



December 2017

Good day fellow ice yachters.

After a warm fall, 2017 is looking to be good for making ice. Now if the snow can hold off so we can get a good base for our big boats maybe we can get our regatta in this year.

I have heard that our fleet has picked up a few more boats this past summer. It would be great to see many of them on the ice sailing with us. Remember, even if you choose to not race, please come out and sail the weekend with us. We are all willing to help with rigging, set up, and sharing stories. I'm sure rides can be had after the races are in as we all enjoy sharing our sport. Every time we get together and set the big boats up it is a historic event. There are a few issues to be addressed at the annual meeting as well.

I'm in hopes of an early, hard freeze up as I will be out of state for 17 days in February for family issues and would hate to miss this great event.

In hopes of seeing you all on the ice,

Mark Wiener.

W.S.S.A. dues are \$20.00 and can be mailed to Andy Gratton at the following address:

W.S.S.A. c/o Andy Gratton
Secretary/Treasurer
2102 Doty Street
Oshkosh, WI 54902

WSSA Website: www.iceboat.org/regattas/wssa/

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WSSA Regatta

The 2017 WSSA Annual Championship Regatta was not held.

NIYA Regatta

The 2017 Northwest Ice Yacht Association Regatta was not held.

Remember, wherever a regatta is called on the ice will be good to sail. Bring your boat, even if it is just to cruise. Don't miss out!

If you know of a member that has moved, or someone that should be on the mailing list, please let the secretary, Andy Gratton, know and that person will be contacted and added to the list.

W.S.S.A. REGATTA NOTICE

Wisconsin Stern Steering Association's Annual Championship is scheduled for January 6 and 7, 2018 as a two-day regatta. Regatta information will be available by Sunday evening, December 31, 2017. Call the 4 Lakes/WSSA Hot Line, 608-204-9876 ext. 4 or see www.iceboat.org for ice conditions and tentative regatta sites. Final confirmation will be on Thursday, January 4, 2018, with information being available after 1 PM at the above Hot Line number. If conditions do not exist the regatta will be tentatively rescheduled for the following weekend so stay in touch. The N.I.Y.A. regatta is scheduled for January 19, 20, and 21, 2018. It will take priority.

We could use some people to volunteer to be on the Race Committee for the WSSA regatta. Many thanks to those that can do so.

N.I.Y.A. REGATTA NOTICE

The Northwest Ice Yachting Association Annual Championship is scheduled for January 19, 20, and 21, 2018.

The Regatta Information Hot Line number is 608-204-9876. Tentative call will be available after 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 14, 2018, or see www.iceboat.org. Final confirmation will be made at noon on Wednesday, January 17, 2018.

N.I.Y.A. races will be held for Class A, B, C, D, E, Renegade, and DN. NOTE: Class "A" races will be held separately in Wisconsin or Upper Michigan, if the NIYA Regatta is not held in that area.

The first race will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 19, 2018. The entry fee is \$15.00 per yacht. Registration will be held at Regatta Headquarters on January 19, 2018, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Starting positions for the first race will be by committee draw. See <http://iceboat.org/niya.html>

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Hearst/Stuart Cups Challenge

The Hearst/Stuart Cups Challenge was not sailed in 2017.

The William Randolph Hearst Cup and the F.A. Stuart Cup Series is strictly for Class A and larger stern steerers. It is independent from any other regatta. Further information about this event may be obtained from any of the three trustees listed here:

Rick Hennig, 262-884-0133/ riteeng@wi.twcbc.com

Dave Lallier, 920-921-8345/ animae1@sbcglobal.net

Erik Sawyer, 231-893-3921/ ecsawyer@charter.net

WSSA Annual Meeting Minutes

The annual meeting was not held since there was no annual regatta bringing the members together.

For Sale

- C class stern steerer, C-3, tandem cockpit, about 28' x 32' tall. 2 sets of sails-1 set new, 3 sets of runners, trailer with plenty of storage in box, gin pole, new cushions, and all new covers. Location: Racine, WI \$7500
Call John Stanley, 414-418-1635 or windspread@hotmail.com
- Runner sharpening machines, for Sarns runners and custom made, 1.5 hp motor, call Bob Rast, 414-791-3056

WSSA long sleeve t-shirts, \$25.00 each plus shipping. Choice of three colors – charcoal, medium blue, and forest green. A colored WSSA logo is on the left side of chest, a stern steerer in a tall hike (thanks to Jeff Seeboth for the pose) is on the back. Send t-shirt orders to WSSA Secretary/Treasurer.



front of shirt



three colors



back of shirt

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RIGHT OF WAY and SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

The Purpose of the Rules is to PREVENT COLLISIONS.



Rule B - RIGHT-of-WAY - Yachts must KEEP CLEAR as follows:

<p>1 IN MOTION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keep clear of <u>STOPPED YACHT</u></p>	<p>2 OFF THE WIND</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keep Clear</p>	<p>3a ON THE WIND PORT TACK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keep Clear</p>	<p>3b OFF THE WIND PORT TACK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keep Clear</p>
<p>4a ON THE WIND SAME TACK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WINDWARD YACHT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keep Clear</p>	<p>4b OFF THE WIND SAME TACK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LEEWARD YACHT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keep Clear</p>	<p>5a RIGHT - OF - WAY YACHT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Do not alter course so as to mislead or prevent a non right-of-way yacht from keeping clear.</p>	<p>5b FASTER YACHT SAME TACK OVERTAKING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keep Clear</p>
<p>6 TACK or JIBE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT IF COLLISION IS PROBABLE ←</p>	<p>7 OBSTRUCTION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Signal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keep Clear</p>	<p>8 ROUNDING MARK OUTSIDE YACHT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keep Clear</p>	<p>9 AFTER FINISHING THE RACE -</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>KEEP CLEAR of the COURSE</u></p>



- REMEMBER -
PREVENT COLLISIONS
Use Your Parking Break!
Wear a Crash Helmet!
Use Common Sense!

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WSSA Membership Form

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Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Boat name and class _____

Boat overall dimensions _____

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