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# From the President

By Mike McClinchie, Interlake #1424



This is my second letter as the Interlake Class President. My family is starting to adjust to all the hype and publicity as the Interlake first family. This off-season many Interlakers will be busy off the water.

Bob Bradley is the ISCA National Regatta Chair for 2012. North Cape Yacht Club (NCYC) is

hosting our **nationals from July 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>**. Bob and many other members of NCYC will be putting in lots of hours in planning our premier event. Brad Huntley, Vice-President, will also chair our ISCA National Race Committee. Stay tuned for more information from NCYC! Please check

<http://interlakesailing.org/racing/nationals/>

Terry Kilpatrick, Customflex owner and exclusive Interlake commercial boat builder, as always will have another busy off season. He has one new boat order, and I have heard a few sailors around the class mention they need to get their boat to Terry over the winter. In addition, Clark Chapin, ISCA Chief Measurer and ISCA US Sailing Rep, and Terry are documenting the building of an Interlake in great detail. The documentation includes text, pictures and video.

Steve Aspery, leader of our boat grant program, has started to focus on the 2012 season. We have two outstanding boats to offer for next sailing season. Our boat grant program was created to honor George Fisher, who was a great ambassador to the sport of sailing. We had a very successful 2011 grant program. Jeff Jones sailed 1320 and Dan Brainard sailed our other grantee boat, 1066. Jeff Jones had an extremely successful 2011 season both at his home club, Hoover Sailing Club (HSC), and on road as part of the ISCA Travelers Series. Jeff won the HSC overall Interlake Fleet Championship and most recently finished second at the Poltergeist Regatta. I encourage everyone to promote this program. Dan enjoyed his year sailing an Interlake in Toledo. The deadline for applications is March 31, 2012. Applications and more information can be found at <http://interlakesailing.org/resources/boat-grant/>.

Our next traveler series regatta is the newly created Cherry Blossom Regatta in Washington DC on April 21st and 22nd. A special thanks to Martin Howell for helping to make this happen. We have almost a dozen out of town boats committed to this event, and I hope the participation grows. More to come on this exciting event.

Cover Photo (small): See page 5!

## Interlake Boat Grant

Do you know a promising sailor who would like to sail an Interlake?



The Interlake Boat Grant is available for 2012! If you know a young sailor who would like to campaign a boat, or a promising sailor who is considering the Interlake, urge them to apply today. The Boat Grant provides the use of a competitive Interlake for a season. Depending on the individual's circumstance this could also include covering some expenses. In 2011, one of our grant recipients won a race at Nationals, won the local fleet championship and finished in the top 5 in the ISCA Travelers Series.

To apply, go the website [www.interlakesailing.org](http://www.interlakesailing.org), complete the forms and send them in.

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photo by Chris Katzfey

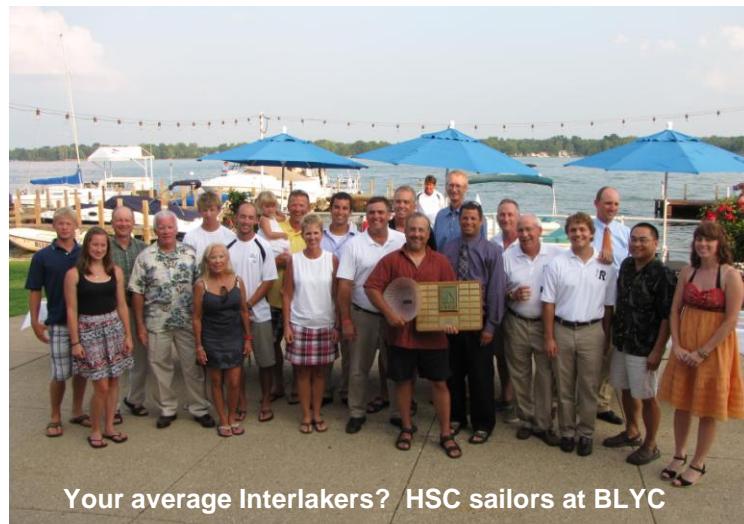
# Intercom Feature

## Interlakers – Who are you?

By Bob Sagan, Interlake #1411, ISCA Marketing VP

As you know, our top 5 ways of marketing our Interlake is through our membership. But who is that membership? Below are the results of the first of our regular online surveys that hopefully every ISCA member will participate in. This survey was done in August 2011. 72 members responded making this our best participation (by percentage) in at least a coon's age. (I understand that to be a rather long time.) Hopefully we can increase that participation in future surveys. The next will be primarily built from the questions you sent in as question 10 of this survey.

So here is a snapshot of your fellow ISCA members. (The results have been rounded off.) Please make sure that our Secretary Ron Gall [ron.gall@yahoo.com](mailto:ron.gall@yahoo.com) has your up-to-date email address. Thanks for your participation in the ISCA.



### 1. How many years have you owned an Interlake?

0 - 3 years	23%
3 - 9 years	21%
10 - 19 years	25%
20+ years	31%

### 2. What is your primary activity in your Interlake?

Daysailing/cruising	13%
Racing	73%
Both cruise & race	14%

### 3. How many times per year do you cruise/daysail in your Interlake?

0 - 4 times per year	54%
5 - 9	13%
10 - 14	20%
15+ (Why would anyone ever come to shore?)	14%

### 4. How many times per year do you club race?

0 - 4 day/nights per year	26%
5 - 9	15%
10 - 14	25%
15+ (It's nice to go where everyone knows your name!)	34%

### 5. How many regattas do you attend annually?

None	24%
1 - 2	45%
3 - 5	18%
6 - 9	9%
10+ (Bring it on!)	4%

### 6. Who is most often your crew?

Spouse	25%
Kids	13%
Other family	10%
Friends	32%

All the above and anyone else! (Hey, you wanna go?) 20%

### 7. How did you get involved in the Interlake Fleet/Class?

A friend	29%
Learn to sail classes	9%
Dropped in local Sailing/Yacht Club	32%
ISCA Website	3%
Other (I was shanghaied while drunk at the bar!)	27%

### 8. What is your approximate age?

0 - 19 years	1%
20 - 29	0%
30 - 39	7%
40 - 49	37%
50 - 59	27%
60+ (years young)	28%

### 9. What region do you live/sail in?

Michigan	31%
N. Ohio	31%
S. Ohio	25%
Indiana	4%
Mid-Atlantic	4%
Other	4%

# Interlake Titan Retires...again?

By William Sanderson, Interlake 1333

Joni Rogers has been an Interlake icon for many years and still entertains us on the circuit year in and year out. Joni grew up sailing and crewing for her dad on Lake Erie. Her dad was one of the charter members of Lorain Sailing Club and early owners of the Interlake. Her mother "Cookie" was always around to greet the sailors and was never at a loss for words with her quick wit and great sense of humor. Joni still lives in Lorain, in her childhood home, 2 blocks from the north shore, still within walking distance to the sail boats. I met Joni going to regattas and visiting while she sailed for several years for many of our friends in the Interlake fleet. When I joined Lorain Sailing Club in 1984 she skippered and crewed with Paul Kalister, making our Wednesday and Sunday races lots of fun.

She of course has hosted many regattas in Lorain, including Nationals in 1987, which was a marvelous event. Who could ever forget the "Pink Flamingo" days that were such a hoot at the sailing club? Somehow Joni's team always won that event. Joni's organizational skills and gift of hostessing have made so many feel so welcome for so long. Joni continues to attend many events as a spectator, just for the love of the class. She loves to be on the water watching, and loves to explain to the novice what is going on in the race. More than anything she loves the friends in the Interlake family.

For years Interlakers met at her rental cottage on Put in Bay, for a gathering and dinner during Bay Week, hosted by Joni and her sister Kay. The party was lively and usually ended with a fierce game of Trivial Pursuit, guys against the gals, which usually ended in victory for the gals. (Joni's team of course) Bay week used to be a warm up for Nationals, and with that format, teams of Interlake sailors were race ready for Nationals the week following. I miss the Bay Week days; it seems the attendance has waned recently.

Joni and I started sailing together in 1989. I think I needed a crew, and she said something like, "Let's go, we will at least have fun."

It sounded good to me, so we did; we won and decided to keep sailing together. Over the years with the kids being busy with their schedules, it worked for us to keep sailing together. Joni's sister Kay, and several others have been third crew, but we have managed through schedule changes and life's demands to find some time to hoist and go.

Joni has a wonderful understanding of sailboat racing, which is only surpassed by her desire to enjoy the wonderful friendships she has with so many in the class. She has a great touch on the spinnaker, and can really trim the jib in light air. She is the consummate teacher for new people in the class and on our boat, and has no hesitation letting me know when I am pinching.



I remember a Poltergeist Regatta when we were in front and sprinting for the finish where she said after we had rounded probably 12 buoys, "Which side do you want the spinnaker on this time?" {I think we all appreciate a tireless crew.}

One our favorite memories was when Joni sailed with me along with her sister Kay and we won the Challenger Division in 1991. We had a good warm up at Bay Week, and were ready for the Nationals. An equipment breakdown caused us to miss the cut for the championship division, so we dug in for the Challenger's. It was a close competition with all conditions from light air to heavy, and when the spinnaker pole broke on the first downwind of the last race; we thought we might be out of luck. With team work, a positive attitude, Joni's encouragement, duck tape, and determination, we pulled out a fourth to win the Challenger's.

Over the years we have survived the frustration of being pickle boat, and the thrill of being first. We have lit cigarettes to find the wind in drifters, and dropped the sails in thunderstorms on Lake Erie. We have mostly stayed upright, although we did go swimming once at the Hoover Nationals while jibing in 20-23 gusts. I would say more than anything, we have tried to have fun along the way and bring enthusiasm to the sport. Joni loves to visit with all of her friends on the circuit and make newcomers feel welcome.

Joni has been telling me she wants to retire, that she just can't fold up and move as well as she used to. After hooting, "Who can?!", I keep telling her that she's allowed - after one more race. Smiles aside, I think she means it this year. If so, I know that from ashore, she'll be around us all with her quick wit, warm conversation, and capable willingness to help. Joni has meant a lot to the class in her quiet and consistent way. We are lucky to have her on our team.



# Intercom Tips and Techniques

## FLEET BUILDING IDEAS

### Excerpted from US SAILING's Class Management Handbook

By John Burnham, Editorial Director at Dominion Marine Media

1. Big brothers and sisters are an obvious way to get the top dogs talking with the rest of the fleet, particularly novices. The Thistle class appoints big brothers at major regattas where, if it's your first time away from your home fleet, you'll appreciate having someone there to review your problems after races.
2. A top five/bottom five plan in a Charleston Laser fleet assigns the best finishers after the first day's racing to talk with the last five finishers the next morning, and help them get their boats rigged for the day's conditions.
3. A first-place/last-place team-scoring system can create an extra opportunity to share knowledge. The gist of this is that after the first race of a series, the top and bottom finishers are assigned to a team, which will be scored jointly for the second race. Another team is the second and second-to-last finishers, and so on. Whichever team scores best for the second race wins a prize. New team assignments are made based on the second race's results. With a computer scoring system, this is a piece of cake.
4. Running short races in an evening series can, according to one Laser fleet, mix the leaders with the tailenders. If the fleet sets a goal of running as many races as possible before dark, those who finish first can sail downwind and give suggestions to the tailenders on the second reach or coming up the final beat.
5. The post-race roast was suggested by Ian Bruce as a great way to have fun and hear how the winners did their thing. You have the top three skippers from each day stand up in front of the fleet and describe how they succeeded. They are required to field any and all questions, including those not entirely pertinent to the day's racing.
6. When it comes to establishing contact between the fleet leaders and the rank and file, the fleet captain usually does far more than his or her share. One good idea we heard was to have a committee of fleet captains rather than a single captain. That way, the work can be shared, more people can be reached, and the fleet captain isn't as likely to burn out in a hurry.
7. Running seminars, with the best sailors in the fleet sharing their expertise, is another good way to help the less experienced. An E22 class member reported on a rules seminar run by her class, complete with mock protests. Another described a race management seminar combined with a pre-season session on practice starts.
8. One idea we liked for the Optimist class was a club day on which kids took the parents sailing. This impressed the parents more than could have been possible had they simply been watching from the dock. It was also a valuable lesson. Thereafter, the parents were much more supportive and apt to recognize the achievements of their children rather than constantly suggesting what more they had to achieve.
9. *Sailing World* ran a story on the J/24 potluck fleet championships in February 1987. The program, in Newport, RI, shows how emphasizing the right thing can make all the difference. This evening series has over 40 boats registered now, and usually draws 27 or 28 boats per night. Races are short, so the same guys don't always win. After the racing comes the main event: the potluck dinner, combined with winner's roast. This dinner series now has people driving down from Boston for an enjoyable meal with a good appetite-builder beforehand.
10. Another way of improving participation in some classes is by emphasizing family racing. The Flying Scots hold a husband/wife championship. The Laser class told us about a parent/child event. And the J/22's have prizes for family-crewed boats.
11. On the West Coast, team racing is one way to get more people comfortable with the idea of winning. The Santana 35s on San Francisco Bay hold a weekend of team racing every year, dividing the fleet in two. Half of the fleet comes home a winner!
12. Another example of success through "targeting" is the Laser Masters Division, the fastest growing segment of the class. For sailors over 35, racing is a good excuse to get back in shape, renew old acquaintances, and feel the excitement of going fast.
13. For novices, one Thistle fleet invented the champagne balloon chase. The object is to retrieve the most balloons. The lesson is one in steering and boathandling, which begins to come naturally as you chase a skittish balloon. The winner's prize, of course, is a bottle of champagne, usually shared with the rest of the fleet.
14. I don't remember who said this, but it sounds like a good idea, either at the fleet or class level: appoint a Chairman of Fun.
15. While you're appointing fleet officers, get a Publicity Chairman. No matter what kind of events you run and no matter how you do your scoring, everyone likes to see familiar names in the local paper – especially their own.
16. When planning your fleet schedule, a good idea is to poll your fleet to see what kind of schedule they really want. According to a survey discussed at the meeting, 20- to 35-year-olds have less time nowadays than they used to. Many prefer a schedule that doesn't require a commitment every Saturday.

## Terry Hutchinson goes down memory lane and shares his experience as a sailing dad



Terry Hutchinson, © ARTEMIS RACING/S vd Borch

(3 May, 2011) - The mission of the Southport Sailing Foundation is to help prepare sailors, primarily youth and young adults, for national and international competitions. Other goals include introducing people to the joys of sailing and promoting respect for all aspects of the sport. With this objective in mind, we continue our series of interviews with famous sailors who are also parents of young and upcoming sailors. Their advice is priceless!

This month we talk to Terry Hutchinson, who joined Artemis Racing as helmsman for the Louis Vuitton Trophy regattas and the RC44 Championship Tour in 2009. That same year he also added the Audi MedCup circuit title with TP52 Quantum Racing to his impressive list of accomplishments, which includes winning the Louis Vuitton Cup in 2007 (5-0) as Tactician of Emirates Team New Zealand. Terry's resume also includes J24, Farr 40 and IMS World Champion titles.

CLEVER PIG: How and when did you start sailing?

TERRY HUTCHINSON: I was 3 years old and because I was the youngest of three, and inevitably the most annoying, my parents stuck me in our little Dyer dinghy attached to a long painter and let me have it for long summer days. From there it was on to Lasers and then I420s and college sailing.

CP: How did you transition from a young aspiring sailor to a world-renowned top-level professional?

TH: The beauty of loving your job is that you never get bored or tired of practicing. I was always motivated to go sailing. It was easy for me to do and I was really lucky to have the support of my parents when I was younger and now my wife and family. Each day on a boat there is something new and different and regardless you always learn. Some lessons come harder than the others, but in the end when you put together a good regatta or can see the progress of things that you have worked on, it is well worth the effort.

CP: Do you enjoy being involved in sailing as a parent?

TH: Yes and no. I want my kids to love sailing for what it is to them, not to me. The worst thing that can happen is for a coach or competitor to compare my child to me or set certain expectations because Elias, Katherine or Aden are my children. If they love the sport and the independence that sailing brings to them, then that is enough for me.

CP: How does your sailing expertise affect your kids' sailing?

TH: It doesn't. I still get on the boat and they tell me what to do. Nothing is different on land or on the water.

CP: What advice would you give to all the young sailors who are at the beginning of their careers?

TH: Enjoy the sport and keep it for what it is at this point in your life. Sailing is a life sport and you can achieve many great things, but the most important things will be the people you meet and the relationships you make through this great sport.

CP: What advice would you give to parents of young sailors?

TH: Remember that sailing is supposed to be fun. If you ram the sport down a child's throat to the point that they don't enjoy the sailing, it will chase them away forever. Not every child is going to be an Olympian or a World Champion but that should not be the goal. If they have fun and enjoy it, you will increase the chances of medals....

CP: What projects are you working on and what's in your future?

TH: Currently I am at the beginning of the 34th America's Cup program with Artemis Racing. We are a Swedish team representing the KSSS out of Stockholm. The game has changed dramatically and it is an incredible challenge and opportunity. That should cover the next couple of years at least!

### About Clever Pig

The [www.CleverPig.org](http://www.CleverPig.org) website brings together a wide range of resources and tools for racing sailors. Sailors can create their own campaign web page, calendar, resume and budget. They can apply for grants, search for coaches and get local knowledge about regatta venues. They will find resources on one-design classes and regattas, sample materials from previous campaigns, plus extensive lists of campaign FAQs and links. The tools and resources on the Clever Pig website are provided free for any sailor through the support of the Southport Sailing Foundation.

# Class News

## 2011 Hot-To-Trot Regatta

Portage Yacht Club

August 27, 2011

By Elona Van Gent, Fleet Captain, Interlake #1168      Photos by Steve Schewe

Place	Boat Name	Skipper	Club	Sail	Crew	Points	R 1	R 2	R 3
1		Scott Savage	HSC	1340	Lynn Savage	4.75	2	2	.75
2		Steve Aspery	HSC	1402	David Asprey	11.50	.75	.75	10
3		Bill O'Donnel	PYC	1292	Brian Hawkins	12.00	6	4	2
4	R	Jeff Clark	HYC	1370	Jeff Jones	15.00	3	7	5
5		Clark Chapin	PYC	1317	Bill Chapin	17.00	9	5	3
6		Bryan Bradley	JRSC	1376	Jim Bradley	17.00	5	3	9
7	Farkleberry Too	Tyler Cathey	PYC	1341	Felicia Cathey	21.00	7	10	4
8	Red Hot!	Bob Bradley	JRSC	1332	Betsy Bradley	21.00	8	6	7
9		Tom Marriott	JRSC	909	Tim Marriott	28.00	4	13	11
10	Excalibur	Jack Coleman	PYC	1286	Bob Sagan	28.00	12	8	8
11		Greg Harrison	PYC	1168	Elona Van Gent	32.00	11	9	12
12	Cassandra	Todd Willford	PYC	1109	Wendy Willford	34.00	13	15	6
13	Three Rivers	Mike McClinchie	HSC	1424	Bryan Boss	40.00	16	11	13
14		Jeff Hartlep	PYC	1278	Sheri Hartlep	40.00	14	12	14
15	Tailhook	Brook Smith	PYC	1380	Brad Darling	42.00	10	14	18
16	Jelly Belly	Stuart Spencer	N/A	1199	Gretchen Spencer	49.00	18	16	15
17	Wave Goodbye	Carl Grolle	PYC	1335	Carl Grolle Jr.	49.00	15	18	16
18		Rob Ciccotelli	HSC	1331	Lynne Allison	51.00	17	17	17

Weather forecasts leading up to the 2011 Hot-to-Trot Regatta were predicting discouragingly low winds, so Portage Yacht Club members were delighted to see 9 guest Interlakes gathering in the parking lot the morning of August 27. Five boats from Hoover Sailing Club, 3 from Jolly Roger Sailing Club, and one intrepid traveler from the Upper Peninsula made the trip despite the weather predictions. It was not a surprise when P.R.O. Steve Wiseman postponed the start of racing through mid-day; there was some potential for wind later in the day...but when exactly would later arrive? As we waited, a flag along the shoreline would occasionally twitch, enticing sailors to lean forward in their lawn chairs - or look up from their backgammon boards - to take in the small, hopeful signs of moving air.

To everyone's relief a better-than-expected wind and preparatory horn came at 1:30 pm - with 18 boats arriving at the start line. Three windward-leeward races filled out the afternoon, with a very respectable wind building with each race. Steve and David Aspery won the first two races but in the end couldn't prevent Scott and Lynn Savage from accumulating the finishes needed (2<sup>nd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>) to bump them into second place overall. Bill O'Donnell and Brian Hawkins took 3<sup>rd</sup> place, just .5 points behind the Asperys.

A hearty thank you goes out to all those sailors who traveled to join us for the event; it is always a treat to have the company of so many sailboats on the lake . . . even when our guests outsail us on our home water. And warm thanks to all those at PYC who generously volunteered their time and talents to help facilitate the day's events.



*Waiting for wind...*



*... and then it filled in*



# Haphazard Regatta

## Mohican Sailing Club

September 10, 2011

By Tom Wills, Fleet Captain, Interlake #902

Congratulations to Marion Zaugg and Seth Parker for winning the 2011 Mohican Haphazard Regatta.

16 boats came out for Mohican Sailing Club's Haphazard Regatta September 10 with six members and ten visitors. Winds were light and variable with a threat of thunderstorms. Stewart Fitzgibbon set a gated windward leeward course for a NNW wind. The first race took more than an hour and a half to complete with several wind (what wind?) shifts during the race. At one point we found ourselves tacking to get upwind to the leeward gate and several times we were left wondering whether we were moving at all. At the start of the second race, we heard thunder and the winds began to pick up. Our race judge had brought his iPad on board

the committee boat and was able to determine that the thunder was passing a fair bit to the north. There was a steady rain for most of the race, however with the rain came the wind and we had the best racing of the day. The third race was back to light and variable having shifted a little more to the west. What was that scum at the windward mark, anyhow? I don't think I saw a single boat that didn't have a long black stripe along the length of the hull.

At the start of the fourth race we had some barging that resulted in a monumental log jam at the start. Winds were extremely light so there was no damage in spite of the fact that many of the boats made contact with each other. One protest was filed but later withdrawn. An interesting side note on the fourth race. Dan Reiber was sailing on a borrowed 1132 which was missing a spinnaker halyard. Dan attributed his 2nd place standing in the fourth race to the fact that he was not using a spinnaker and was therefore able to better respond to the windshifts in the light air.

Sail	Skipper	Crew	R 1	R 2	R 3	R 4	Total
1299	Marion Zaugg	Seth Parker	1	2	1	4	8
1402	Steve Aspery	David Aspery	2	1	2	6	11
1384	Brad Balmert	Randy Knilans	3	3	6	1	13
1370	Jeff Clark	Matt Clark	4	9	4	3	20
1305	Alan Freeland	Lindsey Holmes	8	5	5	5	23
1320	Jeff Jones	Jeff Tyndall	7	4	7	7	25
1333	Bill Sanderson	Adam Sanderson	6	8	3	9	26
1386	Steve Bardus	Jeff Bardus	5	10	10	8	33
1254	Tom Fee	Matt Fee	9	7	8	12	36
972	Rich Wismer	Wes Scott	12	6	9	14	41
1132	Dan Reiber	Chris Chengelis	13	15	14	2	44
902	Tom Wills	Jamey Fisher	10	13	13	11	47
1330	Mike Chambers	Barb Joudrey, Joel Chambers	15	11	11	10	47
1289	Rob Ciccotelli	Aaron Shearer	14	16	12	13	55
766	Tim Parker	Will Parker	11	12	17	17	57
1391	Duane Moser	Ben	16	14	17	17	64

**Clark Lake  
Regatta**  
Clark Lake Yacht Club  
September 24-25, 2011

Place	Hull	Skipper	Crew	R 1	R 2	R 3	R 4	R 5	Total
1	909	Marriott, Tom	Marriott, Tim	2	4	4	1	1	12
2	1292	O'Donnel, Bill	Hawkins, Brian	1	2	2	5	3	13
3	1376	Bradley, Bryan	Bradley, Jim	4	1	3	4	2	14
4	1341	Cathey, Ty	Cathey, Felicia	3	6	1	3	4	17
5	1411	Sagan, Bob	Alt, Nate	5	3	6	2	5	21
6	1380	Smith, Brook	Van Gent, Elona	7	5	5	7	7	31
7	1269	Colman, Jack	Taylor, Ann	6	7	7	6	6	32
8	609	Mantey, Benjamin	Mantey, Kim	8	8	8	DNC	DNC	42

# Poltergeist Regatta

## Indianapolis Sailing Club

October 1-2, 2011

By Don Wilson, Interlake #1374

Seventeen Interlakes from five clubs enjoyed a great weekend of fall sailing as the 2011 edition of the Poltergeist Regatta was held the first weekend of October. The fall leaves were in full color and the Saturday temperatures were ideal with the Sunday temperatures rising as the morning progressed.

The wind forecast for Saturday was 10-15, with gusts to twenty. The Poltergeist made his presence known again this year. He provided gusty conditions that spanned the complete wind range. His gusty conditions even caused two boats to go over.

Our PRO, Steve Roeschlein, set up two lap windward-leeward courses. He used as much of the north end of the lake as possible. However, due to the wind being out of the northwest, the racing legs were a little shorter than normal. However, this allowed him to start five races on Saturday afternoon. This provided for several close finishes, as was most of the racing all day.

After the first day of racing the top five were as follows: Scott and Lynn Savage, with Jeff Clark, Tim Lohner and Cara Sanderson Brown in second, followed by Mike McClinchie, Bill Smith and crew Steve Aspery. In fourth place was Jeff Jones and Will Jaquinde followed closely by Bob and Betsy Bradley and Darek Kizym in fifth.

After a warm shower, the competitors enjoyed appetizers, our traditional State Fair Pork Chop dinner and dessert. Our new ISCA Class President, Mike McClinchie, then presented those in attendance with a class update.

The Sunday morning chill quickly warmed as the sun appeared and burned off the fog. The breezes grew to about six knots. This provided the PRO the opportunity to setup and complete two more windward-leeward courses. The top five teams did not change but the standings did.

As the boats were being put away, a chili lunch was being prepared. Following lunch was the trophy presentation. The first place trophy went to Scott Savage who maintained his lead. With his first place finish in the first race Sunday morning, Jeff Jones was able to move up to second place. Mike and his crew were able to maintain their third place standings. Bob was able to move up to fourth and Jeff Clark finished fifth with a bad start in the first race Sunday morning.

Hopefully, all who attended went away satisfied having had seven great races and plenty of good food. We missed all those who could not make it this year and a hope to see all of you next year.



Photo by Chris Katzfey

## Poltergeist Results

Place	Boat	Skipper	Crew	R 1	R 2	R 3	R 4	R 5	R 6	R 7	Total
1	1340	Scott Savage	Lynn Savage	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	9
2	1320	Jeff Jones	Will Jaquinde Tonya Lafollette	8	2	6	3	3	1	8	31
3	1424	Mike McClinchie	Bill Smith Steve Aspery	3	3	3	6	4	7	6	32
4	1332	Bob Bradley	Betsy Bradley Darek Kizym	6	4	2	7	5	6	3	33
5	1370	Jeff Clark	Tim Lohner Cara S Bown	2	5	4	4	2	10	7	34
6	1376	Bryan Bradley	Jim Bradley Sarah Bradley	5	6	7	1	6	9	4	38
7	1374	Don Wilson	Jane Wilson Tim Wilson	7	7	5	5	7	5	5	41
8	1305	Alan Freeland	Lindsey Holmes	13	9	9	12	8	4	9	64
9	1317	Clark Chapin	Jerry Betz	10	8	8	DNF	DNS	8	2	70
10	1401	Jim McDonald	Brian McDonald Andy Mc Donald	12	12	14	10	10	3	13	74
11	1341	Ty Cathey	Felicia Cathey	15	14	13	9	9	11	11	82
12	1307	John Nagle	Bob Soloman	14	11	15	13	11	12	12	88
13	1313	Hans Haupt	Jo Delano Ros Lim	9	10	11	8	DNF	DNS	DNS	88
14	1270	Bryan Sarber	Bob Butsch Joe Novac	11	13	12	11	13	DNS	DNS	96
15	1360	Thane Morgan	Pam Sparzo Lew Reynolds	16	16	16	14	12	13	10	97
16	1178	Jim Boucher	Mark Boucher	4	15	10	15	DNS	DNS	DNS	98
17	1270	Joe Novak	Bob Butsch	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	126

## George Fisher Snowball Regatta

### Buckeye Lake Yacht Club

October 8, 2011

By Steve Harris, Interlake #898

One Race	Hull	Skipper	Club
1	1174	Matt Fisher	HSC
2	1267	Jamie Jones	HSC
3	1333	Bill Sanderson	MSC
4	1382	Mark Presley	HSC
5	1427	Chip Wood	ILYC
6	1289	Rob Ciccotelli	HSC
7	586	David Luttenberger	BLYC
DNC	840	Tracey Davis	BLYC

The day started off with very light air, but optimistic, the fleet rigged, launched and headed to the starting area. After a couple of failed attempts to start a race resulting in postponements, the RC started a third race in VERY light air. After about 4 minutes, less than half the fleet had crossed the starting line and the leaders were drifting BACKWARDS. That race was abandoned and the fleet sent to shore.

After a couple hours of patience, fellowship, and BLYC hospitality, the wind came up and we decided to give it one more try... We had to take the boats back to the yard anyway, might as well TRY to sail. We were able to get off one good, albeit light air, race and the 2011 Snowball was complete. The fleet returned to the Clubhouse for awards, refreshments, and entertainment. It wasn't the most exciting sailing of the season, but fun was had by all.

See you next year!



# Progress at Annapolis

## New Logo and Programs at US SAILING Annual Meeting



*By Clark Chapin, ISCA  
Representative to the One-  
Design Class Council*

The US Sailing Annual Meeting was held in Annapolis, MD on October 27-30. Clark Chapin and

Steve Harris were two Interlakers who attended.

### New Logo

Jack Gierhart, the US Sailing Executive Director, unveiled a new, revised logo, shown above. Even the colors have been fine tuned so that the printing process can be done in two colors instead of four, resulting in a financial savings. Along with the new logo, the practice of using all capital letters in the name was abandoned because few other media outlets would follow suit.

### Awards

The Nathanael Herreshoff Award, US SAILING's highest award for service to the sport, was given to Dave Rosekrans, a Thistle sailor from Cincinnati, OH. Dave is a past President and continues to be active in the One-Design Class Council.

The One-Design Regatta Award was presented to North Cape Yacht Club in LaSalle, MI for the 2011 Lightning Nationals.

### Safety Reports

US Sailing took the lead in reviewing three major fatal and near-fatal accidents this year:

- The loss of the 14-year-old junior sailor in Annapolis;
- The fatalities in the Chicago to Mackinac Race; and
- The loss of the keel of Rambler 100 in the Fastnet Race.

US Sailing put together teams of nationally respected experts to help assure that such tragedies do not occur in the future. The reports are at [http://about.ussailing.org/US\\_SAILING\\_Meetings/US\\_S\\_Reports.htm](http://about.ussailing.org/US_SAILING_Meetings/US_S_Reports.htm)

### Membership

At the end of September, membership was 40,339 which was a 1.7% increase over last year. This is especially encouraging in the third year of a rule book cycle when membership has traditionally declined.

### Financial Status

The organization is on track to register a small surplus this year, which is also encouraging in these tough economic times.

### Race Administration

The various race officer and judge training programs have registered 859 participants this year against 734 for all of 2010.

Of particular note is the new Club Judge Program which is specifically targeted toward sailors who want to conduct quality protest hearings at their own clubs, but are not interested in traveling to other venues or events.

### Championships

The Men's and Women's Ladder Championships (Mallory and Adams Cups) are on hiatus for 2012 to investigate how they will continue in the face of rising costs and declining interest.

### Rules for 2013

There are three US submissions that are being considered for the next rule book:

- Rule 6. To include a rule about protecting the environment in which we compete.
- Rule 20. To organize the rule into a logical structure similar to that used in rules 18 and 19 and other changes.
- Definition of Keep Clear. To clarify the second part of the definition by removing the reference to a boat "changing course in both directions" which is a physical impossibility.

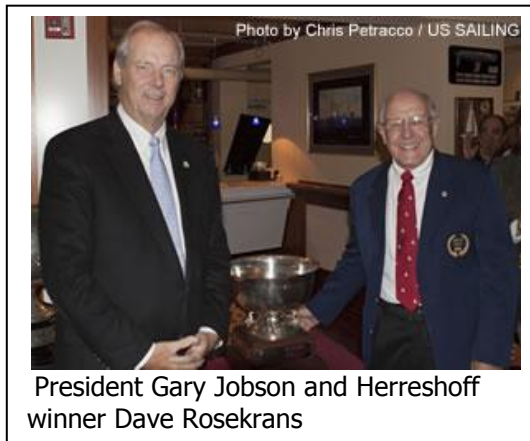
In addition, the Rules Committee is developing a Prescription Appendix for 2013-2016 entitled "Alternative Procedures for Dispute Resolution".

### Elections

Gary Jobson was re-elected to his third and final one-year term. Dawn Riley was re-elected to the Board of Directors and George Hinman, Jr. and Bruce Burton were elected to fill the seats previously held by Bill Stump and John Dane.

### 2012 Annual Meeting

The 2012 Annual Meeting will be held November 1-3, at the Marriott Marquee in San Francisco.



President Gary Jobson and Herreshoff winner Dave Rosekrans

## ISAF Case 40

### Sportsmanship and the Rules

Rule 60.2(a), Right to Protest; Right to Request Redress or Rule 69 Action

*Except when it receives a report of a breach of a class rule or of rule 43 from an equipment inspector or a measurer for an event, a race committee is not required to protest a boat. The primary responsibility for enforcing the rules lies with the competitor.*



#### Summary of the Facts

Throughout a five-race series, A competed with a crew of three. After the last race, B and others jointly protested A, alleging that she had broken a class rule that limited the crew to two. This was the first protest relating to the matter. It was refused because the hulls of the protesting boats were all over 6 m long, but none of the boats displayed a red flag. This decision was appealed on the grounds that the race committee ought, on its own initiative, to have protested A in all the races.

#### Decision

As provided in rule 63.5, the protest was invalid because no red flag was displayed as required by rule 61.1(a). To uphold this appeal would amount to a

conclusion that a race committee ought to know the class rules of each class, and that it then has an obligation to enforce them when members of the class themselves fail to do so. No such obligation is placed on a race committee. Furthermore, rule 60.2(a) is clearly discretionary, except when a race committee receives a report required by rule 43.1(c) or 78.3, which it had not. As stated in Sportsmanship and the Rules, 'Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that they are expected to follow and enforce.'

The primary responsibility for enforcing the rules therefore rests with the competitors. The appeal is dismissed, and the decision of the protest committee is upheld.

*CYA 1977/35 [NOTE: this was not an Interlake incident]  
Forwarded by Clark Chapin, ISCA Chief Measurer*



*Hey Clark – you just might be over early on this start! Photos this page by Steve Schewe from the Hot-To-Trot.*



Classifieds continued from page 15

**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 949** - Boat is 100% ready to sail. Trailer has: TITLE, new tires, new bearings, new lights, new paint, spare tire. Boat has 2 sets of sails, all new standing and running rigging, spinnaker and all gear, compass, anchor and rode, bunk boards for sleeping in the cockpit, assorted spare lines, and PFDS. Two older sets of sails needing some repairs. Boat is located in Oriental, NC! She needs to get back to where people know what an Interlake is! Bring all reasonable offers. . Asking Price: \$2000 Contact Max Kern at (919)360-9886 or via email at maxhkern@gmail.com

**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 810** – have decided to sell my 1970 Interlake #810 & trailer that was built about 5 years ago especially for a Interlake. The boat is in good condition but not race ready. It will need new sails & is great for anyone you may know that wants to learn to sail or has a family and wants to get into our class. It is located at Hoover Sailing Club in Columbus Ohio (Spot B9). Asking Price \$1,500. Contact Dave Reiniger cell phone 614-565-2288 or via email @ david.reiniger@LPL.com

**Interlake 808** – Looking to sell Interlake sailboat, complete with main and jib, mast, retractable keel, rudder, all rigging plus some new and extras, with trailer...ready to sail. Lorain Co Ohio. Asking Price: \$1200 Contact Eric DeArmon at (440)225-3143 or via email at ericdearmon@ci@aol.com

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**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

**Interlake 254** - I have spent a great deal of time restoring this boat but it is time to move on. I repainted the hull and deck. Below the waterline is red, above white. The floorboards were just revarnished, and some replaced. With it is the trailer, recently stripped and repainted, with new wheels and hardware. It has an original wood mast and boom, and old but functional sails. Feel free to ask for pictures via email. . Asking Price: \$1500 Contact Matt Haney at or via email at Mjhaney@charter.net

**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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**Mast and Boom** from an Interlake from the Pickney sailing club. The centerboard unit and several ribs in the hull are shot, and I’ve transferred most of the hardware to an American Fiberglass Corporation A-16, but the mast & boom are too big for the shift. Asking price \$200.00 Please contact David in Lansing at (517) 898-2921 or via email at david.marty59@gmail.com

**Sails** – One set of unused North sails. All purpose main and jib. Both have windows and are in their original North bags. They are rolled, not folded, and in the long tube style bags. Asking \$875.00. Please contact Joe Waterfield at 419-575-1066 or via email at jdwaterfield@frontier.com. Asking Price: \$875.00



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## Classified Ads:

**Interlake 1160** – year 1979 white hull/deck, North mainsail, jib and spinnaker, jib furler, stainless centerboard, (2) cockpit bailers, kick-up rudder assembly, forestay lever, adjustable traveler, 6:1 boom vang, 4:1 cunningham, 3:1 outhaul, internal spinnaker sheeting, skipper and crew hiking straps, open floatation, centerboard trunk not cut down, new seated deck in 1999, galvanized tilt-bed trailer, always drysailed on boat lift, always tarped in the winter, generally good cond., \$2900, photos available upon request. 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 Ohio. 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 \$1500 OBO. Contact Gary Davis at (614) 746-0633 or at g2d2s2@gmail.com Boat is available to see in Columbus.

**Interlake 979** - Excellent boat to race, fun boat to sail. Raced at Hoover Nationals (had to add weight), various Ohio regattas and numerous club races. Light green hull with white deck that is a beauty to behold on the water. Cut down centerboard trunk. Seated deck. Skipper and crew hiking straps. 2 new bailers and jib furler installed in 2006. 2 sets of lightly used North sails (05 & 08) and 1 older set. 4 spinakers. Spinnaker pole height adjustable from back of centerboard trunk. Additional wisker pole for those who prefer wing on wing sailing downwind. Below deck adjustments (labeled by previous owner) invaluable for crew new to sailing! 2006 Sailors' Tailor mooring cover. 2006 low style trailer modified by Customflex with title and spare tire that allows easy access to rig boat. Boat is located at Leatherlips Yacht Club in Columbus, Ohio. Asking price \$4,200. Contact Mark Ostler at 614-451-7313 or mostler@columbus.rr.com.. Asking Price: \$4200 Contact Mark Ostler at (614)451-7313 or via email at mostler@columbus.rr.com

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