

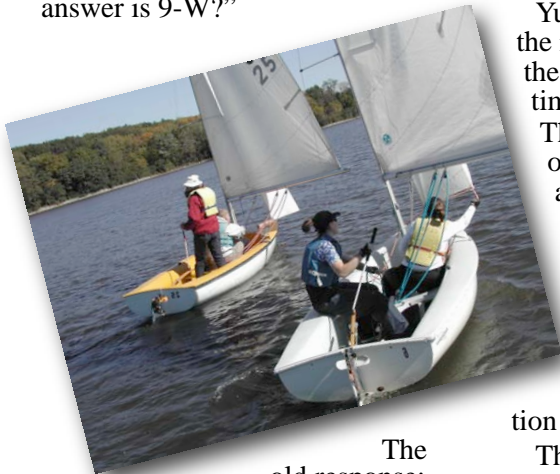


Scuttlebutt

SAIL CLUB LOTTERY

IT'S NO JOKE, WARM WEATHER IS ON ITS WAY

OK, here's the joke: "What's the question to which the answer is 9-W?"



The old response: "I certainly enjoyed your opera, Herr Wagner. By the way, do you spell your name with a V?" To which the Maestro replies, "Nein, W."

But our new response is: "Nine Ws? No problem. It's the (count 'em) *Wonderful Winter Weather*

Warm Winds Watch and Wet Water Wager"

Yup, wager 25 cents on when the ice goes out of the cove by the boathouse. Bet as many times as you've got quarters. The rules? Guess the date that one of our sailboats will be able to sail away from the dock, out into open water and back—no pushing poles, ice saws, or ignited gasoline burns allowed. Winners split all. Impartial judges are staff members of the Macbride Nature Recreation Area.

The bookmaker for this money-making opportunity appears Wednesday evenings at Sailing Club meetings (or whenever else you can catch him). Set your name down in his little black book of dates, and hope for colder or warmer weather, whichever favors your best guess.

As of Sunday, 2/5, the kitty held \$7.75. Names were evenly spread out between Valentine's Day and the middle of May. And the middle of the lake was wet, but the cove was ice-bound. (Also forecasters predict below freezing temperatures for at least the next 5 days.)



Wet water in the middle; ice in the cove!!

ELECTIONS, 2006:

Who's Got the Duty? *(and what do these guys really do)?*

Elected Officers:

Commodore, *Ben Miller-Todd* (in charge of every thing),
e-mail him at bmillertodd@msn.com.

Vice Commodore, *Erin Flowers* (in charge of teaching).
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(563) 260-485.

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Rear Commodores, *Daniel Rogge* and *Matias Perret* (in charge of sailing events), rogge@themonolith.org (319) 321-0457 or matias-perret@uiowa.edu.

Fleet Captain, *Rich Adkins* (in charge of boats and sails, as well as sales & purchases), radkins@coe.edu.

Harbor Master, *Dave Steinman* (in charge of the boathouse, grounds, and associated equipment), steinman@southslope.net, 319 665 8070.

Secretary, *Amy Rohlflin* (in charge of remembering everything), amy-rohlfing@uiowa.edu.

Treasurer, *Jenna Burken* (takes in and divvies out money) jburken@engineering.uiowa.edu

Membership, *Matt Legg* (in charge of recruiting and mentoring new members, keeping track of current members), Matthew-Legg@uiowa.edu (319) 354-3296.

Advisors to the Elected Officers:

The Faculty Advisor, *Warren Darling* (in charge of liaison with powers that be). warren-darling@uiowa.edu.

The Exec Officers' Advisor, *Lindsey Schneider* (last year's commodore, now in charge of keeping this year's offi-

cers on course), lindsey-schneider@uiowa.edu (319) 353-0790 or (563) 663-0822.

Appointed leaders:

Social Inspiration, *Matt Legg* again (in charge of arranging parties, celebrations, food and drink at the boathouse, other gala events as yet unspecified),

Matthew-Legg@uiowa.edu (319) 354-3296.

Safety Officer, *Forrest Holley* in charge of safety on the water and around the boathouse), fmholly@earthlink.net

Scuttlebutt editor: *John Huntley*, scuttlebutted@uisail.org or john-huntley@uiowa.edu, 331-8567.

Publicity—The Club desperately needs a member who's willing to do publicity, write stories, contact news outlets, and get the word out about the IOWA SAILING CLUB and all its glories.

More jobs need doing to keep the Club moving forward—Historian, Photographer, Sewing machine persons, Fiber-glassing people, Motor and mechanical folk, Database experts.

If you can and want to help with any of these, call one of the Officers above.

THE CRYSTAL BALL: PLANS, GOALS, VISIONS, HOPES, AND IDEAS FROM SOME OF THE OFFICERS

Commodore Ben Miller-Todd

Hello Everyone!! Seeing as you always start with the basics, my name is Ben Miller-Todd and I am the new



Commodore for the University of Iowa Sailing Club. I am a freshman and am enthusiastic about this upcoming year! Some of my goals for this year in-

clude: membership retention, involvement, and growth; certifying more skippers for teaching weekends in the spring and fall; and more sailing social activities where club and team members work together (BBQs and such).

I am always open to new ideas and feedback. That translates my being disappointed if I don't get constructive comments from you about where the club should be going. I know that everyone has some ideas and opinions.

I hope to meet every ISC member in the coming year and I hope to see all of you out on the lake (maybe even a little early this year with the warm weather!).

Erin Flowers, Vice Commodore

Ahoy, all hands! This is my third year as the Vice Commodore of ISC (and also in my third year of the PhD program in Music Education at UI).

As Vice Commodore, I organize the UISC teaching programs which involve teaching new members how to sail and current members how to sail better. Many who were "new" a few seasons ago now have their LWH, ALWH, and HWH ratings.



I've set out four goals for the coming year. First, I want provide training and testing that will accelerate the process by which current members advance to the ratings they need to enjoy all the Club's resources whenever they choose.

Secondly, I aim to enlarge the introductory sailing program for new members by calling on the experience of current members. Their enthusiasm and skill opens the door for much more teaching on Hobies and Scows. I am already signing up volunteers for teaching days, seminars, and workshops.

My third goal focuses an outreach program. Last year we organized regattas with Lake Macbide's North Arm Club. I plan to continue that relationship and invite other clubs here as well. I also plan to reach out to former members who left us during the draining of the lake. I want to welcome them back to a much revived club.

And forth, it's not just getting other clubs to sail with us here. I plan for us to travel, camp, and race on surrounding waters such as Red Rock and Clear Lake. For the past couple of years, we've trailered our FJ's to these lakes. This year, there we're planning to attend some Laser regattas as well. If a group of you wanted to become an E-Scow, MC, or M-16 team, we could enter those regattas as well.

For many of us, regattas are more social than competitive events. Regattas are a way to meet other sailors, sail on other lakes, learn more about sailing, and enjoy the company of fellow club members.

Write me or call me if you can help me with any of these activities. If you have skills you can share in a workshop, or would like to help the outreach program by contacting former members, or want to go regatta hopping this summer, let me know.

The calendar will be on-line in March, but you can expect a similar schedule to last year with an Open house in March and the first teaching series starting in April.

Fleet Captain, Rich Adkins

Greetings from your ISC Fleet Captain, Rich Adkins going now into his second year on the job. I live up in Cedar Rapids, but enjoy the relaxing drive to Macbide to work on club boats, meet with members, and do a bit sailing, too.

This past year, with volunteer help, we accomplished some major

repairs. We also sold and bought some boats improving the quality and focusing the variety of our fleet.

This year I want to examine all the rigging, and fittings on all the boats we sail.

We've got some minor fiber glassing work to do, but nothing too time consuming. I would like to direct our volunteer energies to



boat cosmetics. Many of our boats sail perfectly well but look a little junky, neglected, worn out, and unloved. We need clean and polish the fiberglass getting rid of the old oxidized look. I plan to call short work/fun boat shining parties for volunteers, that can be combined with sailing and possibly grilling before or after the tasks are finished. Some of the brightwork on the scows also needs to be sanded and refinished. Tiller handles could use some varnish as well.

The Windsurfer fleet needs to be inspected and put in order. Any of you Windsurfers who are interested can help with this. We might even get to it yet this winter.

Also this year, we'll try to sell more of our seldom-used boats. I need volunteers to help get them rigged and ready to be photographed. An updated For Sale list will be published on the club's website soon.

We've also got a problem with unregistered boats and trailers that have either been donated or abandoned to us. The recorder's office and the DMV are mighty picky. If anyone left a boat here, or a trailer and

did not sign it over to us, there is no way for us to register it legally. As of now, we need bills of sale for 2 Minnesota M-16s, a Minnesota MC scow, and one Iowa wooden Penguin.

In addition, many Windsurfers were left in the shed without being signed over. At least 6 or 8 do not really belong to the club, except that they have been abandoned. The county recorder will NOT register them without papers. If you "donated" a windsurfer please contact me.

Needless to say we will no longer accept donations without updated paperwork.

Our first big push for the club will be the April 1 invitational collegiate FJ regatta. I'd like to call it the U of I Fool's Day Sailing Mosh, or Fool's Day Sailing Jam that people know what we're talking about. Once those are out, our next ongoing project will be to get out the Lasers, Hobies, MC scows, and day sailers.

Treasurer Jenna Burken

I am your newly elected treasurer, Jenna Burken. I'm a freshman at the University studying Biomedical Engineering and Pre-Medicine. This is my first year sailing. Although I'm not an experienced sailor yet, I am well versed in the ways of money. Both my mother and my grandmother have worked for banks and credit unions. They taught me



the value of money and the importance of balanced accounts.

I have a few plans and goals for this year. My first one is to keep up with statements and make sure that

the accounts are all balanced correctly and up to date. My second plan is to work closely with the Membership Officer to get more members and therefore more cash flow. Also I would like to see the boat rotation policy put back into place. That requires us sell a few older, less frequently used boats whenever we add new boats to the fleet. Doing so would increase our cash flow and keep our working fleet in top shape.

I am honored and excited to be treasurer and hope to be able to bring a lot to the club.

Faculty Advisor, Warren Darling

I am Warren Darling. I've been a member of the Club for 2 years, love to sail, took the cruising course, and sailed down to Key West. And now I'm your faculty advisor. Our constitution and University regs for student organizations require us to have one.

As the title suggests, my main job is giving advice (if asked and when appropriate) especially on matters related to Uni-



versity rules. I register Racing Team members with the MCSA and interact with the University administration. With the Iowa Foundation I negotiate donations. With Recreation Services I try to clarify and communicate Club needs regarding safety on

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the water and responsible use of the boathouse and social center.

Overall, my three main goals are to help the club interact with its University environment, to work with your Exec officers as they administer a very large and complex operation, and to help the Club grow in size, skill, and happiness.

If you have concerns with any of these matters, get in touch. An e-mail to warren-darling@uiowa.edu usually gets a quick response and I will attempt to resolve issues rapidly, especially your safety concerns.

Safety Officer, Forrest Holley

Greetings from Nice, where I'm on a three-month teaching assignment. Most days here are sunny, and warm. The view of yachts in the harbor is spectacular, as you can see. The less well off have only one helicopter pad on their boat..I think we could use a modest schooner like this in the South Arm of Macbride.

My wife Joyce and I are new to the club, having joined last summer after 23 years in Iowa City thinking we should. We both had minimal sailing experience before, Sunfish and some time on a friend's Cal 24 in San Diego Bay - we grew up in Southern California. I was a faculty member at UI in Civil and Environmental Engineering, ending up as Dept. Chair and then Associate Dean of Engineering before escaping to a tenure-free (and salary-free) zone in 2003. I now work as an independent consulting engineer, flight instructor, and general ne'er do well. I got my

hands dirty and feet wet last summer helping Erin with the regattas and training days. Here is a very informal and surely incomplete list of things that seem important to me:

- 1) With the new tractor, being very sure that only those signed off to operate it actually drive it.
- 2) Being sure that the checkout sys-



The view at Nice. If you look hard enough, you may see Lake Macbride.

tem using tugs and outboards is observed. I don't want to poach on harbor-master responsibilities, but it is very much a safety issue.

- 3) Being sure that new members understand the resources for getting weather information and making good sailing decisions based on the threat of severe weather.
- 4) Overseeing observance of rules on life vests, supervised sailing for LWH, etc.
- 5) Helping to instill an attitude in new (and old) members that we are all responsible for each other's safety, and therefore need to speak up if we see unsafe practices. One individual's bad experience can hurt the whole club in its relations with the UI, DNR, etc.

A 40-Year Tradition of Leadership

The Constitution that launched the Iowa Sailing Club in 1965 specifies 8 elected officers and their jobs. You can read the brief description on our Web Site:



Obviously there's more to running the Club than a list of 8 duties.. From 1972 to 1977, a document called *Ship's Customs* grew up. At the end of each year, officers wrote up what they'd really been doing all year long. These notes were passed on to the succeeding officers, and next year amended by their experience to be passed to the following generation of leaders.

In this way, *Ship's Customs* became an unofficial set of "by-laws" for the Club, recording experience, establishing a tradition, but always evolving with changing circumstance and need.

The original document was discovered at the bottom of a damp cardboard box in the boathouse. It's now filed away in the Club's Archives.

And a new *Ship's Customs* has risen in its place. You'll find it on the Web site, in the "Library."

Picture Puzzle: Who are all these happy people?



They're old timers, that's for sure. The place? apparently, Bob Barron's house in University Heights. He must be snapping the picture because he's not visible himself. The occasion) looks like a party. The year? Anybody's guess, but a while back.

Can you identify any of these people? Send your best guesses in to the scuttlebutted@iowasailing.org. Answers next month, and a new picture of recent sailors to ponder.

UISC Announces Photo Contest

The Iowa Sailing Club announces a spring-time photo contest. Bring your digital cameras out to the lake. Shoot whatever you think will "generate interest in the UISC and highlight its members and facilities at the Macbride Nature Recreation Area." By means of these images the Club hopes "to encourage people to visit Lake Macbride and enjoy the sport of sailing."

Detailed rules will soon appear on the website. In brief, judges will accept entries between 3/20 and 5/7. Two first-place winners will be chosen. For the best entry by a student, \$50 and a paid-up, one-year membership in the UISC. For the best photo from a non-student, \$50. Each contestant may submit two photos; if you send in more, only the first 2 will be counted. To become a contestant, sign up on the web site.



Three Sailing Seminars on the Horizon

Mark your calendar. Use these cold winter evenings to prepare for warm summer sailing. All seminars will be held in 341 IMU (The Purdue Room), and will start right after the regular Club meeting ends, about 7:30.

All UISC members are invited to attend any or all seminars.

1. Skippers: Feb. 15. A seminar for Advanced Light Weather and Heavy Weather Helmsmen planning to advance to Skipper rating. Bill Budelier and John Huntley will go over the requirements, discuss questions on the test, and schedule ways for each person to advance. The test itself can be found on the Web site.

2. Day sailors: Mar. 29. A seminar for all members on small boat sailing—tacking, jibing, points of sail, knots, stability,

3. Racers: April 19. A seminar on racing, racing rules, tactics, strategies, layout of the course, starts and finishes, scoring.