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Need help on the circuit? Quantum reps are normally at all major Interlake events; but if not, feel free to contact Hank Boissoneault or Bob Sagan with anything you need.

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Save the Dates 2022

Wednesday, July 20
Women's and Juniors Championships
Thursday – Saturday, July 21 - 23
Challenger and Championship Divisions

2022 Nationals at Mohican

By Bill Sanderson, Local Interlake Nationals Chairman

Although Interlake Nationals are next summer, we are diligently preparing for the event to be a wonderful and family friendly destination.

In the past the Interlake Class has alternated between big water and inland venues. In keeping with this trend as you well know Mohican Sailing Club, at Charles Mill Lake, will be our Nationals host next year. When the host club is inland, we like to encourage sailors who are a bit skittish about the big waters to join us on the inland lakes. Please do!!

We have several goals as we plan for next year. Aside from great race management, efficient registration, cool favors, great food and entertainment, and trophies, we really want to encourage participation. The largest participation of Women's and Juniors recently was at the Edgewater Interlake Nationals 4 years ago, because Becky and Kevin really did a great job promoting these. Make it a goal to encourage the women and juniors you know to step up. The rules allowing only the helmsperson to be compliant has made this much easier for participation. We can find enough boats if necessary.

Make it a goal to get newer sailors who have been reticent to compete to step up. Afterall, we have the Challenger's Division, and if we have enough boats, we can have a separate start. Wouldn't it be great if we had 10 to 15 Women and Juniors on the line? Wouldn't it be great if we had 10 competing in the Challenger's Division? If each participating club encouraged a couple of new attendees, our numbers would be greatly influenced.

Early in 2022 you will be seeing the NOR, registration, and of course the opportunity to order items such as tee shirts etc. Meanwhile, as you wind up the sailing season with docks out, and Landfall Galas, look around and talk to people about coming to Mohican in July 2022.



Let's Go for It!

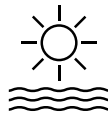
March 11 – 13, 2022
Friday – Sunday

It's time to hit the road again and enjoy some Tampa temperatures!

Interlake Midwinter Championship

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Davis Island Yacht Club
Tampa, Florida



Mark your calendars now and plan to go!

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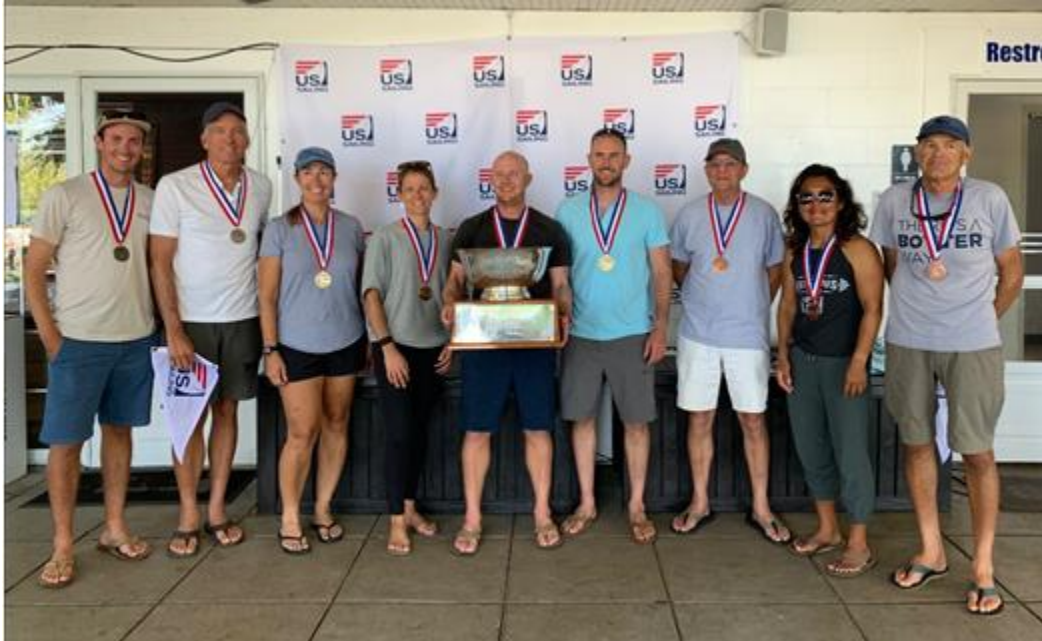
Cover photos – From the Sandusky One-Design Regatta. Top photo – regatta winners Jim, George, and Jayme Ward.
Photos by Lisa Aspery

Intercom Feature

2021 US Sailing Championship of Champions

The Interlake Class had two sailors competing in the C of Cs regatta this year –

Matt Fisher, Interlake #1174, multi-class champion; and Nate Ireland, Interlake #952, Jet 14 champion



Conner Blouin Wins US Sailing Championship of Champions in the Lightning

From the US Sailing website

ORCHARD LAKE VILLAGE, Mich. (September 19, 2021) — The 47th Championship of Champions and the Jack Brown Trophy will be going home with Conner Blouin, from the College of Charleston Yacht Club, and his crew JoAnn Fisher (College of Charleston YC), and Samuel Blouin (Cedar Point YC). The trio consistently topped the fleet throughout the weekend at Pontiac Yacht Club, never finishing outside the top four, save their one throw-out race.

The winning team wrapped up the weekend with a nearly unassailable lead going into the final day of racing on Sunday. “I was so happy to do it with my brother and JoAnn; I couldn’t have done it without them. It was really tough sailing, so consistency paid,” said C. Blouin, who qualified for the Championship of Champions at the 2021 Sunfish North American Championships in June at Lake Norman Yacht Club. “It was a deep fleet and a small line to start...our game plan was to come off the middle of the line so we could go to either side of the course early.”

Matt Fisher (Hoover Sailing Club), Tobi Moriarty (Carlyle YC) and Ryan Davidson (Balboa YC) finished second overall. Ched Proctor (Cedar Point YC), Neal Fowler (Hyannis YC), and Monica Morgan (Lake Champlain YC/Davis Island YC) rounded out the podium after fourteen races. **Fisher qualified at both the MC**

Scow Masters Nationals and 2021 Interlake Nationals, and Proctor qualified at the 2019 Lightning North American Championship.

“We thought Conner and his team sailed fantastic, it was like short course college sailing where you had to start in the middle and stay in the shifts and puffs,” recounted Fisher. “We had really light air except for two or three of the races. We thought we had a good series, but Conner just sailed outstanding.”

“The fact that they were able to be consistent in the conditions we had Friday and Saturday is pretty phenomenal,” added Proctor.

The accolades for the regatta and the host club continued off the water. “This is an outstanding event, Pontiac Yacht Club and all the volunteers, members, and people from US Sailing put out great courses and a great regatta,” says Fisher. “Great times on and off the water, it was an outstanding event, we’re really glad we came.”

The Championship of Champions is raced by champion sailors from a wide range of One-Design classes. Eligible sailors must be a 2020 or 2021 One-Design class U.S. National Champion, North American Champion, or World Champion helmsperson, though exceptions were made for 2109 qualifiers because of the pandemic. This year’s championship was contested in the Lightning.

Fourteen teams from around the country enjoyed a gorgeous weekend of sailing on Cass Lake, Michigan, home of PYC. The weekend was full-on lake sailing, with

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variable wind speed and direction, and all of the shifty challenges that can come with this location. "It was extremely fickle," says Proctor. In the interest of fairness, the regatta was sailed using a boat rotation, with competitors swapping out their boats between races in order to ensure the boat itself was not an increased advantage. The race committee was able to do a complete boat swap in ten minutes, with the help of three RIBS and volunteers to simplify the process. Each boat was rigged with new sails from North Sails for the regatta, and after the event competitors and boats when through a final inspection before enjoying a boisterous awards ceremony and post-regatta feast, hosted by the Blue Apron Ladies of Pontiac Yacht Club and beverages provided by Regatta Craft Mixers.

Every year, US Sailing invites an accomplished guest competitor to the Championship of Champions. This year's guest competitor was Mike Ingham, a two-time winner of the Championship of Champions and a National and North American Champion in multiple classes. "I always love this regatta, it's so much fun to get with all the class champions from other classes and meet them," says Ingham, whose son also competed at Championship of Champions, but in another boat. "I think he beat me so I'm not as happy as I would be, but he beat me in Thistle Nationals too, which is how we got here." As for the weekend's challenging conditions, Ingham said, "Mother Nature is going to do what it's going to do. Certainly, some people are better at [lake sailing] than others; those who keep their eyes out of the boat, look for pressure along the shore and whatever is coming next, and keep their cool, are the ones who do the best."

From Matt Fisher

We were very fortunate and to represent the Interlake Class for the Championship of Champions regatta at Cass Lake near Pontiac Michigan.

The C of Cs is a special regatta and a very competitive event that has also has lower key tone. Pontiac Yacht Club put on a great regatta, feeding the competitors 3 meals a day and had wonderful hospitality through the 4 days we were there. We spent quite a bit of time with food and drink on the yacht club porch, talking to old and new friends in the sailing world. It was a lot of fun.

The regatta was held in Lightnings; Pontiac fleet 54 is the largest Lightning fleet in the world with 68 boats in the fleet, all class members. The boats were relatively evenly matched and all had new North sails. Brian Hayes from North arrived 4 days early to match the tune with each boat. Several of the adjustments that some Lightning sailors use - mast blocks and lower shrouds - were taped such that no adjustments could be made and maintained similarity across all of the boats.

I was fortunate to sail with Ryan Davidson and Tobi Moriarty. Tobi sailed with me when we won the Lightning Worlds and Ryan is a former College of Charleston hot shot and a great crew. We were pleased with how we

sailed and had an outstanding time. We had 3 races where we had bad starts and struggled to finish in the 6-8 range. The racing reminded me of college sailing - short courses, 3-4 shifts per leg, putting a premium on boat handling and crew work.

We finished 2nd, which is the highest I have ever finished in the C of Cs. The winner, Conner Blouin, is from Charleston SC and is the Head Coach of the College of Charleston. He won a bronze in the Pan Am Games and won the Sunfish North Americans. He and his team won the C of Cs regatta impressively. They got great starts, sailed up the middle and didn't make any big mistakes. They had one race over 8th and they already had the regatta won by that point. They did not hit corners and just sailed a great regatta.

From Nate Ireland

This year's Champion of Champions event was a first for Bridget, Ben Stock, and me. I qualified for the event by winning the Jet 14 Nationals a few weeks prior. We initially had no intention of going, but decided since it was so close and in a boat we were somewhat familiar with, we couldn't pass up the opportunity. You have to win a nationals to qualify, so these events don't just come around when you want. I am also still learning something every time I go on the water, so what better way to improve than to go against the best.

It was a bit surreal walking up to the club filled with complete strangers but knowing everyone had the same passion about the sport that we have. Many great conversations were had off the water, like we had known folks for years.

The conditions were very similar to what we are used to at our inland sailing events. Almost all of the races were light and shifty. Hats off to the winner, Connor Blouin, and to Matt Fisher, who were by far the most consistent. Everyone else had at least one or two clunkers. It was very easy to be doing well then slip back...and very difficult to be behind and catch up. In the end we sailed 6+ hours a day and I wouldn't have traded it in for the world, despite kicking myself for those big mistakes here and there on the water.



Nate, Ben, and Bridget at C of Cs

Interlake Boat Grant

By Summer Tullai, 2021 Boat Grantee



Summer and Logan in #1330 at Nationals

Register photo/Erin Caldwell

Wind whipped the sails, water crested over the bow, and we hiked out over the side so far that our abs burned and our toes flexed while we tried not to capsize. This was the final sailing event for my brother Logan and me before he headed off to college. It meant something to us. We had spent the year “all virtual” for high school and missed the camaraderie we had felt from sailing. Just like everyone else at Nationals, we really longed for this regatta and everything it meant.

Then, the storms rolled in over Lake Erie, and we wondered if our isolation would continue. People lined the Sandusky Sailing Club porch but instead of frustration because of the weather, something else was brewing: an excitement at being together again. People waved at us as we arrived with our sailboat in tow, music filled the air, and people were laughing.

When the races began, it was clear we were in for some crazy times. It took everything we had not to capsize on the course that first day. Wind whipped and

exhausted, we all gathered near the boat lifts and on the club deck. I was reminded why I love sailing. People came together. They loaned bailers, rudder pins, bungee cords, snacks, and drinks. We were all tired, but we were happy. People who had been kept apart for over a year came together, sailed, rekindled friendships, and made new ones.

The Interlake Boat Grant meant a lot to me. I was able to keep sailing with my brother throughout most of the year. Because we were virtual for school, we could go out together without needing to use a club boat, which is limited because it requires the presence of a safety boat. Having the use of the Interlake was freeing in a time of limitations and shutdowns. The grant also meant we could go to Interlake Nationals, and it was at the award ceremony where I was really reminded why I love sailing. Adults were bursting with love for one another, there was laughter to the point of tears, and there was joy in the air.

We were together doing something we love again.

2022 Interlake Boat Grant – Apply Now!

The Interlake Boat Grant provides a competitive Interlake to a deserving young person for use for a season. **Reach out to your high school, college, or young adult sailors and urge them to apply!**

The deadline for 2022 applications is April 15, 2022.

Applications and more details: <https://interlakesailing.org/boat-grant/>

Questions? Email or call Steve Aspery saspery@DariFill.com or 614-841-1846

Intercom Tips and Techniques

Sailboat Rigging Part IV: Roller Furling

By Bob Sagan, Interlake #1442, Quantum sailor

Sadly, our sailing season in the Midwest is done for the season. The good news is that now you can work on your boat without interrupting sailing. Get R done now for the most fun sailing season ever next year ☺

Roller furling, loved by crew and cruisers. Launching. Docking. Light air spinnaker flying. All jib handling made easy, even for novice sailors. Heck, it's one of my wife's top two favorite upgrades to an old boat (the other was cutting down the centerboard trunk). A dream when it works right. Not so much when it doesn't.

There are a surprising number of details. Grab your favorite beverage and let's go.

The usual problem for a cranky furler is friction caused by a poorly led control line. I've climbed into the bow of many boats to fix the problem of "pain in the a__" furler for frustrated sailors. Re-running the line is fast and free. Here is what to look for.

Vital: The control line runs straight out of the drum. Take a look at pics of the most commonly used furler (Harken). If the line has to bend around on of the "spokes" that make the drum body...massive friction. The fix is simple: re-run the line around the spoke to the opening that permits a straight run. Done. This most always fixes the problem.



Harken furler with after-market thru deck extension rod



Incorrect: notice how the line bends around the spoke ☹



Correct: line runs free!

Way back in the day Ronstan was the furling drum that was used. Probably chosen because there were no other options for small boats. It works fine. Still available. I prefer the Harken drum. I feel that it is more robust plus I can more easily access the line and use a larger line. This Ronstan drum functions best with 1/8" line.



Rostan Furling drum



Standard cleat location on Interlakes

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DIY furling jib battens

Other friction culprits:

Line type: too large and/or fuzzy. Too large may not fully or easily fit into drum. Fuzzy lines create friction with anything they touch. Most any polyester or blended line will work. 18 feet of 3/16" SSR (by Alpha ropes, pictured above) works great. Its flexibility allows it to furl well. It's light, doesn't absorb water and feels good in the hand. What's not to love?!

Rotating part of drum rubs against deck. If the drum is too large or anchored incorrectly, the top of the drum may rub against the deck. Not cool. Another part that can rub is the thru deck rod against the thru deck bushing. Also, not cool. This is caused by the anchor point being too low/far back on the bow.

More furling notes:

Furler Cleat: A Harken micro cam cleat (HR 468) with eyestraps works well. Mount on bottom of forward cockpit with long sheet metal/wood screws. Remember your pilot holes and seal with silicone. (see pic above)

FURLING BATTENS: Fiberglass battens are not the right tool for furling. They stress the leech. 5/8" or 3/4" tape measure works well. They need to be able to collapse or bend when furled. Ya know those ultra-professional tapes that will stay straight across the entire garage? Those are the worst. What you want is cheap. Think dollar bin specials.

DIY furling battens: Interlake jib battens are 12" inches. Two sections of tape measure per batten pocket. Round the ends and tape those rounded corners to protect the sail. Place pieces face-to-face. Like a watermelon seed. Do not tape them together, that will make them too stiff. Sew or use insignia sail tape to seal end of pocket. (see pic above)

Train your sail right the first time: Sails develop a memory. The first time a sail is furled it is best to do so perfectly, especially if the sail is the super firm dacron used by most older dinghy classes. An improperly furled sail can pick up creases. Don't want that to be remembered. The training process is not a problem, just have to be careful. The fact is that firm sails don't usually love furling. That is why some old schoolers still lower their sails as opposed to furl. Lowering requires more

from the crew. This is why most Interlakers furl. Happy crew! Besides, more Interlake races are won by boats with furlers than without, so it doesn't appear to noticeably effect upwind performance.

Make sure the drum is fully loaded. This means that there is enough line wrapped around the drum to completely furl the jib. This must be done before the sail is attached. For Interlakes, the drum must be loaded before the forestay is attached. This because Interlakes are somewhat unique in that they don't use an upper swivel on the forestay. This results in the forestay twisting like a torsion spring. SO...Interlakers must pay attention to which way the twist of their forestay "lays." The goal is that the forestay will "twist tighter." Note: Total line length of 18' is needed for most set ups.

DIY: The thru deck extension rod can be made out of 1/2" or 5/8" thick-walled stainless tubing. 4" long works on my Interlake (#1442). Flatten the ends in a vise and drill holes for pins. Forestay pin is usually 3/16". Double check the diameter of your furler pin. Rule of thumb is to keep the side of the hole at least one diameter from hole to edge of metal.



Thru-deck extension rod

Special note for Interlakers: Un-furl by releasing and completely letting go of the furling line. The system will "pop" as the loaded forestay quickly unrolls. Magic. This is also good for your sail as it reduces stress from pulling on sheets to unfurl.

Don't confuse "roller furling" with "roller reefing." Roller furling is all or nothing. All in or all out. Roller reefing permits using part of the sail...shortening sail. Roller reefing requires specially built sails that trade off top end performance for all around application. I don't know of any dinghy that roller reefs.

Don't leave your sail furled for prolonged periods such as overnight and definitely not stored that way. Roller furling can be hard on sails. Big wind can grab onto an untended furled sail and do horrible things. Sunlight / UV is brutal. Cruisers make a performance sacrifice and have a strip of "cover" sewn into the leech so that only the cover is exposed when furled.

Simple? Well, it is to use. Once working - you, well you crew, just uses it. Easy peasy.

Here is to winter projects and dreams of warm breezes...

Class News

Michigan Dogfight

Fierce Competition and Generous Hospitality at 2021 Hot-to-Trot Regatta

Portage YC, Pinckney, MI

August 21, 2021

By Clark Chapin, Interlake #1317

Bill O'Donnel and Nicholas Marion's victory in the 2021 came down to the last race in an action-packed 5-race series on Saturday 21-Aug at Portage Yacht Club in Pinckney, Michigan.

Seven boats from as far away as Traverse City, MI; Columbus, OH; and Mansfield, OH gathered for a day of intense competition in light winds on Portage Lake in Pinckney, MI near Ann Arbor.

In the 5-race series, four different boats notched victories and the final spread between first and fourth place was a mere 2.25 points. Wow!

Runner-up Rick Lyons (#1189, 1987 ISCA National Champion) sailing with his son Elliot finished a mere 0.25 points out of first place. Clark Chapin and Chuck White (#1317) were only a point behind. Jeff Clark (#1317) and Tim Cullenen of Columbus were just off the podium with 9.75 points despite their win in the final race.

After racing, the competitors enjoyed various beverages and snacks in the shade of the PYC park. Tyler and Felicia Cathey (#1341) provided lovely edible prizes for the competitors. Bill O'Donnel, in accepting the winner's trophy, complimented his crew Nicholas Marion and (pointing toward a possible future career as a stand-up comedian) noted that Nicholas's father had crewed for Brook Smith (#1380) when he said, "I'm the father of several daughters. I enjoyed sailing with Nick and said that he was the son I never had. He turned to me and said, 'Bill, you're the father that I never had.'"

Jeff Clark left his boat at PYC so that his trailer bearings could be serviced by Midwest Sailing before stopping by the following week to travel on to the Great White Northern Regatta at Grand Traverse Yacht Club. Tom and Sue Wills (#1372) made this a stop in their grand tour of Michigan sailing and recreation sites.



Bill O'Donnel (right) and his crew Nicholas Marion
Photo by Ann Taylor

Jolly Roger SC's Ron Gall, crewing for Grand Traverse YC's Bruce Moore (#1417) at the event said, "I want to thank everyone at Portage Yacht Club for being such wonderful hosts at this year's Hot-to-Trot. The Interlakers at Portage always make visitors feel at home. And to top that, it's a great place to sail with top competition."

Pos	Points	Sail #	Skipper	Crew	R 1	R 2	R 3	R 4	R 5
1	7.50	972	Bill O'Donnel	Nicholas Marion	5	1	4	1	2
2	7.75	1189	Rick Lyons	Elliot Lyons	2	4	1	2	3
3	8.75	1317	Clark Chapin	Chuck White	1	2	2	4	4
4	9.75	1370	Jeff Clark	Tim Cullenen	3	3	3	3	1
5	19	1417	Bruce Moore	Ron Gall	4	5	5	6	5
6	24	1380	Brook Smith	Greg Marion	RET	7	7	5	6
7	26	1372	Tom Wills	Sue Wills	6	6	6	7	7

2021 Great Northern Interlake Regatta

Grand Traverse YC, Traverse City, MI

August 27-28, 2021

By Bruce Moore, Interlake #1417

This year the Portage YC and the Grand Traverse YC regattas were on consecutive weekends allowing Ohio boats to make a week-long vacation in Northern Michigan as Tom and Sue Wills did, or leave a boat at Portage for the week to avoid a few hours of towing back and forth to Columbus as Jeff Clark and Tim Cullenen did. Jeff Clark and Tim Cullenen of Hoover SC sailing with local Tyler Winowiecki dominated for first place, followed by Bill Sanderson of Mohican SC, sailing with Ben Terrien and local Brooke Ostrowski.

The weather was not cooperative and racing on Friday evening was abandoned due to a storm line expected to move in just as boats were scheduled to leave the dock. Normally, the late-August afternoon sea breeze is predictable and wonderful, but not when a front comes through. The start time for Saturday was moved up an hour, and the end time back an hour in the hope of getting in a full day of racing on Saturday.

Saturday started out with little morning wind from the East and the first race was abandoned. After drifting around for half an hour, the wind filled in from the Southwest in the low double digits, and the race was restarted. The author was in the mix for second approaching the second windward mark—until a capsized put an end to dreams of glory.

The weather gods decided to play more games and threw in another front and some lightning which resulted in a trip to shore and a long wait for the sky to clear. After resuming, the PRO was able to get two more races in with a steady Southwest wind.

Clark and Sanderson dominated, divided up the three first-place finishes, while Clark, Sanderson, and Bodie divided up the second-place finishes. Sanderson, Menzies and Moore divided up the third-place finishes.

Some will ask “what happened to Bob Sagan?” In a horrible and thoughtless decision, Michigan State University scheduled Marija Sagan’s freshman dorm move-in date for Saturday, August 28 at 8:00 AM. Bob decided that helping his #1 crew move in was more important than the regatta. The author is happy to report that with his #2 crew (not named Sagan), Bob’s spinnaker sets and douses are about 3 seconds slower.

The back-to-back scheduling of the Portage and Traverse City regattas was well received and will hopefully be repeated in the future. In the post-Covid world, we hope to have some fleet members open up guest rooms for out-of-town boats next year to make it easier to find accommodations during peak tourist season in Traverse City.

Thanks to Tom Lechota and Jordan Owen for setting excellent courses in trying conditions



Sail #	Helm person	Crew 1	Crew 2	Club	R 1	R 2	R 3	Total	Place
1370	Jeff Clark	Tim Cullenen	Tyler Winowiecki	Hoover SC	1	2	1	4	1
1433	Bill Sanderson	Ben Terrien	Brooke Ostrowski	Mohican SC	3	1	2	6	2
1221	Jeff Bodie	Eric Hubschneider		GTYC	2	5	4	11	3
1363	Jim Menzies	Petra Keuhnis		GTYC	4	6	3	13	4
1417	Bruce Moore	Cliff Vatter		GTYC	8	3	5	16	5
1333	Mike Mulcahy	Gary Manning		GTYC	6	4	6	16	6
1372	Tom Wills	Sue Wills		Mohican SC	5	7	7	19	7
1290	Ryan Clulo	Drew Follet		GTYC	7	8	8	23	8

2021 Sandusky One-Design Regatta

Sandusky SC, Sandusky, OH

September 18-19, 2021

	Sailors	Sail	Club/Org	Net	Total	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8
1	Jim Ward	1425	Sandusky SC	10	14	1	3	1	1	1	[4]	2	1
	George Ward												
	Jayne Ward												
2	Hank Boissoneault	1411	SSC/SYC	16	21	2	1	[5]	3	3	1	4	2
	Phil Montgomery												
3	Steve Aspery	1434	Hoover SC	20	24	3	[4]	2	4	4	2	1	4
	David Aspery												
4	Chris Malott	1400	Sandusky SC	28	39	4	5	[OCS - 11]	2	2	6	6	3
	Denny Butts												
5	Julian Fraize	234	Sandusky SC	29	36	5	2	3	6	5	5	3	[7]
	Eric Helder												
6	Dylan Winkel	1440	Sandusky SC	39	47	7	6	6	[8]	7	3	5	5
	Madeline Henry												
7	John Schwartz	473	Sandusky SC	48	56	[8]	8	8	5	6	8	7	6
	Carolyn Zettler												
8	Wes Blazer	1081	Interlake	57	68	6	7	4	[DNS - 11]	DNC - 11	7	DNF - 11	DNC - 11
	Anne Humphrey												
9	Tom Wills	1372	Mohican	58	67	[9]	9	9	7	8	9	8	8
	Sue Wills												
	Pete Wills												
10	Kevin Bracy	1248	Sandusky SC	71	82	10	10	7	[DNS - 11]	DNC - 11	DNC - 11	DNC - 11	DNC - 11
	Kyle Bracy												



Sandusky top 3: Hank & Phil, Jim & George & Jayme, Steve & David

The 2021 Haphazard: COVID-Style

Mohican SC, Lucas, OH

September 25, 2021

By Tom Wills, Interlake #1372, Fleet Captain

9 Interlakes participated in this year's Haphazard Regatta. Despite shifty winds that required changing the course between several of the races and a safety boat that got their wiring harness tangled in their propeller, the race committee did a stellar job of keeping things moving with very little down-time between races. Kudos to our PRO – Chris McKinney from Alum Creek for doing an excellent job. We were able to get 5 races in in moderate to heavy and shifty wind. Winds were gusting into the mid to upper teens. Colin and Adam Parker were real troopers, crewing with Bryan and Tiffany. Thank you to everyone who came out to Mohican Sailing Club.

See you at 2022 Nationals.



Mohican top 3: Cara & Bill & Julie, Jeff T & Jeff J, Bryan & Adam & Tiffany & Colin

Place	Skipper	Crew	Club	Hull	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Jeff Jones	Jeff Tyndall	Hoover SC	1320	4	1	1	2	1	9
2	Bill Sanderson	Cara Bown & Julie Schneff	Mohican SC	1433	5	2	2	1	6	16
3	Bryan Parker	Tiffany, Colin & Adam Parker		923	1	7	5	2	2	17
4	Steve Aspery	Rob Kerr	Hoover SC	1434	2	5	6	4	4	21
5	Jeff Clark	Tim Cullenen & Dan Hickman	Hoover SC	1370	3	4	7	3	5	22
6	Nate Ireland	Ben Stock & Ed Spengeman	Hoover SC	952	6	10	4	7	3	30
7	Bill Regan	Erin Regan	Mohican SC	1355	7	5	5	6	7	30
8	Stewart FitzGibbon	Mark Gustafson	Mohican SC	1316	9	6	8	8	9	40
9	Tom Wills	Sue Wills	Mohican SC	1372	8	8	9	9	8	42

2021 Poltergeist Regatta

Indianapolis SC, Indianapolis, IN

October 2-3, 2021

By Joe Novak, Interlake #1270, Fleet Captain



Competitors at the Poltergeist

Fleet #28 hosted its annual Poltergeist Regatta on October 2-3 after a one-year hiatus due to covid. The regatta was attended by only 6 Interlakes with 3 from visiting clubs this year.

The weather forecast was not so good, predicting mostly rain. However, other than a light sprinkle on the way out of the harbor the rain stayed at bay for sailing on both Saturday and Sunday. The temperatures were mostly in the 60's. The overcast sky and mild temperatures kept away the powerboats and all enjoyed 5-10 mph wind on flat water. The course was windward / leeward, 2 laps with a windward finish. We completed 3 races on Saturday and 2 races on Sunday.

Saturday night, the competitors enjoyed our traditional smoked Pork Chop dinner, dessert, and drinks. Evening weather kept us in the clubhouse socializing and watching football.

As the boats were being put away Sunday, a hot chili lunch was being prepared. During lunch, trophies were presented to the top three competitors and their crew.

Steve Aspery, Poltergeist defending champion, and crew Jeff Tyndall managed a consistent performance and won the regatta.

The clubhouse, grounds and docks were in great shape and the hospitality warm. We missed all those who could not make it this year and hope to see more attendance next year! Especially because I'm still eating leftovers!



Tom Wills played sea shanties on the dulcimer

Rank	Boat #	Skipper	Crew	Club	R 1	R 2	R 3	R 4	R 5	Score
1	1434	Steve Aspery	Jeff Tyndall	Hoover	1	1	1	1	(1)	4
2	1317	Clark Chapin	Chuck White	Portage	(3)	2	2	2	2	8
3	1420	Thane Morgan	Ros Lim	Indy	2	3	3	3	(3)	11
4	1372	Tom Wills	Sue & Kyle Wills	Mohican	4	5	(5)	4	4	17
5	1270	Joe Novak	Chris Keaney	Indy	5	4	4	5	(6)	18
6	1406	David Weimer	Jo Delano	Indy	6	6	6	(6)	5	23

2021 Fall Blowout Regatta

North Cape YC, LaSalle, MI

October 9, 2021

By Jim Bradley, Interlake #1376

North Cape Yacht Club hosted this year's Fall Blow Out on October 9th. The regatta is for Thistles, Lightings and Interlakes, but this year the Lightings were not present. There was a total of six boats in the Interlake fleet. The start was postponed due to fog and light winds. When the fog lifted around noon, the sun came out, temps were in the middle 70's and the race committee was able to set up a race course. Winds were between 6 to 9 mph from the south which made for relatively light seas on Lake Erie and a beautiful day for a sail. The course was a triangle with a windward and leeward leg. Course legs were shortened to about a half mile each due to the lighter wind. This allowed us to complete three races which lasted about an hour each.

On the first two races Ron Gall with crew Tom Crowley sailed to a commanding first place with Bill O'Donnel and Bryan Bradley close behind. Bob Bradley had to drop out of the second race due problems with his spinnaker halyard getting caught on the upper side stay. On the third race, Bryan Bradley took a long starboard tack off the starting line and tacked into a lift that took him to the windward mark. This gave him the lead which he was able to take to the finish.

After the racing and haul out a lunch was served, the bar was open, and awards were presented.

Many thanks to John Greiner, his wife Judy, his family, and all the other people at North Cape for putting on this regatta. Also, we appreciate Bill O'Donnel and crew from Portage Y.C. and Tom and Sue Wills from Mohican S.C. for joining us and making the trip to North Cape.



Congratulations to winners Jim and Bryan Bradley



Tom Crowley on 1325



More Bradleys and Kate
Photos by Ken Sabin

Skipper / Crew	Boat	Club	R 1	R 2	R 3	Total	Place
Bryan / Jim Bradley	1376	JRSC	3	2	1	6	1
Ron Gall / Tom Crowley	1325	JRSC	1	1	5	7	2
Bill O'Donnel	972	Portage YC	2	4	2	8	3
Dan Synowiec	1180	NCYC	4	3	4	11	4
Bob/Betsy Bradley/Kate Hissen	1332	NCYC	5	DNS	3	15	5
Tom / Sue Wills	1372	Mohican SC	6	5	6	17	6

2021 Snowball Regatta

Buckeye Lake YC, Buckeye Lake, OH

October 16, 2021

From the BLYC website:

The morning of the 2021 Snowball Regatta – the 81st Annual – started out with rain, light wind and some real trepidation among both sailors and race committee alike on what conditions the day would bring. As seems typical for central Ohio this year, the forecast wasn't lining up with reality. Over 15 boats entered, the race committee got on the water and got things set up as the winds began to build and settle in. 4 GREAT races in building winds and sea state throughout the afternoon. A good time was had by all.

From Sue Wills:

The Interlakes and Flying Scots started together, then the big boats had a start. Second lap, upwind mark, the Interlakes ended up with the big boats as they rounded the mark for the first time. Light and shifty winds started the day. They delayed the start a bit waiting for the wind shifts to stabilize. Winds built as the day went on. Only seems appropriate that the season started with survival sailing and ended with survival sailing!

Overheard in conversations around the fire pit: "Did you see those two Interlakes?! They were flying spinnakers and not even fazed with the weather." Seems the locals were quite impressed with the circuit travelers.



Tom & Sue

Jeff J & Jeff T



Skipper	Crew	Sail #	R 1	R 2	R 3	R 4	Total
Jeff Jones	Jeff Tyndall	1320	1	1	1	1	4
Tom Wills	Sue Wills	1372	2	2	2	2	8
Steve Goodyear		1127	DNS(4)	3	DNS(4)	DNS(4)	15

Savage Family Regatta XXXI

by Jill Savage, Interlake #1293

31 years is a long time for something to last. The Savage Family Regatta is one of LYC's longest continuously running regattas. The racing, of course, is the centerpiece, but everything from whaling to frisbee golf to smart marks to this year's introduction of stand-up paddle board jousting have entertained the onlookers and brought about choruses of murmurs.

Traditionally the event begins Friday night with food, drinks, and the skippers' meeting. The inclusion of the potluckers heightens the celebration. There were household updates, regatta details, and the presentation of the annual swag.

Then... the jousting! Brothers, nieces, and nephews all participated hoping to win the coveted advantage for the next day's event. 3.2.1... and two competitors aim towards each other with paddles covered with pool noodles. Some competitors took their time getting (anywhere) near the other person. Some attempted distraction - "water Police!". Some pushed the boundaries of the rule of hitting only at the chest. There was lots of taunting, lots of swimming, and after a long (seemingly never ending) battle, Lucy stood victorious on her board, winning over Scott in the final round. Her prize: during one race the next day she could change either her own participation, her boat, or her crew.

Saturday started slowly, setting the stage for a unique regatta. The format was simple - 8 competitors put their names on the board. A name was pulled from the hat as the first competitor. That person chose a 2nd competitor, who then chose the third. The next round the 2nd competitor chose which boat they wanted (Interlake 1293, Interlake 1340, or Interlake 681). Then it continued with choices from the third and first competitors. Finally, the third competitor chose crew (followed by 1st and 2nd competitors). Terry and Karen Kilpatrick spectated from the porch and Jeff Jones jumped into the crew rotation.

The course consisted of a start near the dock, followed by a rounding of the west starting mark to port, racing to a mark upriver, rounding to return downriver. Competitors passed the starting area to round a mark south of the club, finally rounding the west mark a final time and raced back to the club to finish. With the typical LYC breeze being "Southwesterly" as Brother Rick would describe, all points of sail were experienced, often on the same leg.

The winner received no points, 2nd place received 1 point, and 3rd received 2 points. You stayed in the regatta until you had 2 points. Racing was tight and no clear winner was emerging in the morning.

Races paused for lunch, and afterwards Lucy utilized her advantage to sit out when her name was drawn, ensuring no points added for herself.

Mid-afternoon the sky darkened and boats were secured to the docks. Radars were watched, studied, and discussed. Rain and wind picked up. For the first time in 31 years, boats were taken out of the water before a winner was declared.

But - in true Savage style, a winner would still be determined. That evening all met at the air-conditioned yacht club annex, or the house of Tim and Angie. Ideas were discussed, and ultimately this year's Regatta chair, Matt, chose three events worthy, all tests of primitive weaponry. They would be drawn from a hat and utilized until a winner was declared. Four competitors remained - Scott, Doug, Michael, and Lucy, however Michael was eliminated due to work duties.

Event one: archery. The skills of the Savages did not bring on a winner, thus requiring another test of skill.

And this, is how the 31st Savage Family regatta came down to a competition of blow darts. Doug stood proud at the end, winning by a single point, leaving the rest of us wondering where he had fine-tuned such skills.

31 years. This year the regatta may have truly been a unique experience, but it continues. It continues to unite the Savage family and friends. It continues to showcase fine sailing. It continues to entertain and surprise. It continues every year at LYC.



Michael Savage, Matt Savage, Jon (not Savage) Bruffy, Doug Savage

Eight Bells - Dr. James Bradford Boucher



Interlakers,

It is with great sadness that I share with you the news of the death of Jim "Doc" Boucher. Doc was a long-time member and Interlake sailor. In fact, he was involved in the very first Chief's Regatta more than 50 years ago and probably competed in more of them than any other LYC Interlaker. After his health forced him to give up sailing, Doc became a fixture on the Tuesday night Laser sailing race committee. I had the pleasure of sitting with him on the committee boat many of those evenings. I will certainly miss his stories and jokes. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to LYC Junior Sailing, per Jim's wishes. Fleet treasurer, Dick Evans, and I have taken the liberty of approving a donation on behalf of Fleet 23.

LYC Fleet captain Mike Mirarchi

Obituary for Dr. James Bradford Boucher

Dr. James Bradford Boucher, age 94, passed away Thursday, October 14, 2021. He was born on November 11, 1926 in Columbus, Ohio, and was preceded in death by his parents, Carl O. and Florence L. Boucher.

Jim grew up in Columbus where he would ride his bicycle to the Ohio State University golf course and caddy or play golf. After graduating from Columbus North High School, he entered Ohio State University. Jim left school to join the Marine Corps during WWII. He was very proud of being an original plank owner of the aircraft carrier USS Midway. He had the opportunity a few years ago to present

his plank certificate to the Midway historical society during a trip to San Diego.

After the war he returned to OSU, graduating with a BA followed by a Doctorate of Dental Surgery from the OSU College of Dentistry, like his father before him. Jim set up a dental practice across from the Ohio Capitol in an office he shared with his father. He was an instructor in the OSU Dental Clinic for a number of years before deciding to concentrate solely on his dental practice.

He married Roberta Engel on Dec. 22, 1951. They were members of the King Ave. United Methodist Church where he volunteered for many projects. Jim had a passion for sailing and purchased his first sailboat, an Interlake, in 1962. He joined Leatherlips Yacht Club where he raced and volunteered to help on numerous club projects. He was Secretary-Treasurer of the Interlake Sailing Association and received the Presidential Award for service. Later, he bought a Tartan Ten keelboat and joined Sandusky Sailing Club to race on Lake Erie. Up until 2018, he sailed and raced with his sons and friends, travelling to regattas from spring to fall.

He will be greatly missed by his wife, Roberta, sons, Tim (Carrie) and Mark (Jeanne), granddaughters, Lauren and Ashley, and great grandson, Christopher James.

Note from the editors: Roberta passed away soon after on October 24.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leatherlips Yacht Club Junior Sailing program 501c3. Make checks payable to Leatherlips Jr Sailing Inc.

Mail to:

Leatherlips YC -B
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Please direct any questions to Carolyn Tanner at LYC.Secretary1@gmail.com

Eight Bells – Thomas Richard Eisert

Tom actively sailed Interlake #1320 “Divine Wind” at Hoover for many years, stopping when his health wouldn’t allow him to continue. Many sailors have fond memories of Tom’s jokes and stories. From Jeff Clark, “Tom was an observant, funny, and sometimes cantankerous character who livened up many a day on the club porch.”

Thomas Richard Eisert 78 of Lancaster, Ohio passed away on Sunday, October 31, 2021, at Fairfield Medical Center. Tom was born in Washington, Pennsylvania on September 26, 1943, to the late William Eisert and Janet Eisert, now 100 years alive! He graduated from Immaculate Conception High School and Germain School of Photography in New York. His career in industrial photography took him too many states and he worked freelance for many years, after his retirement from American Electric Power in Columbus, Ohio. Tom also served in the Pennsylvania National Guard for six years.

Tom was a passionate and competitive sailor and served in several positions of the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club Board including Commodore. He was also a motorcycle, car, fishing and music enthusiast and had a beautiful voice. Tom sang at his daughter’s wedding and for many years with bands singing Doo-Woop songs. He started singing on the corners as a paperboy. One of Tom’s greatest memories was being at the Woodstock Festival in 1969. He returned there on the 50th Anniversary.

Tom was a resident of Reflections Retirement Community for the past three years, after selling his home in Pickerington. He lived in Lancaster from 1979-1995. He attended Unity East Church in Pickerington.



He is survived by his two children, Robin (Rich) Risbon of Lancaster, Ohio and Ryan (Alison Gorsuch) Eisert of Columbus, Ohio; two grandsons, Trent and Cole Lindsay; mother, Janet Eisert of Washington, Pennsylvania; brother, Dave (Shirley) Eisert of Strasburg, Virginia; sisters, Tina Crino and Mary Hann both of Washington, Pennsylvania; several nieces, nephews and an uncle.

Tom was preceded in death by his father, William J. Eisert and a brother, Ronald Eisert.

Much gratitude to Dr. Romaker, his doctor for 42 years!! and to the staff of Reflections for their diligent care for Tom and Woodstock, his cat.

A Celebration of Life service will be held in Washington, Pennsylvania at a later date.

Memorial gifts in Tom’s name can be given to the Fairfield Area Humane Society, 1721 Granville Pike, Lancaster, Ohio 43130.



Kevin and Kyle Bracy competing at Sandusky – yea family teams!

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