our throw out.

After the first race, sailing got much better for us. The wind picked up to near or above 15, we had very good boat speed, and won the next 3 races. Rather than give you race by race, I will talk about what we did.

### 1. Sailing with 3 obviously helps in 15+.

Obviously we were bigger than the 2 man crews but our weight wasn't enormous. Stu and Brett are two skinny dudes but they are strong for their size and hike very well. Stu has been sailing a Laser for 3 years and is in great hiking shape. They are both tall so with their hiking, we definitely were moving well upwind.

**2. Traveler was down, and/or vang on hard in the breeze.** We were sailing with the sheets looser than the boats we were around, it seemed. Buckeye Lake has chop similar to Sandusky Bay in my opinion. The Interlake does not pound like some boats I am used to, but still goes faster if you de-power by easing the boom down with the leech tight rather than feather. If we get those same conditions at Hoover, we depower by pinching the boat into the wind and keeping the main in the middle. I was very focused on driving through the chop at Buckeye Lake.

**3. We didn't lose any boats downwind / we gained big points.** I'm not bragging, I am giving 100% credit to Brett and Stu. Stu has become a very good spinnaker flyer. We were fast when left alone and Stu will constantly talk to me on whether he has a puff -- for me to bear down-- or if the wind is soft - I should head up a little. Brett is very good at keeping us in a puff and being very aware of what shift we were on. The 15 degree shifts upwind are also happening downwind.

Our two biggest races were going from 4th to 1st at the finish line on the 4th race, and 6th to 3rd on the first race on Friday. Both of these moves -- 6 points -- (we won by 3) were Brett keeping us in the puffs and Stu telling me how much pressure we had on the sheets.

**4. Starts were key.** When I look at the standings, I see very good, tough competitors having to live with a couple high finishes; with well-set, one mile beats, and the race being completed in under 40 minutes, it was paramount to get off the line clean and be able to play the shifts on the 1st beat. Both Stu and Brett were very vocal to make sure we were on the line. I kept a hole to leeward. They really were the boat's eyes and ears for the rest.

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Photo by Karen Baltzell

At the end of the first day (Thursday), Scott and Rick Savage were on top and several of us needed the throw-out. The Savages were sailing very consistently and Jeff Clark and his crew also had a very good day.

On Friday morning the racing started with the wind unsettled. The 1st race of the day started in about 8-10 mph of WNW wind; about 20-30 degrees to the right of Thursday, but still generally up and down the lake for good long beats. We had a good comeback in the first race to go from about 10th at the first mark to finish 3rd.

Scott and Jeff Clark were 9 and 6. The 2nd race on Friday was a bad one for us, we did not sail smart again, but Scott was only an 8th, and Jeff was 5th. No one issue went wrong for us, just an assortment of small issues on top of a bad start.

Friday afternoon the wind went back to SW and picked up to probably 17 with some puffs to 20. We were able to win both races. Bryan Parker sailed outstanding, and for much of the beats, he was as fast as or faster than we were.

The Friday evening standings had our boat with a 3 point lead. We knew anything could happen Saturday since it was forecasted to be very light. Fortunately for us, the wind never came in Saturday-- all day -- and we won the regatta. It is special to win the Interlake Nationals -- at Buckeye Lake, in my Dad's boat, sailing with Stu and Brett.

I'd like to make some observations and comments about some key folks at this event.

**Scott and Rick Savage** are fun to sail against and are really the top sailors in the class. We are lucky to have the leadership they provide for the class and their enthusiasm in supporting the activity in the Interlake.

**Jeff Clark** is sailing outstanding. He was second at the GVF regatta and a strong 3rd at Nationals. He is sailing smart and fast. He sailed with his son on Friday and certainly did very well; maybe with just 4-5mph less

wind, Jeff and his son could have won the Nationals. Jeff also led the measuring at HSC the previous weekend in the 96 degree heat and on site at BLYC.

**Steve Aspery** sailed with his kids, **Melisse** and **Dave**, and as he and I have discussed, it doesn't get much better than that. They sailed great and had a couple close second places and were consistent when the breeze picked up.

**Surge Vanderhorst** and his brother **Barry** sailed great together and showed some flashes of great brilliance in a couple races. Their mom commented that their hiking wasn't as consistent as when they won this regatta in my Dad's boat 20 years ago. They are great sailors and great for the class.

This regatta has many outstanding teams. **Jim Ward, Ernie Dieball, Bryan Parker, and Marion Zaugg** all sailed very well. **Bob Bradley** and his wife **Betsy** were probably one of the top 3 most consistent teams out on the water with a strong 8th place finish. He was 6 points out of 4th. They both also showed brilliance with their rendition of "If I had a million dollars ...."

#### THANKS TO BUCKEYE LAKE YACHT CLUB

Finally, I want to again thank Buckeye Lake YC. This effort was lead by **Steve Harris**, to get the event and help run great races. He was ably supported by many people who helped with scoring, packing lunches, providing free beer, great food, and a nice pool. Specifically Steve wants to thank **Matt & Tracey Davis, Mike & Karen McVey, Tom & Karen Baltzell** and **Chef Matt Langstaff**.

You know it's a great time when despite 90 degree plus temperatures 37 competitive teams can hop in the same pool to cool down and really enjoy each other's company. Only at Buckeye Lake!

Also I want to thank **John Strassman**, our PRO who flew in from Milwaukee and ran a great regatta.



## Women's

Sail #	Skipper	Crew	Club	Race 1
1332	Betsy Bradley	Becky Vardian	JRSC	1
840	Tracey Davis	Tami Schroeder	BLYC	2

## Champion

	Sail	Skipper	Crew	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	TOTAL
1	1174	Matt Fisher	Stu Fisher, Brett Freeman	HSC	(16)	1	1	1	3	15	1	1	23
2	1340	Scott Savage	Rick Savage	HSC	1	2	6	4	(9)	8	3	2	26
3	1370	Jeff Clark	Rob Moormann, Alex Clark	HSC	4	5	3	3	6	5	(11)	10	36
4	1402	Steve Aspery	David & Mellisse Aspery	HSC	(11)	10	2	8	2	9	5	6	42
5	1418	Sjoerd-Jan Vanderhorst	Barry Vanderhorst	SSC	2	12	11	5	1	(14)	8	4	43
6	923	Bryan Parker	Tiffany & Dick Parker Phil Bunting		9	9	5	6	10	(16)	2	3	44
7	191	Ernie Dieball	Jim Allen	NCYC	3	6	(12)	7	8	12	7	5	48
8	1332	Bob Bradley	Betsy Bradley	JRSC	(15)	8	9	11	5	4	13	9	59
9	1299	Marion Zaugg	Seth Parker Barb Joudrey	MSC	22	(26/DNF)	4	2	19	3	4	7	61
10	1425	Jim Ward	Charles Vanderhorst	SSC	10	3	7	9	21	6	6	(26/OCS)	62
11	1267	Jamie Jones	Joe Hurst	HSC	12	7	8	15	4	(22)	12	8	66
12	1133	Craig Tovell	Wes Blazer	HSC	13	4	10	17	12	7	10	(26/DNF)	73
13	1320	Jeff Jones	Will Jaquinde	HSC	6	13	(17)	13	11	1	17	15	76
14	1317	Clark Chapin	William Chapin	PYC	7	14	14	10	17	2	(18)	18	82
15	1293	AJ Savage	Jill McCaughan	LYC	5	16	18	(21)	7	18	16	16	96
16	1333	William Sanderson	Mike Straton, Cara Bown	MSC	8	17	(26/OCS)	18	18	19	9	11	100
17	1417	Tom Humphrey	Steven Zimmers	SSC	14	21	13	12	16	20	(26/DNF)	13	109
18	186	Scott Frissell	Peter Frissell	JRSC	(26/DNF)	15	16	16	22	10	15	19	113
19	1382	Mark Presley	Ryan Kyle	HSC	17	11	15	22	(23)	17	20	14	116
20	1305	Allen Freeland	Becky Vardian	HSC	19	18	21	14	(24)	11	19	17	119
21	1374	Don Wilson	Ben & Tim Wilson	ISC	(26/OCS)	20	19	19	14	24	14	12	122
22	1269	Jack Coleman	Ann	PYC	18	22	20	(23)	13	13	23	21	130
23	1298	Jeff Tyndall	Paul White, Steve Jones	HSC	21	19	22	20	15	(23)	21	20	138
24	1393	Dan Graf	Marlene Graf	ILYC	20	23	24	(26/DNS)	20	21	26/DNS	26/DNS	160
25	766	Tim Parker	Will Parker	LSC	(26/OCS)	24	23	26/DNS	25	25	22	26/DNF	171

## Challenger

	Sail	Skipper	Crew	Club	R 1	R 2	R 3	R 4	R 5	R 6	Total
1	1424	Mike McClinchie	Bill Smith	HSC	2	2	1	(3)	1	1	7
2	1274	Tim Lohner	Bruce Tran	HSC	3	1	(4)	1	2	3	10
3	1427	Chip Wood	William Monsma	ILYC	1	4	2	(8)	3	6	16
4	1324	Scott Solsman	Bob Snow	HSC	4	3	3	4	(12/DNF)	2	16
5	1385	Pat Tynan	Jennifer Tynan	ILYC	6	(7)	5	2	4	4	21
6	902	Tom Wills	Susan Wills Ann Jones	MSC	5	5	7	6	5	(12/DNF)	28
7	1405	Ron Seiter	Erin Seiter	ILYC	7	6	6	(9)	6	5	30
8	1331	Rob Ciccotelli	Lynne Allison	HSC	8	8	(9)	5	7	8	36
9	840	Tracey Davis	Matt Davis	BLYC	(9)	9	8	7	8	7	39
10	950	Steve Goodyear	Nate Conrad	BLYC	10	10	10	11	(12/DNF)	9	50
11	898	Colin Gutridge	Michael & Matthew Davis	BLYC	(12/DNF)	11	11	10	9	12/DNF	53

## Juniors

Sail #	Skipper	Crew	Club	Race 1
1402	David Aspery	George Vogt, Dane Kirk	HSC	1
1374	Ben Wilson	Tim Wilson, Matt Stahl	ISC	2
1279	Libbi Dust	Susannah & Katy Schroeder	BLYC	3
898	Colin Gutridge	Michael & Matthew Davis	BLYC	4



*Photo by Karen Baltzell*

## 2011 Interlake Nationals a Success!

By Steve Harris, Nationals Chairman

The 2011 Interlake National Championships Regatta, hosted at Buckeye Lake Yacht Club, was a HUGE success! We enjoyed three good days of racing with the Women's & Juniors Championships on Wednesday, followed by two days of amazing wind for the Nationals and Masters Championships Thursday & Friday. Although the wind was not cooperative on Saturday, the entire fleet enjoyed the hospitality of BLYC & camaraderie of the fleet around the pool. The volunteerism, generosity, and friendliness of our members and staff was phenomenal and complimented by the competitors many times throughout the event. **THANK YOU BLYC** for making this a highlight event of the 2011 season!

**Congratulations to Matt Fisher and his crew**, Stu Fisher & Brett Freeman, for winning this year's Championship. Mike McClinchie of Hoover Sailing Club won the Challenger Fleet. The Womens Champion was Besty Bradley of Jolly Roger and the Junior Champion was David Aspery from Hoover. This year's Masters Champion was Clark Chapin of Portage Yacht Club. Full results can be downloaded at the Interlake Sailing Class Association website at [www.interlakesailing.org](http://www.interlakesailing.org)

An event such as this takes far, far more than a handful of people to pull off. It was truly a team effort and the volunteerism from both the membership of BLYC and Interlakers from all over was beyond expectation. At the risk of missing someone... **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all those volunteers who made this regatta the great event that it was....**



<i>John Strassman, PRO</i>	<i>Dan van Heeckeren, Judge</i>	<i>Scott Savage, 2010-11 ISCA Pres.</i>
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<i>Gayle Mulvey</i>	<i>Cherie Van Dyne</i>	<i>Walter Grubb</i>
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**Thank You ISCA for giving us the opportunity to host the Nationals this year.** It was truly an enjoyable event and was the highlight of our 2011 season at BLYC. The enthusiasm around our Club for sailing in general, and Interlake sailing in particular, has never been higher.

- 2011 Interlake Nationals Committee  
Buckeye Lake Yacht Club

# *Intercom Tips and Techniques*

## Tips from the Top

*The top skippers at Nationals share some advice*



**Scott Savage, Interlake #1340**

Starting Practice

Before the Nationals, I think the area I should have spent more time refining and practicing was my pre-start planning and performance. The club racing we do simply cannot duplicate the starting line environment that is seen at the Nationals each year. Most club, and to a lesser degree regattas, starts consist of a mix of aggressive, passive, experienced, and novice sailors. Because of this variation there are far more opportunities to execute the start you have planned. At the Nationals, the fleets base level of starting line prowess increases to a much higher point. As the event progresses everyone's starts must improve just to break even off the line. Reliance on "your" normal start will find you left without a lane of clear air just moments after the gun sounds. Lots of people probably had the same idea. Also work on recovery from a bad start by using the club environment to learn in. Getting free to a clear "Lane" is probably one of the most valuable skills to acquire; Murphy's Law is common at the starting line.



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**Jeff Clark, Interlake #1370**

An Interlake skipper is always a manager. Management success always depends on finding or training capable staff (crew). Capable crew are either self-motivated/ambitious, full of native/instinctive talent, or trained to perform every defined task capably. Usually, two out of these three is enough.

I was blessed with crew Rob Moormann for Day 1, who first set foot in a sailboat in Fall 2009 and immediately set goals of winning the Hoover fleet championship, followed by high Travelers Series and Nationals finishes. He is a competitive animal who isn't satisfied with anything but firsts. Days 2 and 3 were staffed by my youngest son, Alex, whose athleticism is over the top, and whose crewing skills are automatic. I'm not just bragging on two young men - it is simply critical for major regatta success to have crew who can run 80% of the front of the boat without instruction, because it frees the skipper to concentrate on mainsail, boatspeed, and tactics. Even better if the crew is a party animal like Tim, but it takes years to add that dimension.

While the experience and chemistry of Team R crew brought us into the front of the pack for most of this regatta, I made a mistake in not lining up a third crew in case the wind strength forecast picked up, as it did. This had looked like a light air affair until 10 days before the event, and the smart teams adjusted to deal with it.

As for tactics or strategy during the regatta, we just tried to start in any available space on the line - whatever it took to be in the front row - and then hit the shifts up the first leg. We tried to sail consistently and minimize mistakes, rather than take any fliers, except for the last

two races when we were overpowered. I took from George Fisher the concept of sailing around the course as fast as possible, with the least possible interaction with other boats, and believe this led this year to better concentration on speed and windshifts.



**Steve Aspery, Interlake #1402**

What a tough crowd! With the depth of talent at this Nationals, it was both critical and difficult to get away from the starting line with clear air. Even with a good start, it only took one mistake or missed shift to fall back into traffic. I think the key for our team was that everyone kept working all the time whether we were ahead or behind. Melisse and David did a tremendous job of maintaining focus and concentrating on what needed to be done. We didn't always have a great race, but we always knew that our team had worked as hard as we could. In a long series like Nationals, this is the key to doing well. Individual, great races are less important than avoiding the mental lapses and mistakes that cause bad races.



**Sjoerd-Jan Vanderhorst, Interlake #1418**

This year due to work conflicts, I could not sail with my wife Kathy who is my regular crew. I invited my brother Barry to come out of retirement to sail with me and he graciously accepted. Although I didn't get a chance to practice or sail with Barry prior to the first day, I did some things to prepare for nationals.

I purchased 1418 a few years ago and make a point to make sure everything is in working order. We are blessed to have a builder that builds a great boat so fortunately we really only need to make sure everything is taped and rigged properly.....knock on wood. We also purchased new sails earlier in the season, so we had an opportunity to practice with them to make sure we are used to them. It is always a good idea to sail with your new sails a few times before a nationals. I have been approached by fellow sailors that say "my new sails look different", usually the answer is that their old sails are blown out and you have to get used to sailing nice looking sails. This mentally clears you to sail and not worry about the sails. We felt that when we sailed next to our competitors, we were very fast and seemed to be pointing a little better.....if only we were able to sail a little smarter than our fellow competitors the results would have shown this!

Next, go out and practice. This season we didn't have an opportunity to participate in many weekend Interlake regattas. However, we are fortunate to have a great Wednesday night racing fleet and venue at SSC, so we practiced as much as possible during the week. I feel that this helps us work out any kinks and gives us great practice changing gears as conditions change, working on starting, upwind tactics, mark roundings, boat handling, etc. Lastly, go out to have fun. I'll have to admit that we had some races that we wished we'd done better, but we gave it 100% and had a great time doing it. The regatta was very challenging because there were few lanes on the narrow lake and there are MANY great competitors that could have won the regatta. Find people you enjoy sailing with and go out and have fun.



**Bob Bradley, Interlake #1332**

One thing I noticed at nationals is a number of people talked about rigging problems and break downs when the breeze picked up.

I guess my advice would be check out your boat before and make sure that the running rigging and mechanical systems are in good working order. In our case, without a working traveler - Betsy and I never would have been able to keep the boat flat up wind.



Chapins on #1317



**Mike McClinchie, Interlake #1424**

Here are a few tips and tricks

1. Have great crew. I have been sailing with Bill Smith for three years and together we have developed a "routine". We try and do our spinnaker sets and gybe sets the same way every time.
2. Communication while racing is also critical. The crew should be feeding the skipper boat traffic reports, calling wind changes, telling the skipper where the leaders are and whether they are on port or starboard tacks. The skipper should be thinking out loud and if the skipper wants to deviate from the "routine" and don't assume the crew knows what you are thinking, because they are thinking the "routine"!
3. Everyone talks about keeping the boat flat, and I am a believer as well. Upwind in heavy air I like the feel of a heeled boat, but to do well in racing you need to keep the Interlake boat flat. Work through the controls to de-power the boat, and of course this means hiking by everyone on the boat. After this if you still can't keep the boat flat I will let out the main sail. Bill Smith will crack the jib to maintain the slot or groove between the two sails.



# Class News

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## Sandusky One-Design Regatta

Sandusky Sailing Club

June 11, 2011

By Jim Ward, Interlake #1425

The weather forecast for the 2011 SSC One-Design Regatta looked ominous, which led to a smaller turnout than expected. However, seven Interlake teams arrived on Saturday morning to typical Sandusky Bay conditions, sunny skies, and a fantastic day of racing.

The first two races were held in 12-17 knots of breeze, and the team of Surge & Kathy Vanderhorst showed off their great boat speed and boat handling in the windy and lumpy conditions winning the first two races easily. Out of town guests Don Wilson with his two sons as crew were also extremely fast in these conditions posting excellent finishes in the big breeze.

The next three races were raced in 5-8 knots of breeze as the wind and waves began to subside as the

day went on. The next three races were closely contested between Surge/Kathy Vanderhorst, Wes Blazer, and his collegiate rock star crew of Rachel Austin, and Jim & Jayme Ward. The lighter conditions allowed Jim & Jayme Ward to slip by the Vanderhorst team to claim the overall title by a single point. Wes Blazer and Rachel sailed very well, and took home the hardware for third place.

After racing, drinks and great food were enjoyed at the newly remodeled SSC bar, and beautiful engraved silver plates were awarded to the top three boats in each class. We are already looking forward to the 2012 event, so please mark the SSC One-Design Regatta on your calendar for next year!

<b>Skipper</b>	<b>Crew</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Race 1</b>	<b>Race 2</b>	<b>Race 3</b>	<b>Race 4</b>	<b>Race 5</b>
Ward	Ward	SSC	<b>9</b>	3	2	1	1	2
Vanderhorst	Vanderhorst	SSC	<b>10</b>	1	1	2	5	1
Blazer	Austin	SSC	<b>16</b>	2	4	3	4	3
Presley	Kyle	HSC	<b>25</b>	5	5	6	3	6
Wilson	Wilson (2)	ISC	<b>28</b>	4	3	DNS	DNS	DNS
Sanderson	Stratton	MSC	<b>31</b>	6	7	7	6	5
Malott	Malott	SSC	<b>32</b>	7	6	5	7	7

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## LSYC One-Design Regatta

Lorain Sailing & Yacht Club

July 16, 2011

By Kathy LaValley Interlake #1384

Skipper	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	Place
Brad Balmert	Randy Knilans	1	2	1	1	1
Steve Aspery	Melisse & David Aspery	2	1	2	2	2
Scott Frissell	Peter Frissell	3	3	3	3	3
Bryan Bradley	Jim Bradley	5	4	4	4	4
Rich Wismer	Brian Wismer	4	5	7	5	5
Tim Parker	Will Parker	7	6	5	6	6
Ron Gall	Kevin Bracy	6	7	6	7	7

The annual LSYC One Design Regatta was held on Saturday, July 16, 2011 at Lorain Sailing & Yacht Club on the shores of Lake Erie. Four races were held for the seven Interlakes, five Jet 14's and five Star boats. The weather was beautiful with winds between 10 and 12 mph. Please join in the fun next year.

# George Fisher Memorial Regatta

## Hoover Sailing Club

June 18-19, 2011

By Tim Lohner, Interlake #1274, photo by Ann Jones



The HSC fleet hosted its annual George Fisher Memorial Regatta (formerly the Interlake Stakes) on June 18-19. We were hoping for great weather and great participation. Well, we came close to meeting these goals, but not without some challenges. First, there was great participation by the Hoover Interlakes, who made up 16 of the 24 participating boats in the event. Meeting our weather goal was another story.

Early Saturday afternoon, the Race Committee raised the AP flag as a slow moving thunderstorm rolled through. The smarter skippers kept their boats on shore and covered, saving themselves the hassle of bailing many bucketfuls of water after the storm ended (I was not one of those smarter skippers). While the rain tried everyone's patience, an enthusiastic Mike McClinchie grabbed a wind indicator and ran around the clubhouse, trying to convince everyone to start the regatta.

Eventually, the AP flag was dropped and the

participants hit the water, albeit, under light southeast winds. Once the racing got started, things went from okay to poor. Boats that got out in front did well, but the others struggled. At one point, five boats were stacked up at the windward mark for over 15 minutes, praying for some breeze to end their misery. While Interlake sailors are a fine group, even they have their limit and racing was called for the day after one race.

On Sunday morning, things did not look much better, with less than one knot of wind teasing the lake. But by 9:00 AM, a southerly breeze filled in, allowing the completion of four races before the end of the regatta. After it was all said and done, the Hoover Interlake fleet almost pulled off a sweep of the awards, winning the first four places, followed by positions six through nine. Congratulations to Matt Fisher, with crew Amanda, for winning the regatta, named in his father's memory.

Place	Skipper & Crew	Boat	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Matt Fisher, Amanda Fisher	1174	HSC	45	1	3	2	3	9
2	Jeff Clark, Rob Moorman	1370	HSC	2	3	4	9	2	11
3	Scott Savage, Rick Savage	1340	HSC	1	4	6	3	4	12
4	Steve Aspery, David Aspery	1402	HSC	44	2	5	1	5	13
5	Scott Graham, Matt Givens	1280	LYC	9	40	1	4	6	20
6	Jeff Jones, Will Jaquinde	1320	HSC	6	6	8	43	1	21
7	Jamie Jones, Joe Hurst	1267	HSC	7	7	2	5	9	21
8	Mark Presley, Brad Buffington	1382	HSC	4	5	9	7	40	25
9	Alan Freeland, Lindsey Holmes	1305	HSC	8	8	44	6	7	29
10	Steve Bardus, Robyn Parker, Jeff Bardus	1386	EYC	49	9	13	10	8	40
11	Bill Sanderson, Mike Stratton	1333	MSC	10	46	12	8	13	43
12	Tim Lohner, Bruce Tran	1274	HSC	48	11	7	14	12	44
13	Mike McClinchie, Bill Smith	1424	HSC	20	13	10	11	11	45
14	Ron Gall, Dan Brainard	1325	JRSC	14	20	15	12	14	55
15	Jim Boucher, Mark Boucher	1178	LYC	12	45	14	15	15	56
16	Gary Savage, Christie Whitt	681	LYC	3	12	DNS	DNS	DNS	65
17	Larry Basford, John Muller	567	HSC	24	18	16	18	16	68
18	Mike Mirarchi, Kurt Andrews	1209	LYC	17	19	17	16	DNS	69
19	Rob Ciccotelli, Lynne Allison	1289	HSC	22	17	19	19	17	72
20	Bryan Bradley, Jim Bradley	1376	JRSC	5	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	80
21	Steve Rendina, Arnie Ishizuka, Judy Fasone	799	HSC	23	DNS	20	17	DNS	85
22	Tom Eisert, Dave Landis	1357	HSC	13	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	88
23	Scott Solsman, Bob Snow	1324	HSC	16	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	91
24	Fred Lawrence, Mike Kabler	1079	HSC	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	100

# Great White Northern Championships

## Grand Traverse Yacht Club

June 25-26, 2011

By Bob Sagan, Interlake #1411

With a regatta name that salutes the legendary partiers “Bob & Doug McKenzie” ya know you’re gonna have a good time. The Grand Traverse YC delivered!

It felt like summer finally had arrived in NW Michigan, just in time for this annual Interlake regatta. Sunshine, temps in the upper 70’s and sea breezes ranging from 5-15 treated the fleet over the weekend. There were unusually large wind shifts for West Grand Traverse Bay as the thermals fought with the gradient. “It’s never like this here.” I felt a bit anxious due to my road salted winter rust. The long cold spring and a busy schedule meant that this was my first regatta of the year and only my third sail (two unheard of bad stats for me), so I had lots to re-learn.

### THE TOP TEN THINGS I (re) LEARNT AT THE INTERLAKE GREAT WHITE NORTHERNS:

10. Bad sailing conditions are better than good working conditions. (Sunday morning we left in a drifter. It was still better. Then came the sea breeze. YES!)
9. Thank your RC. Without them the game doesn’t happen.
8. Respect and be courteous to your competitors. Without them there is no race.
7. Always invite Jack & Ann. They bring all the yard games! (But be careful...they will kick your A\_\_! And Jack will attack the free beer!!)
6. Stay away from other boats. Even when you win the battle you usually lose the war. (you’ll see it on my score)

5. BOAT SPEED RULES! (Sing it to the tune of “5 golden rings.”)
4. Boat speed comes from blending great teamwork with great equipment. Thanks to Jason Masseroni (crew).
3. Keep your eyes out of the boat.
2. The race in light air is to the breeze first and then to the mark. Keep the bow down and send it!

### AND THE #1 THING I RELEARNT AT THE INTERLAKE REGATTA:

1. Nobody listens to me. I warned people how awful Louie’s homemade beans were. They took twice as much. Now, no leftovers for me ☹

R1 & 2 had wind at 12 knots with compact cats-paw puffs to 15+ from the NNW. As the wind was just building the waves were 6 inches or less. There was more pressure and regular shifts to the left so sailing for the dark water paid double dividends. With such perfect conditions and good shift playing the fleet covered the four-legged course quickly and the RC reset just as quickly. Also reacting quickly were Mike McClinchie & Jack Coleman who were always in the hunt. R3 saw less wind and an 80-degree shift to the left. It was during R3 that Jim Menzies became comfortable sailing with his grandchildren (ages 8 & 10) and he launched up to 2<sup>nd</sup> jamming it all the way. We took a planned break before R4 and the RC worked hard resetting and lengthening the course. It was then that “old age and treachery” won out (that and some plain good driving) as Masters Champion, Grandpa Jim with grand kids took a bullet!

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Team	Boat	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total
Bob Sagan Jason Masseroni	1411	GTYC	1	1	1	7	1	1	1	1	14
Jack Coleman Ann Taylor	1269	PYC	2	4	5	2	2	3	4	5	24
Jim Menzies Maggie & William Helman	1363	GTYC	7	5	2	1	4	5	7	3	34
Mike McClinchie Ron Gall, Max Thompson	1424	HSC	3	2	8	8	3	7	5	2	38
Abby Branson Louie Rodriguez	730	GTYC	6	3	6	4	8	6	3	7	43
Dick Hirtreiter Jim Hirtreiter	1372	GTYC	5	6	3	5	7	2	9	9	46
Gus Stauber Skip Stauber	TACS3		4	8	4	3	5	8	8	8	48
Dirke Phelps Colton Gerber, Dave Phelps	1131	GTYC	8	7	7	6	6	4	6	4	49
Dave Phelps Sherry Small	1407	GTYC	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	2	6	68

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In typical Interlake fashion, there was lots of place swapping and battling to the finish line. Throughout it all, Jack Coleman & Ann Taylor sailed the best regatta I have ever seen them pull off. This effort landed them 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall, also the best I recall for them!

Six races in all were sailed in a perfect afternoon. A group of happy, hungry and thirsty sailors hit the docks at about 5pm.

For years the GTYC has been widely known for its great food. Jim Milliman was widely recognized as the mastermind behind all the feasting. What was not so widely known was that Louie Rodriguez was Jim's right hand man. They met in the restaurant business. Louie knows good food too as everyone at the regatta will attest. With free wine and beer to wash it down along with bocce, corn hole, some game that you through two golf balls connected by a string and the GTYC's new pool table, a good time was had by all/young and old. Ron Gall had the best view of all as he slept in the mezzanine of the clubhouse and looked across the bay at the city lights.

Sunday morning was beautiful. But there was a problem. The light gradient wind was from the SW. This opposed the direction of the sun-powered thermal. By 9 am the two were at a draw. Glass prevailed. Mike & Ron launched anyways and tried to play connect the dots. At 10 am there was a brief postponement as the fleet anxiously watched a breeze line work down the bay from the NNE. The wind was variable but never stopped and we were treated to two more excellent races.

Everyone who participated was a winner...they were all sailing! Those taking special honors were: **Masters Champ:** Jim Menzies (with two grandchildren), **Women's Champ:** Abby Branson, **Junior Champ Team:** Dirke Phelps & Colton Forton, **Overall Champs:** Bob Sagan & Jason Masseroni.

The Grand Traverse YC congratulates Hoover SC for their successful defense of the INTERLAKE FOUNDER'S CUP. Hoover continues to be a great ambassador for the ISCA and the Founders' Cup.

Oh yah, and the most important thing I re-learned: THANKS MOM & DAD. They are always there, this time as much needed RC☺

Time to go sailing, lots!



Photos by Greg Makki



# 2011 Indian Lake Regatta

## Indian Lake Yacht Club

July 9-10, 2011

By Ron Seiter, Interlake #1405

The 2011 Indian Lake Regatta started off Saturday afternoon with some variable and shifty breeze ending in a slow finish won by Scott Savage. As the committee boat moved back to the new starting area, the winds continued to die and the second race was eventually canceled. Swimming for the family and beverages were started early and the day was completed with a great Walleye fish dinner.

Sunday continued to start off with no significant breeze starting the delay sequence. Some wind gradually filled in and one race was salvaged for the day - again with a variable and shifty breeze with this one won by Steve Aspery.

It was one of those weekends where if you put yourself in the right spot you were golden and moving but if you got in that hole - good luck. Overall top honors went to Scott Savage and crew Lynn Savage who tied with Bryan Parker and crew Tiffany Parker but won out with his first day bullet while third went to Jeff Clark and crew Alex Clark.

	Skipper	Crew	Hull	Club	R1	R2	T
1	Scott Savage	Lynn Savage	1340	HYC	1	3	4
2	Bryan Parker	Tiffany Parker	923	LSC	2	2	4
3	Jeff Clark	Alex Clark	1370	HSC	3	4	7
4	Steve Aspery	David & Melisse Aspery	1402	HSC	7	1	8
5	Jeff Jones	Will Jaquinde	1320	HYC	4	6	10
6	Bill Sanderson	Dennis Osborn	1333	MSC	6	8	14
7	AJ Savage	Jill McCaughan	1293	LYC	11	5	16
8	Jamie Jones	Joe Hurst	1267	HSC	8	11	19
9	Mike McClinchie	Bill Smith	1424	HSC	10	9	19
10	Dan Graf	Bill Young	1393	ILYC	9	10	19
11	Mark Presley	Victor Shambora	1382	HSC	5	15	20
12	Gary Savage	Christie Whitt	681	LYC	16	7	23
13	Doc Boucher	Mark Boucher	1178	LYC	13	12	25
14	Chip Wood	Bill Monsma	1427	ILYC	14	13	27
15	Jonathan Eckels	Jeff Eckels	1114	ILYC	12	16	28
16	Ron Seiter	Erin Seiter	1405	ILYC	17	14	31
17	Alan Freeland	Lyndsey Holmes	1305	HYC	15	DNS	33



Three Rivers hoists out for the day  
Photo by Michael "Mac" McVey

*From the President - continued from page 3*

Both nights I sailed at GTYC, Fleet #38 went out of their way to make me feel welcome. The best single word to describe this fleet is sharing. Everyone launches their boats together for Thursday night racing. This includes one car that launches all the boats. Additionally if a boat owner is unable to sail, it is common at GTYC for the owner to lend out their boat so that the number of boats on the line remains high. Bob Sagan - thank you for including me, letting me sail your boat, and arranging for me to crew for a great up-and-coming teenage sailor, Dirk Phelps. I sailed with Dirk on my second Thursday during the Fleet #38 "Equity Cup". Fleet captains in the ISCA - see if this format will work at your club, because it was an absolute blast. The top tier sailors are handicapped with penalty turns in effort to equalize all competitors. If a boat wins a race during the "Equity Cup", in the next race that boat must complete one additional penalty turn or double their previous turns, whichever is higher. Onshore we all packed our boats together and the fleet convened for the final results. In the end a Traverse Area Community (TAC) team of Gus Stuaber and Joe Whitefield won the four-race "Equity Cup" and Dirk and I finished second.

# Get your Interlake Off the Trailer!

By Gary Savage, Fleet 23 Captain, Leatherlips Yacht Club

"GET YOUR INTERLAKE OFF THE TRAILER" is an effort to increase fleet participation in the Sunday races at LYC. We have had 2 Sundays set aside for this effort and they have proven to be a fleet builder success. With communication, cajoling and food we had 8 boats the first attempt and 11 Interlakes off their trailers for the second Sunday. Two races on each Sunday were raced and then some good fun and food on porch. A potluck with the fleet furnishing the entree and members bringing the sides pleased all in attendance. We've gotten to know several "new" Interlakers and shared words of wisdom and encouragement. It's also fun to remember the good old days and share some "history", too! Plans for next year are more "GET YOUR INTERLAKE OFF THE TRAILER" racing Sundays with dinners.



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## SEARS CUP IN INTERLAKES

By Bob Sagan, Interlake #1411

The 2011 Region K Sears Cup Qualifier was held July 5-8 on West Grand Traverse Bay. The host organization was Traverse Area Community Sailing (TACS) and the host club was Grand Traverse YC. This three-man boat competition was held in the Interlake. Thank you to members of Fleet 38 who supplied boats. Also special thanks to Dieball Sailing who gave sail support so that all boats were sailing the same designs.

Day 1 was practice/clinic day. A short on shore clinic with Bob Sagan followed by an afternoon of sailing. Bob coached from a chase boat as well as hopping boat-to-boat answering questions. These kids asked great questions! They understood sailing at a high level and ramped up the learning curve fast.

Day 2 had two light air races. Day 3 "no air-racing." Day 4 had three med light air races. This was a round robin format so the teams switched boats every race. Five races, five teams. A different boat won each race. It was the same Jr. team (Chicago YC) that won each time. It wasn't the boat...they proved to be equal...it was the sailors. They proved to be excellent. Congrats Chicago YC Juniors!

Comments made by SEARS Competitors regarding our Interlake:

- "I like all the power!"
- "The boat just tells you what it wants....don't load it up, just let it go."
- "I'm glad we were in Interlakes, it would have stunk to be racing the 420's and Laser's in this light stuff, but this boat moves."
- Visiting Coach's comment: "I've never seen an Interlake before. It is a nice boat that is perfect for this competition. The kids are enjoying it."

More positives include the fact that the kids enjoyed the two boats that were standard issue Customflex rigging the most (1407 & 1363) and that several sailors were asking about where boats were made and how much they cost. They were pleasantly surprised by the low cost of a new all-up Interlake.

The kids and coaches all received ISCA cards & stickers as mementos to try to maintain a link.

Interlake—The best kept secret in sailing?

### Pos, Skipper, Yacht Club, Results, Total Points

1. Alex Curtiss, Chicago Yacht Club, [1]-1-1-1-1- ; 4
2. Megan McMahon, South Shore Yacht Club, 2-4-2-[6/RAF]-2- ; 10T
3. Matt Arntzen, Columbia Yacht Club, [5]-2-3-2-3- ; 10T
4. Dawson Mortenson-Chown, Grand Traverse Yacht Club, 3-3-5-3-[6/DSQ]- ; 14
5. Tim Siemers, Wayzata Community Sailing Center, 4-[5]-4-4-4- ; 16



Photo by Bob Sagan

# ISCA Marketing Report, 7/25/11

By Bob Sagan, Marketing VP, Interlake #1411

**The survey is finally a reality.** Heading out to the class will be the first of regular ISCA surveys.

The goals of this ongoing survey are:

- To provide the Executive Committee and the entire Class an accurate picture of our class membership, their desires, thoughts, and requests
- To do so on a consistent/timely basis
- To further open the channels of communication between membership and EC
- To involve more members more often in the ISCA

These goals will be met by 2-4 short surveys per year. They will be 10 questions or less. Take 1-2 minutes to complete plus have an option to include open comments.

The actual surveys will be designed by the ISCA Marketing Team and approved by the EC. (Note: input on questions/focus of future surveys is always requested)

The results will be the exclusive property of the ISCA, which will only use the info to guide class policy & direction. The information will not contain personal data. If any personal data is voluntarily given (ex: putting your name on the anonymous surveys) that data will remain within the ISCA.

The tool will be SURVEY MONKEY. Survey Monkey has no rights to any of the information that we collect, nor will they store this information. Survey Monkey is a free resource with options to expand capability at a cost. These ISCA Surveys will only be conducted online.

Maximum membership participation is vital to making any survey accurate. It is hoped that this quick and convenient format will be utilized by our members.

## More Interlake video clips on their way to the website

Three more segments currently planned:

- 1) Mast stepping/rigging with Terry Kilpatrick
- 2) Vang sheeting
- 3) TBA

The plan is to shoot these segments in the fall, post them on the web and include them, along with our existing video into an updated DVD. Ron Gall is investigating the nuts and bolts of combining all the video material into an inclusive DVD.

If you haven't seen the newest clips yet...what are you waiting for? Go to our website and check them out!

Be ba dee ba dee That's all Folks!



#1299



#1418



#898



#186

More Nationals photos by Karen Baltzell

**ISCA Executive Committee Meeting  
Thursday, July 28, 2011  
Interlake National Championships  
Buckeye Lake, Ohio**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Scott Savage called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm. A quorum (at least 50%) of the voting members was present:  
Scott Savage (President)      Mike McClinchie (Vice-President)  
Ron Gall (Secretary-Treasurer)      Steve Aspery (Intercom)  
Jeff Clark (Chief Measurer)      Don Wilson (VP IN-East Coast)

**MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of April 30, 2011 were approved.

**REPORTS**

**A. Secretary - Treasurer**

Ron Gall reported:  
Membership: 2011    2010 (year end)    Money: (as of 7/28/11)  
Active            143    155            Checking    \$14,863.56  
Associate        29    28            Savings     \$ 8,926.23  
FYF                13    26                                        =====  
Life                6    6                                        \$23,789.79  
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                      191   215

**B. US SAILING**

Clark Chapin will report at the Annual Membership Meeting.

**C. Chief Measurer**

Jeff Clark reported that he will be turning over his responsibilities to Clark Chapin. Everyone thanked Jeff for his service and success as Chief Measurer during his term.

There was a motion to add two new members to the Measurement Committee – Mark Presley and Matt Fisher. The motion was seconded and approved. The current members serving on the Measurement Committee are Clark Chapin, Scott Savage, Jeff Clark, Mike Zuilhof and Bryan Parker.

**D. Builder**

Terry Kilpatrick has orders for two new boats this year. To gain perspective, the Lightning Class has only built five Lightnings this year. Terry reported that the men he sub-contracts to build the Interlake, will no longer do repairs. The fleets will need to look for a new source to do Fiberglas repairs.

Terry will be video-taping his next build from start-to-finish – some clips of which will be included in the video series started earlier this year. The current videos on boat tuning and handling can be found on our website.

**E. Marketing**

Scott Savage reported for Bob Sagan. Bob e-mailed a short survey to the Class. The intent was to get as much participation as possible by making the survey short and easy to complete. These results will help Bob market the Interlake more effectively.

One of the Sears Cup semi-finals was raced in Traverse City this year in Interlakes. The majority of competitors, most of who were from the Chicago area, had never seen an Interlake before. Each boat won at least one race, which shows how competitive the boats can be. Scott Savage has committed to campaign the Interlake (again) to be the boat raced in I-LYA's

region of the Sears Cup (quarter-final level) raced at Put-in-Bay, which is currently raced in Thistles.

**F. Intercom**

Steve Aspery asked for more articles and pictures.

**G. Regional VPs**

**Northern Ohio** – No report  
**Michigan** – No report  
**Southern Ohio** – No report  
**Indiana/Mid Atlantic** – Don Wilson reported that the Poltergeist Regatta will be held the first weekend in October this year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. ISCA Non-Profit Status**

Scott Savage and Ron Gall have submitted the request for 501c3 non-profit status through the Michigan State Law Clinic. We are awaiting response from the IRS. Scott will continue his efforts in this area until our 501c3 status has been officially granted.

**B. Michigan VP**

Louis Rodriguez, from Grand Traverse Yacht Club, has agreed to serve as our Michigan VP.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm. Next meeting will be on October 1 at the Poltergeist Regatta in Indianapolis.

**ISCA Annual Meeting  
Thursday, July 28, 2011  
Interlake National Championships  
Buckeye Lake Yacht Club, Buckeye Lake, Ohio**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Scott Savage called the meeting to order at 7:29 pm.

**REPORTS**

**A. Secretary - Treasurer**

Ron Gall reported that we are 24 memberships shy of our numbers from the end of last year. Ron asked the membership to encourage other Interlakers to join the class. Ron also reported that the class was doing well financially.

**B. Chief Measurer**

Jeff Clark thanked the Measurement Committee for their hard work. Jeff especially thanked Mike Zuilhof, who couldn't race, but came down to Buckeye Lake for two days just to help out. Jeff announced that the class had purchased a new scale, identical to the one our Builder uses.

Jeff introduced Clark Chapin as our new Chief Measurer. Clark announced his goals for this term. His first goal is to complete a measurement manual that goes beyond what we have in the National Race Committee Manual, to cover measurement. Clark wants to include photos and diagrams in this to make it easier to train the volunteers. Clark would also like to work with Mike Zuilhof to correct various inconsistencies in our class drawings. Lastly, Clark would like to work with our builder to document step-by-step how to build a Fiberglas Interlake.

### C. Builder

Terry Kilpatrick reported he built two new boats and rebuilt about five boats this year. Terry was very happy with our progress in obtaining 501(c)(3) non-profit status. Terry said that this should not only benefit himself, but benefit the class. Terry expressed his concern with the rising material costs associated with building Interlakes. Terry stated that he was working on the builder's portion of our new video informational series, of which can be found on our website – [www.interlakesailing.org](http://www.interlakesailing.org).

### D. Intercom

Steve Aspery announced that the next Intercom deadline is August 15. Steve asked for articles and pictures,

## OLD BUSINESS

### A. George Fisher Endowment

Steve reported that we have awarded two Interlakes through our Boat Grant program. The recipients were Jeff Jones, from Hoover Sailing Club, and Dan Brainard, from Jolly Roger Sailing Club. Once the class obtains 501(c)(3) status, we can roll the endowment into it and allow members to make tax-deductible donations to the class. Steve stated that his goal for next year will be to obtain “gently used” Interlake equipment for rigging Boat Grant boats.

## NEW BUSINESS

### A. Proposed Amendments to ISCA Constitution to meet 501(c)(3) non-profit requirements

The ISCA Executive Committee proposed to the membership the following amendments to the ISCA Constitution:

#### Article II

**Current Language:** The objectives of this Association are the promotion and perpetuation of the Interlake class yacht and the enhancement of the full enjoyment of the sport of sailing. A further objective is the promotion of good sportsmanship and fellowship among the members of the Association.

**Proposed Language:** The purposes of the Association shall be charitable and educational, and it is formed and shall operate exclusively to foster national and international amateur sports competition, and to support and develop amateur athletes for that competition in Interlake Class Sloops, all as provided within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended.

The incidental objectives of this Association are the promotion and perpetuation of the Interlake class yacht, the enhancement of the full enjoyment of the sport of sailing, and the promotion of good sportsmanship and fellowship among the members of the Association.

#### Article VI

In the next to last paragraph, first sentence, “*this committee*” shall be changed to “*its members*.”

#### Throughout the ISCA Constitution

Every instance of “*executive committee*” shall be changed to “*board of directors*.”

### Proposed New Section: Article XI – Limits

1. Limit on Political Activities. No substantial part of the activities of the Interlake Sailing Class Association, Inc. shall involve the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise

attempting to influence legislation, and the Interlake Sailing Class Association, Inc. shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

2. Limitations on Inurement. No part of the net earnings of the Interlake Sailing Class Association, Inc. shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its Members, Officers, or other private persons, except that the Interlake Sailing Class Association, Inc. may pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and make payments and distributions in furtherance of its educational and charitable purposes.
3. Distribution of Assets on Dissolution. In the event the Association shall dissolve, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the just liabilities of the Association, dispose of all of its assets to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as amended, as the Board of Directors shall determine.

### Proposed New Section: Article XII – Conflict of Interest

The Board of Directors shall adopt and maintain a Conflict of Interest Policy as required to qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as amended. This policy shall be listed as Appendix A.

The membership voted via mail-in ballot, or in person. The results were 52 “Yes” (in favor of proposed amendments) votes, to 0 “No” votes. This amendment passed.

### B. Slate of Officers

The slate of officers was voted on and approved by the general membership. The new officers will be Mike McClinchie – President, Brad Huntley – Vice President, and Ron Gall – Secretary/Treasurer. The membership voted via mail-in ballot, or in person. The results were 52 “Yes” (in favor of proposed slate) votes, to 0 “No” votes.

Mike McClinchie was introduced to the class as our new President.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.



George Fisher Endowment boat grant recipient Jeff Jones sails a strong first Nationals as a skipper. Photo by Karen Baltzell



A pool full of Interlakers at Buckeye Lake

### ISCA Member/Builder Committee

Created by the ISCA Executive Committee to promote a positive relationship with Customflex and assist members in resolving difficulties with service and parts. Members should contact one of the committee members for assistance.

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OBO. Contact Gary Davis at (614) 746-0633 or at g2d2s2@gmail.com Boat is available to see in Columbus.

**Interlake 959** – Built in 1972. Includes Pamco trailer with Indiana title. This is a fabulous boat located in Evansville, IN. White hull (some anti-foul paint on bottom) with seated deck. Hull is in excellent shape with no rot to coring in the deck or floor. Non-steel centerboard, 3 sets of sails: one excellent, two very very good, two fiberglass rudders: one standard “flip-up”, no spinnakers, has new mast base with hinge for easy rigging, trailer has excellent wheels. Have extra mast if wanted (I pieced out a second Interlake with a bad hull). Nice boat, but I'm concentrating on single-handers now. \$1800/offers Contact Eric at ebraysmith@gmail.com or ph# (812) 760-8315

**Interlake 847** – Includes trailer, 2 sets of sails, one spinnaker. In good condition. Asking \$1,100. Contact John Kellogg @ jkellogg@ymail.com or ph# 614-323-2136.

**Interlake 826** – Year 1971. Fern green hull, white seated deck that has a soft spot and should be fixed at some point; flotation tanks; classic centerboard trunk; main, jib, spinnaker; forestay highfield lever; nickel plated centerboard; Elvstrom bailers, kick-up rudder; adj. traveller; 6:1 boom vang; 4:1 cunningham; 3:1 outhaul; internal spi sheets; skipper and crew hiking straps, always drysailed on trailer or boat lift; TeeNee trailer of same vintage needs lights and bearing work. asking \$600, but reasonable offer considered. The soft spot (port fore-deck middle left side) is from an earlier repair regarding a tree branch gone bad. Sails great otherwise. Contact Rick at rl@chartermi.net or 734-426-4155

**Interlake 799** - stored at Hoover Sailing Club near Columbus, Ohio. The hull is a teal green color and has the recessed seats. This boat was dry stored in a barn for twenty years until I purchased it about 5 years ago. I made many modifications to the older design in order to race the boat in our weekly Sunday club races. The centerboard trunk has been cut down, new blocks and cleats for the jib management have been installed, spinnaker system has been set up, adjustable length tiller, jib roller furler, and new styrofoam flotation as well. I have put about \$1500 into the boat in upgrades (my total investment has been about \$3000). The sails are well-used but I do have a much newer set of Dieball sails (2 years at Nationals only) that I will consider selling separately. This is a great boat to learn with – and it has all you need to compete in races. Trailer included. Asking Price \$2,100. Contact Steve Rendina ph# 614.284.0100 or via email @ sojoro@juno.com

**Interlake 342** – Own a piece of history! Frequent winner! Close to original, but with some upgraded rigging, all original mahogany, 2 sets of sails, one only used about 5 times, 2 centerboards, brand new mooring cover– (never used) included, trailer included. Could use a coat of paint and varnish \$1895 wjj6@juno.com 419-945-2194 Wes Lambert

**Bottom Hull Cover** – Grey. As good as new for half price. Used less than 6 times. I can have delivered to Poltergeist in Indy. Contact Bryan Sarber (email @ bsarber@gmail.com). Price \$200.00

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**Wanted - Main** – I am looking for a main sail in good condition. I have restored a 1970 Interlake and the main I have has seen better days. Contact: David Bloodworth @ dbloodworth@kw.com or ph# (806)632-3244.

**Wanted – Main and Jib** – Looking for nice used main and jib. Contact Jim at jcole@commandalkon.com @ or 614-923-5260(w) OR 614-444-1773 (h)

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## Classified Ads:

**Interlake 1414** – only sailed 3 times and store inside and covered always. New covers (top & bottom), two-tone hull with blue topsides and white bottom. Extra large bailers and complete spin racing package by Terry. The trailer is a custom “low” boy with large wheels and tires and a front and rear jack. Drink holders finish off this exceptionally nice trailer painted (and epoxy primed) matching blue to the boat. The lights are all sealed LED. When on the trailer, the deck height is only 31” of the ground (yes, and this was difficult with large wheels/tires...but only 31” off the ground) for very easy access without having to climb into the boat when on shore. Almost \$15,000 invested.....take \$10k. Contact: Park McRitchie at Park@Quikspray.com or ph# 419-656-1595.

**Interlake 1261** – with galvanized Tene trailer, and one set of used sails in fair condition. Pastel Blue Hull, Made a repair to trunk this year and it is complete and solid. Has full air tanks under seats with sit-down deck. Very comfortable boat in good condition. New rub rail and trunk cut down by Dieball in 2000. Raced in Nationals at Hoover a few years ago. Asking \$2700 OBO Call Joe Murr 330-465 8692 joe@murrprinting.com Mansfield, Ohio MSC

**Interlake 1251** – Very good condition. Two sets of sails, floor bailer, mooring cover, 2004 trailer. Will deliver. Asking price \$2,500. Contact Lloyd Gardner ph# Phone: (727) 643-5762 or via email @ billybbingham@yahoo.com.

**Interlake 1160** – Year 1979; white hull and new in 1999 white seated deck; North main, jib, spinnaker; jib furler; ss centerboard; Elvstrom bailers; kick-up rudder; forestay

highfield lever; adj. traveller; 6:1 boom vang; 3:1 outhaul; 4:1 cunningham; internal spi sheeting; skipper and crew hiking straps; Cooper galvanized tilt-bed trailer; always drysailed on boat lift or trailer; good condition; classic floatation and centerboard trunk; \$2900. Contact Rick at rl@chartermi.net

**Interlake 1136** – In good shape with two sets of sails and includes a trailer. Boat is located Portage Lakes Yacht Club in Pinckney, Michigan. Asking Price is \$2,000. Contact James Frye at 330-836-1458 or via email at thefryehouse@sbcglobal.net.

**Interlake 1125** – 1976 - I bought this boat about a year ago with intention of a major overhaul and sailing in the many Portsmouth races in our area. Some health issues have made it clear that I will not be able to sail competitively. I did clean up & paint hull, new running gear on trailer. Two sets of sails (sails will need replacing). I bought it cheap – will sell cheap \$ 1100.00. Located in Crystal River, Florida – 90 minutes north of Tampa. I Can deliver to Tampa if sale is consummated. Please e mail for additional info - Buz Heuchan, 727 643 8802, buz@buzheuchan.com

**Interlake 1040** – Year 1974. Sailed from Indian Lake Yacht Club since purchase in 2000. White hull and white seated deck. Floatation tanks, cut-down centerboard and stainless center board, Pamco trailer recently rewired, two covers (trailing and mooring). Two sets of sails, main, jib and spinnaker. Bailers, spinnaker pole, kick up rudder, vang, spinnaker pole, Cunningham. Includes anchor. Asking \$1800

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