



Scuttlebutt

SPRING: COMING, SOON, TO A LAKE NEAR YOU



Shocking drop in temperature *thickens* the ice, *prolongs* the lottery, and *enriches* the kitty. But, the UISC Wet Water Wager now tops \$14. Who could win it? And who might cause, and who shall celebrate (along with the rest of us) the shift from solid to soft water?

The Calendar for the Spring Sailing Season

The MCSA Regatta Schedule

March 25th & 26th Icebreaker Regatta at Notre Dame (freshmen only) AND Neil Memorial Regatta at Purdue (ISC will send racing teams to each regatta)

April 1st & 2nd FUJ Regatta at Iowa

April 8th & 9th the 3-Way Regatta at Wisconsin

April 15th & 16th Gopher Invitational Regatta at Minnesota

April 22nd & 23rd Wet Willie Regatta at Northwestern and Women's Champs at Notre Dame

May 6th & 7th Dinghy Champs at Wisconsin

The Membership Drive, Boathouse Opening, and Teaching Schedules

Boat House opening, probably during Spring Break, 3/11-3/19.

On-campus membership drive, last of March? first week of April?

Information meeting, 4/6.

Ground School, 4/13.

Open House, 4/22. Open Sailing, 4/23

Start of 3-phase teaching program, 4/29.

Informal Club race, 4/7.

Photo' Context accepts entries from 3/20 to 5/7



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Roster of Club Leaders

Commodore, Ben Miller-Todd

Vice Commodore, Erin Flowers

Assistant V-C, John Moore

Rear Commodores, Matias Perret & Daniel Rogge

Fleet Captains, Rich Adkins & Jana Brumbaugh

Habor Master, Dave Steinman

Membership Officer, Matt Legg

Treasurer, Jenna Burken

Secretary, Amy Rohlfling

Co-Captains of the Racing Team, Matt Legg & Matias Perret

Safety Officer, Forrest Holly

Publicity Hawk, Lauren Trolley (for summer term)

Social Energizer, Matt Legg

Scuttlebutt Editor, John Huntley

Electronic Key Cards, Tom Hart & Todd Burzynski

FUJ Regatta Organizer, Steve Schmidt

Head of the Recruitment sub-committee, Matt Legg

Head of the Open House sub-committee, Matias Perret

FROM THE SECRETARY

I'm Amy Rohlfling, originally from River Forest, Illinois, and now a freshman bio-chemistry major at the University of Iowa.

I'm also a member of the UISC Racing Team. I started sailing when I was six, but dingy racing is still rather new to me. I



learned a lot about the FJs my first semester here, and I'm going to learn a lot more this spring sailing for Iowa in the MCSA regattas.

My family owns a 32-foot C and C sailboat in Lake Michigan and I have raced with my dad on a Tartan 10. I sailed in the T-10 Nationals, the NOODs, and various PHRF championships. My family belongs to the Columbia Yacht Club in Chicago.

During my term as the ISC secretary, I'm going to circulate the minutes from all Members' and Executive Officers' meetings via the List-serve and e-mail shortly after each meeting. The minutes will also be posted on our website and filed at the boathouse so all members can read (or re-read) the minutes anytime.

I'll also circulate notices of meetings, announcements, and information about upcoming events. I plan to review old files and papers at the boathouse. I want to organize the documents we have, locate information we need, dispose of irrelevant or outdated documents, and file any new information as the club receives them. As secretary, I will be available to help all hands with club business projects. If anyone needs help completing a job or finding information, call on me.

Three goals for the coming year. 1) Improve the club's organization by creating a filing system for documents, taking an inventory of boathouse equipment, and collecting relevant information from all officers. 2) Streamline the club's communication by encouraging all members to join the List-serve. 3) Contact old members we have lost track of. **If anyone has information about old members, please contact me.**

FROM THE REAR COMMODORES

Co-Rear Commodores Matias Perret and Daniel Rogge have some exciting plans for the promotion of sailboat racing this coming sailing season. We feel strongly that racing is the best way to improve the skill set of a sailor. From boat-handling skills to proper sail trim to reading windshifts, sailing in a regatta teaches people more about the fine points of sailing than any other sailing activity.

With that in mind, our main objective is to get more club members out on the water for club races this spring.

We're going to encourage newer club members and those that haven't sailed in regattas before to participate in relaxed weekend races by offering informal tutorials on the rules of racing before every regatta. We hope to keep track of finishes for these weekend regattas over the entire season so we can offer (small) prizes for the best and the most improved sailors.

In addition to more traditional sailboat racing, we have a few fun races in mind.

We will be holding events like a Poker Run (where people sail to five different spots on the lake to draw a playing card out of decks that were previously set up - the first one back to the dock gets a draw), races to the North Arm and back (weather permitting!), and hopefully races in boats that don't get sailed as much. Wouldn't it be nice to see 12



people out racing those E-Scows on our little lake this summer?

As far as our interests outside of sailing, Matias and I can both be found restoring old houses in and around Iowa City when the wind is low and we're not in school or on the water.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICER AND HOST WITH MOST

Im Matt Legg, a senior Geology major at the University of Iowa and this is my second year as a member of the Iowa Sailing Club. Interestingly, on my first outing the biggest



hail storm in five years descended upon us just as we were launching the boats. We quickly pulled them out of the water, tuned them upside down, and protected our heads from the half-inch hail! Despite this introduction, I joined the club and have loved every minute. I've taken on two positions

for this upcoming year, Membership chair and Social chair. I have asked Heather Clark to help me with membership responsibilities when I am racing with the team at out-of-town regattas. Last year Heather served both as Membership chair and Web mistress. She knows the ropes.

Plans for the upcoming year:

I am enthusiastic about the upcoming year. I have a philosophy that recruitment and social activities go hand-in-hand. That is, most new members are going to join the club not just to sail by themselves, but to make new friends and have fun.

So, let's make it to the Sanctuary after club meetings. Let's promote cookouts at the boathouse that "sell" these prospects on membership.

I'll be there with the brats and charcoal, and also necessary materials to sign-up new members..



THE MYSTERIOUS GREEN GLASS DOOR

Who gets to pass through the mysterious Green Glass Door?

Does the door open for Lindsey Schneider? Lord no!

Does it admit Lauren Trolley? Well, she gets a foot in before it slams shut.

Can John Huntley pass through? No way. The Green Door remains firmly closed.

How about Matt Legg? Organ music? Are those celestial chimes we hear? The door swings wide.. Soft light and haunting music accompany Matt's easy saunter through the Green Glass Door to The Other Side.

Same treatment for our Commodore, Ben.

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

How come they and not the others?

Well, you notice that "green glass door" has doubled letters in each of its words. And so does MaTT LeGG. Notice that the ScuTTlebuTT also slips easily past the door. And MiLLer-ToDD is a no-brainer. So the Scuttlebutt proudly introduces the officers who know what it's like on THE OTHER SIDE.

SOME BIG CHANGES OUT AT THE BOATHOUSE IN 2005

Refurbished pontoon boat and new 9.9 hp outboard.



Two new FJs with 2 new suit of sails for each.

John Deere 755 tug, diesel, special instruction and approval needed before you drive it. It's not a car. Lessons given by Dave Steinman, Rich Adkins, and Bill Budelier (among others).



AND A LOT OF LITTLE ENHANCEMENTS

Storage lockers for personal gear while you're on the water.



New boat availability board and sign-out, sign-in desk (made to look like a navigation table).



Photograph of Prof. Lane Davis, co-founders of the UI Sailing Club in 1965.



Newly organized work bench and tools for keeping the fleet in repair.

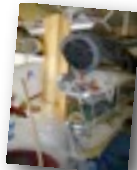


New electronic key system which eliminates exchanging keys back and forth every semester..

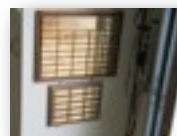


Rain, wind and fire-proof can for ashes from the BBQ.

New



sail storage rack



Club Commodore's year by year for 41 years.

New rudder and tiller rack.



If any member sees an unmet need or imagines an improvement that nobody's thought of yet, let the harbor master, fleet captain, or Scuttlebutt editor know. I bet we can fix it.

Two 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), starting right after the regular meeting ends, about 7:30.

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

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

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

And the Cruising Class continues to prepare for some open-water, keel-boats sailing this summer.



The Scuttlebutt Readers' Forum

Where ever folks gather they'll talk to each other. Bars, boat docks, or water fountains--all encourage conversation. And that's how we get to the word "scuttlebutt."

A "scuttlebutt" is a water barrel, bucket, or fountain. It's a place where the crew might pause, talk, maybe grumble, or take a drink and a rest.

A "butt" in the olden days was a cask; "to scuttle" means to deface or destroy. A cask of drinking water would be set out for the crew, but a hole was bored a foot up from the bottom. Now the barrel could never be filled to the top. The barrel had to be "scuttled" to conserve potable water. (Why waste it on the crew? They've got work to do!)

Our **Scuttlebutt** should provide space for a "Readers' (or Sailors') Forum"--a place for your letters, responses, comments, suggestions, requests whatever's on your mind to ask for or complain about.

OK. This is your Scuttlebutt and

what do you want to talk about? It's up to you to make the club as good as you want it.

For openers, write to scuttlebuted@iowasailing.org sharing your thoughts on these questions:

What does the Club need more of?

What do we need less of?

Does electronic distribution work for you, or should we return to mailed out copies?

Should the Club sponsor a keelboat sailor's network?

Got some party ideas?

Keep in touch with the Sail Club

For any questions at all, about the Club or its events, send an e-mail to secretary@iowasailing.org. It goes automatically to whoever is secretary at the time, right now Amy Rohlfling.

She will reply or send your question to the appropriate person. Your note won't get trashed as spam because you're not in somebody's address book.

How the UISC tries to keep in touch with you

The Club keeps (as best we can) two records on each member's progress from Novice up to Skipper—your personal Log Book, and a central database.

When you advance to a higher rating, be sure have your Log Book signed by the Membership Officer (as well as the sailors who checked you out). That's the only way the news will travel from you to the central database.

If you move to a new address, change your phone, get a new e-mail address, use e-mail or the Web site to let us know.

The Club keeps track of members by using 4 categories and data bases: **Current members** (active, dues paid, participating sailors). **Recent members** (maybe left the club after a year or two, dues lapsed, but still in the area—we'll try to get you back in). **Local Old Timers** (folks who in years past were very active members, remain loyal members, and live within a 50 miles radius—we like to send them the Scuttlebutt, Bastille Day invitations, etc.) And finally, **Old Timers** (we've lost touch with many; best source of information is the UI Alumni Association data base, but it's hard to keep abreast of changing locales and life styles.)

Who are all these happy people?

The Sailing Club has brought smiles to people's faces for 40 years, sailors from the University, from Iowa City, and from all over eastern Iowa.



Income/Expense by Category - Last 12 months
3/1/2005 through 2/28/2006

2/28/2006	OVERALL
Category Description	TOTAL
INCOME	
40th Income	2,769.60
Boat Sales	1,175.00
Budget Allocation	1,859.60
Interest Inc	18.18
Membership Fees	12,464.18
Other Inc	752.20
Regatta Income	157.74
TOTAL INCOME	18,177.38
EXPENSES	
40th	3,983.62
Boat House	459.00
Co-Fleet Captain	1,558.69
Commodore	45.24
Fleet Captain	9,251.97
Harbor Master	12,233.79
Membership Chair- Membership	271.36
Membership Chair- Publicity	25.37
Misc	365.40
Publicity Chair	95.35
Rear Commodore	431.36
Regatta Expenses	917.65
Returned Cheques Fees	237.17
Secretary	2,472.69
Team spending	307.25
Treasurer	143.97
Vice Commodore	1,704.38
TOTAL EXPENSES	34,455.25
OVERALL TOTAL	-16,277.87

Income and Expenses for the past 12 months, thanks to Jenna Burken, UISC Treasurer.

Looks like the Club is 15K in the hole, but that's not true.

We began one year ago with approximately \$23,022 in cash reserves. As of the last day of February, the Club had a cash balance of approximately \$7704.

Cinema Nautica presents

Ice Boats & Hamburgers

Featuring Characters you'll recognize from a lake near you.

Click below to bring up the QuickTime movie.

Grand Opening Delayed due to a few technical problems. Many apologies. All will be solved soon (we think).

This Spring, come on out and help teach our new members how to sail. Here's the kind of thanks you might get in return.

"You probably don't remember me, but I was in the sailing lessons before the semester ended last school year and you pretty much taught me all the basics to sail and I just wanted to say thank you because it helped me a whole lot this summer while I've been sailing with my dad on our new boat. THANKS! Katie Larsen
p.s. here's a pic of me on our 423 Beneteau..it doesn't have a name yet"

