



Eagle's Cry

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From the Commodore

LISA GIFFORD



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I hope you find yourself reading this edition of the *Eagle's Cry* with a mug of hot apple cider and a piece of pumpkin bread. This is the first of four *From the Commodore* notes I will write while serving as your EYC Commodore. Spoiler alert! Read cover to cover to hear about how amazing the 2023 EYC season was from all the Committee Chairs and *Eagle's Cry* contributors! A big thank you to Rear Commodore Hugh Haggerty for his mentorship over the past summer and all of my fellow EYC Board members since 2017. It is a pleasure to work with such dedicated and motivated volunteers. EYC has so much heart!

I'll use this note to explain how a woman who grew up in Iowa and now lives in Connecticut is Commodore of the Ephraim Yacht Club. My family first visited Door County



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"THERE WILL ALWAYS BE AN EPHRAIM REGATTA"



in 1976. We stayed at Helms Four Seasons in Sister Bay. My parents, Paul and Myra DeLong, built a cabin in Egg Harbor in 1977 after falling in love with Door County. We lived in Dubuque, Iowa on the Mississippi River. They were members of the local sailing club and waged battles against the mighty Mississippi's current and sand bars. When they built the cabin in Door County, that was the end of Mississippi River sailing. Our sailboat was yellow and had a beautiful jib (yellow, orange and white stripes). My mom loves yellow, so my dad knew how to get my mom on board with his new toy. I do not remember what kind of boat it was or how big it was. For me, all that mattered was it was big enough to sleep on overnight. My favorite sailing activities were sleepovers on the boat when docked in Egg Harbor or when there was no wind and my dad would tie a rope to our life preservers (no one called them PFDs then), throw us overboard and let us troll behind the boat. I never really learned the ins and outs of sailing, but just loved being on the boat, especially the bow and was really good at fending or throwing lines for dock hands to catch when docking. We were not members of the EYC. At that time, Egg Harbor seemed worlds away from Ephraim. Fish Creek was the big city!

Fast forward many years (no need to do the math). Andrew and I tied the knot at Horseshoe Bay Country Club in 2000. We lived in Chicago, but spent as much time as we could in Door County. In 2007, when our son, Max, was old enough to start sailing lessons, Andrew and I joined the EYC. We wanted Max to experience sailing and my dad had long ago traded in our family sailboat for a power boat in the late 80's after my teenage sisters and I begged for a power boat so we could tube and water ski, which we mistakenly thought was cooler than sailing, but I digress. The minute school ended for Max, he and I jumped in the car and were Door County bound. Andrew was a good sport about it, working obscene hours during the week at the law firm and making weekend warrior trips to Door County (like many dads before him). Max took lessons every session during the summer. I was on the dock almost every night while Max raced. Jodi Hoyerman, Fran Morof, Marguerite Roza, Jeanne Papenthien, Carol Fiedler and I watched the races and enjoyed the sunsets. Max and I capped off evenings with ice cream (this was the carrot for racing during the Opti series days). Just like Nancy Pillat, who was our neighbor and friend on White Cliff Road in Egg Harbor when J.P. and Christian were young, my car was on autopilot for the EYC every day.

As Max became a more experienced sailor, I decided it was time for me to take sailing lessons at EYC. Ben Schallip, Will Gheorghita and Abby O'Rourke were my incredible sailing instructors. I struggled to trim my sails to keep the telltales flying. I would over correct with the tiller and docking was not my strong suit. I was impressed by the instructors, who were still in high school and college and how they demonstrated mastery of the Flying Scot and

sailed it with ease. Although more comfortable as crew than skipper, I had a blast! Ben assured me I was ready to test for my Skipper's license, but I was not as confident in my abilities. Max received his Skipper's license from Brian Ritter in 2014. Mission accomplished because Max became the skipper and lets me crew for him at least once a summer. I'll take what I can get!



Marsella Fults asked me to join the EYC Board in 2017. I have great respect and appreciation for all of the Commodores under whom I've served including Sybille Tasker, Jennifer Ikeda, Laura O'Rourke and Hugh Haggerty. Each Commodore brought her/his unique skill sets to the club. As part of my board responsibilities, I worked with Jodi Hoyerman as Chair of the EYC Membership Committee. This role was a good fit for me because we moved to New Canaan, Connecticut in 2012 for Andrew's job and I could see to membership duties remotely in the off season. I thought this would be the pinnacle of my EYC service. I did not have aspirations for the role in which I find myself serving now. Which leads me to the next segue.

Andrew and I have enjoyed the hit television series *Ted Lasso*. If you have not watched it, do, because you are in for a treat. We watched the latest season and as the newly installed EYC Commodore, I've noticed some similarities between Ted's role as former American football coach turned head coach of an English football team and me, EYC Membership Chair chosen by the EYC Board as the EYC Commodore. Like Ted, I do not have mastery of the sport, but I have great appreciation for those who do and I have passion for the EYC. I am a can-do person and believe those on the team can do as well. The TV theme song belts out "*Yeah, it might be all that you get, yeah, I*



guess this might well be it, but heaven knows I've tried." "Yeah, I'm what EYC gets for a Commodore, this is it and heaven knows I'll try." Best of all, the EYC Board has members who are beyond capable in areas where I fall short. Hugh Haggerty, Laura O'Rourke, Steve Sauter, Carol Claypool, Fran Morof, Jim Peterman, Woody Heidler, Brian Ritter, Marta Fonseca and Colin Knight are the best in their game. I'll let you decide who fills the roles of Roy Kent, Coach Beard, Rebecca, Keeley, Leslie, Jamie and Colin.

The EYC community is a gem. The multigenerational aspect of the club warms my heart. Maybe you sailed at the EYC decades prior to dropping your grandchild off at lessons. Maybe you worked at the club and are now are dropping your child off for lessons. Maybe you are a seasoned Scot racer and enjoy racing against the newest Scot sailors at the EYC. My EYC story is not unique and I hope reading this note conjures up your own fond memories of time at the EYC with family and friends on the water and on the dock.

Come sail, race, take lessons, swim, play bridge and bunco, picnic, party, savor a sunset, and make forever friendships and lifetime family memories. I look forward to seeing all of you on the dock next season.

Until then, wishing you and yours a healthy and happy holiday season!

Believe,
LISA

Dock Report

COLIN KNIGHT

The season was off to a great start with us being early on getting the lifts and swim platform in. We also added two new lifts this year so there is even more storage on the water for club Scots, which some people prefer to dry sailing and using the cranes.

The grates at the top of the pilings were all installed before the season opened. This should now be maintenance free for a few years with no loose grates to trip anyone up.

We now have a water spigot just near the south crane (thank Jim Peterman for your help). This should make power washing boats and the dock much easier than running hoses 200 feet from the spigot near the club house (let the water fights begin!). Having seen the dock recently, I appreciate what a great job the scarecrow did before it became unrecognizable. There were plenty of happy birds making a big mess, so bring on the snow and ice to clean the dock off!

The cranes have been working well with the new bearings installed. Great job to everyone working on the dock for NOT tying the crane down to the cleats. It makes the bearings last longer and run smoother. We did have one

issue with a crane switch not working while people were sailing and, of course, based on the wind direction, it was the crane that needed to be used! So, we quickly swapped crane switches and sailors could use the preferred crane.

We now have some wooden barriers on the south side of the dock in two places. These barriers should protect boats from hitting the large, welded, metal stations, that were designed to scratch any boat that dares come near!



Overall, it was a great season and the dock was well used with full lessons and many great activities. It was a pleasure for me to be able to watch the dock (sometimes from our home across the road) and see many happy people working and playing together. It really is a fantastic social hub, where people come for adventures, fun, and learning.

Clubhouse Report

LAURA O'ROURKE

Thanks to our Club Chairperson, Jim Peterman, this summer the EYC Clubhouse was something to be proud of! Everyone enjoyed the beautiful new bathrooms and shower room that had been remodeled over the off season. The exterior of the club house was painted and looked as good as new. One of the toughest jobs for the dock assistants



has been hauling a 200-foot hose all the way down the dock to clean off the bird poop. This year we had a hose extension installed all the way down the south side of the dock. Now the power washer can be connected and easily used to keep the dock clean or the hose can be used to wash boats. Two new six panel doors were installed in the lower level to keep closets secured.

Jim has a unique way of getting jobs done. In the last few years, EYC cookouts have been more plentiful than ever. We are so happy to see families enjoying cookouts and pot lucks. We identified a need for a utility sink and put it on our wish list. After a few phone calls to Jim about this wish, the job was done only a few days later! We now have a beautiful stainless steel utility sink so that members no longer resort to using the restroom sinks. It was installed next to the water bottle refill station. We look forward to putting it to good use next year!

Treasurer's Report

CAROL CLAYPOOL

Profit and Loss

November 1, 2022 Through September 30, 2023		
Income		
Donations - Unrestricted	2,769.62	
Donations - Restricted	12,605.00	
Membership dues	99,053.84	
Lesson income	89,172.15	
Merchandise	27,179.32	
Slip and locker rentals	5,097.65	
Bank Interest	3,931.80	
Regattas	3,860.82	
Fundraisers - Pancake Breakfast	2,358.49	
Total Income	246,028.69	246,028.69
Cost of Goods Sold		(14,597.77)
Adjusted Income		231,430.92
Expenses		
Payroll - Wages, insurance	97,773.18	
Repairs and Maintenance - Clubhouse, dock	40,741.47	
Insurance	18,614.00	
Software and online services	11,621.83	
Printing and postage	6,614.38	
Regattas	5,746.40	
Professional fees (construction, legal, accounting, engineering)	5,902.98	
Supplies - Clubhouse, dock, boats, office	4,622.16	
Rent, utilities, phone, Internet	3,155.31	
Fundraisers - ARM, Commodore's, Pancake	19,898.53	
Trophies and awards	1,910.49	
Memberships (US Sailing, LMSRF, etc.)	1,920.00	
Misc. expenses	1,979.73	
Total Expenses	220,500.46	220,500.46
Net Income		10,930.46

Assets

November 1, 2022 Through September 30, 2023		
Liquid Assets		
Unrestricted funds	284,794.41	
Restricted Funds	21,426.10	
Total Liquid Assets	306,220.51	306,220.51
Total Fixed Assets		192,433.26
Total Assets		498,653.77

Notable Expenses

- Bathrooms were renovated
- Clubhouse doors, stairs and framing were repaired or replaced
- Grates on the dock were welded in place
- Salaries were increased to be more competitive
- Aaron R. Moore fundraiser expenses will be reconciled at the end of the fiscal year

Income

- Money was consolidated into a high interest account to generate more interest income
- Dues, lessons and merchandise are the main sources of income

Membership Report

LISA GIFFORD

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce the addition of Sara Knight. Sara has been spending summers at her childhood family home in Fish Creek since the 80s. She and her husband Colin (EYC Board Member) bought a condo right across the street from the EYC in 2019. Sara and Colin's sons, Will and George, were staff at EYC as an instructor and dock hand. Henry, their youngest, was the winner of the Opti series this past summer. If you are ever on the dock, chances are you will have the good fortune to run into one of the Knights. Thank you Sara for taking on the Membership Chair role!

Here is the data for those data driven:

Member Type	Aug 18 2016	Aug 12 2017	Aug 11 2018	Aug 9 2019	Aug 8 2020	Aug 14 2021	Aug 13 2022	Aug 12 2023
Family	231	238	225	233	206	231	256	258
Honorary	3	3	2	1	2	2	1	1
Life	23	22	20	18	16	15	14	13
Senior	110	112	118	116	101	103	97	98
Single	31	30	31	31	26	31	26	29
Young Adult	NA	NA	NA	NA	4	5	5	11
Total	398	405	400	403	355	387	398	408



The table below shows the number of student memberships for the following years. This data is NOT reflective of lesson enrollment.

Year	Student Membership
2020	32
2021	78
2022	103
2023	99

The Clubhouse and Dock are the skeleton of the EYC and the members are the heart. Just like the heart of expectant parents, the heart grows with the addition of a new family member. Membership at the EYC continues to grow. We had 34 New Family memberships, 2 New Senior memberships, and 3 New Single memberships this year, for a total of 39. Welcome Aboard!

We had 11 Young Adult memberships which is over double what we had in 2020 when we rolled out this new membership type. It is exciting to see our former EYC staff, students, and family members staying connected to the EYC once they turn 25 (roll off their Family membership) and until they are 31 and now must join with Single or Family Membership. Remember, a huge perk of having a Young Adult Membership is that, when you must purchase a Single or Family membership at 31, the initiation fee is waived.

Only 100 days until Christmas. Parents of young adults -- stuff the stocking with a Young Adult Membership for 2024! It is only \$50 annually which is less than \$5 a month. They will receive the witty EYC email blogs (which will be a welcome distraction from the responsibilities of being grown up); they can attend EYC events when they are in Door County; and they can use club boats. *Yule* spread holiday cheer!

The EYC encourages Family membership over multiple student memberships for one family. In this way, the EYC becomes a family experience. Parents volunteer and the club is better for it. Thank you to all who have invested in Family membership for the EYC!

EYC Reciprocity

Seniors and Singles (Families too) -- as you head to warmer waters for the off season, consider using your EYC reciprocal privileges. Go to Club Express eycwi.clubexpress.com and log into your Club Express account. In the top box of your profile page under Membership Summary, you will see in bold **Download membership card** and **Download spouse membership card** (if you have a Family or Senior membership). Click on this option and your membership card will appear. You

may print it out or take a screen shot of it and save it to your mobile device. An example of a membership card appears below:



On your card, you will see the web address of Yachting Club of America. When you go to the Yachting Club of America website www.ycaol.com, click on "Members Only" at the top of the page. Enter the User ID: club1040 and Password: y100446c. You then have access to the digital copy of the Yachting Club of America online directory which lists reciprocal clubs across America. Many clubs only require a copy of your membership card to use their facilities. Other clubs ask for a letter of introduction. Please Google the club you would like to visit and go to their website. You can explore their website and often find visitor information. If requirements for reciprocal club visitors are not clear, you can email the club and inquire. If a letter of introduction is needed, please email membership@eyc.org and a volunteer on the Membership Committee will be happy to send a letter of introduction on your behalf. If a letter is required, please give membership volunteers at least a week's notice. This information may also be found on the EYC website eyc.org under the membership tab. Have fun asking permission to come aboard at reciprocal clubs in the off season.

Membership Renewals for 2024

Thank you! Over 300 members renewed last year during the early bird period.

Renewal emails are sent three times.

1. In mid-January, after you've recovered from the holidays, you will receive your first EYC renewal notice from Club Express. If you renew, that is that.
2. If your EYC renewal stays on your "to do" list, you will receive another EYC renewal notification email from Club Express in mid-February. If you renew by February 29th (you get an extra day this year), you will get the early bird rate and that is that.
3. If your EYC renewal has fallen to the bottom of your laundry list, you will receive a third renewal email from Club Express in mid-March. This is your last



chance to renew before April 1st so you can be included in the printed EYC directory.

Note: If any information for your Club Express account has changed -- for example, a move, new summer home purchase, new baby, or new relationship status, please email membership@eyc.org and one of the volunteers on the membership committee will update your Club Express account. This is preferred because there is a specific format required for the printed directory and when a membership volunteer updates your information, we know your information has been formatted as needed and that your listing in the printed directory will be correct.

If you find yourself in Door County with the snow and ice, call an EYC friend with a snow plow, mix up a hot toddy, sit around the fire, and count the days until summer! Cheers!

Equipment Report

STEVE SAUTER

First of all, thank you to the ARM Fund which helped us replace the original ARM crash boat with a Zodiac that was used extensively. The ARM II is the new staff favorite.

Also new this summer were an additional six RS Teras that were used during our busy class schedule. This is a great addition to our fleet that continues to broaden the program.

I would like to thank everyone who helped move boats and especially the students and staff who cared for the boats and made this a summer with the least amount of damage I have ever seen.

“Call for Anchors”. While you are cleaning out your garage, boat, or other storage facility and want to relieve yourself of an unused Danforth, mushroom, or any other anchor, please remember that the EYC uses a lot of anchors. Give me a call or just drop them off outside the lower door of the EYC.

Education Report

BRIAN RITTER

Happy fall everyone! It's great to reflect back on a successful season of sailing and instruction down on the EYC dock. I think that I speak for the entire Education Committee in that we're proud of how the program executed this year.

Up front, I'd like to give kudos to the hard work of the excellent staff that the EYC put together. They ran, perhaps, the smoothest summer from my perspective since I took up my position on the Education Committee a few years back. In particular, I have to give a shout-out to our fearless leaders – Laura Thérien (Director), Jackson

Graham (Assistant Director), and Penelope Whiteside (Head Instructor). Their maturity and strong experience set a great example for our staff and our students. Additionally, we brought in a number of new faces to the dock this year, filling more dock assistant roles than in the past. They all proved to be very welcome additions and caught on quickly to the nuances and demand of working here. Well done to all of you.



By the numbers, 2023 went well. We had 246 unique students participating in 384 lessons throughout the summer, which is a slight improvement over 2022. By my calculations, that works out to be 7,125 instruction hours down at the EYC. How wild is that? It's hard not to get excited about the learning and development that comes. I suppose there's some fun sprinkled in too.

And that's really why I love being here for the club. I love teaching. More specifically, I love to see incremental improvement in others over the course of a day, week, or summer. Of course, sailing is a unique skill and a lifelong sport. But there's so much more to learn than how to trim your sails. Through sailing, you learn the values of preparation, sportsmanship, and patience! Unlike powerboating, sailing takes time to set up. You must unroll the sails, rig up the correct sheets, and launch your boat into the water. This can take at least 20 minutes to get to the good stuff. In sailing, you learn how to communicate and treat your crew respectfully. You learn to compete with honesty. There's usually not a referee or judge to call out penalties. Finally, of course, you must be patient! Sometimes in sailing, and in life, you must learn to wait for the wind to fill in and power your sails forward. I think this an especially important skill in a world where phones have made communication and answers instantly available.

So, although summer is over, it is still great to see the weather changing and leaf colors blooming in Door County. It's one of my favorite times to experience up here. As I write this, Fall Fest is only a few weeks out. I'm excited to get out there with family and friends. I'll be sure to chow down on brats, fireman potatoes, and hot ciders. Say hello when you find each other in the crowd! Our



community is special. And if we don't find each other, I know I'll need to be patient for another summer of sailing at the EYC!

Director's Report

LAURA THÉRIEN



This year continued to prove that the heart and gold of the EYC are our volunteers. As Director, I had the privilege of seeing it all come together, day in and day out. Whether it be Claudia Werner weeding the EYC's garden on a humid summer morning, Marta Fonseca and Sarah Knight walking the dock during lessons to get the perfect pictures for our social medias, or Lisa Forsman taking on preparations for the Commodore's Party, our amazing volunteers truly keep this club afloat. So, thank you for the amazing work you do; it is greatly appreciated. I wish I could name you all, but the Eagle's Cry can only be so long!



We had a very successful year in terms of lessons with lots of excited students and positive growth from previous years. In fact, we saw an increase in registration with approximately 229 unique students and 429 lesson signups. Our wonderful team of staff did an amazing job and worked together to keep the clubhouse clean, teach lessons, run races, etc. I'd like to thank the Assistant Director, Jackson Graham, Head Instructor, Penelope Whiteside,

and Head Powerboat Instructor, Max Gifford, for their hard work in sometimes difficult leadership roles. I would also like to thank all the instructors and dock assistants for their hard work. The staff worked many long hours under the sun and kept things running beautifully. Dock assistants made sure that the equipment was working for lessons and races while also keeping the dock in shipshape. As much as I enjoyed so many parts of the job, one of the best parts was observing this group of young adults mesh together and work as a team.

Last but not least, I would like to thank all the members of the Personal Committee, who supported me daily: Hugh Haggerty, Lisa Gifford, Brian Ritter, Steve Sauter, and Laura O'Rourke, thank you!

Wishing all of our members a happy off-season. I know we will be back on the dock before we know it!

Gibraltar Sailing Team

CHARLIE SAUTER



The Gibraltar Sailing Team, coached by Cain Goettelman and Nick Price kicked off their season at the Fall Scramble Regatta at the Pewaukee Yacht Club. Out of the 21 teams participating, Gibraltar finished middle of the pack, and sailors Charlie Sauter and Olive Goettelman received the Sportsmanship Award. The team would like to thank Rear Commodore Hugh Haggerty for his coaching expertise over the past few seasons and wish him great success in Jacksonville, Florida. He is missed. The team



practices at EYC throughout the week. With six sailors in total -- three veterans and three new recruits -- the team is looking forward to a strong season. Go Gibraltar Vikings!

118th Ephraim Regatta

WOODY HEIDLER



With another Ephraim Regatta came another successful weekend of racing. We were able to provide five races with very tricky conditions. The race committee did a great job of ensuring a great experience for all racers and making sure we were able to have quick, competitive races. A big thank you to all of our volunteers that helped make the 118th Ephraim Regatta possible! Without your help, we could not continue to provide such a great experience for our racers. Congratulations to all of our racers and we cannot wait to see you on the water again next year!

Thank you to the following for providing volunteer time to help us make such a successful regatta:



Clinic

- PJ Buhler
- David Ames
- Mike Faugust for organizing

- Sauter family, Dischner family, and Gifford family

Race Committee

- PRO -- Geoff Endris
- Matt Winnacker -- Driver and Owner
- Laura O'Rourke
- Lisa Gifford
- John Archibald
- Eric Bussell for getting good footage

Windward Markset

- Ben Schallip
- Anna Opaczewski (O-pa-chess-ski)
- Ali Scattergood
- Evan Anderson

Leeward Markset

- Max Gifford
- Henry Tasker

Safety Boat

- Nick Mueller
- Hayden Johansen

Judges Boat

- Mike Lisle -- Driver and Owner (Saturday)
- Collin Knight -- Driver and Owner (Sunday)
- Fred Horwitz
- Bob Aring
- Dave Lucy

EYC Staff

- Laura Thérien
- Jackson Graham
- Grace Mangun
- Annie Larsen
- George Knight
- Any others that I missed

Merch

- Marta Fonseca
- Vanessa Demarinis

Racer Welcome Party

- Mike Faugust for organizing food
- Lisa Gifford and Laura O'Rourke for helping set up

Lunches and Breakfast Bar

- Liz Dischner

Registration

- Carol Fiedler



Ephraim Regatta Party

- My wife, Emily Heidler, for organizing
- Great Lakes BBQ
- Ephraim Historical Society -- party space
- Laura O'Rourke
- Julie Watkins
- Carol Fiedler
- Tava Wilson
- Lisa Gifford
- Ed Graham
- Jess Sauter
- Debby Heidler
- Skip Heidler
- Kelly and Isak Peterson
- Liz Dischner
- Alexander's Restaurant (providing chairs and tables)

Results:

- 1st Place: Peter Sobol/David Ames -- Lake Monona Sailing Club
- 2nd Place: Ryan Malmgren/Stacey Rieu -- EYC
- 3rd Place: Dave Chapin/Caroline Chapin -- Lake Eustis Sailing Club
- 4th Place: Mark Johnson/PJ Buhler -- Neenah Nodaway Yacht Club
- 5th Place: Michael Faugust/Jennifer Ikeda-Faugust -- EYC

Racing Report

WOODY HEIDLER

As the leaves are beginning to change up here in Door County, I can't help but think about how successful the EYC's racing season was this summer. Not only did we increase our overall number of competitors, racers, and regatta participants; we also added a new fleet to our racing calendar. Thank you to all who participated this summer as well as our staff for running all of our series races. Congratulations to all of our winners!



Monday 420 Race Series:

- 1st Place: 20 pts. -- Penelope Whiteside
- 2nd Place: 21 pts. -- Hayden Johansen
- 3rd Place: 131 pts. -- Nathan Taylor

Monday/Thursday Opti Blue Fleet Race Series:

- 1st Place: 83 pts. -- William Goettelman
- 2nd Place: 127 pts. -- Olivia Stollenwerk
- 3rd Place: 140 pts. -- Jack Benoist

Monday/Thursday Opti Red Fleet Race Series:

- 1st Place: 77 pts. -- Henry Knight
- 2nd Place: 90 pts. -- Madison Butler
- 3rd Place: 92 pts. -- Liam O'Rear

Tuesday Laser Race Series:

- 1st Place: 22 pts. -- Geoff Werner
- 2nd Place: 23 pts. -- Michael Faugust
- 3rd Place: 130 pts. -- Penelope Whiteside

Tuesday RS Tera Race Series:

- 1st Place: 10 pts. -- Henry Knight
- 2nd Place: 20 pts. -- Max Travnichuk
- 3rd Place: 54 pts. -- Calvin Hoag

Thursday Flying Scot Race Series:

- 1st Place: 19 pts. -- Nancy Claypool
- 2nd Place: 51 pts. -- Charlie Dischner
- 3rd Place: 58 pts. -- Steve Sauter

Friday 420 Race Series:

- 1st Place: 141 pts. -- Charlie Troup
- 2nd Place: 152 pts. -- Hayden Johansen
- 3rd Place: 173 pts. -- Jennifer Ikeda

Friday Laser Race Series:

- 1st Place: 16 pts. -- Geoff Werner
- 2nd Place: 28 pts. -- Michael Faugust (Winner of Master Series)
- 3rd Place: 62 pts. -- Hal Whitacre

Friday Laser Masters Race Series:

- 1st Place: Michael Faugust
- 2nd Place: Geoff Werner
- 3rd Place: Hal Whitacre

Saturday Flying Scot Race Series

- 1st Place: 52 pts. -- Nancy Claypool
- 2nd Place: 82 pts. -- Woody Heidler
- 3rd Place: 99 pts. -- Charlie Dischner (Top Junior Flying Scot Sailor award)



Flying Scot Saturday Top Junior Award: Charlie Dischner

Friday 420 Series Top Female Racer: Jennifer Ikeda

Laser Series Top Female Racer: Nancy Claypool

2023 Opti Regatta:

- 1st Place: Zia Ahmed -- Chicago Yacht Club
- 2nd Place: Alexander Prendergast -- Chicago Yacht Club
- 3rd Place: Rafi Ahmed -- Chicago Yacht Club

2023 Laser Regatta:

- 1st Place: David Poquette -- EYC
- 2nd Place: Robert Christie -- Wayzata Yacht Club
- 3rd Place: Jeff Wong -- Madison Sailing Center

2023 420/Junior Regatta

- 1st Place: Declan McCormick/Brielle Douglas – South Shore Yacht Club
- 2nd Place: Charlie Dischner/Cameron Reynolds -- EYC
- 3rd Place: Molly Roszak/Layne Rogere – South Shore Yacht Club

Flying Scot Women's North American Championship

CAROL CLAYPOOL

The Flying Scot Sailing Association's 2023 Women's North American Championship (WNAC) was held the weekend of July 15 to 16 at the Westhampton Yacht Squadron (WYS) on Moriches Bay in Remsenburg, New York. This event was previously sailed in conjunction with the Flying Scot North American Championship, but has become so popular that, since 2018, it has been its own standalone weekend regatta. Nancy Claypool chartered a boat from WYS, and she and her crew, Carrie Berger (Southern Yacht Club) and I, headed to New York.

WYS is a relatively small club on Long Island. They sent a team to the first, stand-alone WNAC, and the women had such a great time that they wanted their club to host a Flying Scot event. Since their club is small, they felt that a WNAC was a perfection option for them since the regatta is a manageable size, a weekend event, and would also promote sailing among the women of the club.

One of the components of the Women's NAC that has made it successful has been the ability to charter boats, because, for some competitors, it's difficult to drive your boat across the country and back for a weekend event. WYS made seven boats available for charter – their four best club boats and three private boats – first come, first

served. The club boats had brand new Mad sails, thanks in part to sponsorship funds. The Fleet Captain and his team went through every nut, bolt, and screw on the chartered boats and made sure they were equally tuned and race ready.

The event began on Friday night with an informal meal to meet other competitors. After dinner, the club hosted a "Moriches Manicure" party. The club provided red and green nail polish so that the women could get their nails painted properly for racing (red for their left/port hand; green for their right/starboard hand). Even the PRO and some of the judges joined in!



Saturday morning after the competitors' meeting, the women launched the boats with the help of many male volunteers who pushed trailers to the launch area, manned the hoist, moved boats along the dock, and towed boats out to the end of the channel. The PRO ran three long races on Saturday -- a five-leg, then a four-leg, then a five-leg race. The wind averaged about ten knots, and the tide came in and out during the races.

In the first race, Nancy took advantage of a wind shift on the last leg to pass two boats and cross the finish line in second place behind Sally Morris from the Birmingham Sailing Club. In the second race, Nancy had a good start, and with help from her crew, she chose tacks that made for a shorter distance to each mark with the result that she finished in first place and several boat lengths ahead of the second-place boat. After two races, Nancy was in first place overall in the regatta. In the third race, Nancy, Carrie and I focused on covering the competitors who were closest to us based on the point standings in the regatta versus those who were closest to us on the water. The competitors tried to break away and improve their position, but Nancy consistently covered and tacked when they did which made for numerous extra tacks. When nearing the finish, there were a couple of key times that she successfully decided to stay her course to drive to the finish line and minimize tacks while her competitors chose the



other tack. One boat, Jenn Truscott from WYS, finished ahead of Nancy in first place, but Nancy chose not to cover her and covered her main competition, finishing second, to maintain her overall lead in the regatta.

There had been some discussion about sailing a fourth and possibly a fifth race on Saturday because rain and 30 mph winds were forecast for Sunday. However, the Race Committee decided that they didn't want to overdo the amount of racing in one day since the courses had been long, and sent everyone back to the dock after the third race.

There were several spectator boats that took sponsors and male club members out to the race course. The men loved watching the racing. And, for those who had devoted time to preparing boats for the event, it was very rewarding to see how well their club boats performed against private boats, and that the club boats could win races. This goes to show that club boats can hold their own if they are taken care of, tuned properly and, of course, set up with good sails.

That evening, the club put on a fabulous buffet that included clams, mussels, steamed lobster and an open bar. What a first-class event! Before leaving for the evening, the PRO told everyone that there would be racing the next day.

On Sunday morning, the trees were swaying, and it was raining. The updated forecast on the wind apps varied from challenging conditions to non-sailable conditions. The Flying Scot Sailing Association provides guidelines for race committees to help them decide if the overall sailing conditions are appropriate for racing in Flying Scots. The PRO put out a call to the competitors to come to the club early for the morning briefing, and he announced that he was cancelling racing for the day. The PRO happens to know a little about wind, because his day job is being the supervisor for all the air traffic controllers in the northeast! He made the decision not because of the wind or rain alone, but because the conditions were ripe for waterspouts!

Nancy and her team were ahead by one point after Saturday's racing, and when we heard the announcement, realized we had won the regatta. Nancy and her crew were awarded keeper trophies and the perpetual "Joan Burnside Memorial Trophy". The perpetual trophy is a beautiful trophy consisting of a plaque that is the shape of the stern of a Flying Scot with a very expensive ship's clock mounted in the middle. (A ship's clock sounds one bell every half hour, increasing the number of bells by one, reaching eight bells at the end of four hours which is the length of a standard watch for a ship's crew.)



The PRO announced that the trophy presentation would follow lunch, so we and a few other carloads of racers spent the rest of the morning driving around the bay to the Atlantic Ocean viewing the homes and watching kite sailors enjoying the high winds and the high waves in the rain. After lunch (featuring lobster rolls from the previous night's leftover lobsters), the trophy presentation, and burgee exchange, everyone packed up, and the competitors from out of town headed for the airport.

It was fun weekend, because the races that we sailed were good races, everyone at WYS was friendly and enthusiastic, and many sponsors and members, male and female, supported the event. We recommend participating in the WNAC and/or supporting any regatta to help members, visitors and friends enjoy the sport and the camaraderie from sharing a common interest. See you at the next regatta.

The Hook 2023!

HENRY MOROF

Much like many of Ephraim Yacht Club's students today, I began sailing right at seven years old. At that time, beginner sailors would take Sailing Camp, a class that, for the most part, was built around getting students comfortable in the water. I, myself, took quite some convincing to get over my fear of the water. Year after year, as I worked my way through each class, I would hear tales from each and every instructor who got the chance to race The Hook on the John and Deanna Peterson's boat, Charrette. Chaotic winds, freezing cold night shifts, persistent storms -- you name it. (The Hook Race is a 189



nautical mile race on Lake Michigan held each year in July. The Organizing Authority states that this challenging event starts outside the harbor in Racine, Wisconsin, “hooking” through Death’s Door, a narrow and often treacherous passageway between Washington Island and the Door County Peninsula, continuing across Green Bay, and ending in Menominee, Michigan.)

At the time, these stories were intimidating enough to convince me that The Hook was not for me. Eventually, after spending time as an instructor, I was offered the privilege of joining Charrette in the 2022 100-Miler. Albeit hesitant, I gave it a shot. (The Organizing Authority states that the 100 Miler is a scenic run from Menominee, Michigan across Green Bay to Door County and back. Yachts that choose to fly a spinnaker enjoy an extra six miles making their way around Green Island and Horseshoe Island at various points of sail.) After a few practices, we set out to Menominee and raced the following morning. Despite my hesitance, that day on the water was some of the most fun I’d ever had on Green Bay.

This year, when asked to join John Peterson and my fellow EYC instructors of past and present in the 2023 Hook, I put any doubt aside and accepted the invitation with great anticipation.

The morning before the race, Jack Rebhan, Laura Thérien, and I packed our belongings into Jack’s car, and headed to Racine. Besides a quick pit stop at Culvers (of course) and Walmart, most of the afternoon was spent on the road. Once we arrived, we shuttled our items onto Charrette and sorted out necessary cargo from the unnecessary. Laura’s weighted blanket did not make the cut. Shortly after preparing Charrette, the crew gathered for dinner at the Racine Yacht Club. Along with dinner, all of the racers were treated to free drinks. As the night progressed, plenty of racers would come up to us and share their wild stories, and some would ask if all seven of us were John and Deanna’s children. After a great evening behind us, we each choose our sleeping arrangements and gathered some sleep before tomorrow morning’s start.

Just before 7:00 a.m., the crew woke up and crawled over to the clubhouse for some much needed breakfast, and even free coffee. Now sated with caffeine, we began our ritual dock yoga. Though it may justify some confused glimpses from the boats around us, John’s patented dock yoga routine is one of the main contributing factors to Charrette’s success. With the crew now primed and limber, we rig what we can at the dock and set out for the starting line.

This year there were 42 boats participating. Of those 42, each one was placed into a division based on multiple factors such as sail area, weight, and sail type. Within these divisions, each boat is also given a conversion rating based on how fast they would sail given the same conditions.

Since each boat is unique from the next, these ratings are in place to equalize any relative differences between each competitor. In addition, each division, consisting of 4-7 boats, would start at separate time slots in order to avoid a 42 boat start. Our division, PHRF 3, was set to start at 9:30 a.m. With all hands on deck, the five minute sequence came to an end. Before I knew it, we were off.

Our crew was separated into two shifts that would rotate every four hours; John, Brian Ritter, Jack Rebhan, and Abby O’Rourke were on one shift and Will Andersen, Laura Thérien, Suzie Volts, and I were on the other. For the start, John wanted all eight of us on deck until the afternoon, when we began our four person shifts. For the bulk of the first day, the wind hardly climbed above 10 knots. For me, this was not a problem. That was until the flies began. Every four hour off shift would be, for the most part, spent in the cabin. You could sit back, relax, grab a snack, even listen to music. But that free time quickly became a nuisance when countless biting flies decided to take shelter in the cabin. We made a great effort clearing out the flies, but no matter how many we’d swat, they kept coming back. I eventually came to terms with the idea that I would just have to tolerate the flies. Knowing this, I made sure to not take my time on the deck for granted. Around sundown, Will prepared meals for the crew that he had “cheffed up” before the race. We passed around our bowls, and enjoyed our dinner on the rail.

A couple hours after sunset, I began my first night shift alongside Laura, Suzie, and Will. After coupling my harness and settling in, I looked around and noticed how unsettling the darkness was. There was only five feet of cold water visible around us and every so often, we would hear a strange humming noise reverberate through the water. But one glance at the night sky put any unease to rest. With only one dim flashlight to help Laura read the tell-tales, nothing was stopping countless stars from coming into view.

The bulk of our shift remained fairly peaceful, but just as we switched, the winds picked up. At this point, breaks had gone from occasionally taking naps to hopefully finding a solid 4 hours of sleep. I crammed myself into a comfortable corner and set for slumber. For a few hours, the winds had picked up to the point where the cabin dwellers were being tossed around like salad. While being thrown around, I could hear violently flapping sails and scattered footsteps across the bow (which I assumed was Brian fighting for his life on the bow). After catching a few hours of snooze, I surfaced to notice that the winds had died down to a more manageable speed. The other shift, John, Brian, Jack, and Abby, looked like they had just fought a war. As we took over for the sunrise shift, the second day began.



Much like the first, the second day didn't bring any unwelcome surprise beyond the relentless flies. Until the afternoon, it was smooth sailing. An hour or so before sunset we had reached Death's Door. Like the start, John wanted all hands on deck in case anything went awry. All seemed well until Will got a text asking if we were experiencing what was on the radar. He pulled up the radar and there it was -- a massive front of red and purple, Death's Door's nice little greeting. As the storm reached us, we reefed our main and lowered our spinnaker. At the mercy of 50 knot winds, we pushed through and steered clear of surrounding islands. Charrette eventually broke through the other side of the storm, leaving us off the coast of Gills Rock.



Our last leg towards Menominee was to take place overnight. John's shift took rest, leaving Laura, Suzie, Will and me to our four-hour shift. Taking turns at the helm, on flashlight duty, and on the rail, we headed towards Chambers Island. Taking the helm for the first time was nerve racking, but once I got a feel for where Charrette's best point of sail was and how to keep a steady course, things went smoothly. In order to maintain an optimal speed, I needed to pinch upwind until our telltales were flapping. On the radar in the cabin below, John relayed course bearings. With that, I'd pick a light on the shore that matched the bearing and line it between the side stay and the 'baby stay'. This way I could easily keep course without dealing with the variation of the compass. As we rounded Chambers, sleepy crewmembers popped out of the cabin one by one to join for the finish. At 1:32, we scanned the radar for the finish line, passed through, and docked Charrette. Following some much-needed showers and bathroom breaks, we turned in for the night.

The following morning, we rolled out of our little sleeping compartments and followed rumors of free brunch. To our surprise, we were met with a plenty of hot dogs, margaritas, and daiquiris. In the afternoon, we dined at Pirate's Cove, then made our way to the awards ceremony. Coming in behind Marica, the overall winner, and Takedown-2, we placed third in our division (PHRF 3).



Looking back, it was truly remarkable to be a part of such a tight-knit crew. Our familiarity with each other fueled chemistry that not only kept us cruising, but brought together intricate moments leaving us with memories we will cherish forever. John's familiarity with Charrette is one of a kind. Throughout that race, I learned more about a Bénéteau First 38 than I could ever know about an Opti. Much of what we learned was through high stakes, but we always came out the other end with a smile on our faces. Now that I have experienced The Hook aboard Charrette, I can truly understand the stories I was told as a student. There may be cold, dark nights and relentless storms, but with that comes excitement, perseverance, and some of the best teamwork I've ever been a part of. Completing my second race with John, I can easily say that an opportunity to race on board Charrette is the opportunity of a lifetime.

Volunteer of the Year



Thank you to our Volunteer of the Year, Susanna Mortara! Susanna worked tirelessly to create a fun experience for all our junior sailors every week at Junior Activities!



Aaron R. Moore Scholarship Fundraiser

SHERRY MOORE

The EYC Scholarship Fund had another very successful year. Our tenth annual fundraiser was held at Gordon Lodge on June 23, 2023. It was attended by 144 members and friends celebrating the Fabulous Fifty's theme.

Our raffle and live auction items were donated by 32 business and restaurant owners, artists, EYC members and friends. Because of their generosity, we were able to raise \$15,926.00 from the auction for scholarships. We had \$7,050.00 in cash donations from our very generous donors. After expenses, which were covered by ticket sales, we netted \$22,976 for our scholarship fund.

Requests for scholarships began coming in February and March. In the beginning of April, after spring break, we sent the education and scholarship letter home to the Gibraltar students, first through eighth grade.

We granted 22 requests for scholarships this year. On account of a few not signing up because of swimming abilities or change of plans, we had a total 17 students register for 29 courses. Four students took intermediate classes which is a good indication of how they are progressing in the program. Half of our students were younger beginner sailors, so the hope is that they will continue in future years.

We are committed to continue to financially help the Gibraltar Sailing Club with the cost of regatta entry fees. We will determine the amount once a racing schedule has been set.

We continue to believe that the scholarship program has created a great deal of goodwill between the community and EYC. It has created a positive image of EYC members as people who want to give back to our community by providing children and teens the opportunity to learn to sail. This helps to fulfill the EYC's mission and the continuity of the EYC sailing program.

We thank all of our generous members who have supported the Scholarship Fund this season with your time, generosity and support. We can't do this without YOU!

We are excited to announce that the 2024 EYC-ARM Fundraiser will be held at About Thyme Farm in Bailey's Harbor on Friday, June 28, 2023. The theme will be "Denim and Diamonds", so be sure to mark your calendars.

We hope that everyone read the wonderful article about EYC and the Scholarship Program in the summer issue of

Door County Living. We are so very grateful to Myles for the great article and photographs.

2023 Sportsmanship Award!



The EYC would like to recognize Calvin Hoag as the recipient of the 2023 Sportsmanship Award. Calvin could be seen on the dock and at the clubhouse getting ready to go sailing and helping out other sailors. His can-do attitude and friendly demeanor made certain that the dock was a welcoming place.

Get To Know Your Director

JEANNE PAPPENTHEIN

The many faces of Laura Thérien!

If you spend a fair amount of time on the dock, it's often hard to imagine EYC sailors having a life other than wearing shorts, EYC spirit wear, a PFD vest, sporting a tan, and talking sailing. This especially holds true of our wonderful, friendly, and upbeat EYC Club Director Laura Thérien. Laura has been a constant fixture on the dock since she began taking lessons as an eight-year-old. Over the years, Laura has worn every hat imaginable on the dock from student, instructor, head instructor, and now club director. When she's not working on the dock, Laura pursues her passion as a sailboat racer. Years of racing at EYC has prepared her well to compete in large boat racing on John and Deanna Peterson's boat, Charrette, as well as dinghy sailboat racing on her college team, Hobart and William Smith College, in upstate New York.

Take that summer picture of Laura in your mind and now imagine her in a hockey uniform on skates except she is not playing hockey. Laura is playing Ringette. I know, I know, Ringette? Laura, born and raised in Canada, has been playing Ringette longer than she has been sailing and



is a highly competitive player. Ringette looks a lot like hockey; however, it resembles basketball on ice with its fast-paced passing game, the 30 second shot clock and some other nuances. Ringette players use the handle part of the hockey stick to shoot the ring into the opposing team's goal. If you want Ringette action, the place to be is in Canada where the sport is very popular among female athletes. Check out a YouTube video on Ringette and you will see some incredible action and skill on the ice.



Here's the exciting news! Laura who has dual citizenship with Canada and the United States recently tried out to earn a spot on Team USA and will be representing the United States in the 2023 World Ringette Championship to be held in Calgary on October 29 - November 4th. Teams Canada, Finland, United States, Sweden, and the Czech Republic will be competing in this exciting championship. I know you will want to join me in cheering on Team USA along with our own Laura Thérien in this exciting tournament.

EYC Bridge 2023

SUZANNE J. LISLE



EYC had bridge sessions three times during the week available for members during the summer. Open Play was held on Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings. Couples Bridge continued with their Tuesday 4:30 p.m. time and most weeks followed their bridge games with dinner out as a group. Special thanks to Lois and Ron Litterst for coordinating the Tuesday group.

Due to seemingly busier schedules for many of our members, we experimented part way through the season by having sign-ups for the Monday and Thursday sessions one to two days before each scheduled session. It helped to reduce the prospect of uneven numbers at tables and may become the model for next season.

Several members have inquired about the possibility of lessons at the club for beginners. It has not been easy to find qualified teachers, but we would at least like to develop a list of those who may be interested in such an option. If you are interested in such a series, please let Suzanne Lisle know of your interest. (suzanne@sjlisle.com). We also encourage members to take advantage of lessons at their winter locations and then come to the club sessions. Our games are not sanctioned competition and members are happy to help newer players feel comfortable as they gain experience playing.

BUNCO!

LAURA O'ROURKE



If you don't already know it, Monday night is Bunco night at EYC. What does that mean? It means the EYC is filled with laughter, conversation and maybe even a few screams of delight when someone rolls a Bunco. This ladies' game night has been going on for years. It is a great way to meet new friends while catching up with old friends. We take a break and enjoy the sunset over Eagle Harbor. If you have not tried it, it is a must for next year!

Passages

The EYC offers its condolences to the families of the following who have passed:

Judy Schumann, December 4, 2022

Delores Bush, September 13, 2021

Carlyn Meiners Laser, October 20, 2022

Dr. Guy Louis Bush, August 2, 2023



Welcome Aboard!

EYC Welcomes Its New Members

Julie and Dave Wenzel
Whitefish Bay, WI

Sarah Pierson and Steven Kane
Reno, NV
Children: Jada, Lexi, Dylan, Lily

Bridget and Kevin Winkler
Barrington, IL
Children: Mary Grace, Caroline

Mary and Robert Trainer
Houston, TX

Jean and Daniel Engelke
Flower Mound, TX

Holland Roza
Seattle, WA

Erica and Matt Wiltermuth
Los Altos, CA
Children: Oliver, Everett

Kathy and Brig Samson
Knoxville, TN
Child: Ava

Melissa and Frederick "Fritz"
Schaupp
Wilmette, IL
Children: Robert, Anna

Diana and Rafi Sahakian
Mt Prospect, IL
Children: Micah, Benjamin,
Samuel

Melisa and Jon Stephen
Sister Bay, WI
Children: William, Jakob

Jennifer and Ryan Anderson
Jupiter, FL
Children: Roarke, Reagan

Stephanie and Michael Balistreri
Walnut Creek, CA
Child: Ella

Phil Molina
Brooklyn, WI

Carol and Marc Koif
Chicago, IL
Children: Whitney, Everett, Emery

Cynthia Geocaris and Stephen
Scripp
Green Bay, WI
Children: Ryan, Stephen, Michael,
Madeline

Dylan Marchiando
Morrisville, NC

Benjamin Thérien
Outremont, Canada

Jone and Kurt Kiefer
Baileys Harbor, WI
Children: Oliver, Kurt, Mandi,
Abby

Kate and Mark Shaw
Mill Valley, CA
Children: Scott, Ryan

Eleanor Sterner and William Rosler
Chicago, IL

Lisa Pelky
Oneida, WI

Marissa and Ryan Downs
Appleton, WI
Children: Elle, Scarlett, Margot

Cynthia Leaf and Kevin Ellis
Norfolk, VA

Erin and Tyson Schuetze
Charleston, SC
Children: Margot, Scarlett, Nora

Ami Moris and Timothy Garland
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Children: Mikhail, Ryan

Linnea and Adam Pichette
Sturgeon Bay, WI

Becky and Terry Schmitz
Appleton, WI

Mary Ann and James McLean
Elmhurst, IL
Children: Ryan Kiley, Trevor

Jamie and Richard Evans
River Hills, WI
Children: Richard, Emery, Rhys

Roger Waleffe
Madison, WI

Eagle's Cry Publishing: Fran Morof and Nancy Claypool