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December 9, 2011

2012 ILYA Championship Regatta August 9-12 & 16-19, Lake Mendota

Dear MYC'ers:

I'm here with the first of what will be many updates on our plans and requests for your help as we welcome hundreds of sailors to Lake Mendota for the 2012 Inland Lakes Yachting Association (ILYA) Championship Regatta.

In September of 2010, a small group from ILYA and MYC started laying the groundwork for the regatta. Now that the 2011 season is wrapped up, it's time to shift our planning into high gear. We've got plenty to do before the first race starts in just eight months.

The Schedule:

For decades, the Inlands have been sailed over a 10-day period. Three fleets race on the first four days followed by a changeover day. Three other fleets race on the last four days. This year, the ILYA decided to try something new, which they hope will boost participation (and not burn out their volunteer crews). The regatta will be sailed as two back-to-back regattas.

- August 9 – 12: E, C and I-20 fleets
- August 16 – 19: A, MC and 420 fleets
- MYC races will take a two-weekend break this August

The Venues:

- Three courses will be set each weekend.
- Launching and regatta headquarters will be at Governor Nelson State Park for all fleets.

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It'll take a big crew of us to bring this regatta together. Some of it comes from the ILYA; they will take care of:

- Registration
- Trophies
- PRO's, and Judges. Most PRO's will provide their own boats.

Next, my thanks to these big-hearted MYC'ers who have come aboard so far:

- Darby Sugar is handling special events.
- Stephan Schmidt is in charge of temporary housing.
- 420 Regatta: Greg Simon is the Chair.
- Don Sanford will be in charge of PR.

We need you:

I know that you're probably wondering how you could help. Excellent, because I have these leadership jobs that need someone, perhaps you:

- Park activities at Gov. Nelson
- Water operations: boats and drivers
- Concessions in the park

OK, you're thinking, this sounds like fun, but what could I do?

- If you're interested in one of these jobs, please let me know. My contact info is below.
- If you're new to our club and want to get involved, we'll find a place for you.
- If you're not sure what you could do, but would like to help, come to our next Inlands planning meeting in mid-January. I'll publish the date in my next regatta update.

They call this the "Big Inland" and it is.

If you were here when we hosted our last Inlands in 2003, you know that it's a huge event. This year we think that hosting the regatta as partners with the ILYA and Hoofers will spread the volunteer work around and significantly reduce the financial burden on our club.

That's all for this time. I'm hearing snow in the forecast, and Christmas is just around the corner. The lakes will be frozen over soon; I hope to get my Nite off of Don Sanford's trailer this winter to do a little hard water sailing.

Happy Holidays,

Trey Sprinkman

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From the MYC Secretary

By Barbie Stimpson

October 4, 2011 MYC Board Meeting Synopsis

- 2011 Season Trophies: Board agreed to all trophy awards to be made at the Commodore's Banquet.
- 2012 Regatta Update: Chair Trey Sprinkman reported:
 - * Stefan Schmidt will be the housing chair.
 - * Pyle Center will be the focus for social activities.
 - * Donnie Anderson will talk to Westport about the mooring field.
 - * Hoofers will provide the lunches.
 - * Will recommend specific restaurants and drink specials, with help from Sugar.
 - * Working on various ideas of sponsorship.
 - * Klauser reported: ILYA board meeting this coming Sunday. They will work on finding vendors for sponsorship and will coordinate with Sprinkman.
- Meeting Minutes: Board agreed to publish meeting minute summary information on the MYC website, and to make detailed information available to members on request.
- Committee Chairs: Darby Sugar agreed to be directory advertising chair.
- Social Membership Adopted: Discussed special rate for non-racing membership, particularly former racers who no longer race. Agreed to create a Social Membership category for non-racers with an annual membership rate of \$25.
- Burrows Park Maintenance: Board discussed various options for improving the ongoing maintenance at Burrows Park. Pros and cons of raising park fees to support contract work versus raising refundable maintenance deposits rates and recovery rates were discussed. Agreed to continue discussion at next meeting.
- Website: Board discussed various options for expanding website capabilities to manage the entire club directory, club history, membership information, etc. Agreed to continue investigation of options and discussion at future meetings.

November 7, 2011 MYC Board Meeting Synopsis

- Update on 2012 Directory Advertising: Darby Sugar has taken responsibility, and

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Darby hopes to have better advertising due to Inlands.

- MYC Boat Winterization: Dane Vermillion reported RC1 is ready for winterization and shrink wrap at Boat House, and RC2 is with Paul Dehn to evaluate needs.
- MYC Treasurer Transition: Donna Schoor indicated she is beginning to have a better understanding of how MYC manages finances. So far she has met twice with Andrew Lewis to transition activities and records, and she has worked with Grant Frautschi to facilitate the Commodore's banquet – member reservations, paying the caterer and doing associated finances, managed sales taxes due to the state, etc.
- 2012 Inlands Update: Darby Sugar reported that the ILYA has agreed to include 420 racing during the 2012 Inlands.
- Burrows Update: Barbie Stimpson presented options for changes to Burrows Park administration, based on a set of proposals by Donna Schoor, with Barbie's commentary. The board made several preliminary decisions, and agreed to discuss further and make a final set of decisions at a future board meeting.

NOTE: Board Meeting details available by request to: stimpson@wisc.edu

Burrows Park News

By Barbie Stimpson

A huge thank-you to the folks who pitched in at Pier-Out on October 8th:

- * Myles & Wendi Sommerfeldt
- * Andy Jackson
- * Lon Schoor
- * Jerry Simon
- * Ray Riddle
- * Paul Gunther
- * Bill Bock
- * Steve Scheck
- * Lance Puccio
- * Marshall Gibbons
- * Andy Hanson
- * Mike Barnett
- * Tim Sugar

It was a beautiful day, and the park looks great.

Special thanks to Lon for heading up the folks who lugged all the pier sections: Myles and Wendi, Paul, Bill, Lance, Marshall, Andy H, Mike and Tim - (Advil anyone?). Thanks also to Tim for busting up that last

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on the last three dollies still needing attention, to Ray, Mike and Tim for the final painting of the remaining three dollies needing that, to Myles for helping me stack up the dollies, and for bringing his truck to pull out the rail (glad your tires held up!). Thanks also to Lon and Mike for getting Lon's boat to pull out the buoys - how did you guys figure out a way to get back on the water? Finally, a big thank-you to Jerry for leading the various technical aspects of unhooking the rails, providing chain and jerry-rigging (no pun) more chain from the buoys, etc., etc., etc. - just keeping things moving; I don't even know what all he did! I'm sure I missed something in this list, but you guys didn't miss anything getting the job done!

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E Scow: Hugh Sugar, Tim Sugar

Vice Commodore: Darby Sugar

I-20 Scow & Opti: Liz Metzloff

Rear Commodore: Dane Vermillion

MC Scow: Bill Stebbins

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