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A Message From the Commodore

Welcome to the 86th Annual Western Michigan Yachting Association Championship Regatta.

I'm thrilled that you have taken time from your busy summer schedule to join us at the Torch Lake Yacht Club for what will certainly be a memorable week! Each year, I look forward to the WMYA Regatta. It's an amazing event because it brings together friends and families from different clubs across not just the state of Michigan, but also the Midwest. Some of my fondest sailing memories trace to the WMYA regattas of my childhood—I look forward to the day when I bring my own family and kids to the regatta. It brings a smile to my face year after year when I see families and friends on beaches, docks, and boats, enjoying the essence of the greatest sailing venues Michigan has to offer.

Like any regatta, this would not be possible without the effort of so many fantastic volunteers. The cooperation and dedication of the Torch Lake Yacht Club volunteers and membership has been second to none and I thank each of you for your hard work.

I'm certain this regatta will uphold the WMYA's long-standing tradition of friendship, competitive sailing, and memory making. I'm truly honored to welcome you all here to my favorite place in the world. The people make the WMYA so special. On behalf of the WMYA Board of Directors, I sincerely thank you for your continued support and participation, which keeps the association thriving.

See you on the water!

Casey Christensen

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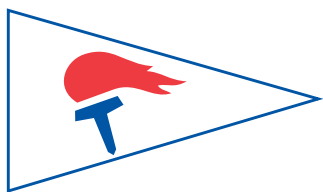
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Regatta Schedule

Registration

Tuesday, Aug. 43:00 pm to 7:00 pm

On site registration, sailing info, and meal ticket pick-up

Wednesday, Aug. 58:30 am to 2:00 pm

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, Aug. 47:00 pm

Competitors Briefing

Wednesday, Aug. 5

All Fleets9:00 am

Racing Schedule

Posted times are for the warning signal.

Wednesday, Aug. 5

E Scow / Optimist10:00 am

MC and Laser12:20 pm

C Scow and Butterfly2:20 pm

and immediately following 2:20 pm race

Melges172:25 pm

and immediately following 2:25 pm race

Thursday, Aug. 6

C Scow and Butterfly10:00 am

Melges1710:05 pm

E Scow/Optimist12:20 pm

MC and Laser2:20 pm

and immediately following 2:20 pm race

Friday, Aug. 7

C Scow and Butterfly10:00 am

Melges1710:05 am

MC and Laser12:20 pm

E Scow/Optimist2:20 pm

and immediately following 2:20 pm race

Saturday, Aug. 8

MC and Laser10:00 am

C Scow and Butterfly12:20 pm

Melges1712:25 pm

E Scow/Optimist2:20 pm

No races to start after 3:00 pm Saturday



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2015 WMYA Social Schedule

Lean In

- **Tuesday, August 4th:** 6:00-7:30 at the end of the Boardwalk at the Yacht Club. Hosts Brett Hatton and Pete Price will be grilling a Spring Lake style feast. Local keg beer included.

WMYA Commodore's Ball

- **Friday, August 7th:** in The Bellaire Room of the Lakeview Hotel at Shanty Creek Resort. Cocktail hour on the Terrace begins at 6:30, with dinner, dancing, and live music featuring Yankee Station to follow. Come join Commodore Christensen and the Board of Directors as they celebrate another successful regatta!

Awards

- **Saturday August 8th:** after the last E scow race, approximately 4 PM.

Breakfast and Lunch

- **August 5th-August 8th:** Breakfast and lunch will be available at the yacht club for purchase Wednesday-Saturday. Additionally, The Junior Yacht Club will have a hot dog stand open for lunch Wednesday-Saturday.

Alcohol Policy

The Torch Lake Yacht Club has a no-alcohol policy. Guests are welcome to consume alcohol in the parking lot, launching area, or any club property south of the tennis courts. Please honor and respect this long-standing policy. Thank you!

Suggestions for Family Activities and Socializing:

There are countless bars, restaurants, and points of interest in the area. The following list has been assembled for those looking for things to do during non-sailing or yacht club time:

Bars

- 1 The Dockside (Clam Lake)
- 2 Alden Bar (Alden)
- 3 Bellaire Bar (Bellaire)
- 4 Mammoth Hand-Hewn Spirits (Central Lake)
- 5 Torch Lake Vineyards (Bellaire)
- 6 Pelican's Nest at The Chief (Bellaire)

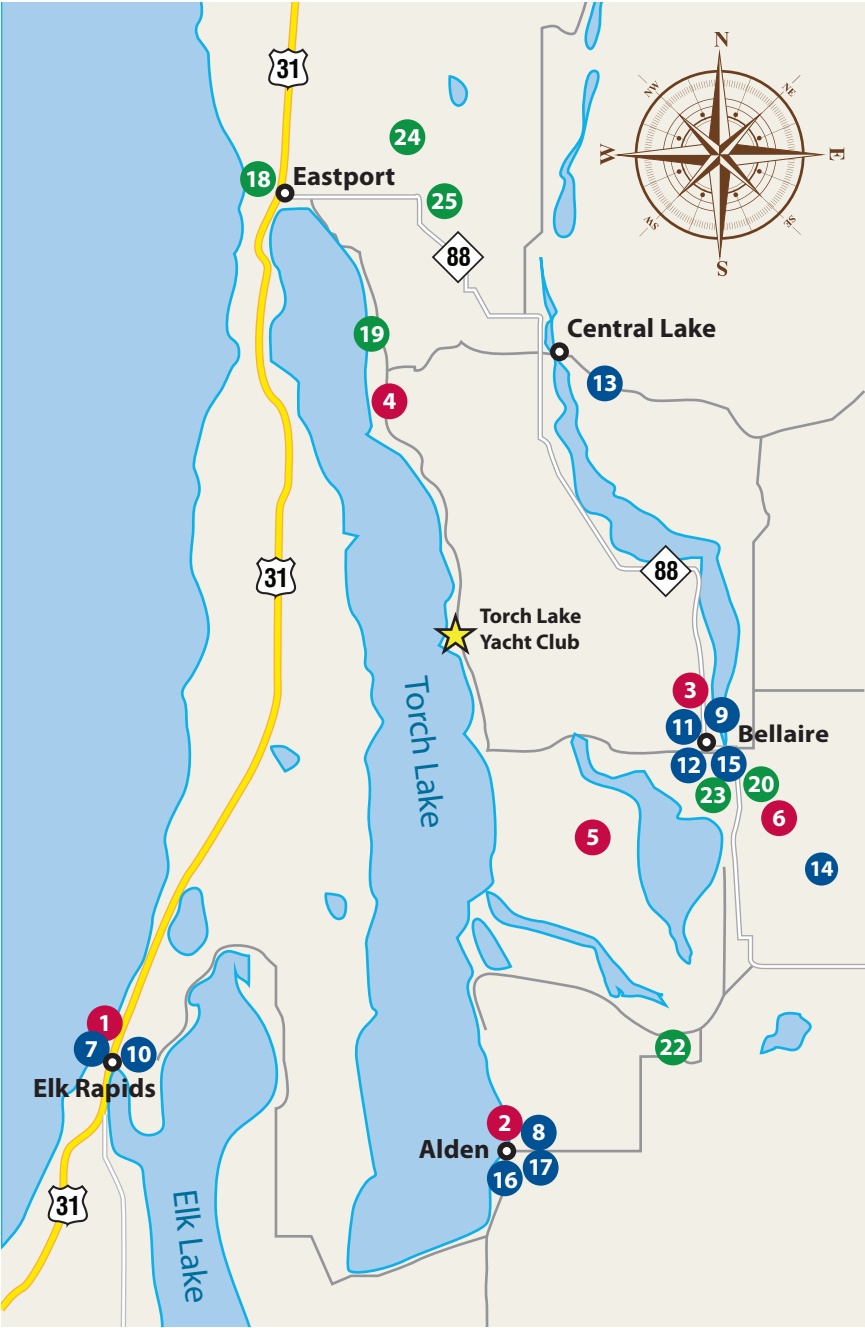
Restaurants

- 7 The Dockside (Clam Lake)
- 8 Alden Bar (Alden)
- 9 Bellaire Bar (Bellaire)
- 10 Pearl's (Elk Rapids)
- 11 Toonie's (Bellaire)
- 12 Moka/Starlight Lounge (Bellaire)
- 13 Blue Pelican (Central Lake)
- 14 Pelican's Nest at The Chief (Bellaire)
- 15 Ruthie's Dairy Twist (Bellaire)
- 16 Higgins' Ice Cream (Alden)
- 17 Muffin Tin (Alden)

Points of Interest

- 18 Barns Park (Eastport)
- 19 Brownwood Acres-Gift shop, treats, and flea market (Central Lake)
- 20 Par-T-Time-Pizza and Mini Golf (Bellaire)
- 21 Foot Golf at Shanty Creek (Bellaire)
- 22 Grass River Natural Area-Hiking (Bellaire)
- 23 Glacial Hills-Hiking and Biking (Bellaire)
- 24 Shooks Farm U-Pick Cherries (Central Lake)
- 25 King Orchards U-Pick Cherries (Central Lake)

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Commodore:	Casey Christensen, TLYCC
Vice Commodore:	Andy Hubbard SLYC
Rear Commodore:	Mike Terry, CLYC
Secretary:	Josh Wallace, MYC
Treasurer:	Don Nelson, WLYC
Past Commodore:	Carl Reid, GRYC
Executive Secretary:	Brett Hatton
At Large:	Pete Price
At Large:	Jack Rillema II
Ex Officio:	Midge Verplank
Principal Race Officer:	Steve Schiller

2015 WMYA Committee Chairs

The Torch Lake Yacht Club and the Western Michigan Yachting Association would like to thank the following committee chairs (and those volunteers not listed) for their hard work and dedication that will make this a fun and successful regatta.

Regatta Co-Chairs:	Pete, Steve, Morgan, and Mary Johanson
Registration:	Morgan Johanson
Launch Ramp and Parking:	Todd Collins
Land Taxi:	Christopher Estes
Race Committee:	Steve Schiller and Glen Hallett
Scoring:	Carl Reid and Nancy Price
Follow Boats:	Art Brereton and Neil Gerrity
Protest Committee:	Andy Hubbard, SLYC
Lunches/Breakfast:	Amy Crites
Moorings:	Pete Comfort
Housing:	Kathy Watrous
Water Taxi:	Dan Lorimer
Trophies:	Bill Christensen
“Lean In” Party:	Pete Price and Brett Hatton
Commodore’s Ball:	Erica Schulze
Regatta Graphic Design:	Sophie Jones

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

1.1 - The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 - Boats shall be subject to their Class Rules, except as noted in the Notice of Race (NOR), the Sailing Instructions (SI), or any Additional Sailing Instructions (ASI).

1.3 a - US Sailing Prescription Appendix T, sections A, B, and D will apply.

1.3 b - US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.

1.4 - Rule 30.3 Black Flag Rule has been replaced with the WMYA black flag rule. Following the display of the Black Flag [WMYA version,] no part, of a boats hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark, during the minute before the starting signal. The boat must restart by going around the ends of the starting line just like rule 30.1. If the boat fails to make a proper start, she will be notified at the windward mark to retire from the race. There will be no notification from the race committee that the boat was OCS. If for any reason the race does not finish or is abandoned, all competitors who may have been initially disqualified are eligible to restart.

1.5 - Rule 41 Outside Help is modified so that the Butterfly, Optimist, and MC classes, who capsize, may receive outside assistance, without penalty, and may continue to race.

1.6 - Only one sail number may be used for each boat. Any changes must be approved by the race committee chairman.

2. Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the Torch Lake Yacht Club.

3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect.

3.2 On the Water Changes to the Sailing Instructions

On the water changes to the Sailing Instructions will be given after the L flag is displayed on the signal boat. Changes will be announced on the designated VHF channel and also by Loud Hailer. This changes RRS 90.2 and Race Signals.

Sailing Instructions (Continued)

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 - Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole in front of the Yacht Club.

4.2 - When flag AP is displayed ashore, it means that the race has been postponed. The warning signal for the next race will not be made less than 30 minutes after the AP is lowered. This alters RRS racing signals.

5. Schedule of Races - *Posted times are for the warning signal.*

Wednesday 8/5/15

E Scow and Optimist	10:00 AM
MC and Laser	12:20 PM
C Scow and Butterfly	2:20 PM and immediately to follow
Melges 17	2:25 PM and immediately to follow

Thursday 8/6/15

C Scow and Butterfly	10:00 AM
Melges 17	10:05 AM
E Scow and Optimist	12:20 PM
MC and Laser	2:20 PM and immediately to follow

Friday 8/7/15

C Scow and Butterfly	10:00 AM
Melges 17	10:05 AM
MC and Laser	12:20 PM
E Scow and Optimist	2:25 PM and immediately to follow

Saturday 8/8/15

MC and Laser	10:00 AM
C Scow and Butterfly	12:20 PM
Melges 17	12:25 PM
E Scow and Optimist	2:20 PM

No warning signal will be made after 3:00 PM Saturday 8/8/15

6. Class Flags

E Scow	Class Logo
C Scow	Class Logo
MC Scow	Class Logo
Melges 17	Class Logo
Butterfly	Class Logo
Laser	Class Logo
Optimist	Class Logo

7. Courses

7.1 - Race Course Illustrations will be posted on the Official Notice Board

7.2 - No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the courses and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

Sailing Instructions (Continued)

7.3 - An "Offset" mark may be set 90 degrees at a distance of approximately 50 yards from the windward mark. If the Windward mark or the offset mark is missing, and no Code Flag "M" is displayed in its place, only the remaining mark shall be left to port.

7.4 - Code flag "G" will indicate a gate to be used. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If either gate mark is missing, and no Code Flag "M" is displayed in its place, only the remaining mark shall be left to port.

7.5 - E and MC Scows will use a gate mark for all races. No flag will be displayed.

8. Marks

8.1 - Laser, Optimist, and Butterfly marks will be yellow inflatables. Change marks will also be yellow inflatables.

8.2 - E scow, C scow, MC scow and M17 marks 1 and 2, gates and offsets will be orange inflatables. Change marks for the windward mark and offset will be a yellow inflatables and for the leeward mark will be an orange inflatable.

8.3 - The Race Committee Signal Boat may deploy a "keep away" buoy which shall rank as a starting mark. Any boat touching this buoy will have broken rule 31 and shall act in accordance with RRS 44.1. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the Signal Boat when approaching the line to start. The area between the limit mark and the Signal Boat does not rank as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 18, 19 and 20.

9. The Start

9.1 - Races will be started by using rule 26, with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

9.2 - The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag, on the race committee boat at the starboard end of the line, and the course side of the port end starting mark.

9.3 - Boats whose warning signal has not been given shall avoid the starting area.

9.4 - A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes Rule A 4.

10. Individual Recalls

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The race committee will endeavor to hail any boat recalled on VHF channel 73 and also by loud hailer. Failure to receive a hail, of a hail to be made, or the order of hails made, shall not be cause for redress. Radio calls will not be made for the Laser, Optimist, and Butterfly classes.

11. Change of the next leg of the course

11.1 - To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the old one [or finish line] as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11.2 – Course changes of less than 5 degrees may be made with no signal and no change of mark color. This changes RRS 33.

12. The Finish

12.1 - The finish line for all fleets, except the Butterfly fleet, will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the nearby finishing mark.

12.2 - The finish line for the Butterfly will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the nearby green finishing mark.

13. Penalty System

13.1 - After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 while racing may take a post-race penalty for that incident.

13.2 - Post Race Penalties shall be:

- 1.) 20% if taken before protest time limit. [Minimum 2 places]
- 2.) 30% if taken after protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident. [Min. 3 places]

14. Time Limit

14.1 - Time limit for all classes is 2 hours.

14.2 - Boats who have not finished their race in 2 hours and 15 minutes will be scored points equal to the number of finishers plus 2 points.

14.3 - If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the 30 minute Mark 1 time limit, the race will be canceled.

15. Protests and Request for Redress

15.1 - A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the finish boat after all yachts in her class have finished. Any attempt to notify the finish boat, before all yachts in her class have finished, will be ignored. This changes RRS 61.1a.

15.2 - Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

15.3 - For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in the class has finished the last race of the day for that class. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee

Sailing Instructions (Continued)

and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rule 61.3 and 62.2.

15.4 - Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room located at the Torch Lake Yacht Club beginning at the time posted on the notice.

15.5 - A protesting skipper and the protested skipper must remain within call of the arbitrator and/or protest committee so that at the discretion of the arbitrator and/or protest committee, the protest can be allowed or disallowed.

16. Protest Arbitration

16.1 - Rule 44 is modified to allow a boat either to take the penalty described in RRS 44.1, 44.2, and as modified by these Sailing Instructions while on the water or to take a 40% Scoring Penalty for a breach of a rule of Part 2 after the incident but prior to the protest hearing by acknowledging the infringement before arbitration or by accepting the opinion of the arbitrator.

After a protest has been lodged, one designated representative from each boat, who shall have been on the boat when the incident occurred, may appear together before an arbitrator appointed by the protest committee. No witnesses shall be allowed. The arbitrator will have each party describe the incident, limiting each party to approximately two minutes.

After hearing the testimony, the arbitrator will express one of the following conclusions:

- 1.) No rule was broken. The protester has the option of withdrawing the protest. If he decides to do so, he signs to this effect on the protest form. The protest is then withdrawn and shall not be reopened or appealed. If the protester does not withdraw the protest, it will be submitted to the protest committee in the normal manner.
- 2.) A rule was broken by one of the boats involved. The representative of the offending boat has the option of either accepting a 40% penalty or submitting the matter to the protest committee for a protest hearing. If the penalty is accepted, the matter is closed and cannot be submitted to a hearing, be reopened, appealed or submitted for redress.

When protests are submitted to the protest committee, the arbitrator shall not be a member of the protest committee hearing the protest, but may be present in the protest committee room, and may be called as a witness.

16.2 - Application of the 40% penalty shall be calculated in accordance with rule 44.3, except that the penalty is modified to read 40%. [Minimum 4 places]

Sailing Instructions (Continued)

17. Scoring

17.1 - The low point scoring system in Appendix A of the RRS will apply.

17.2 - There will be no throw out races.

17.3 - 2 races must be completed for a class to constitute a regatta.

18. Safety

18.1 - Each competitor, including skipper and crew, parent or legal guardian, is ultimately responsible for such competitor's safety.

18.2 - A boat that retires from a race shall notify a RC boat before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, notify a regatta official at Regatta headquarters immediately upon arrival on shore.

18.3 - Boats that are not leaving the harbor to race shall inform Regatta headquarters or a regatta official prior to the start of the first race of the day.

18.4 - A boat that breaks SI 18.1, SI 18.2, or SI 18.3 may receive without a hearing, a warning, a penalty or a disqualification. This changes RRS 63.

19. Radio Communication

19.1 - A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing, nor receive special radio communications not available to all boats.

19.2 - This restriction also applies to cell phones.

20. Courtesy Broadcasts

A designated observer may report all visual signals displayed by the race committee on VHF channel 73. Information provided is provided as a courtesy to the competitors and does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the Race Committees visual signals, which govern the conduct of the racing. Errors or omissions on the part of the designated observer will not be considered as grounds for redress under RRS 62. Radio calls will not be made for the Laser, Optimist, and Butterfly classes.

21. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded as described in the notice of race.

22. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, see RRS 4 decision to race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, or personal injury, or death, sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

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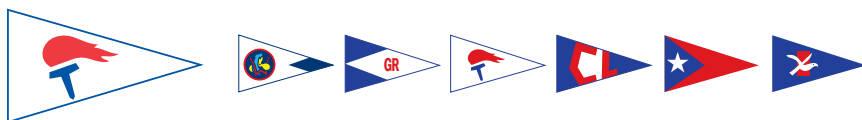
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WMYA History

Forming the Western Michigan Yachting Association

The Western Michigan Yachting Association was formed in December 1929 as a result of an informal agreement between representatives of the three original member clubs; the Spring Lake Yacht Club, the Muskegon Yacht Club and the White Lake Yacht Club. The driving force behind the organization was C.D.R. Mulder, who was a member of both WLYC and SLYC.

The fledgling association held their first regatta at Muskegon Lake in 1930 as a two day event. The regatta included only three classes of boats: A Scows, C Scows and E Scows, and involved only a single race in each class. The Muskegon Lake Regatta was so successful that the three clubs decided to formalize their relationship and promote intense inter-club competition. All interested parties were invited to attend a luncheon at the Century Club in Muskegon on September 22, 1930. Delegates from White Lake, Muskegon Lake, Spring Lake and Black Lake (Macatawa Bay) were on hand. Within a short time the Grand Rapids Yacht Club and the Torch Lake Yacht Club also joined. The organizers chose C.D.R. Mulder (SLYC) Commodore, William R. Munroe (MYC) Vice-Commodore, John G. Guerin (WLYC) Rear Commodore, Clarence E. Pitkin (WLYC) Secretary, and C.A. Crowe (MBYC) Treasurer. By 1938 Pentwater and Crystal Lake had also joined.

The White Lake Yacht Club invited the other members of the association to hold it's first official regatta at White Lake in August of 1931. Hoping to improve upon the earlier efforts at Muskegon Lake, the organizers of the White Lake Regatta decided to extend the event to three days (Saturday, Sunday, and Monday) and to have the three classes of boats sail in heats, one for each day of the event, which would supposedly improve the competition. They also added a social side with Sailors Lunch every day and a grand ball to end the regatta.

During the 30's and 40's the WMYA experimented with another type of regatta known as the Skippers Regatta. The idea was that each club would send a skipper and crew for each of the three classes (E, C, and Cresent). Each crew would rotate from one boat to another until each had sailed each boat, negating advantages of speed or quality on other boats. The winner was based on a point system with the winner having the most points overall. In 1936 the Association decided to let the host club provide all the competing boats. This posed a problem when not all clubs had all the fleets racing on their lake.

In 1939 a cruising boat race from Macatawa to White Lake opened the event and it was made an annual event for several years. During the war years of 1942 and 1943, the regattas were canceled due to war time travel restrictions and lack of competition. The format for the races remained fairly uniform over the years. Each regatta lasted for three days, changing to a Friday to Sunday format, and now to a four day format.

The classes of boats raced over the years have included the; A Scow, E Scow, C Scow, Cresent, Y Flyer, Snipe, Lightning, Lawley, Scooter, Wood Pussy, Nipper, MC Scow, Butterfly, Laser, M20, and Melges 17. This Regatta Year Book started in 1959 as the first official program printed for the regatta and it was dedicated to Howard Tremble as a past WMYA Commodore. The position of Resident Agent (now Executive Secretary) began in 1962 with Tom Bloodgood. In 1966 Midge Verplank took over and held the association together with consistency and vitality until retiring in 2003, with Joan Manny replacing him.

To this day the foundation of the WMYA is based on encouraging, promoting, conducting and supervising amateur yachting and yacht racing on the inland lakes. Its' long history has perpetuated through generations of sailing families and will continue to do so in to the future.

(Taken from excerpts of the WLYC History by Dan Yakes and Roger Scharmer, and excerpts from the WMYA history with reminisces of Mrs. Bruce Wathan and letters from Mrs. Freda Tremble.)

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1931	C.D.R. Mulder, WLYC	1975	William B. Metcalf, GRYC
1932	C.D.R. Mulder, WLYC	1976	Walker E. Wynkoop, CLYC
1933	Ken Welch, SLYC	1977	Gary Verplank, SLYC
1934	H.E. Baxter, GRYC	1978	Paul Wickland, Sr., MYC
1935	Charles F. Hibbard, TLYC	1979	Spencer Weersing, WLYC
1936	A.E. Jacobson, SLYC	1980	Bill Waring, GRYC
1937	R. Wallace Hook, GRYC	1981	Larry Hall, CLYC
1938	Alvin E. Youngquist, WLYC	1982	Carl Reuter Dahl, SLYC
1939	Smith B. Taylor, SLYC	1983	Paul Wickland, Jr., MYC
1940	Clarence E. Pitkin, WLYC	1984	Duane Pierson, WLYC
1941	Robert Bennet, GRYC	1985	Dana Baldwin, GRYC
1944	Irving Quimby, SLYC	1986	Rick Morris, CLYC
1945	Hugh Schaddalee, MBYC	1987	Dan Bowen, SLYC
1946	Gregg Maxfield, MYC	1988	David Freye, MYC
1947	Paul S. Christie, WLYC	1989	Karl Jacob, WLYC
1948	Fritz Van Brunt, GRYC	1990	Curt Bradley, GRYC
1949	Charles Jacobson, SLYC	1991	Jeff Hoch, TLYC
1950	Howard Priddy	1992	Terry Lang, CLYC
1951	Howard Tremble, GRYC	1993	Tad Welch, SLYC
1952	Howard Tremble, GRYC	1994	Peter Price, MYC
1953	Alvin Youngquist, WLYC	1995	Dave Bedau, WLYC
1954	John Seabury, WLYC	1996	Bob Ward, GRYC
1955	Frank Veit, SLYC	1997	Art Brereton, TLYC
1956	Bob Turk, TLYC	1998	Rob Terry, CLYC
1957	Charles Young, SLYC	1999	Bruce Cassidy, SLYC
1958	Bob Ward, GRYC	2000	Steve Schiller, MYC
1959	Bruce Wathan, MYC	2001	Joan Manny, WLYC
1960	James Spencer Jr., MBYC	2002	Fred Stevens, GRYC
1961	Don Bolling, SLYC	2003	Peter Comfort, TLYC
1962	Ted Hibbard, TLYC	2004	Walker M. Wynkoop, CLYC
1963	Klemm Harvey, WLYC	2005	Ross Reuter Dahl, SLYC
1964	Tom C. Bloodgood, GRYC	2006	Larry Larsen, MYC
1965	Harold M. McClure, Jr., CLYC	2007	Jack Rillema II, WLYC
1966	William R. Munroe, MYC	2008	Brian Wrase, GRYC
1967	Midge Verplank, SLYC	2009	Ted Keller, TLYC
1968	Co. Com. Bob Metric, LFYC	2010	Kevin Haviland, SLYC
1968	Co. Com. Dick Anderson, TLYC	2011	Mark Wipper, CLYC
1969	Tom McMurray, WLYC	2012	Ken Griswold, MYC
1970	Chuck Harrett, GRYC	2013	Tom Munroe, WLYC
1971	Mike Huck, CLYC	2014	Carl Reid, GRYC
1972	Ken Kornoelje, SLYC	2015	Casey Christensen, TLYC
1973	Gordon Tousey, MYC		



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History of the Torch Lake Yacht Club

Celebrating Our 87th Season!



Torch Lake has been called one of the three most beautiful lakes in the world by The National Geographic Magazine. It was formed by the glaciers that carved out the terrain in our area over 11,000 years ago. Torch is very deep (sorry bouy tenders), it varies from 200 to 450 feet at different locations around the lake. The crystal clear blue water comes from springs that feed the lake.

The name Torch Lake was derived from the Ottawa Indians that used to spear whitefish at night using birch torches.

We all feel that it is a very special place.

Our Yacht Club was started in 1928 by McCutcheons, Hibbards, and the Bechtolds. From the very begining the club was organized with emphasis on two objectives. First it was to be a sailing club, secondly it was also to be a family club where everyone could come to sail and relax. The log portion of our current

clubhouse was built in 1928 and still is used today. Since then there have been several additions and renovations, but we have tried to keep the spirit of the founders as well as the original log clubhouse alive.

The first sailboat races were held in 1928 in "Class C Cat Boats". The three boats drew so much attention over the summer that by August of 1928 they were having trouble racing without curious powerboats getting in the way (some things never change). By 1931 there were 5 C boats, and 5 E boats actively racing. It was also the first year that we hosted a regatta. Nine other lakes were invited to participate, but only one boat from Orchard Lake showed up.

Over the years there have been many regattas, many sailors, and many families that have come and gone, but the sailing, camaraderie, and family feeling at the Torch Lake Yacht Club has never left.

WMYA Champions

Class A Scows

1930	Sadony Bros.	WL	1969	Bruce Wathan	MYC
1931	A.M. Youngquist	WL	1970	Dave D'Alcorn	MYC
1932	A.M. Youngquist	WL	1971	Harold McClure	CL
1934	Arthur Sadony	WL	1972	Kornoelje, Verplank	

Class E Scows

1930	Geo. W. Cannon	SL	1973	Paul Wickland, Jr.	SL
1931	J.M. Spencer		1974	Hartley Comfort	TL
1932	Hunter S. Robbins	SL	1975	Hartley Comfort	TL
1933	Bob Durrett	TL	1976	Hartley Comfort	TL
1934	H.S. Robbins	SL	1977	Paul Wickland, Jr.	SL
1935	Harry Nye, Delavin	WI	1978	Skip Johnson	WBL
1936	H.S. Robbins	SL	1979	Stu Wells	WBL
1937	Tie - Bill Dewitt / H.S. Robbins	SL	1980	Stu Wells	WBL
1938	Chas. Jacobson	SL	1981	Stu Wells	WBL
1939	Bill Dewitt	SL	1982	Paul Eggert	SL
1940	Chas. Jacobson	SL	1983	Larry Price	SL
1941	Robbie Robbins	SL	1984	Larry Price	SL
1942	Doris Johnson	SL	1985	Art Brereton	TL
1943	No Regatta		1986	Bill Walter	CL
1944	No Regatta		1987	Paul Eggert	SL
1945	No Regatta		1988	Paul Eggert	SL
1946	Lee Holly	WL	1989	Peter Price	MYC
1947	Chas. Jacobson	SL	1990	Jim Gluek	PEW
1948	Bob Turk	TL	1991	Brian Porter	LG
1949	Albert Gibson	SL	1992	Andy Burdick	LG
1950	Jacobson Bros.	SL	1993	Peter Price	MYC
1951	Paul Eggert	SL	1994	Art Brereton	TL
1952	Paul Eggert	SL	1995	Peter Price	MYC
1953	Paul Eggert	SL	1996	Brian McMurray	WL
1954	Haven, Viet, Welch	SL	1997	Art Brereton	TL
1955	Bob Haven	SL	1998	Art Brereton	TL
1956	Welch & Haven	SL	1999	Doug McNeil	WL
1957	Paul Eggert	SL	2000	Rob Terry	CL
1958	Paul Eggert	SL	2001	Tom Munroe	WL
1959	Klemm Harvey	WL	2002	Douglas McNeil	WL
1960	Paul Eggert	SL	2003	Art Brereton	TL
1961	Bruce Wathan	MYC	2004	Rob Terry	CL
1962	Tie - Paul Eggert	SL	2005	Rob Terry	CL
	Klemm Harvey	WL	2006	Don Nelson	WL
1963	Paul Eggert	SL	2007	Don Nelson	WL
1964	Paul Eggert	SL	2008	Rob Terry	CL
1965	Jim Coffin	MYC	2009	Art Brereton	TL
1966	Bruce Wathan	MYC	2010	Rob Terry	CL
1967	Paul Eggert	SL	2011	Kimball / Keller / Comfort	TY
1968	Tie - Kay Larkin	TL	2012	Mike Dow	CL
	Paul Eggert	SL	2013	Brett Hatton	SL
			2014	James Kimball	GR

WMYA Champions (Continued)

Class C Scow - Gaff Rig

1930	Harry Pilinger	WL	1972	Tom Keenan	LF
1931	Van C. Taggart	WL	1973	Bill Metcalf	GR
1932	C. Wallace Hook	GR	1974	Bill Metcalf	GR
1933	Tie - K. Welch, Jr.	SL	1975	Doug McNeil	WL
	Harry Torsen	GR	1976	Bill Metcalf	GR
1934	R. McKay Lych	PL	1977	Charlie Harrett, Jr.	SL
1935	Roger Keeney	GR	1978	Tom Keenan	LF
1936	Crowe Bros.	GR	1979	Hugh Walborn	SL
1938	John Schemerhorn	GR	1980	Paul Richards	GR
1939	P. DeWitt	DL	1981	Tom Keenan	LF
1940	Leo Backer	GR	1982	Tom Keenan	LF

Class C Scows

1935	Harry Pilinger	WL	1983	Doug McNeil	WL
1936	Mrs. Harold Dornbos	SL	1984	Tom Keenan	LF
1937	J. Spencer	SL	1985	Doug McNeil	WL
1938	James Hook	GR	1986	Jim Gluek	LG
1939	J. Spencer	SL	1987	Jim Gluek	LG
1940	James Hook	GR	1988	Bob Currier	SL
1941	Neil Manny	WL	1989	Bob Currier	SL
1942	Jim Butterfield	WL	1990	Doug McNeil	WL
1943	Tom Getz	WL	1991	David Koch	PEW
1944	No Regatta		1992	Andy Burdick	LG
1945	Hammond Berry	GR	1993	Todd Bosgraaf	SL
1946	Warren Bolling	SL	1994	Todd Bosgraaf	SL
1947	Duane Pierson	WL	1995	Joe Schaub	MAX
1948	Howard & Dick Tuthill	SL	1996	Tom Keenan	LF
1949	Bill Hodgson	WL	1997	Jim Flood	GR
1950	Howard & Dick Tuthill	SL	1998	Brett Hatton	SL
1951	Ken Kornoelje	SL	1999	Tom Keenan	LF
1952	Craig Welch	SL	2000	Brett Hatton	SL
1953	Wm. Lowry	SL	2001	Brett Hatton	SL
1954	Emerson Pugh	CL	2002	Cameron McNeil	WL
1955	Vern Bolling	SL	2003	Cameron McNeil	WL
1956	Grant Brown, Jr.	CL	2004	Cameron McNeil	WL
1957	Ken Kornoelje	SL	2005	Jamie Kimball	SL
1958	Kornoelje, Verplank	SL	2006	Joe Schaub	MX
1959	Kornoelje, Verplank	SL	2007	Cameron McNeil	WL
1960	Bill Lowry	SL	2008	Cameron McNeil	WL
1961	Bill Lowry	SL	2009	Cameron McNeil	WL
1962	Skip Wynkoop	CL	2010	Ted Keller	TL
1963	Tom Getz	WL	2011	Cameron McNeil	WL
1964	Kornoelje, Verplank	SL	2012	Cameron McNeil	WL
1965	Craig Welch	SL	2013	Cameron McNeil	WL
1966	Mike Huck	CL	2014	Andy Burdick	LG
1967	Bill Metcalf	GR			
1968	Tom Getz	WL			
1969	Tom Getz	WL			
1970	Lee Holly	WL			
1971	Tom Keenan	LF			

MC Class Scows

1973	F. Walker	LF
1974	D. Starkey	SL
1975	D. Starkey	SL
1976	Larry Price	SL
1977	D. Starkey	SL
1978	Brett Hatton	SL

WMYA Champions (Continued)

1979	Larry Price	SL	1999	Paul Wickland	MYC
1980	Happy Fox	SL	2000	Rob Davis	MYC
1981	Larry Price	SL	2001	Peter Comfort	TL
1982	Larry Price	SL	2002	Peter Comfort	TL
1983	Gary Verplank	SL	2003	Pat Flood	IL
1984	Glen Walborn	SL	2004	Rich Grant	GR
1985	Brett Hatton	SL	2005	Rich Grant	GR
1986	Brett Hatton	SL	2006	Charlie Knape	GR
1987	Glen Walborn	SL	2007	Charlie Knape	GR
1988	Brett Hatton	SL	2008	J.P. Mull	WL
1989	Doug McNeil	SL	2009	Charlie Knape	GR
1990	Andy Burdick	LG	2010	Charlie Knape	GR
1991	Jim Gluek	PEW	2011	Isaac Kremers	GR
1992	Andy Burdick	LG	2012	Isaac Kremers	GR
1993	Doug McNeil	SL	2013	Isaac Kremers	GR
1994	Brett Hatton	SL	2014	Bruce Hansen	SL
1995	Doug McNeil	WL	Laser / Radial		
1996	David Fox	SL	2012	Dirk Phelps	CL
1997	David Fox	SL	2013	David Griswold	MYC
1998	Dan Guidinger	WB	2014	Justin Lovell	GR
1999	Peter Fox	SL	Open Butterflies		
2000	Brian McMurray	WL	1965	Tom Keenan	LF
2001	Brian McMurray	WL	1966	Brud Harvey	WL
2002	Chris Eggert	SL	1967	D. Freye	MYC
2003	Jamie Kimball	SL	1968	Don Hood	WL
2004	Chris Eggert	SL	1969	Steve Novak	WL
2005	Jamie Kimball	SL	1970	Ande Holly	WL
2006	Jamie Kimball	SL	1971	Ande Holly	WL
2007	Jamie Kimball	SL	1972	Steve Novak	WL
2008	Jamie Kimball	SL	1973	Ande Holly	WL
2009	Ted Keller	TL	1974	Eric Hood	WL
2010	Ted Keller	TL	1975	Jerry Bakke	MYC
2011	Rob Terry	CL	1976	Brian McMurray	WL
2012	Jamie Kimball	SL	1977	Brad David	WL
2013	Pete Comfort	TL	1978	Jerry Bakke	MYC
2014	Cam McNeil	WL	1979	Jeff Butterfield	WL
Lasers / Standard			1980	Jerry Bakke	MYC
1979	Robert Currier	SL	1981	Duane Pierson	WL
1980	Paul Wickland	MYC	1982	Chad Gould	WL
1981	Paul Wickland	MYC	1983	Duane Pierson	WL
1982	Paul Wickland	MYC	1984	Karl Jacob	WL
1983	Glen McMurray	WL	1985	Ryan Nordberg	TL
1984	Chad Gould	WL	1986	Duane Pierson	WL
1985	Mark Eldred	MB	1987	Warde Pierson	WL
1986	Susie Pegel	MB	1988	Duane Pierson	WL
1987	Steve Sisson	MB	1989	N. Weersing	WL
1988	Karl Jacob	WL	1990	Steven Fox	SL
1989	M. Isabell		1991	Jerry Bakke	MYC
1997	Steve Johanson	TL	1992	Duane Pierson	WL
1998	Ross Reuter Dahl	SL			

WMYA Champions (Continued)

Open Butterflies (continued)

1993	Warde Pierson	WL
1994	Duane Pierson	WL
1995	Duane Pierson	WL
1996	Duane Pierson	WL
1997	Josh Rotunda	SL
1998	Duane Pierson	WL
1999	Ben Fredricks	SL
2000	Duane Pierson	WL
2001	Joe Rotunda	SL
2002	Jack Rillema II	WL
2003	Kevin Anderson	GR
2004	Scott Anderson	GR
2005	Charlie Knappe	GR
2006	Jim Knappe	GR
2007	Eric Rivard	GL
2008	Ed Hatt	SL
2009	Tony Pugh	CL
2010	Tony Pugh	CL
2011	Michael Madden	GR
2012	Adam Hohmeyer	SL
2013	Frank M Reeg	SL
2014	Eric Rantanen	SL

Junior Butterflies

1969	Ande Holly	WL
1970	Eric Hood	WL
1971	Eric Hood	WL
1972	Eric Hood	WL
1973	Doug McNeil	WL
1974	Hugh Walborn	SL
1975	Jim Gretzke	MYC
1976	Brad Davis	WL
1977	Paul Christianson	SL
1978	Holly O'Brien	SL
1979	Brian Wrase	SL
1980	Holly O'Brien	SL
1981	Chad Gould	WL
1982	J.P. Mull	WL
1983	Karl Jacob	WL
1984	Chris Eggert	SL
1985	Chris Eggert	SL
1986	Dave Fox	SL
1987	Dave Fox	SL
1988	Brien Fox	SL
1989	Jay Lambiotte	CL
1990	Ross Reuterdaahl	SL
1991	Kyle Verplank	SL
1992	Jon McMillan	CL
1993	Matt Cassidy	SL

1994	Cameron McNeil	WL
1995	John McNeil	WL
1996	Cameron McNeil	WL
1997	Cameron McNeil	WL
1998	Andy Powell	TL
1999	Joe Rotonda	SL
2000	Joe Rotonda	SL/WL
2001	Kevin Anderson	GR
2002	Charlie Knappe	GR
2003	Charlie Knappe	GR
2004	Charlie Knappe	GR
2005	Mike Knappe	GR
2006	Scott Anderson	GR
2007	Sam Gill	WL
2008	Lauren Hatt	SL
2009	Sandi Fredricks	SL
2010	Mason Wolters	SL
2011	Frank Reeg	SL
2012	David Griswold	MYC
2013	Sam Ralston	GR
2014	Sam Ralston	GR

M-20

1996	Scott Luce	GR
1997	Chuck Gorgen	Minnetonka
1998	Chuck Gorgen	Minnetonka
1999	Ron Schlommer	LG
2000	Rob Davis	LG
2001	Chuck Gorgen	MN
2002	Andrew Tapper	MN
2003	Pete Comfort	TL
2005	Chuck Gorgen	Minnetonka

Melges 17

2006	Brian McMurray	WL
2007	Brian McMurray	WL
2008	Rob Terry	CL
2009	Coye Harrett	LG
2010	Sean Fidler	CL
2011	Tom Munroe	WL
2012	Tom Munroe	WL
2013	Tom Munroe	WL
2014	Tom Munroe	WL

Opti

2008	Ang Riolo	SL
2009	Justin Lovell	GR
2010	Justin Lovell	GR
2011	Spenser Todd	GR
2012	Spenser Todd	GR
2013	Ben Finkelstein	GR
2014	Spencer Todd	GR

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WMYA Perpetual Trophies

Charles C. Harrett Memorial Trophy

Class Winner With The Most Dominant Performance

Donated in 2007 by Midge VerPlank in memory of Chuck who was WMYA Commodore in 1970 and Race Committee Chairman from 1986 through 2006. This trophy will be presented to the skipper, in any fleet of 10 or more boats, with the lowest total points, using the margin of victory as the tie breaker, and a coin toss if a tie still exists.

Howard Baxter Trophy

Winner First E Boat Race

Howard was a member of both the Grand Rapids and Spring Lake Yacht Clubs. He was still sailing an E boat in his seventies and took fourth at the WMYA Regatta in 1957. Commodore of the WMYA in 1934.

Iver Johnson Memorial Trophy

Winner Second E Boat Race.

Donated by the family in 1976 to the memory of the son of the founder of Johnson Boat Works and early developer of a fiberglass E boat.

William R. Munroe Trophy

Winner Third E Boat Race

Muskegon Yacht Club E boat skipper. Early promoter of E boats at MYC. Donated by his widow, Carol and sons, Bill, Tom and Dave. Commodore of the WMYA in 1966.

Davock Memorial Trophy

Winner Fourth E Boat Race

Given in memory of the Davock family who supported sailors and sailing at the TLYC from its inception in the 1920s.

Albert M. Gibson Memorial Trophy

Winner Last E Boat Race

SLYC E boat skipper and Commodore 1955-1956. Won the WMYA in 1949.

Barry Bricker Trophy

Winning E Boat Crew

E boat crew member for Muskegon Yacht Club skippers, Paul Wickland Jr. & Sr.

Muskegon Chronicle Trophy

Winning E Boat

Donated in 1938 and won by Charles Jacobson, SLYC.

Vern Bolling Trophy

Winner First C Boat Race

Vern was a member and former Commodore of the SLYC in 1965. C and E boat skipper. Won WMYA Regatta in C scow class in 1955.

Midge Verplank Trophy

Winner Last C Boat Race

Former Resident Agent of the WMYA, Commodore of SLYC in 1962-1963. Midge has won the WMYA several times in both Es and Cs. Commodore of the WMYA 1967.

Jacques Chatain Memorial Trophy

Winning C Boat

Donated by WMYA and Jacques' widow, Peggy in 1987. Member WLYC and Commodore of the WMYA 1974.

Ken Kornoele Memorial Trophy

Winner Second C Boat Race

Donated by Midge Verplank in 2003 to honor Ken, Commodore of SLYC and WMYA, C-boat champion in '51, '57, '58, '59 and '64, E-boat champion in '72.

WMYA Perpetual Trophies (Continued)

Gordon Tousey Trophy	Winner First MC Race Donated by the WMYA in 1989 to honor Gordon, the WMYA Commodore 1973, MYC Commodore, E boat skipper, and WMYA Race Committee chairman from 1970-1985.
Al Dunning Memorial Trophy	Winner Last MC Race Donated in 1992 to honor Al's many years of assistance to the race committee.
Tower Travel Trophy	Winning MC Boat Donated by Doug Smith, C-boat sailor and President of Tower Travel Management in 1973 to mark the entry of the MCs into the WMYA regatta.
Dale Frank Trophy	Winning Junior Butterfly Founder of the Sail Place in Cedar Springs and early promoter of the Butterfly class.
Howard Tremble Trophy	Winning Senior Butterfly GRYC member, Commodore WMYA 1951 and 1952. Trophy engraved "In loving memory of H.I. Tremble, who, with Freda, greatly served the WMYA." A founder of the WMYA.
Charles Young Memorial Trophy	Winning MC Master SLYC E boat skipper. Commodore of the WMYA in 1957. Donated by family in 1986.
Charles Jacobson Memorial Trophy	Winning MC Grand Master Donated by the Jacobson family in honor of Chuck, 1949 Commodore of the WMYA, winner of the E class in 1938, 1942, 1947 & 1950.
Teddy Knappe Memorial Trophy	Winning MC Junior In loving memory of an avid E, MC and Butterfly sailor whose passion for life inspired everyone around him. A true Son of a Son of a Sailor. Donated by the Bylenga and Knappe families.
Jack C. Rillema II Perpetual Trophy	Winning Melges 17 boat Donated by the Jack C. Rillema II family.
Duane Pierson Memorial Trophy	Oldest Skipper to Finish All Official Races in Any Fleet Past Commodore of the WMYA, he loved sailing in whatever boat he could and still raced competitively in two fleets into his seventies. Donated by his children Joan, Emily & Rob.
Dave Cioe Memorial Trophy	Youngest Junior Butterfly Skipper to Finish All Official Races Donated by Tad and Lucy Welch in 2003 in memory of their brother-in-law, Dave Cioe, early promoter of the butterfly fleet, avid M-20 skipper and member of Muskegon and Grand Rapids Yacht Clubs.
GRYC Laser	Winner Laser Donated by GRYC in 1996 for winning M-20, converted in 2006 for winning Laser.
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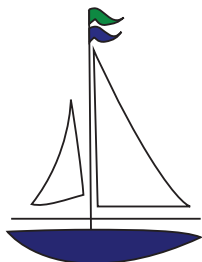


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