

Tacks and Jibes Article
Opti Fleet
June 8, 2008

Welcome back to all returning Opti Fleet members, and a very big WELCOME to the newcomers and your families. We're happy to have you.

While Sunday night races have begun, we have been weather challenged – with both too much and too little wind. We will hope for a little moderation as we move further into the June Series. In addition to the standing race series and events, we have added a Summer Series this year. The goal for this series is to offer racing on certain Sunday nights to all sailors who want to race – without penalizing those who are traveling to out-of-town Opti or X boat events. We also repeat the special four race Green Fleet Series, starting on June 15. The Green Fleet will have a separate course – and a “fun” race for these evenings. Thereafter, the Green Fleeters will join the RWB Fleet on the main lake for the rest of the season. Please see the published MYC schedule for exact dates and events – note that any changes are posted on the MYC web site.

Friday, June 13 was a special day on the island, as MYC and LMSS co-hosted the first of the Twin Cities Youth Sailing (TCYS) events, the Deephaven Centennial. The first event will be followed by weekly Friday events at neighboring yacht clubs – please check www.twincitiesyouthsailing.com for the official schedule.

Other 2008 local/regional regattas of interest include:

USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival at Lake Forest, Illinois, June 21-22

GLSS DinghyFest, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, July 9

USODA Midwest Championship (a Team Trials qualifying event) at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, July 10-11
Opti Inlands, Cedar Lake, Wisconsin, August 4-5

Note:

The sailor must be an ILYA member to sail in the Opti Inlands, www.ilya.org. A “dinghy” membership works if Opti only.

The sailor must be a US Sailing member to sail in USA Junior Olympic, www.ussailing.org/youth.

The sailor must be a USODA member to sail in the USODA Midwest Championship, www.USODA.org.

The RWB Chip date is still TBD. This regatta is by invitation only. Sailors qualify through their performance in the following events: MYC Champ Series, TCYS Deephaven Centennial, TCYS Lake Calhoun Aquatennial, TCYS Champ, USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival and Opti Inlands.

The Wednesday night Grill & Chill's are a great way to enjoy the island. So, though the Opti's don't sail that night – please come out and join in. Specifically, the evening of July 2 will be our night to help Connie with the dinner for the Wednesday night racers. More to come on how all Opti sailors/families can help.

Registered Opti Fleet Members for 2008 include: Addy Ferguson, Sam Maxwell, Anders Ekholm, Griffin Robillard, Ian Solum, Ben Garber, Griffin Struyk, Caitlin McGoldrick, Marissa Bernstein, Declan Armour, Valerie McGoldrick, Isabella Loosbrock, Tommy Garber, Johnny Ferguson, Zach Werley, Max Bernstein, Annika Ekholm, Rosie Hust, Corbin Burdick, Sydney Maxwell, Mimi El-Khazindar, Claudia Chute and Ari Tapper. If you would like to race on Sunday's and are not yet registered, please check in with the Club Manager, Carol McGoldrick. Good luck to all!

I look forward to a great season!