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FROM MIDWINTERS TO SPRING REGATTAS



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# From the President

By Brad Huntley, Interlake #1399



In the last Intercom column I wrote that the sailing season must be getting closer, as the daylight hours are longer, and the air is getting warmer. Well, it's no longer closer....it's here. With the Chiefs Regatta literally around the corner and inside of 30 days away, it is time to go sailing.

In my last column, I also started 2013 by congratulating Steve Aspery and crew for winning the 2012 Travelers' Series. Now I'd like to congratulate him on winning the 2013 Midwinters. Great job Steve!

During this past winter, the ISCA Executive Committee and Measurement Committee have been very busy looking at one of our specifications that addresses technology, or should I say limits the use of technology. It has always been the stance of the class to keep it simple, and thus restrict our use of new technological advances. As a class we look at technology as using a digital watch.

As we enter a new era of technology, there are simple advances that can make sailing more fun for our youth, yet don't jeopardize our class stance that we need to keep it simple and affordable.

In this newsletter you will find a ballot with key Specification 14 re-wording on it. Ballot A and B are very simple, as they address hiking aids and pivoting of the mast, which were approved by the committee, as they bring us up to date with US Sailing Instructions. Ballot E addresses VHF radios, and requires their use to be stated in the Notice of Race.

However, ballot C, D1, D2 and D3 are where we need your attention. The Board separated each item, so as to allow us as a class to look at and vote on each one individually, rather than just as an overall Specification 14, Hardware modification.

Before I elaborate on each one, I wanted to thank the Measurement Committee for the countless hours they put in to drafting a very workable Specification 14 recommendation. I also wanted to thank the ISCA Executive Committee for all their hard work, which included the winter meeting, conference calls and individual drafting calls and discussions. In the end, it all came together. The board worked together very well and I commend them!

Whether or not to allow the use of advanced technology, like digital compasses, GPS pucks and video recording devices is a big decision. The vote begins today, will continue at the Chiefs and conclude on May 20, which allows our mandated 30 days of voting. Each member will be allowed one vote.

My ballot letter urges members to vote, as it's your responsibility as an Interlake member. Whether you are for or against, we want your voice to be heard.

I have been sailing for over 50 years and actually started on Interlake #47. Over those years there have been significant changes which have allowed the Interlake to endure. The use of spinnakers, boom vang and cutting down of the centerboard trunk. These are all things that changed our boat and in the opinion of most, made it better.

We live in a world of technology. Our children live in a world where they know nothing but technology. Smart phones, GPS's and computers are all integrated into our lives. I was the first to question why I needed a camera on my cell phone. Now I wouldn't buy one without it.

So the items you're voting on are:

**Ballot C** - Communication devices – new proposal clarifies that a communication device can

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## Save the Dates:

### 2013 Interlake Nationals

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*Cover photos: Interlakers in Tampa, a snowy start, Team Aspery planes in, Gall sails by the beach. All Midwinters photos by Lisa Aspery*

# Intercom Feature

## Proposed Changes to Specification 14 – Optional Equipment

By ISCA Chief Measurer Mike McClinchie, Interlake #1424

### Interlake Class Members:

For the past several months the Board of Directors (BOD) and the Measurement Committee (MC) have been working on enhancing Specification #14 (Optional Equipment). As the chief measurer I am writing this article to help explain the ballot. What does the BOD want to accomplish, and what is the BOD perhaps trying to avoid. Leadership throughout this process has always maintained the perspective that our membership will dictate via our voting bylaws what if anything will change in our class rules.

### The Board of Directors request to the Measurement Committee had four primary objectives:

1. Define use of VHF radios.
2. Can a rule be written to allow the use of the digital TackTick Micro Compass?
3. Define usage of electronic devices (i.e. iPhone, Galaxy III)
4. Define use for GPS tracking devices.

### Explanation

#### A. Hiking Aids

Current Rule: Any hiking aids other straps or hand lines within the confines of the hull are not allowed. *(Located at the beginning of the specification rule)*

Proposed Rule: In addition to devices permitted in the ISAF rules, hand lines which do not extend beyond the gunwale are allowed.

Explanation: Leverages ISAF rules to define hiking aids and states how far hand lines can extend. Gunwale means top edge of the side of the boat.

#### B. Mast Step

Current Rule: Mast steps which permit the mast to pivot are not allowed. *(Located at the end of the specification rule)*

Explanation: Identical to existing wording. Only the placement within the rule changed. We are simply asking for membership to vote on this item since its location changed.

#### C. Inoperative Device

Current Rule: No other electronic devices on the boat shall be used to provide a racing benefit. *(Located first sentence in the last paragraph of the specification rule)*

Proposed Rule: A communication device may be carried on the boat with the power off, for use only in

case of emergency to give help to a person or vessel in danger as allowed under Fundamental Rule 1 of the ISAF Rules.

Explanation: At anytime a device can be used for safety reasons. The intent here is to clearly state electronic devices must remain in the off position during a non-emergency, except for those devices made legal by the next rule, electronic devices. The current wording leaves room for interpretation on what racing benefit actually means. In the last proposed rule (E. VHF Radios) there is further explanation on VHF radios.

#### D. Electronic Devices

Current Rule: No electronic devices designed for racing benefit are allowed on the boat, with the exception of a device or devices that do the following: *(located as the second bullet point of the specification rule)*

1. A device that displays the magnetic heading of the boat; or
2. A device that displays the time of day, elapsed time or countdown time.

Proposed Rule: No electronic device capable of a racing benefit is allowed on the boat while racing, except that a device may be used if its only capability is

1. display the heading direction of the boat, either the heading itself or a number that is calculated using a fixed or adjustable tacking angle;
2. display the time of day, elapsed time, or countdown time;
3. record video, speed, position, and time data, with no display capability and only for later access ashore.

Explanation: This proposal has a couple of objectives.

1. Inserting "capable" into the proposed language further clarifies that even if an electronic device not designed for racing is capable of providing a racing benefit this device must not be used.
2. To legalize the use of the digital TackTick Micro Compass. Why? Many ISCA members have expressed a lot of interest in this device. In D1 & D2 the proposed rule details the functions of the above compass. The intent is to specifically state any compass that can do more than D1 or D2 is not legal. So if a compass is capable of showing boat speed, wind speed, VMG (velocity made good) it would not be legal. This compass costs with a mounting bracket approximately \$500.00. A comparable glass tactical compass costs

\$350.00 with a mounting bracket.

3. It is the intention of this rule that cell phones, smart phones, tablets, laptops and similar devices on the boat must be in the off position the entire time on the water. It is the intention of this rule to prohibit the use of these devices even in between races. Why? Avoid a technology war or a perceived technology war on the water. Do competitors really want their fellow competitors to be able to access massive amounts of weather related data via their smart phone and or tablet in between races? This rule is about more clearly defining what can be used and what cannot be used on the boat.
4. Permit the use of data recording devices. This particular issue (D3) will be voted on separately from the rest the electronic device proposal. The intent is to allow digital video recorders and GPS tracking devices with no display capability. Furthermore the data recorded may only be accessed ashore. Why no display capability? What does this mean? The intent was to prohibit smart phones from doing any data recording of any kind. Smart phones have a display and are capable of displaying data while on the water and thus can't be used for this data recording purpose. Additionally, the Inoperative device proposal language states smart phones and similar devices must be in the off position. Those in favor of D3 tend to discuss educational benefits and the youth interest which sailing needs. Those against D3 believe allowing data recorders have the potential to complicate a protest.

#### E. VHF Radios

Current Rule: The Organizing Authority may allow, but not require, VHF radios or other specified

communication devices to be used while racing for the sole purpose of communicating between the Race Committee and competitors. In any race, a VHF radio may be carried with the power off, for use in case of emergency to give help to a person or vessel in danger as allowed under Fundamental Rule 1 of the ISAF Rules. (*Located in the last paragraph of the specification rule*)

Proposed Rule: The Organizing Authority may allow, but not require, VHF radios or other specified communication devices to be used while racing for the sole purpose of communicating between the Race Committee and competitors. If VHF radios or other specified communication devices are to be allowed at an event to communicate between the Race Committee and competitors, the Notice of Race must so state.

Explanation: When can I use my VHF radio? First understand that in today's rule or the proposed rule – competitors can always carry their VHF radio on board in the off position and use at any time for safety reasons! The proposed language further clarifies how a radio can be used in the "on" position. This proposal states the racing authority must publish in their Notice of Race (NOR) that radios could be used to communicate with the race committee. Lastly this proposed rule change gives competitors time to buy or borrow a radio for an event. A basic handheld VHF radio ranges from \$100.00 to \$200.00.

In conclusion I highly recommend Interlakers renew their ISCA membership and return a signed copy of their ballot. In person voting will also be available at the Chief's on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>. Paper ballots must be signed and postmarked on or before May 20<sup>th</sup> to be counted.

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be carried and only used in emergencies.

**Ballot D1 & D2** - Digital Compass, with countdown timer and tactical mode- the proposed change will allow compasses like the TackTick Micro.

**Ballot D 3** - GPS Puck and recording device – one records speed, position and time data, while the other records video, either of which, the information could only be accessed once on shore.

One point worth mentioning is our Midwinters fleet actually tested the GPS devices in March and the response was an overwhelming thumbs-up. It's also important to reiterate that the data from a GPS and or recording device can only be accessed once on shore. The committee made sure that was part of the recommended changes to Specification 14.

On a sailing note , with the 2013 season literally

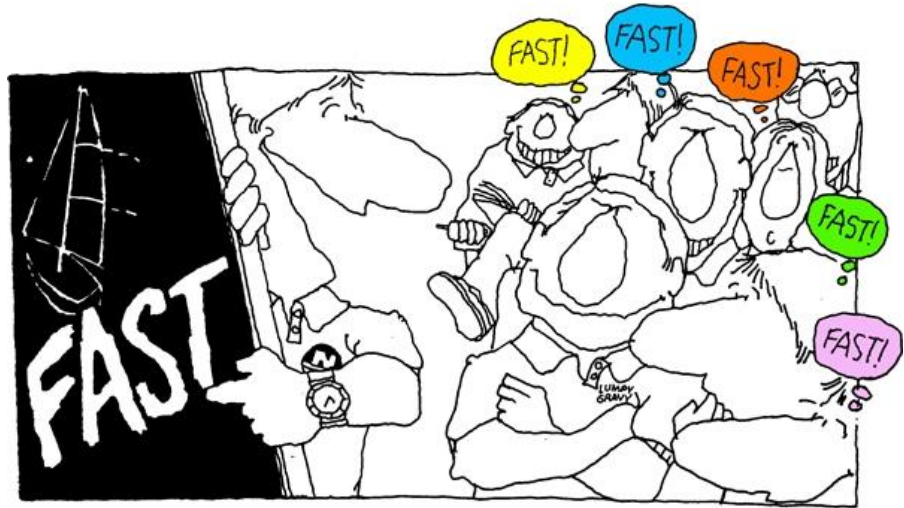
weeks away, I can't stress enough to everyone, look over your mast and hull, fittings, cotter keys, hiking strap lines and to tighten every nut and bolt to make sure they're all ready to protect you in the cold waters of the spring. There's nothing worse than an early spring swim.

We have an exciting sailing season ahead of us. I can tell you the 2013 Interlake Nationals will be a very special event in Sandusky. Bernie Ashyk and his committees have been very busy planning an event to remember. Make sure you mark that one on your calendar.

I hope to see everyone at the Chiefs.

Safe Sailing

# Back to the Basics!



## What to do when things are just not going well?

By Allan Terhune, North Sails © North Sails LLC

We have all been there before, going up the beat and things are just not going well. You have missed some shifts and are starting to fall behind. The trick is how to get back into making gains and sailing smart. This scenario happened to us quite a few times at MWE and how we rebounded was the key to our success. When this happens, the best thing to do is to get back to the basics. When I say this, I ask myself 4 simple questions, not necessarily in any order, to get myself back on track.

1. **Where is there more pressure?**
2. **Which tack aims us closer to the mark?**
3. **Are we in a clean lane?**
4. **Is the boat going fast?**

While these seem too simplistic, this is the beauty of it and will get you back on track. Let's take a look at each one.

### **Where is there more pressure?**

While you may have analyzed this and made a determination at the start, things may have changed, or they are exactly the same, but this needs to be reinforced. This is something to think about often and keep tabs of. One thing I always try to remind our team of, is to make sure we are looking from our present location towards the mark and at locations along the way. It is futile and frustrating to look at areas on the course that you can no longer sail in or get to!

### **Which tack is closer to the mark?**

I know you are reading this now and saying "no kidding, I already know this!" but the reality is, this will also help in sailing the shortest distance until you get your "feeling" back. Keep it simple. If you look at the boat and the bow is closer to the mark, then you are on the right tack, conversely, if the thwart is aiming towards

the mark, you probably should tack as you are aiming almost 90 degrees away from the mark. Note, this has nothing to do with your compass heading or being lifted or headed. One prime example is being off in a corner and being on a "lift" but actually sailing away from the mark because you are getting off the course.

### **Are we in a clean lane?**

While this also seems basic, you have to have clear air to do well. Even if you are in the most pressure, and going towards the mark, if you are in bad air, you have to clear yourself. The difference in boat speed will take your team out of it. Look for the shortest clearing tack or the quickest way to clear air.

### **Is the boat going fast?**

Sometimes we get bogged down in tactics and the best thing to do to get back on track is to focus on speed. Speed can bail you out of a lot of tough spots. When things are going rough for me and I get frustrated, sometimes I just need to take 30 seconds to look at trim and focus on steering. This helps get us going well and sometimes is just a good way to "clear my head" and get back into the shifts. It's amazing how many times you see teams looking around the course and the main and jib are not trimmed right because they are consumed with the next shift.

My last word of advice is something that a friend of mine told me one time while he was crewing for me, which really helped me out on those confusing days. He told me to remember, "Sail from where you are, not from where you think you should be!" This is great advice and something to always keep in mind. It is very easy to chase shifts and puffs and just keep getting burned. Let go of past decisions and keep moving forward from where you are!

Next time you are out racing and things are going tough, I urge you to "get back to the basics". While it seems simplistic, generally it will help get you on the right track again and jump start your upwind strategy.

# Class News

## Interlake Midwinters 2013

Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, FL  
 March 8 – 10, 2013

This may have been the best Midwinters so far! We had great weather, great breeze, a fun group of sailors, and enjoyed excellent hospitality!

You may recall that the day before teams left for Midwinters we received 5 inches of new snow in Ohio. We had to shovel the driveway just to be able to drag the boat to Florida. It was great motivation and a stark contrast to what we found when we arrived at Davis Island. This year we had all sunny days, no rain, with temperatures climbing each day from the 60's to 80 degrees. Similarly, the breeze built each day too. Friday we had a short delay before the breeze filled in at 5-15, Saturday was a solid 10-15, and Sunday it was a nice 10-15 sail out which quickly became 15-25 and a wild ride. We sailed ten good races all in great racing conditions.

The sailing was challenging with some occasional payoffs from the right or left sides keeping everyone guessing. Bill Sanderson and his team were very fast in his new boat and sailed well in all conditions. Mike McClinchie, Ron Gall, Jim Milliman, Tom Humphrey, and Jamey Fisher rounded out the fleet and there were plenty of lead changes and scrambling during the races. The fleet stayed remarkably tight on the large courses which made anyone pay if they made a mistake or chose the wrong side. I was fortunate to have my daughter Melisse and Jeff Tyndall sailing with me. Melisse is a strong competitor and has become fearless crew and Jeff is a very experienced skipper who instantly contributes and has a great attitude regardless of what is happening. They were both in the



game every moment on the water and their boat handling and focus allowed us to dig out several times.

As great as the sailing was, the onshore events were just as good. The hospitality at Davis Island was amazing. They were very happy that we were there and they made that clear. They want us back and they worked hard to make sure that we want to come back. Thursday evening, Jim Milliman suggested that we all go to a Cuban restaurant. Everyone went and we all discovered our new favorite place to eat in Tampa. It is counter service only and it looks like the counters were built in the 60's. The food was inexpensive, plentiful, and outstanding. Everyone raved about their dish and insisted that it must be better than anything else. My crew of 4 (Lisa was shore support) with big meals, beers, and a couple of desserts to share cost \$40 total including the tip! Saturday night the club provided an excellent dinner and they had a full hot breakfast every morning too! Add refreshments after the races, bright sunshine, and shade of palm trees and it was a pretty cool event.

We often ask ourselves whether the drive to Tampa is worth it. This year it was an absolute yes. The only thing missing was the rest of our Interlake friends. We hope that you will make the trip with us next time to enjoy this wonderful event.

	Hull #	Skipper	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	Points
1	1402	Steve Aspery	Jeff Tyndall, Melisse Aspery	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	*2	1	1	9
2	1433	Bill Sanderson	Cara Bown, Denny Osborn	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	1	2	*dns	21
3	1424	Mike McClinchie	Bryan Boso	4	4	3	2	3	3	*4	3	3	3	28
4	1325	Ron Gall	Tom Marriott	2	2	5	5	4	5	5	4	4	*dns	36
5	730	Jim Milliman	Louis Rodriguez	5	5	4	4	5	4	2	6	5	*dns	40
6	1417	Tom Humphrey	Drew Hayward	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	*dns	5	6	2	55
7	1040	Jamey Fisher	Bill Kotys	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	*dns	56

dns = 7

\* = throw out score

# Encouraged

By Bill Sanderson, Interlake #1433

The Midwinters in Florida this year I would consider very encouraging for a variety of reasons. The location of Davis Island is beautifully positioned on Tampa Bay, with plenty of room to camp, sail, swim, or hangout at the club. The Interlakes along with the Fireballs had their own team of excellent race people and equipment. Simultaneously, 54 Sunfish, and 18 Flying Scots were racing in two other sections of the bay with their own race committees. As we returned from racing on Friday and Sunday, the junior sailors were receiving their lessons that were being serviced by yet another team of boats and instructors. I was encouraged to see that much sailing activity at one time being handled so efficiently. DIYC is known as the "Sailingest Club in the South" for good reason.

Did I mention that the regular members of the club were also enjoying their time on the boats moored, or cleaning and/or painting the boats on trailers or racks? I felt for the first time in a long time that sailing is maybe not quite finished. With that much activity there were a few moments of congestion however not overwhelming.

I was also encouraged to have such a variety of sailing conditions from light, medium, to heavy, in 3 days. The group of Interlakers was a wonderful group to sail with, and the sailing was fiercer and closer than the finishes may indicate. No one could be overlooked and several tactical strategies were in play in almost every race. Congratulations to team Aspery for setting the standard.

I was certainly nervous about putting my new boat in the water for the first time having just picked it up from Terry Kilpatrick. If anything was wrong Terry was 1100 miles away. The boat was perfect, it performed very well,



and having the most senior and heaviest crew at the regatta was not a detriment. My daughter Cara claims that her stock value as a crew went up for carrying the load for our team. "Call early and often".

We should all be encouraged that as a class we have had such a consistency of excellent boat building. Although I was not able to be in Toledo while the boat was being built, Terry called me every step of the way to confirm every detail in the process. Although I have been planning to have a new boat built since I started sailing them in the 80's, I would not hesitate to jump on old #611 with the same crew to compete. We should be encouraged to have such a fine tradition of excellence in boat building so that the newer sailor can get into the class with a used boat, and compete.

Lastly, I encourage all of us to bring in new sailors to the class. Put them on board for club races and day sailing. Consider as well that the boats that are available can all be spruced up and fitted for competitive racing. They are good merchandise. Share your secrets to shorten the learning curve for the new people just as others have shared their secrets with you. Consider making the trip to Florida the next time we are invited. For all of these reasons I am very encouraged about where we can go as a class with the great people we have interested in doing the right thing.



*The Sunfish fleet heads in for the day.*





...a few more pics from Midwinters



Interlaker Joanie Rogers came over from the east coast for a visit.



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# ISCA Fleet Captains' Meeting Saturday, February 16, 2013 Customflex - Whitehouse, OH

## CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Fritz Everson called the meeting to order at 10:08 am. The following members were present:

Fritz Everson (Vice President)	Ron Gall (Sec-Treas/Fleet 4)
Bernie Ashyk (Fleet 1)	Darwin Steele (Fleet 6)
Ron Seiter (Fleet 10)	Don Wilson (Fleet 28)
Ernie Dieball (Fleet 14)	Clark Chapin (Fleet 22)
Steve Nearing (Fleet 23)	Dick Hirtreiter (Fleet 38)
Terry Kilpatrick (Builder)	Scott Savage (Fleet 24)
Steve Aspery (Intercom Editor)	Tom Wills (Fleet 5)
Bob Sagan (Fleet 38)	Mike Muhn (Fleet 1)
Mike McClinchie (Fleet 24)	Jim Ward (Fleet 1)
Brad Huntley (President)	

## DISCUSSIONS & REPORTS

### A. All

Fritz Everson introduced himself and asked the respective fleet representatives to introduce themselves and give a fleet report.

### B. Fleet Reports

#### Fleet 1 – SSC

Jim Ward reminded everyone that SSC is hosting this year's Nationals and encouraged participation. Jim also announced that the SSC One-Design Regatta will be June 8-9 this year. Participation has increased as of late. This will be a regatta for Interlakes and Thistles with just one course for both classes. If you pre-register online you'll receive a free pork dinner.

#### Fleet 4 – JRSC

Ron Gall reported that the Cattail Regatta will be June 1. Ron promised better wind conditions this year.

#### Fleet 5 – MSC

Tom Wills reported that MSC will be hosting the Haphazard Regatta on September 7. Tom said that if we get half as much wind as we received last year there will be great racing.

#### Fleet 6 – PLYC

Darwin Steele reported that his fleet should be getting larger with possible additional members from the South Shore Yacht Club. PLYC picked up two new boats last year and will hopefully get another this year. Many ISCA members voiced their support of a future Portage Lakes Regatta if Fleet 6 chose to organize one.

#### Fleet 7 – CLYC - No report.

#### Fleet 10 – ILYC

Ron Seiter reported that ILYC's Regatta will be July 6-7. They will be sharing it with the Thistles. They gained one boat last year, but members are having difficulty obtaining crew.

#### Fleet 13 – ASI - No report.

#### Fleet 14 – NCYC

Ernie Dieball reported that last year's Nationals at NCYC were successful and thanked everyone that helped to make that happen. Ernie said that he would check on the date of October 12 for the Fall Blowout since it conflicted with BLYC's Regatta. Ernie reported that NCYC hosted the JRSC club races for the second half of the summer because of low water level and that was very successful. Fleet 14 will lose an Interlaker to GTYC's Fleet 38 and wished him well.

#### Fleet 17 – LSYC - No report.

#### Fleet 22 – PYC

Clark Chapin reported that the Hot-to-Trot Regatta will be

August 24 this year. PYC gained a boat, but lost a boat.

#### Fleet 23 – LYC

Steve Nearing reported that the Chief's Regatta will be May 4-5.

#### Fleet 24 – HSC

Scott Savage reported HSC will be hosting the George Fisher Memorial on June 15-16. HSC has 43 Interlakes right now. They have added one Interlake this year. Last year HSC hosted an endurance event to raise money for the Boat Grant Program and other charities. It went very well. They raised \$7,000 for charities. An Interlake won the event. HSC will be running this event again on the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend starting at noon and running through Sunday at noon. Scott encouraged members to form teams and enter.

#### Fleet 28 – ISC

Don Wilson reported that ISC will be hosting the Poltergeist Regatta the first weekend in October this year. They will still offer their famous pork chop and baked potato dinner. You won't go away hungry. This will be John Nagel's final regatta before he retires and moves to Florida. Come and say HI to John.

#### Fleet 38 – GTYC

Bob Sagan reported that the date for the Great White Northern Regatta has changed this year. It is now August 10-11. You can camp at the club, or they'll find a place for you to stay. Louis Rodriguez will do the cooking and Jim Milliman will make a guest appearance. They have one new member which transferred from NCYC. Bob reported that GTYC will be hosting the junior sailing - Bemis, Smyth, and Sears Finals in 2014. The Sears portion will be raced in Interlakes. They need get 14 boats race-ready by then. Customflex will support this. Bob said that the GTYC junior program is young but successful.

#### Fleet 39 – PRSA - No report.

#### Fleet 40 – BLYC - No report.

### C. Marketing

Bob Sagan reported that he will be ordering magnets to give to our members for promotion of the ISCA and suggested several high visibility spots to place them.

### D. 2013 Midwinters Regatta

Mike McClinchie reported that he has been in touch with the regatta chairman at Davis Island Yacht Club in Tampa, FL. We will be participating in the Fireball and Friends portion of the regatta on March 8-10. Seven boats have committed so far. The Sunfish Masters event will also be happening on a separate racecourse. Steve Aspery commented on the great weather they usually get at that time of the year.

### E. Intercom

Steve asked the fleets to send articles about fleet happenings. Also send pictures! The only way to ensure your scores count for the Travelers' Series is to get them published in the Intercom. So, please report your scores as soon as the event is over. Write an article and send in the scores. It is a big hassle to hunt these down. Also, please CC the Webmaster on your e-mail.

### F. Fleet Building

It was suggested that fleets have boats available for potential new member use. Scott Savage and Steve Aspery reported that HSC has shifted their new member recruiting efforts to their Adult Sailing Instruction programs. That's where they get most of their new members from.

### G. George Fisher Endowment/Boat Grant Program

Steve Aspery reported that the endowment currently owns one Interlake. The Endowment has the funds for another boat, but hasn't purchased one due to lack of applicants. The boat and accessories are designed to make grantees successful. Steve reminded the fleets that the grant is for one season and the program will assign mentors. The ideal target applicants are recent college graduates, approximately 20-30 years old, but can be of any age. Think about people who may be interested and encourage them to apply.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 pm.

## ISCA Board of Directors Meeting Saturday, February 16, 2013 Customflex, Whitehouse, OH

### CALL TO ORDER

President Brad Huntley called the meeting to order at 10:56 am. A quorum (at least 50%) of the voting members was present:

Brad Huntley (President) Fritz Everson (Vice President)  
Ron Gall (Sec-Treas) Mike McClinchie (Chief Measurer)  
Steve Aspery (Intercom) Jim Ward (N-OH VP)  
Bob Sagan (Marketing VP) Bill Sanderson (S-OH VP)  
Don Wilson (Ind-East Coast VP)

Also in attendance: Terry Kilpatrick (Builder), Clark Chapin (US SAILING Rep), Bernie Ashyk (2013 Nationals Chair)

### APPOINTMENTS

#### A. Measurement Committee

Mike McClinchie presented his candidates for the 2013 Measurement Committee – Mike McClinchie (Chair), Jeff Clark, Clark Chapin, Bryan Parker, Scott Savage, and Mike Zuilhof. Don Wilson made a motion to approve these candidates. Ron Gall seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### B. NRC Committee

Fritz Everson presented his candidates for the 2013 National Race Committee – Fritz Everson (Chair), Mark Presley, Bob Bradley, Mike Muhn, and Don Wilson. Steve Aspery made a motion to approve these candidates with an alternate, from the club hosting next year's Nationals, to be named later. Mike McClinchie seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### C. Nominating Committee

Mike McClinchie presented his candidates for the 2013 Nominating Committee – Mike McClinchie (Chair), Kevin Bracy, Steve Aspery, Bob Bradley, and Don Wilson. Fritz Everson made a motion to approve these candidates. Bob Sagan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### REPORTS

#### A. Secretary – Treasurer

Mike McClinchie made the motion that we accept the minutes from October 6, 2012. Don Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ron Gall reported:

<b>Members</b> (2012 final)		<b>Money</b> – As of 6-Feb-13
<b>Active</b>	127	<b>Checking</b> \$15,264.37
<b>Associate</b>	25	<b>Savings</b> \$ 8,929.35

<b>First Year Free</b>	24	
<b>Life</b>	7	
<b>Total</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>\$24,193.72</b>

Ron Gall passed out the ISCA budget proposal for 2013. Steve Aspery made a motion that we approve the budget as presented. Mike McClinchie seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### B. US SAILING

Clark Chapin reported that the Annual Meeting was held in San Francisco in November. The new President is Tom Hubbell. US SAILING also reorganized and eliminated its House of Delegates. They now have a more corporate-like structure and went from a Board of 55 members to 13-14 members. The 2013 One-Design Sailing Symposium was held in Cleveland and was well attended. Clark reported that the presentation material from that symposium is all on US SAILING's website. US SAILING is including the new rulebook with this year's memberships.

### C. Chief Measurer

Mike McClinchie made a motion to present to the Class the following proposed change to our Specifications for a membership vote:

#### Article III – Hulls and Decks

##### 14. Hardware: Optional except:

- a. **Hiking Aid:** Beyond the limitations on crew position in the ISAF Rules, only hand lines within the confines of the hull are allowed.
- b. **Mast Step:** Mast steps which permit the mast to pivot are not allowed.
- c. **Electronic Device and Digital Compass:** No electronic device designed for racing benefit is allowed on the boat while racing, with the exception of a device that:
  - 1. displays the magnetic heading of the boat;
  - 2. displays the magnetic heading plus or minus an adjustable tacking angle;
  - 3. displays the time of day, elapsed time, or countdown time; or
  - 4. records video, speed, position, or other data for later playback ashore.
- d. **VHF Radio:** The Organizing Authority may allow, but not require, VHF radios or other specified communication devices to be used while racing for the sole purpose of communicating between the Race Committee and competitors. If VHF radios or other specified communication devices are to be allowed at an event to communicate between the Race Committee and competitors, the Notice of Race shall so state.
- e. **Inoperative Device:** In any race, an electronic device may be carried with the power off, except for use in case of emergency to give help to a person or vessel in danger as allowed under Fundamental Rule 1 of the ISAF Rules.

Fritz Everson seconded the motion. Further discussion followed.

Fritz Everson made a motion to modify the current proposal to eliminate item c. 2 displays the magnetic heading plus or minus an adjustable tacking angle; and re-number. Ron Gall seconded the motion. Further discussion followed. The motion passed by a 7 to 1 vote.

Don Wilson made a motion to modify the amended proposal to eliminate item "c" altogether and re-letter the remaining proposal. Bob Sagan seconded the motion. Further discussion followed. The motion did not pass by a 1 to 7 vote.

Mike McClinchie made a motion to modify Fritz's motion to read

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**e. Inoperative Device:** *In any race, an electronic device may be carried with the power off, except for use in case of emergency to give help to a person or vessel in danger as allowed under Fundamental Rule 1 of the ISAF Rules.*

Fritz Everson seconded the motion. Further discussion followed.

Steve Aspery made a motion to send the proposal back to the Measurement Committee to address how we might include the TackTick Compass, or similar. Steve would also like the Committee to further look at the implications of removing the sentence "*No other electronic devices on the boat shall be used to provide a racing benefit.*" from our current specification. Jim Ward seconded the motion. Further discussion followed.

Bob Sagan voiced his concern that the proposed wording that VHF radios are only allowed to be turned on by competitors if stated in the regatta Notice of Race may be too restrictive in an emergency situation and asked for the Measurement Committee to review that as well. Fritz Everson made a motion to add Bob's request to Steve's proposal for the Measurement Committee to review. Bob Sagan seconded the motion. Fritz's motion was voted on and passed by a unanimous vote. Steve's motion was voted on and passed by a unanimous vote.

Steve Aspery made a motion that the Measurement Committee come back to us with their proposal and have a teleconference meeting with the Board to make the decision so that we can set a timeframe for getting this to the membership, and that the teleconference be before April 1. Bob Sagan seconded the motion. Steve's motion was voted on and passed by a unanimous vote.

#### **D. Builder**

Terry Kilpatrick reported that he had a request from the American Sailing Institute (ASI), at Lake Kensington, to provide them a copy of video materials produced by the ISCA for their use in training. As the ASI has purchased Interlakes regularly, a motion was made to oblige this request and provide the available and future video materials. The motion was seconded and approved. Terry reported that there are two new boats built and potentially a third being built. Terry is working with Mike Muhn and Bob Sagan on an instructional video regarding boat building and setup for new owners.

#### **E. Marketing**

Bob Sagan reported that Interlake sailors at Hamlin Lake in Ludington, Michigan may be requesting Fleet status. Further details will follow. As a result of the Association's 501(c)3 status, the Executive Committee Members are now the Board of Directors. Bob made a motion for the Board's permission to spend \$350.00 for magnetic photographs of Interlakes, mounted on magnetic backings to be used for marketing the Class. Bob's motion was seconded by Fritz Everson, and the motion was approved.

#### **F. Intercom**

Steve Aspery reported that he and Lisa Aspery are always looking for articles and photos from the members. The deadline for copy for the February issue is tonight. The deadline for the next issue is April 1, 2013.

#### **G. Historian**

Mike Muhn reported that the wooden Interlake "Norm" that is being built at the Sandusky Maritime Museum is now about 97% complete. Her construction has been recorded on video. Norm is anticipated to sail in the Nationals. A successful race is expected.

#### **H. VP Reports**

**Northern Ohio** - Jim Ward invited all to participate at the Nationals at Sandusky Sailing Club.

**Southern Ohio** - No report.

**Michigan** - Bob Sagan reported for Louis Rodriguez. Louis would like to step down as Michigan VP due to other commitments. A replacement for Louis is now being sought.

**Indiana/East Coast** - Don Wilson will encourage Nationals participation from his region.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. 501(c)3 Status – What Does It Mean?**

Scott Savage reported that the ISCA is now a State of Ohio, Non-Profit Charitable - Educational Corporation. Our purpose is to teach, thus the production and use of videos is now a part of our purpose. Steve Aspery read a portion of the ISCA Articles of Incorporation regarding that our purpose is education, training of sailors, and the sustainability of the Class. The ISCA has the ability to receive donation checks and give receipts, sell tee-shirts, etc. We are a business. In summary, we have a new job. In addition to teaching, we have new responsibilities to record our financial activity and report this to the IRS. Thus as an amateur sports organization we have to watch what and how we spend our funds. President Huntley suggested that we publish our "Purpose" in the Intercom and in our website. Steve Aspery noted that the Intercom includes the "Tips and Techniques" section as part of the educational effort. Scott informed all that the IRS scrutiny was very detailed and all involved with using the ISCA Logo to be very careful to use the

correct "Sail Image" with the small sail on the left. This is a copyright protection issue. Scott moved that the Interlake Sailing Class Association renew its trademark and copyright with the Federal Government with the cost being about \$300.00. Mike McClinchie seconded. Motion passed. Tom Humphrey, attorney, will help with this process.

#### **B. George Fisher Endowment**

Steve Aspery reported that the trustees of the Endowment are in the process of incorporating the fund into the ISCA for the fund to benefit from the Class's recent 501(c)3 status. The fund's assets now include Interlake No. 1066, and \$6,000 in the bank. The fund is seeking applicants or organization to use or be gifted the boat.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. 2013 Interlake Midwinters Regatta**

Mike McClinchie reminded everyone that the 2013 Midwinters Regatta will be at Davis Island Yacht Club in Tampa, Florida on March 8-10. All were encouraged to sail.

##### **B. 2013 National Championships**

Bernie Ashyk reported that he is the Sandusky Sailing Club (SSC) Chair for the 2013 Nationals and gave a brief report on the racing schedule, accommodations, meals, measurement plans, etc. An article has been prepared for publication in the February Intercom. The information in the article must be approved by the National Race Committee prior to publication. Bernie will review with Don Wilson and Fritz Everson after the Board Meeting.

##### **C. 2013 Travelers' Series**

Mike McClinchie made the motion that we approve the proposed 2013 Travelers' Series schedule as listed below. Steve Aspery seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Mar 8-10 Midwinters Regatta – Davis Island YC, Tampa, FL  
May 4-5 Chief's Regatta – LYC  
June 1 Cattail Regatta – JRSC  
June 8-9 SSC One-Design Regatta  
June 15-16 George Fisher Memorial Regatta – HSC  
July 6-7 Indian Lake Regatta – ILYC  
July 13 Lorain One-Design Regatta – LSYC  
July 17-21 Interlake Nationals – LaSalle, MI – NCYC  
Aug 2-4 I-LYA Bay Week – PIBYC  
Aug 10-11 Great White Northern Regatta – GTYC  
Aug 24 Hot-to-Trot Regatta – PYC  
Sept 7 Haphazard Regatta – MSC  
Sept 21-22 Clark Lake Regatta – CLYC  
Oct 5-6 Poltergeist Regatta – ISC  
Oct 12 George Fisher Snowball Regatta - BLYC  
Oct 12 Fall Blowout – NCYC

The next meeting will be on May 4, 2013 at the Chief's Regatta.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

#### **OTHER PERTINENT ISCA DISCUSSIONS**

##### **A. Exemption to test GPS Tracker**

Steve Aspery made the motion to the Board via e-mail that we provide a temporary and specific exemption for the purposes of evaluating the Tacktracker as proposed by Tom Humphrey. The exemption will be for Mid-Winters and the Chiefs event only. This experiment will be at Tom's sole expense and he must understand that there is no commitment whatsoever that this will be extended or that the membership will change the specs to allow the use of these devices. The motion was seconded by Mike McClinchie. Further discussion followed. The motion was voted on and passed by a 7 to 1 vote.

#### **B. ISCA Specification Change Proposal Teleconference – March 21, 2013**

President Brad Huntley called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. A quorum (at least 50%) of the voting members was present:

Brad Huntley (President)      Fritz Everson (Vice President)  
Mike McClinchie (Chief Measurer)  
Bob Sagan (Marketing VP)      Steve Aspery (Intercom)  
Jim Ward (N-OH VP)      Don Wilson (Ind-East Coast VP)  
Bill Sanderson (S-OH VP)

- Mike McClinchie discussed proposal version 3.3, with language that would permit the TackTick Compass and looked at new wording for VHF radios.
- Steve Aspery made a motion to present to the membership each individual subsections of Article III – Hulls and Decks section 14 to be voted on separately and subsection d. 3 also to be voted on separately. Jim Ward seconded the motion. Further discussion followed. The discussion included having an article from Mike McClinchie or Brad Huntley included in the next Intercom on how we came up with this proposal and what was discussed.
- Steve Aspery made a motion to remove the word "video" from subsection 14. d. 3. Fritz Everson seconded the motion. It was discussed that video can make protests longer and more complicated. This was voted on and approved by a 7 to 0 vote.
- Steve Aspery made a motion to table the exact wording of subsection 14. d. 3. Fritz Everson seconded the motion. This was voted on and passed by a unanimous vote.
- Brad Huntley proposed that we include the mail-in ballot in the April 15th Intercom and must be postmarked by May 20, or can be voted on in person at Chiefs after some discussion. Bob Sagan seconded the motion. This was voted on and approved by a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm. Next teleconference scheduled for March 28, 2013.

#### **C. ISCA Specification Change Proposal Teleconference – April 1, 2013**

President Brad Huntley called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm. A quorum (at least 50%) of the voting members was present:

Brad Huntley (President)      Fritz Everson (Vice President)  
Bob Sagan (Marketing VP)      Steve Aspery (Intercom)  
Jim Ward (N-OH VP)      Don Wilson (Ind-East Coast VP)

- Fritz Everson moved to present the addition of "14 d. 3" to the membership for approval. Bill Sanderson seconded the motion.
- Mike McClinchie moved to strike the words "with no display capability" from the section, Fritz Everson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 4-3 vote.
- After additional conversation, Steve Aspery moved to replace the words into the section. Bill Sanderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Fritz's motion to present the addition of "14 d. 3" to the membership was then voted on and passed unanimously.
- Steve Aspery moved to present "14 b" to the membership for approval, Mike McClinchie seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.
- The following was approved by the Board, to be voted on by the membership, regarding ISCA Specification III – Hulls and Decks Section 14. Hardware: Optional except:

##### **Article III – Hulls and Decks**

##### **14. Hardware: Optional except:**

- a. **Hiking Aid:** In addition to devices permitted in the ISAF

rules, hand lines which do not extend beyond the gunwale are allowed.

- b. **Mast Step:** Mast steps which permit the mast to pivot are not allowed.
- c. **Inoperative Device:** A communication device may be carried on the boat with the power off, for use only in case of emergency to give help to a person or vessel in danger as allowed under Fundamental Rule 1 of the ISAF Rules.
- d. **Electronic Devices:** No electronic device capable of a racing benefit is allowed on the boat while racing, except that a device may be used if its only capability is
  1. display the heading direction of the boat, either the heading itself or a number that is calculated using a fixed or adjustable tacking angle;
  2. display the time of day, elapsed time, or countdown time;
  3. Record video, speed, position, and time data, with no display capability and only for later access ashore.
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Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.



**Interlake 417** - Completely new deck and centerboard trunk. Hull is professionally faired and finished with interlux epoxy. One set of Quantum sails in very good condition. Pamco trailer. New rudder, and refinished centerboard. All new running rigging. New rudder. Custom boat cover. Boat is in Ann Arbor area. Asking Price: \$2800 Contact Kevin Maki at (734)834-6858 or via email at kjmaki@umich.edu

**Interlake 382** - No core - being sold by Sandusky Learn to sail. The boat was donated and will be a great boat with a little TLC. Needs upwind sails but has a spinnaker. Boat has floorboards and elvstrom bailer. Asking Price: \$1500 Contact Surge Vanderhorst at (440)241-6895 or via email at sjvanderhorst@gmail.com

**Dieball sails** - Slightly used set of Dieball Sails 2012 and 2011 - Includes 2 jibs (both with under 8 races on them); main and spinnaker. Will sell at less than half the price of a new set. Asking Price: \$950 Contact Brad Huntley at (440)670-1935 or via email at bhuntley@centurytel.net

**2008 Quantum Kite** - good shape. White and green star cut. Asking \$450. Contact Jim Ward via email at jimward7@hotmail.com

**Sails and Stuff** - 2 sets of sails and mast and boom for sale. These are off a 1960s Interlake. One set has windows (window are cracked) the other does not. The mast and boom have the guide wires and misc. hardware. The sails with window are \$100. The sails without a window are \$150. The mast and boom are \$150. Everything for \$300. Shipping not included. Pictures upon request. Contact Tim Kattau at (602) 369-1477 or via email at tigeKa13@cox.net

### 2013 Interlake Traveler Series Regatta Schedule

Regatta	Dates	Host Club	
Mid Winters	March 8 - 10	Davis Island YC	Tampa FL
Chief's	May 4-5	Leatherlips YC	Powell OH
Cattail	June 1	Jolly Roger SC	Toledo OH
Sandusky One Design	June 8-9	Sandusky SC	Sandusky OH
George Fisher Memorial and Founders' Cup	June 15-16	Hoover SC	Westerville OH
Indian Lake	July 6-7	Indian Lake YC	Russells Point OH
Lorain One Design	July 13	Lorain S&YC	Lorain OH
<b>ISCA Nationals</b>	<b>July 17-21</b>	<b>Sandusky SC</b>	<b>Sandusky OH</b>
I-LYA Bay Week	August 2-4	Put-In-Bay YC	Put-in-Bay OH
Great White Northern	August 10	Grand Traverse YC	Traverse City MI
Hot to Trot	August 24	Portage YC	Pinckney MI
Haphazard	September 7	Mohican SC	Lucas OH
Clark Lake	September 21-22	Clark Lake YC	Clark Lake MI
Poltergeist	October 5-6	Indianapolis SC	Indianapolis IN
George Fisher Snowball	October 12	Buckeye Lake YC	Buckeye Lake OH
Fall Blowout	October 12	North Cape YC	LaSalle MI

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**Interlake 1232** - Interlake built in 1981. Full race equipped with Tee-Nee trailer, boat cover, kicker motor and sails in very good shape. Boat is in Toledo. Asking Price: \$2,500.00 Contact David F. Cooper at (419)213-2061 or via email at dcooper@co.lucas.oh.us

**Interlake 1081** - new race deck all new hardware good sails floor boards all the gear to go racing. Asking price: \$3,500 Contact Paul McAllister at (419)656-7178 or via email at pmboarder@aol.com

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**Interlake 919** - Being sold by Sandusky Learn to sail. This is a past national championship winner and comes on a Nickels trailer. If you want a better price, we can put it on another trailer. Give me a call and we'll work out a deal. Comes complete with a cover. \$3500 firm with trailer or negotiable with another trailer. Deck needs some work. Asking Price: \$3500 Contact Surge Vanderhorst at (440) 241-6895 or via email at sjvanderhorst@gmail.com

**Interlake 653** - has a white hull/deck, classic seated deck, North mainsail, jib, spinnaker relatively new, second set of sails fairly old, cockpit bailers, kick-up rudder, forestay lever, boom vang, outhaul, internal spinnaker sheeting, crew hiking straps, open floatation, centerboard trunk not cut down, trailer. Email for a list of maladies. Asking Price: \$900 Contact Midwest Sailing - Pinckney MI - Rick at (734)426-4155 or via email at rl@chartermi.net

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