

LAKE HARRIET YACHT CLUB

2024 Yearbook



2024 Commodore Eric Wellmann

ADAPTIVE SAILING PROGRAM

The 2024 Adaptive Sailing season had a slow start to the season due to weather - either it has been raining or the wind is blowing too hard. There have also been issues with the sailboats staying afloat or deciding to take themselves for a sail. One of the lifts, with boats on, was found across the lake when a buoy chain broke. There have been 3-6 sailors each night that we have been able to sail with the highest being 11 one night.

The last month of the season the weather cooperated and 4-5 boats were able to be sailed each night. **There were 8 new sailors and 8 returning sailors. The program was supported by the hard work of 12 volunteers.**

The LHYC Adaptive program worked in conjunction with the Twin Cities Blind Sailing to offer independent sailing to sailors with vision issues. Each sailor was accompanied by a guide boat after sharing a 3D model of Lake Harriet.

*Adaptive Sailing Co-Directors
Margaret Knutson & Ted Jewitt*



YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM

The youth program (OK, really it was Jake) took themes to a whole new level this year. The unifying concept of Naval Traditions tied together many of the themes all summer. Every Tuesday, Charlie Friction and Callie Skala helped raise a flag tied to the week's theme.

In June our D-Day remembrance got postponed a week due to weather. However, the next week Anders Skala and Hayes Abbott excelled at the raft-up mission. Then, on Marine Corps night Zuzu Wells, Callie Skala, Tyler Furseth, and Lucas & Charlie Friction were in strong form and successfully collected the campaign ribbons scattered around the lake.

In July, sailors learned about the Navy's and the Coast Guard's Search and Rescue missions. First, sailors learned about radio communication and chose their own Top Gun call signs. Then, sailors used their call signs and radios to coordinate the successful recovery of 15 rockets launched into the lake. Amelia Colburn, Lucas Friction, and the team of Nick Grimm and Julian Pogemiller were so efficient that a few of the rockets barely got wet!

As the wind died later in the summer, our sailors spent a little more time *in* the water than *on* the water. Our annual glow party featured dancing on a giant lily pad, figuring out how to walk the plank, and continuously capsizing the Sunfish.

At the same time they have fun, youth sailors have to work on developing both their resilience and their sailing skills. This year, Zuzu Wells led the way when she overcame a rough first night out to become the standout pram sailor of the summer. Zuzu was always rigging up and ready to go out alone or with other sailors, whether the day was windy or windless. Amelia Colburn was the stand-out older sailor of the season, sailing the Sunfish or mentoring other sailors on youth nights, and crewing on the M15 to high level finishes on weekends with her dad.

These successes depend on the volunteer efforts of our families and sailors. We want to thank Nick Grimm for his service. Nick did lots of things, including taxi boating, safety boating, boat maintenance, and rigging. On the adult side, Tyler's dad Chad Furseth was always ready to lend a hand and learn more about sailing. Thank you Nick and Chad!

Finally, we have a few closing notes. First, we welcomed new members Keel and Alex Kloss, and look forward to sailing with them again next year. Next, although everyone had fun on Tuesday nights this year, many families had schedule conflicts. So, next year we will be shifting back to Friday nights with the theme "Friday night at the movies!"

LHYC youth sailors, you continue to be amazing people and sailors!
Jennifer Bowers and Jake Skala



SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP

M15 FLEET

RANK	SKIPPER	BOAT NAME	NET
1	Team Fraser	Area 51	36.6
2	Team Colburn	Tango	46
3	Team Newman	The Hypnotoad	57
4	Team Bowers	PU-36 Space Modulator	98.8
5	Foley/Peterson/Schroeder	Sonic Boom	106.1
6	Team Skala	USA 334	115
7	Team Maloney/Bieger	USA 342	147.2
8	Team Friction /Getsinger	Tiger Lily	153
9	Team Jewett	TETO	154.5
10	Byers/Coyne/Wellmann	Rocketship	156.8

MC FLEET

RANK	SKIPPER	BOAT NAME	NET
1	Grosch, Ryan	Black Cat	29.8
2	Wellmann, Eric	Zut alors	38.8
3	Katics/Getsinger	Beautiful Obsession	95
4	Christie, Bob	1746	128.8
5	Loscheider/Marquardt	Spastic	129.8
6	Berg, John	Andy	137.9
7	Seymour, Chris	Prima III	141.6
8	Friction, Joe	Minnehaha	147.5
9	Lees, John	TCSC	180.4
10	Macphail, Stuart	1280	185



PETE TAYLOR SERIES

Light-air series named for the devoted LHYC member (1950s-2008) and 1985 Commodore

M15 FLEET

RANK	SKIPPER	BOAT NAME	NET
1	Team Colburn	Tango	9.4
2	Team Fraser	Area 51	16
3	Team Bowers	PU-36 Space Modulator	22
4	Team Newman	The Hypnotoad	28
5	Maloney/Bieger	USA 342	28

MC FLEET

RANK	SKIPPER	BOAT NAME	NET
1	Grosch, Ryan	Black Cat	10.6
2	Wellmann, Eric	Zut alors	21
3	Katics/Getsinger	Beautiful Obsession	28
4	Macphail, Stuart	1280	32
5	Seymour, Chris	Prima III	32



COMBINED HOLIDAY SERIES

M15 FLEET

RANK	SKIPPER	BOAT NAME	NET
1	Team Fraser	Area 51	14
2	Team Newman	The Hypnotoad	21
3	Team Bowers	PU-36 Space Modulator	25
4	Team Colburn	Tango	37.8
5	Team Maloney/Bieger	USA 342	40

MC FLEET

RANK	SKIPPER	BOAT NAME	NET
1	Grosch, Ryan	Black Cat	10
2	Christie, Bob	1746	27
3	Katics/Getsinger	Beautiful Obsession	30
4	Seymour, Chris	Prima III	32.2
5	Gantzer, Charlie	2539	46



PARTY HOST:
Paul Bastyr & Jenn O'Brien

HOLIDAY SERIES: JULY FOURTH

M15 FLEET

RANK	SKIPPER	BOAT NAME	NET
1	Team Fraser	Area 51	6
2	Team Newman	The Hypnotoad	8
3	Team Bowers	PU-36 Space Modulator	12
4	Team Maloney/Bieger	342	13
5	Team Foley/Peterson/Schroeder	Sonic Boom	16

MC FLEET

RANK	SKIPPER	BOAT NAME	NET
1	Grosch, Ryan	Black Cat	4
2	Seymour, Chris	Prima III	8
3	Gantzer, Charlie	2539	15
4	Katics/Getsinger	Beautiful Obsession	16
5	Macphail, Stuart	1280	18



HOLIDAY SERIES: MEMORIAL DAY

PARTY HOST:
Skala Family

M15 FLEET

RANK	SKIPPER	BOAT NAME	NET
1	Team Fraser	Area 51	7
2	Team Newman	The Hypnotoad	11
3	Team Bowers	PU-36 Space Modulator	16
4	Team Colburn	Tango	19
5	Team Byers/Coyne/Wellmann	Rocketship	22

MC FLEET

RANK	SKIPPER	BOAT NAME	NET
1	Grosch, Ryan	Black Cat	5
2	Christie, Bob	1746	9
3	Wellmann, Eric	Zut alors	14
4	Katics/Getsinger	Beautiful Obsession	15
5	Ott, Chuck/Wendy	Sea Otter	16



PARTY HOST:
Chuck & Wendy Ott

HOLIDAY SERIES: LABOR DAY

M15 FLEET

RANK	SKIPPER	BOAT NAME	NET
1	Team Fraser	Area 51	7
2	Team Bowers	PU-36 Space Modulator	8
3	Team Colburn	Tango	9.3
4	Team Newman	The Hypnotoad	15
5	Team Skala	USA 334	20

MC FLEET

RANK	SKIPPER	BOAT NAME	NET
1	Grosch, Ryan	Black Cat	4
2	Christie, Bob	1746	8
3	Katics/Getsinger	Beautiful Obsession	10
4	Wellmann, Eric	Zut alors	21
5	Seymour, Chris	Prima III	24

ISAAC REEVE SERIES

In memory of Isaac Reeve, the father of General Charles McCormick Reeve (1847-1947). Charles was an active Minnetonka Yacht Club member and the first to have a sailboat on Lake Harriet. 25 Races: May 18 - June 30.

M15 FLEET

RANK	SKIPPER	BOAT NAME	NET
1	Team Newman	The Hypnotoad	24.2
2	Team Fraser	Area 51	27.2
3	Team Colburn	Tango	29.4
4	Foley/Peterson/Schroeder	Sonic Boom	58.2
5	Team Skala	USA 334	59

MC FLEET

RANK	SKIPPER	BOAT NAME	NET
1	Grosch, Ryan	Black Cat	17
2	Wellmann, Eric	Zut alors	27.2
3	Katics/Getsinger	Beautiful Obsession	68
4	Loscheider/Marquardt	Spastic	71.6
5	Seymour, Chris	Prima III	78.6



PETER SUPER SERIES

Member of LHYC for 39 years. Sailed D, C & M16 scows and managed the equipment shed from 1965-1991. 10 races: July 13 - Jul 28

M15 FLEET

RANK	SKIPPER	BOAT NAME	NET
1	Team Fraser	Area 51	6
2	Team Newman	The Hypnotoad	10.6
3	Team Colburn	Tango	14
4	Team Bowers	PU-36 Space Modulator	21
5	Team Skala	334	26

MC FLEET

RANK	SKIPPER	BOAT NAME	NET
1	Grosch, Ryan	Black Cat	7.9
2	Wellmann, Eric	Zut alors	15
3	Katics/Getsinger	Beautiful Obsession	15
4	Loscheider/Marquardt	Spastic	20
5	Seymour, Chris	Prima III	25.6

SCHEPERS MEMORIAL

Handicapped Series: 3 Races September 7 - 8

DOROTHY SCHEPERS SERIES

The first female head judge for LHYC, and later the club's first female Commodore in 1979. 24 races: Aug 3 - Sep 29.

M15 FLEET

RANK	SKIPPER	BOAT NAME	NET
1	Team Fraser	Area 51	17.5
2	Team Colburn	Tango	32
3	Team Maloney/Bieger	USA 342	33.3
4	Team Bowers	PU-36 Space Modulator	40
5	Team Newman	The Hypnotoad	46.5

MC FLEET

RANK	SKIPPER	BOAT NAME	NET
1	Grosch, Ryan	Black Cat	17.2
2	Christie, Bob	1746	45.2
3	Katics/Getsinger, John/John	Beautiful Obsession	50.6
4	Seymour, Chris	Prima III	59.1
5	Berg, John	Andy	79



MC FLEET

RANK	SKIPPER	BOAT NAME	NET
1	Ott, Chuck/Wendy	Sea Otter	4
2	Callanan, Cynthia	TCSC	11
3	Forrest, Whit	TCSC	11
4	Heinrich, Steve	TCSC	13
5	Berger, Kevin	TCSC	14

DEE O'NEAL CUP

Novice Skipper Award.

COMBINED FLEET

RANK	SKIPPER/CREW
1	Pam Johnson/Ryan Grosch
2	Dave Weingartner/Darin Newman
3	Cynthia Callanan/Bill Colburn
4	Bob Brunmeier/Bob Christie
5	Jorrit Poelen/Jamie Frasier

MC SCOW TEAM RACING

September 14 - 15

PARTY HOST:

Pam & Doug Johnson

FIRST PLACE RED TEAM

Bob Christie
Rich Gross
Eric Wellman

SECOND PLACE UPPER MNTKA

John Gryzbek
Keith Morical
Noel Neuman

THIRD PLACE WHITE

Joe Friction
John Lees
Steve Heinrich /
Darin Newman

FOURTH PLACE BLUE

Ryan Grosch
Mark Bohlig
John Berg /
John Getsinger



WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACING

June - July - August

M15 FLEET

RANK	SKIPPER	BOAT NAME	NET
1	Team Newman	The Hypnotoad	35.9
2	Team Fraser	Area 51	36.6
3	Team Colburn	Tango	84
4	Byers/Coyne/Wellmann	Rocketship	90.4
5	Team Jewitt	TETO	92

MC FLEET

RANK	SKIPPER	BOAT NAME	NET
1	Grosch, Ryan	Black Cat	37.2
2	Wellmann, Eric	Zut alors	56
3	Christie, Bob	1746	95.2
4	Katics/Getsinger, John/John	Beautiful Obsession	110
5	Curtis, Jason	Humdinger	117.6

PARTY HOST:

Bob Bieger / Mary Maloney

The season wound down with the Die Hard regatta. The Melges 15 fleet of 15 boats was the largest fleet of M15s that Harriet has hosted to date. Twelve of the 25 MCs and six of the 15s came from other lakes so the parking lot was a busy place, with all off-lake boats dry sailing.

Forty boats on the lake was a stirring view and caused many to stop by the shed picnic table and express amazement, excitement, and gratitude, along with a few cherished memories of previous Harriet regattas.

Jason Curtis acted as PRO and managed to complete six races, with five on Sunday morning! Race 2 on Saturday almost finished up, but the sudden appearance of a thunderhead right above the lake caused a last-minute abandonment.

In addition to the threatening weather, the same weather front caused heavy air and then glassy water on Saturday. The front's passage also pulled the wind around the compass, keeping the volunteers busy as they moved buoys and moved buoys. But Sunday's wind from the north made up for it. As the wind direction held, all five races were sailed on the same course, finishing by 12:40PM.

The many volunteers were recognized at the awards, including Bob Bieger & Mary Maloney who allowed us to again take over their house and enjoy Pimento's Jamaican food as we did at last year's Die Hard party.

Once Saturday's rain passed, it was hard to believe that the season was coming to an end with the beautiful 80 degree days in late September. Go to Smugg mug page to see great aerial drone videos of both fleets, provided by Nick Grimm.

DIE HARD REGATTA

September 21-22, Regatta Chair: Jamie Fraser



M15 FLEET

RANK	SKIPPER	CLUB	NET
1	Team Newman	LHYC	6
2	Team Parker	FBYC	14
3	Team Bowers	LHYC	18

MC FLEET

RANK	SKIPPER	CLUB	NET
1	Grosch, Ryan	LHYC	8
2	Wean, Matt	MYC	12
3	Wellmann, Eric	LHYC	16.8



2024 OFF-LAKE RACING

LHYC sailors proudly represented our club at a number of off-lake regattas in 2024.

Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta Series

Feb 16-18: 31 boats, St. Petersburg, FL

Team Newman 4

Melges 15 Winter Series Event #2

Feb 24-25: 79 boats, Jensen Beach FL

Team Newman 15

Cedar Lake MC Spring Regatta

May 10-12: 22 boats, Cedar Lake, IA

Ryan Grosch 2

ILYA MC Invitational

July 12-14: 45 boats, Lake Beulah, WI

Ryan Grosch 2

ILYA Melges 15 Championship

Aug 1-4: 62 boats, Pewaukee, WI

Team Newman 12

Team Fraser 14

Team Colburn 23

Team Bowers 31

Team Schroeder 55

ILYA MC Championships

Aug 11-14: 56 boats, Clear Lake, IA

Ryan Grosch & Brandi Kastner 5

Joe Friction 18

MCSA Nationals

Aug 21-24: 95 boats, Lake Geneva, WI

Ryan Grosch 3

Melges 15 National Championship

Aug 22-25: 55 boats, Traverse City, MI

Team Fraser 17

Team Newman 21

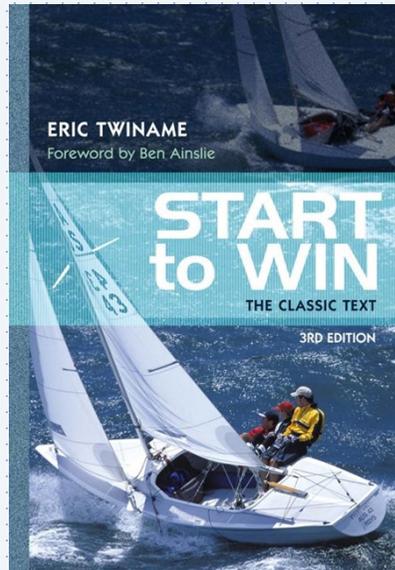
SAILING EDUCATION 2024

Mary Maloney, Board Member: Education Dir.

2024 Winter Book Club - For the second year LHYC and TCSC members gathered around a fireplace mid-winter to discuss a book about racing. This year we read "Start to Win: The Classic Text" by Eric Twiname. Bob Christie facilitated our discussion.

In April M15 sailors gathered on Zoom for a presentation by Toby Sullivan (an M15 rock star and our clinic coach in 2023). Toby provided a review and update on M15 boat setup and handling.

Three M15 teams (Fraser, Newman & Maloney/Bieger) took boats to White Bear Lake for an M15 clinic coached by Toby Sullivan & Kate Cox. We practiced in wind in extremes -- 20+ on Saturday and <5 on Sunday.



DONATIONS

Thank you for supporting LHYC!

BOATSWAIN (\$1- \$49)

Gilmore, Joan

QUARTERMASTER (\$50 - \$249)

Eishen, Kaye

Friction, Joe

Newman, Darin

O'Brien, Jennifer

Ritter, Linda

NAVIGATOR (\$250 - \$499)

Berg, John & Cynthia Callanan

FIRST MATE (\$500 - \$999)

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THANK YOU, RACE OFFICERS & VOLUNTEERS



REMEMBERING LHYC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



Joanna Lees

April 12, 1940 – February 26, 2024

Joanna forged a vibrant community through her neighborhood, the arts, and activism. She was active on many boards focused on arts, education, and equality. Joanna was active member of LHYC for many years, crewing in races, hosting club parties and helping in the committee boat as score keeper extraordinaire. Joanna's spirit of adventure and love shown brightly in her devotion and support for LHYC and its community of friends.



Gary Reiter

June 22, 1944 - July 10, 2024

Gary was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and was raised spending summers racing sailboats at Lake Calhoun (Bde Maka Ska) and Lake Minnetonka. His unique upbringing instilled a lifelong passion for water, wind, and sailing. Gary was a founding member and helped to create the non-profit Lake Calhoun sailing school (now Minneapolis Sailing Center), seeking to make sailing more accessible to all. Gary was MC racer on Lake Harriet and boat partner with Joe Fricton.

Bill Kirkpatrick

April 1, 1967 - July 26, 2024

Bill was a long time member of LHYC, racing M-16s and MCs as well as heading up the youth sailing program. His Harriet sailing led to many Lake Superior ventures and a sailboat on Lake Pepin where his family spent many days. He and his wife, Susan, were gracious hosts of many great LHYC backyard parties at their home not far from the west shores of his beloved Lake Harriet.

- Dave Mottt



Jeff Land

Jeff was a lifetime devotee to racing at Lake Harriet, first in the X fleet, then D scows, C scows, and MC scows. He had a black-and-teal boat with bold angular graphics named Beowulf. In myth, Beowulf was known for his grip-strength, his loyalty, his steadiness, and his willingness to care for the good of others.

And Jeff did care for the good of others. Around 1990 he stopped racing, and simply gave me his most recent barely-used mainsail. It was a custom cut that he had co-designed with Gordy Bowers. In 2023 he made a sizable donation to our youth sailing program. Jeff truly believed in supporting kids and their sailing dreams.

Over the last ten years Jeff became an LHYC superfan. Occasionally we'd see him at the picnic table or a holiday party, but mostly he was there to watch the racing. He loved talking about sailing, and was especially excited about our introduction of the Melges 15. After all, he had been part of the push to bring the MC fleet, then a newly designed boat, to Harriet in the 70's. I know that in spirit he is still showing up, critiquing our tacks and jibes, and offering ideas for how to enjoy sailboat racing at Lake Harriet. - Bill Colburn

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1941 Harold Westerman	1978 Steve Woldum	2015 Jennifer O'Brien
1942 Ralph Tyler	1979 Dorothy Schepers	2016 Chuck Ott
1943 Clarence Johnson	1980 Robert Wattson	2017 Joe Schroeder
1944 Clarence Johnson	1981 Harry Fuller	2018 Charles Gantzer
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1949 Rome Riebeth	1986 Bill Hanson	2023 John Getsinger
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