

- 1. *Slang. Gossip; rumor. 2. Nautical. a. A drinking fountain on a ship.*
- b. A cask on a ship used to hold the day's supply of drinking water.

Iowa Sailing Club

Spring, 1997

1997 Bastille Day Regatta and Party

Regatta

The annual Bastille Day Festivities are upon us, and boy do we have a whopper planned for this year! The regatta will be held on July 12, and will begin with breakfast (some donuts, bagels, and juice) and rigging around 10AM. The skipper's meeting will happen at 11AM, with races going from 12noon to probably around 3PM. All those who wish to join in the fun are welcome, including those who have never raced before.

We'll be racing FJ's and Lasers. Also, the club now has at least 3 Frosties, so if there is enough interest to get 3 of them out on the water, we may have ourselves a Frosty fleet, as well. If you would like to crew for someone on the FJ's, get hold of them early, and make them commit.

Also, we may be having guests from out of town racing Lasers with us. Those of us who have been racing outside the club have been talking up our little regatta and party, so we may see some new faces.

The fee for the regatta will be \$6 per person, to cover the costs of the breakfast and trophies.

Party

The call went out for places to have the party, and Grant Gerdes has come through. He and Justin have put together an awesome menu (see the back of the 'Butt for more information), as well as a pretty good party plan. Actually, Grant pitched the idea to Justin, who, at the prospect of putting numbers into a spreadsheet, went into a planning frenzy, so it would seem this terrible two have the plan.

The party is scheduled to begin at 5:30PM, with dinner being served from 7-9PM. There is an RSVP note for you to send in the back of the 'Butt, near the details. If you would like the dinner that is being planned, please take the time to send it back.

See you there!

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Officer Changes

As with most summers, there has been a change in the makeup of the Executive Council. First, Jen Meyer has gone on to a summer internship in Seattle, WA. To fill in, Jayne McQuillen has taken over the mantle of supreme leader.

Also, our Vice Commodore, Ben Nothwehr, had an unfortunate accident at work, and he decided to go back to Spencer, IA to recuperate. In his absence, Damien Pickart is taking over his responsibilities as our instructional officer.

Steve Branin has assumed the role of Treasurer, as Belle Vukovich did not feel she could keep up with the responsibilities of both her school-work and the club's financial duties she assumed in November.

Finally, Steve Erickson, our Racing Team Captain and one of our two Fleet Captains, as well as Clay Dumke, our Rear Commodore, also have summer activities planned outside Iowa City. Their positions remain unfilled currently.

Upcoming Old Business

- A motion was made at the June 11, 1997 regular business meeting to spend up to \$3,000 to purchase a Laser. There will be 2 consecutive votes made on that motion at the July 2 and 9 regular business meetings.
- A motion was made at the June 24, 1997 regular business meeting to spend up to \$3,000 to purchase a Laser. This is in addition to the previous motion mentioned above. There will be 2 consecutive votes made on this motion at the July 2 and 9 regular business meetings.

Work Party

We held a work party at the lake on Thursday, June 12, and a great deal of work got done. Lasers were outfitted with the correct equipment, the boathouse got cleaned, and the FJ's got their correct registrations, among other things. I counted 13 people who came out to help.

We'll be holding another work party at the lake on Thursday, July 10, starting at 6PM. Bring something to barbeque, and come out ready to work. This is 2 days before the Bastille Day regatta, so we'll be making sure all the boats we're going to race are in good shape.

credits

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Stamp Lickin'
Label Stickers After-meeting
Beer-guzzlin' Crew

Prairie High School Course

The Iowa Sailing Club hosted 16 students from Prairie High School in Cedar Rapids for 3 days of instruction and fun. The students have “mini-courses” at the end of each year to relax and enjoy themselves, with activities such as tennis, golf, paintball, and of course, ACT review (I wonder if Jen Meyer would have elected to take that course, just for the fun of it!). Last year, we added sailing to that list, and a group of students joins us for 3 days.

This year, we taught on June 3-5, from 1PM to 2:30PM. Each of the days gave us wonderful wind and nice temperatures and sun. The students seemed to enjoy themselves, as did their teacher, Roxene Pierce. Everything went really well, with all 16 getting out on the boat for about 40 minutes each of the 3 days, with a nice 5-10 easterly most of the time. They all seemed to enjoy it, especially those in my boat the second day, when I said, “lay back in the hiking strap—you can trust it to hold your weight,” then promptly went in the drink when it broke.

I would like to thank these people for all their help teaching the Prairie students:

Ben Nothwehr

David Lippe

Laura Curvey

Judy Buline

Grant Gerdes

Stephanie Schnoebelen

Lee Brintle

Damien Pickart

Dave (sorry, Dave, can't remember your last name)

I would like to especially thank Judy and Stephanie who came out early, in addition to teaching, to help rig the boats so they were ready to go when the kids got there. Also, thanks to Tom Bair, Bill Seiss, and Guy Gibson for helping put things away afterwards.

Here is the note we got from their teacher, Roxene Pierce (thanks, Roxy!):

Dear Mark, and David, Judy, Laura, Ben, Lee, Stephanie, Grant, Damien, et. al.,

Thanks a whole bunch for the great week on MacBride. The Kids had a ball!! We really appreciated your efforts in getting it organized, teaching the students so much and giving them a love of sailing. Several have said they will be out to learn more, I hope so. I hope we can organize this again next year, remembering the new budget constraints we will be under.

Thanks again!

Roxy P

Club Racing

Our club racing has begun this summer. We will be having races on Thursday nights, beginning at 5:30PM. We had our first Thursday night races on June 19, and things went quite well. The course was set right outside the mouth of the cove, and 6 lasers came out to join in the fun, including 3 people who had never raced before.

The Thursday racing will continue and should be a lot of fun, if people remember to plan on racing about 50% of the scheduled nights and then barbequing. The other 50%, we just won't have enough wind, so we'll play some basketball, and then barbeque. Either way, it's a load of fun, and a relaxing way to start the weekend rolling in. Racing will be done mostly in Lasers.

Weekend racing will continue this year on Saturday afternoons, beginning at 1:00PM (We had talked about Sunday racing, but at the moment, we do not have buoy permission for Sundays). The boat to be sailed will be determined on the day of racing, depending on the makeup of the group that shows up to race, with Lasers being the default.

All members of the club are encouraged to participate, regardless of experience. It's a great way to expand your knowledge and get to know people in the club. Everyone who races is more than willing to share whatever knowledge and expertise they have, and there's a lot to be gained for everyone.

Remember the Bastille Day Regatta coming up on July 12. The skipper's meeting for the races will be at 11:00AM, to accommodate those late risers, and racing should go from 12:00noon to about 3PM. Again, sailors of all skill levels are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Boats for Sale

E-scow (yellow)	3000.00
C-scow (green)	1800.00
Sunfish	400.00
C-scow (brown)	300.00 (OBO)
M-16	750.00
X-boat	100.00 (OBO)
505	2000.00



scuttlebutt Photo Contest

I am sponsoring a photo contest for sailing club photos. I would like to put together a photo CD for use in club publications (advertisements, flyers, scuttlebutt, slide show, web site, etc).

subject matter

anything having to do with the Iowa Sailing Club—
the lake (spring, summer, fall, winter)
the boathouse area
the park
people sailing
people racing
people on screaming reaches on honkin'-wind days
people iceboating
people b-b-q'ing
people doing anything "club"
whatever else you can think of

prizes

A copy of the photo CD

submissions to

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339-1063

format

any format—slides, 3x5, film, etc.

by

July 1 prize 1
November 1 prize 2
February 1, 1998 prize 3

judges

An independent panel of judges as yet to be determined (not me—that way, I can enter and not have to buy as many CD's if I win)

And if you have photos you'd like to submit that you don't think will win, please do it anyway. They could be good stock photos. I'm looking for lots of them, so give me anything you have. Any old photos are also welcome.

If you have prizes to throw in, let me know, or if you want a copy of the CD when it's finished (or any of the scanned photos), also let me know (a price will be determined for the CD's to cover the cost only).

Current Projects at the Lake

There are often several projects going on at the lake. These include boat maintenance, repairs to the boathouse, improvements to the boathouse, grounds, or dock, and overall cleaning. If you're interested in helping with any of these projects, contact either one of the Fleet Captains or the Harbour Master, and they will help you with getting started. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated!

Fleet Projects

- contact one of the Fleet Captains for details
- mast step to be replaced on the donated Laser
- delamination to be repaired on Mistletoe (green C scow)
- boats to be registered
- new boom for yellow E scow-install new cable vang

Harbour Projects

- contact the Harbour Master for details
- electrical work on the "Tugette" (club's small towing tractor)
- rebuilding of several FJ and Laser trailers
- boat ramp to be extended and wall built
- repairs to dock and floating dock
- removing mud from bottom of boat ramp

Upcoming Skipper's Test

The written portion of the Skipper's test will be given this fall, tentatively scheduled for September 10. This date should give prospective Skippers time to complete the prerequisites to the written portion. If you expect you may have scheduling trouble taking the exam on that date, or if you just can't wait, you may make arrangements to take it earlier.

To get the Skipper rating, there are 6 basic requirements:

1. *be a member of the Iowa Sailing Club in good standing*
2. *have attained the Heavy Weather Helmsman rating*
3. *have rigged and sailed all types of boats the club owns (yes, this includes the Pram)*
4. *have raced in at least 12 races*
5. *have set up a race course and run a race*
6. *pass a written Skipper's test*

The written portion of the test contains questions on sailing theory, dinghies, keelboats, racing, maintenance, navigation, and safety. The goal is to test for a well-rounded sailing background that can function in multiple locations (small water and bigger), multiple crafts (dinghies as well as bigger boats), and multiple situations (racing and cruising). It will also test for some indirect knowledge commonly used in the sailing process (e.g. trailering).

If you have completed requirements 1-5, or will have completed them by September 10, and would like to take the written exam, please contact Mark A Johnson at mark-a-johnson@uiowa.edu or 319/339-1063.



Iowa Sailing Club Rating Policy

The Iowa Sailing Club has 3 basic ratings we test for, to assess a person's proficiency in sailing the club's boats: Light Weather Helmsman (LWH), Heavy Weather Helmsman (HWH), and Skipper (S). Our testing policy is quite simple, but is easily forgotten, so it seems prudent to post a couple notes about the process.

1. To test someone to a particular rating, the tester must have at least one higher rating than the rating the testee is going for. For example, a HWH or a S can give an LWH test. Also, a S may give a HWH test. However, a LWH cannot give another LWH test.

2. LWH's can sail LWH boats-the FJ's, Lasers, windsurfers, Pirateer, and the Laser 2 (without the spinaker or trapeze). They are originally certified to sail the FJ's and may take them out. They must be shown how to rig and sail the other boats by a qualified club member before taking them out.

3. HWH's can sail all the boats, but only after being "checked out" on each boat by a qualified member of the club (another HWH or higher, who has been checked out). Being "checked out" includes demonstrating that you can rig and sail it.

Requirements for Ratings

Light Weather Helmsman

- demonstrate rigging the FJ
- includes tying the figure 8 knot and either the double half-hitch or the bowline
- demonstrate sailing the FJ
includes sailing in a straight line, tacking, jibing, capsizing and righting, docking, and man-over-board (sailing to something floating in the water, and being able to stop at that point)
- demonstrate a knowledge of club rules and policies

Heavy Weather Helmsman

- demonstrate same skills and knowledge as for the LWH test, except in heavy winds (15-30mph)
- have raced in at least 3 races

Skipper

- have HWH rating, have raced in at least 12 races, set up and run a race, be checked out on all types of boats the club owns, and pass a written test (*see article on upcoming Skipper's test*).

Laser Rigging Tips

I've seen some creative ways of rigging the Lasers, and I have a few suggestions which might make it easier to understand some of the stuff on this boat.

How to Sit While Rigging

One of the hard things to do is to rig the Laser while sitting in the boat. One of the best things I've figured out for rigging them is how not to get into the boat until I'm ready to leave the dock. When you tie the painter (bow line) up to the dock, make sure you tie it as close to the end of the line as possible. That will give you extra line to move the boat around at the dock with your feet. Then, you can sit on the dock, reaching into the boat, while moving the boat back and forth with your feet, rather than moving your butt along the dock, possibly getting splinters. Also, unless your arms are really short, you should be able to reach everything you need, just by reaching in.

Rudder and Daggerboard

I would suggest putting these into the boat before you begin to put in the sail. This makes things much

easier, since the boat's not sailing all over the place while you're putting them in.

Mast

When putting the mast into the boat, make sure not to drop it into the mast step hole. This could punch a hole in the bottom of the boat, which would be bad. Set it into the step gently.

Cunningham

The cunningham should be the first sail control you attach, since if the boat capsizes, that's the only thing holding the mast in the step. One problem is that if the mast comes all the way out, it will sink to the bottom of the cove. A worse problem is if the mast comes 1/2 way out, it could break through the mast step tube, requiring an expensive repair that we would rather avoid.

Outhaul

The next control to attach is the outhaul. Pull the outhaul through the cleat on the boom, and then lead it to in front of the mainsheet block in front of the cleat. Then,

wrap it around the boom and tie it off to itself. This will help you avoid wrapping it around the boom several times, and it makes adjustment of the outhaul a little simpler. Also, with the way the sails are currently rigged, there is an extra length of line at the back of the sail, which is about 1 foot long. This is to tie the sail down to the boom, so it slides along the boom when the outhaul is loosened, rather than moving up and away from the boom, allowing more control over the sail.

Boom Vang

This is the last sail control you should attach, right before leaving the dock. Don't attach it before that, since if a gust of wind comes along, the vang will prevent the wind from spilling out of the sail, possibly tipping the boat

over. Also, the best way to adjust the vang is to pull the mainsheet in as tight as it will go, pulling the boom down to the deck on the back of the boat. Then, snug up the boom vang. This bends the mast slightly, giving the mast and sail the shape they were designed to have.

Daggerboard Bungee

Attach this bungee either to the mast or to the bow eye. This will keep it out of your way, as well as keeping the daggerboard attached to the boat, should you capsize.

I hope this helps your understanding of some of the rigging of the Laser. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call or drop an email (Mark A Johnson: mark-a-johnson@uiowa.edu or 339-1063).

FJ Sail Folding

There was a noticeable difference in the way the FJ sails were folded after the summer Teaching Weekends, and much that can be improved on. Unfortunately, I don't have pictures to go along with this sail-folding instruction, but I'll try to make the details clear.

How

- Step 1: Lay the mainsail flat on the dock
- Step 2: Center the jib inside the mainsail, with the front edge of the jib (luff) on the same side as the front edge of the mainsail
- Step 3: Fold along the back edges of the sails and fold both sails so that the heads of both sails are past the clear window in the jib, but not all the way to the bottom of the mainsail
- Step 4: Roll the sails, starting at the fold, until you get to the end and have a roll about as big around as your thigh (not too tight, not too loose)
- Step 5: Wrap the jib sheets around both sails

Why

- The dock is the best place to fold the sails, as the concrete and gravel at the top of the hill abrade the material and destroy the finish
- When we make the fold in step 3, the jib wire inside the front edge of the jib won't be folded directly onto itself, creating a kink; Also, when rigging the boat, both sails are situated to make rigging easier, not having to turn the jib around after rigging the mainsail
- Along the back edges of the sails so that the battens are parallel to the roll you will make—past the window so the heads of the sails (made of plastic and metal) don't scratch the window; Not to the bottom edge of the mainsail so that, when rolled, the heads don't stick out
- If you need to, you can use my thigh as a reference (25" around)
- This keeps the sails from unrolling while you're carrying them

Bastille Party '97

Saturday, July 12, 1997
Drinks & Appetizers - 5:30pm
Dinner Served - 7-9pm

Dinner & Drinks \$10
Drinks Only \$5

Where

Grant Gerdes' Home
4 Amber Lane
Iowa City
351-3250

Directions

Highway 6 East to Sycamore St.
almost to the mall
Right on Sycamore St. to Lakeside Dr.
Left on Lakeside Dr. to Amber Lane
You're within hailing distance...



Zippy, the Party Dog!

Drinks

Rum, rum and more rum served with various tropical flavors and plenty of ice to keep the night cool!

Keg O' Beer... need I say more?

Non-alcoholic drinks will also be provided for land lubbers and pirates under 21.

Appetizers

Tortilla chips and assorted salsas
Vegetable Tray

Dinner

Zesty Jerk Chicken

-or-

Tofu gyros spiced with onion, paprika, and curry, topped with cucumber yogurt sauce and stuffed in a whole grain pita

Rice cooked in a tangy orange suace, garnished with grilled bell pepper and fresh tomato

Tossed corn and black beans in a sweet vinaigrette

Dessert

Homemade rhubarb crisp with brown sugar and cinnamon served with vanilla ice cream

RSVP

Name _____
Number in Party _____
Jerk or Not? _____
Chicken -or- Vegetarian *circle one*

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Iowa Sailing Club Officers, Summer '97

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Team Captain (gone for summer)

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Steve Erickson

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Sitzman	Nick	L	354-8702
Smiley	Becky		364-0995
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Stevens	Jenny	N	857-4812
Stevens	Jenny	N	857-4812
Stonehocker	Jeff	L	338-0304
Sutton	Eric	H	354-6398
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Thompson	Daisy	N	366-2527
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calendar

event

Thursday Racing
Boat-Fixin' Party
Bastille Day Regatta
Bastille Day Party

place

Lake Macbride
Lake Macbride
Lake Macbride
Grant Gerdes' House

date

Thursdays (duh)
Thursday, July 10
Saturday, July 12
Saturday, July 12

time

5:30pm
6:30pm
11:00am
5:30pm

birthdays

Francis Fang

July 11