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## JOURNEY TOWARD THE 2008 RICHARDSON TROPHY CHAMPIONSHIP

Most every year since 1912 the Yacht Racing Union of the Great Lakes (YRUGL) has sponsored the Richardson Trophy Regatta, now the match racing championship of the Great Lakes. This year it's Lake Superior Yachting Association's turn to host the Richardson, which will be sailed in J-22's at Wayzata Yacht Club (a LSYA member YC) Oct. 9-12.

Sail Sheboygan Ltd. at Sheboygan Yacht Club hosted LMSRF's 2008 Richardson Qualifier Regatta in May.  
**TOP FINISHING TEAMS WERE:**

- 1st: Dan Litchfield of Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club
- 2nd: Steve Lowery of Great Lakes Yacht Club
- 3rd: Don Wilson of Chicago Yacht Club
- 4th: Mark Johnson of Neenah Nodaway Yacht Club
- 5th: Robert Sansome of Midwest Open Racing Fleet
- 6th: Mark Farrell of Sheboygan Yacht Club

This month LMSRF will send the following teams to Wayzata YC to compete for the Great Lakes Match Racing Championship - the Richardson Trophy:

- Steve Lowery of Great Lakes Yacht Club
- Mark Johnson of Neenah Nodaway Yacht Club
- Richard West of Chicago Yacht Club

**We wish these teams the best of luck and competition!**

In 2010 it will again be Lake Michigan's turn to run the Richardson (every 6 years), and LMSRF has named Sail Sheboygan to host the event.



# LMSRF *News*

## OFFSHORE NEWS ON LAKE MICHIGAN

*Best On Lake Michigan* brag flags are being redesigned for 2008 and all trophies are being updated / refurbished.

*Big Port Washington Regatta*—In August this year five Area 2 yacht clubs jointly sponsored a PHRF Invitational regatta, hosted at Port Washington Yacht Club. Sponsoring yacht clubs were Sheboygan, Port Washington, Milwaukee, South Shore, and Racine. There was no entry fee for this regatta, and some 40 boats showed up to compete! Watch for news of this event next season.

*Racine Yacht Club's Hook Race* finished at M&M Yacht Club in Menominee Michigan this year. The Hook Race finished at M&M the first few years of RYC's history with this race, but then had finished at Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club for more than 20 years. M&M YC runs their popular 100 Miler Regatta, which has been steadily growing in entries, shortly after the finishes of CYC's Race to Mackinac Island and RYC's Hook Race. Although it was an especially slow and sometimes stormy weekend out on Lake Michigan, Hook racers seem to enjoy the hospitality at the new finish line.

*Sail Sheboygan Ltd. at Sheboygan Yacht Club named US Sailing's newest national sail training center in the Spring of 2008!* With 8 brand new Sonars and other sailboats plus a full complement of race committee craft and equipment at the ready, Sail Sheboygan is prepared to host a wide variety of sail training workshops for youth sailors, for recreational sailors looking to improve their skills, for racers, for race committee team members, judges and umpires. In addition Sail Sheboygan will now offer facilities and venue for important regional and national regattas as well as higher level internationally graded events, Hans Graf, executive director of Sail Sheboygan says.

## OTHER MATCH RACING NEWS

*Sail Sheboygan* conducted the first annual Northern Lights Cup Regatta in August, sponsored by WIMRA (Women's International Match Racing Association), and has been selected to host the 2010 Rolex US Match Racing Championship for the Prince of Wales Bowl.

*Interest in match racing is starting to take off on Lake Michigan!*

In 2008 Lake Michigan hosted these match racing events:

- Lake Michigan's Richardson Qualifier, concurrently with...
- US Match Race Committee's Area K Quarterfinals in May at Sheboygan
- US Match Race Committee's Area E&K Semi Finals in June at Sheboygan
- J/105 Fleet 5 Invitational Match Race regatta in July at Jackson Park Yacht Club
- WIMRA's First Annual Northern Lights Cup in August at Sheboygan
- CYC's 3rd annual Windy City Match Race Regatta in September at Chicago YC

Watch for Notices of Races for opportunities to compete in these and other similar events starting this winter! NoR's and Entry Invitation Requests usually come out up to 6 months prior to a match racing event, due to ISAF event registration requirements, and the entry deadlines are typically well prior to the event.

Gary Hendrickson, LMSRF  
Delegate to Yacht Racing  
Union of the Great Lakes

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The afterguard of Beneteau 40.7 TURNING POINT, Nicole, Dave, and Bill are recognized for their outstanding achievement of 1st Overall in fleet, the 2008 Best Beneteau 40.7 on Lake Michigan in LMSRF's Season.

Offshore Championship series by Fleet Captain Ron Buzil and LMSRF.

Offshore Council Chair Gary Hendrickson at a recent fleet party/awards ceremony at Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club. This was TURNING POINT's first year competing in this fleet championship, and they went straight for the gold!



Waukegan Yacht Club skipper John Simons and his Pearson 39 BLUE HEAVEN crew receives his award for 5th overall in LMSRF's 2007 BEST ON LAKE MICHIGAN Offshore Championship PHRF Series from LMSRF Offshore Council chair Gary Hendrickson at Waukegan Yacht Club's festive awards banquet.

The 2007 PHRF was extraordinarily competitive - 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th places overall squeezed into a narrow 2-point range!

LMSRF can arrange to make award presentations at an event venue of your choice!



## **"BEST ON LAKE MICHIGAN"** OFFSHORE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

What an exciting season this year! See the Best On Lake Michigan Series' winners summary in this newsletter. In each of the one-design series - Beneteau 40.7, J/105 and Tartan 10 - the competition and point-spread is at least as tight if not even more so than for last season in the top rankings of each fleet. This is a pretty good indication that there is a lot of racing savvy and know-how being gained and transferred in each fleet throughout the season - truly good for fleet-building.

Competition in the top half of the rankings in the PHRF Offshore Championship Series for the USS Constitution Trophy was even tighter this year. It wasn't clear until the last step in the scoring, but Bob & Cathy Sample's Andrews 30 FLAGS edged out 2006 series champion, Jamie Hummert & Dorsey Ruley's Sydney 41 Scout, for the 2008 PHRF series offshore championship. Contestants in the entire top half rankings of this fleet compiled outstanding season race performance all over the lake, their race records are extremely impressive!

Competition for the 2008 Palmer Johnson / Edward Willman Offshore Team Championship Trophy resulted in quite a surprise this year. We just don't remember one area dominating this series so overwhelmingly as Team Area 2 did! The big indicator of what was to come was that the Area 2 team, comprised of Mosquito and Scout of Milwaukee Yacht Club and Flags of Racine Yacht Club, won the top spots in the PHRF offshore championship during the season.

A Best On Lake Michigan championship series was not run in the Beneteau 36.7 fleet this year, as fleet members were focussed all season on hosting their very successful 2008 Beneteau 36.7 North Americans. Thanks and congratulations to all winners, and to all skippers who participated in this year's LMSRF championship series!

Best on Lake Michigan LMSRF Offshore Council chair Gary Hendrickson presents the USS Constitution trophy to Bob & Cathy Sample recently at the Racine Yacht Club. Their Andrews 30 FLAGS won the Best on Lake Michigan award for 1st overall in LMSRF's Offshore Championship Season Series for the PHRF fleet. This is the 3rd time in 6 years that FLAGS has won the season offshore championship series.

# 2008 LMSRF “**BEST ON LAKE MICHIGAN**” OFFSHORE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

## 2008 LMSRF OFFSHORE SERIES CHAMPIONS

### **BEST BENETEAU 40.7 ON LAKE MICHIGAN**

1st Overall: TURNING POINT Bartz / Hardy / Schmidt

2nd Overall: COLLABORATION II Vickery & Jungmann

3rd Overall: LA TEMPETE Tom & Deb Weber

### **BEST BENETEAU 36.7 ON LAKE MICHIGAN**

NO CONTEST

### **BEST J/105 ON LAKE MICHIGAN**

The Larson Trophy

1st Overall: MESSIE JESSIE Dorin Candea

2nd Overall: GiGi David Wagner

3rd Overall: RED PORT LEFT Martin McKenna

4th Overall: VYTIS Tom Petkus

5th Overall: EAGLE WINGS John Gotwald

### **BEST TARTAN 10 ON LAKE MICHIGAN**

The LMSRF T-10 Championship Trophy

1st Overall: CHEAP THRILL Tim & Nancy Snyder

2nd Overall: WILD NORWEGIAN Arvid Eiesland

3rd Overall: WINNEBAGO Tim Rathbun

### **BEST LM-PHRF BOAT ON LAKE MICHIGAN**

USS Constitution Trophy

1st Overall: FLAGS Bob & Cathy Sample

2nd Overall: SCOUT Hummert / Ruley

3rd Overall: ASSASSIN Dude Where's Your Boat?

4th Overall: CYNTHIA James DeVries

### **THE PALMER JOHNSON/EDWARD WILLMAN OFFSHORE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY**

Area 2 Team:

FLAGS: Andrews 30 | Bob & Cathy Sample

SCOUT: Sydney 41 | Hummert / Ruley

MOSQUITO: Farr 395 | Radtke / Loughlin

## ATTENTION ALL LMSRF BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF



A meeting for the LMSRF board of directors has been scheduled for Saturday, November 22, 2008 at the Chicago Yacht Club, Monroe Station. The meeting will take place in the Commodore Room. The address is 400 E. Monroe Street, Chicago IL 60603. Their phone number is (312) 861-7777.

The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. (CT) and we expect to adjourn by 4:00 p.m. We will hold a "working lunch" at 12:30 p.m.

If you have any items you wish to be added to the meeting agenda, please contact Commodore Don Thinschmidt at (269) 343-1208 or contact Donn Eurich at the LMSRF office.

Thanks Everyone! We look forward to meeting with you.

## "LETTER TO THE EDITOR" FEED BACK FROM THE FLEETS

Gary,

*I want to thank you for coming to our meeting and party last Saturday and presenting the 40.7 awards on behalf of LMSRF. I'm sure that all of our skippers and crew recognize that this, the LMSRF Best on Lake Michigan award, is the one that really means the most to us. Not to detract from the Area III Boat of the Year competitions, which receive more publicity due to their being presented at the Yachting Ball, but the LMSRF awards are really more comprehensive and recognize the best in the fleet.*

*I look forward to working with the LMSRF Offshore Coordinator, whoever it is next year.*

Best regards,  
Ron Buzil, Fleet Captain  
Chicago Beneteau 40.7 Fleet

### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

In LMSRF's Best On Lake Michigan Offshore Season Championship Series, each participating fleet chooses the events that make up its series. So, the excellence of the Beneteau 40.7 championship series is actually a compliment to the good sense and commitment of the fleet's membership.

LMSRF sponsors and offers the Best On Lake Michigan championship series as a low-cost means of adding an extra measure of fleet-building excitement to a fleet's racing program. These series may include any combination of regional race and regatta events as well as Area 3 races, as chosen by the individual fleet. If your fleet might like to participate in the BOLM series next year, please contact the LMSRF office for information!