



November 2019

Good day fellow sailors.

The way it looks the 2019-2020 season is FAST approaching. I'm in hopes most of you are ready for good ice. Last year was a good year for many fleets as they were able to get in their regattas. Unfortunately, WSSA was not one of those. Let's hope this year things work out for all fleets.

I have seen posts of several new stern steerers this past summer and fall. To those new skippers, we do sail other than race and share many good times and advise when we gather for our regattas. Wouldn't it be great to see them on the ice with us even if they don't race? Please come out and join us on the ice.

If you find good ice anywhere, please let one of the officers know so we can check it out.

I'm in hopes of seeing everyone on the ice, including new boats and skippers.

Commodore,
Mark Wiener.

WSSA Regatta

The 2019 Wisconsin Stern Steering Regatta was not held.

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

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NIYA Regatta

The 2019 Northwest Ice Yacht Association Annual Regatta was held January 19 to 20, 2019, at Lake City on Lake Pepin, a very beautiful setting in which to sail. The ice was 12" thick, smooth as glass, and hard. It was quite cold. The racing began with about ¼" of snow on the ice. The wind was moderate at best, there were eight stern steerers in attendance. One round of races were completed on Friday, then visibility dropped as another couple inches of snow arrived. Saturday was just enough wind for most boats to sail through the new snow, two more rounds of races were completed. Sunday arrived with no wind and no degrees, so the regatta was called complete with the following results for the stern steerer fleet.

NIYA Regatta Stern Steerer Fleet Results **Stern Steerer Fleet Overall**

Rank	Fleet	Sail No	Helm Name	R1	R2	R3	Total	Notes
1st	Sternsteerer	A 10	Sawyer/Hennig	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	
2nd	Sternsteerer	25	Mike Peters	2.0	2.0	2.0	6.0	
3rd	Sternsteerer	36	Joe Terry	3.0	3.0	4.0	10.0	
4th	Sternsteerer	D 74	John Davis	4.0	4.0	5.0	13.0	
5th	Sternsteerer	D 17	Andy Gratton	5.0	9.0 DNC	3.0	17.0	
6th	Sternsteerer	D 4	Mike Kroll	6.0	5.0	6.0	17.0	
7th	Sternsteerer	C 22	Jay Davis	7.0	6.0	7.0	20.0	
8th	Sternsteerer	I 254	Fred Stritt	8.0	7.0	8.0	23.0	

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A Fleet

Rank	Fleet	Sail No	Helm Name	R1	R2	R3	Total	Notes
1st	A	A 10	Sawyer/Hennig	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	

C Fleet

Rank	Fleet	Sail No	Helm Name	R1	R2	R3	Total	Notes
1st	C	25	Mike Peters	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	
2nd	C	C 22	Jay Davis	2.0	2.0	2.0	6.0	

D Fleet

Rank	Fleet	Sail No	Helm Name	R1	R2	R3	Total	Notes
1st	D	36	Joe Terry	1.0	1.0	2.0	4.0	
2nd	D	D 74	John Davis	2.0	2.0	3.0	7.0	
3rd	D	D 17	Andy Gratton	3.0	6.0 DNC	1.0	10.0	
4th	D	D 4	Mike Kroll	4.0	3.0	4.0	11.0	
5th	D	I 254	Fred Stritt	5.0	4.0	5.0	14.0	

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W.S.S.A. REGATTA NOTICE

Wisconsin Stern Steering Association's Annual Championship is scheduled for January 4 and 5, 2020 as a two-day regatta. Regatta information will be available by Sunday evening, December 29, 2019. See www.iceboat.org for ice conditions and tentative regatta sites. Final confirmation will be on Thursday, January 2, 2020, with information being available after 1 PM. 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 17, 18, and 19, 2020. It will take priority.

To the non-racers, remember that wherever a regatta is held the ice will be good to sail on. Bring your boat, even if it is just to cruise and have a good time with iceboating friends. Don't miss out! WSSA even has a trophy for the winner of the "Cotton Sail" division, so bring the old boats to the event!

We could use some people to volunteer to be on the Race Committee for the WSSA regatta. Let an officer know if you are available to help. 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 17, 18, and 19, 2020. Tentative information will be available after 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 12, 2020, or see www.iceboat.org. Final confirmation will be made at noon on Wednesday, January 15, 2020. The first race will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 17, 2020. Registration will be held at Regatta Headquarters on January 17, 2020, 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>

Hearst/Stuart Cups Challenge

The Hearst and Stuart Cups Challenge was not sailed in 2019.

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

There was no annual meeting since there was no annual regatta in 2019.

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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
- There are a number of very nice stern steerers for sale on the 4LIYC website, www.iceboat.org
- Ice Hagge (old English for Fallen Timber) for sale, 2 sets of runners (angles and inserts), 16'6" long x 12' wide, trailer, \$2500, contact Chuck Emery at Boatracers@earthlink.net.



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- Class A, Leaping Lena, 36'10" backbone, 34'6" mast, 18'3" boom, 22' plank, 2 sets of plate runners, 1 set of slush runners partially rebuilt, cotton sails plus original gaff rigged sails. Older trailer, \$5500. Contact Dan Bierman at 920-299-0773, Green Lake.



16' sloop, cast runners, 4 cotton sails in bag, needs some TLC, needs to be put back on the ice, make offer. Menominee, MI, contact Jason Fifarek at 906-290-0047 Jason.fifarek21@gmail.com. Photo below.

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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

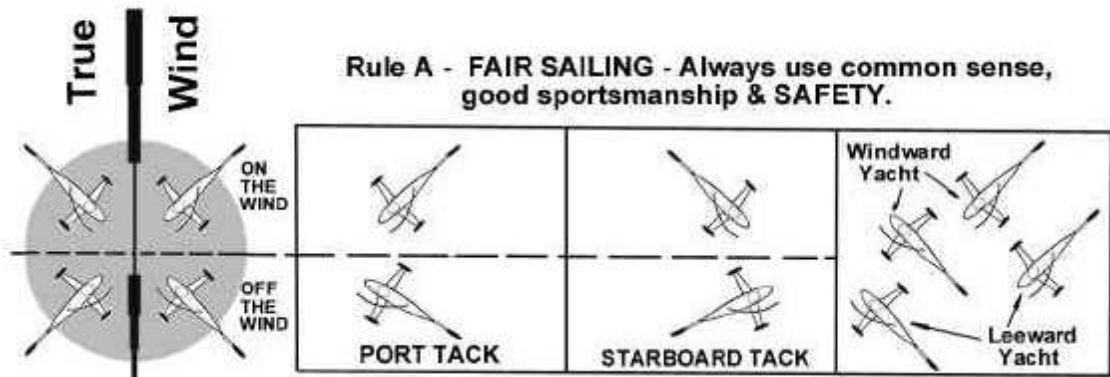


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RIGHT OF WAY and SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

The Purpose of the Rules is to PREVENT COLLISIONS.



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

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



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

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WSSA Membership Form

WSSA dues are \$20.00

Make check out to WSSA, send check and this form to:

WSSA

C/O Andy Gratton

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Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Boat name and class _____

Boat overall dimensions _____

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