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A Newsletter for "Hardcore" Nite Iceboaters

Commodores Corner

Welcome to the 2005-2006 Season

Mark Wilfert

INCA Commodore

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all Nite iceboaters to the upcoming 2005-2006 winter sailing season. It is time to start thinking about getting your iceboats out of storage and clean the rust off the runners because another exciting season is just around the corner. It won't be long now until we meet again to race our yachts in some friendly competition.

This year we again have the opportunity to sail in two Nite Nationals this winter. The tentative plan is to have the 2005 Nite Nationals in December followed by the 2006 Nite National January 14-15, 2006. Hope to see you there.

Please join me this season for fun and a lot of good sailing!

Mark Wilfert

Nite #350

2005 – 2006 Officers

Mark Wilfert – Commodore
Don Sanford – Vice Commodore
Fred Miller – Secretary/Treasurer/Webmaster

Technical Committee

Craig Adams - Chairman
John Ritter - Builder
Terry Erwin
David Navin
Tom Wilfert

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(262) 367-1656

Answering service available 24 hours a day and is the official contact regarding racing.

Website

www.pyc.org/nitehome.htm

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2004 Nite Nationals Lake Christina

2004 Nite Nationals

Mike Bloom

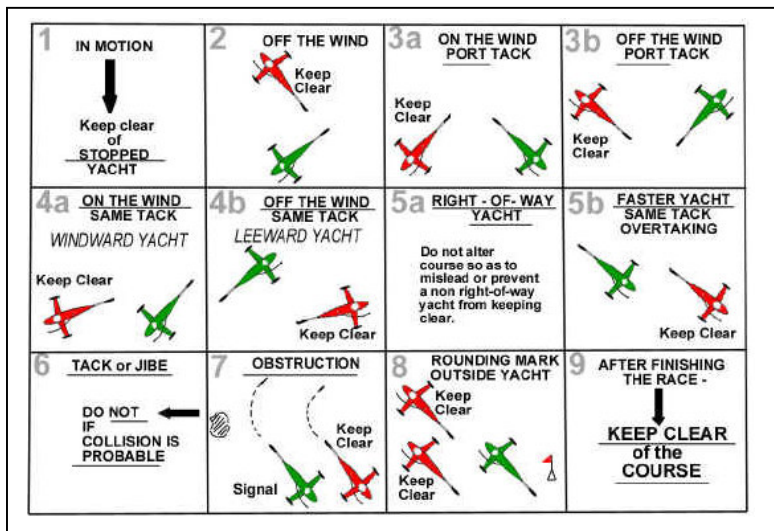
Nite #535

With the absolute final weekend available to hold the Nite Nationals in 2004, a first-of-its kind December 11-12 event was held in the incredible location of Lake Christina in Ashby, MN. This lake, discovered and often used by the DN's, is 3 to 5 feet deep, freezes very early and is large and round. Because there are no powerboats on the lake, there's no ramp. But it's an easy carry-on location from what's been dubbed, "Mile Post 8."

Saturday conditions were foggy, 30 degrees with pebbly ice, some snowy spots and 8-15 mph winds. Sailors were sent to an early lunch in hopes the fog with lift. And it did. Up winds were quick with lots of healing in the puffs but care had to be taken off the air to stay powered up in an occasional light spot. Several boats got caught sailing too aggressively off the air and fell back.

Greg Simon, was clearly the fastest of the day with Terry Erwin right on his heels. Scott Brown had two bullets, but failed to learn his lesson on the downwinds along with Tom Nordlie and got stuck several times. Tom and Mark Wilfert were solid and steady with Bill Dale tuning in the conditions with some blazing late day finishes. Mark had an unfortunate pulley malfunction ending his day, and Mike Bloom proved he needs practice at tightening the bolts on his side stays. He sailed upwind in race four with his lower stay blowing back in the breeze. The boats around him didn't stay too close as his eventual tack and dismasting was very predictable. He took out his frustrations in the following race by running over the windward mark – just to let us all know he was there.

Sundays racing was cancelled due to wind gusting over 62 mph.



Just a quick note regarding iceboating rules which can differ dramatically for summer sailing rules. The above diagram outlines that basic iceboating rules as governed by the National Iceboat Authority (NIA).

2004 Nite Nationals December 11-12, 2004 Lake Christina, MN 5 Races

Pos	Boat #	Driver	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	213	Greg Simon	1	3	1	1	2	7
2	544	Terry Erwin	2	2	2	2	3	11
3	559	Scott Brown	8	1	6	7	1	23
4	503	Tom Wilfert	4	7	4	6	5	26
5	88	Bill Dale	10	9	5	3	4	31
6	563	Tom Austin	7	5	7	8	7	34
7	560	Tom Nordlie	3	4	11	9	8	35
8	196	Peter Slocum	6	10	9	4	6	35
9	350	Mark Wilfert	9	8	3	5	DNS	38
10	535	Mike Bloom	5	6	8	DNS	DNS	45
11	507	John Barlow	11	11	10	11	9	52
12	xxx	?	DNS	DNS	12	10	10	58



2004 Nite Nationals Lake Christina



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2005 NITE NATIONALS

PLACE TBD

DATE DECEMBER 3-4, 2005

The 2005 Nite Nationals has been tentatively scheduled for the weekend of December 3-4, 2005. Probable site is Lake Christina located in Asbury, MN. See Nite Nationals website for further details.

2006 NITE NATIONALS

PLACE TBD

DATE JANUARY 14-15, 2006

The 2006 Nite Nationals has been scheduled for the weekend on January 14-15, 2006. Primary site is Madison. See Nite Nationals website for further details.

2006 International Nite Class Association Annual Meeting

Place TBD

Date TBD

The 2006 International Nite Class Association Annual Meeting will take place at the 2006 Nite Nationals.

Disclaimer

We must remind you that ice boats are very fast and the ice is very hard. Ice can be thick and quite thin in other places, sometimes just a few feet apart. Using common sense about when and where you sail works most of the time. However, accidents causing damage to equipment, injury or even death may still occur. The International Nite Class Association can not guarantee your safety when sailing.

TECH TIPS

Rick Wilfert

PIYC Vice Commodore

Tips for De-powering a Nite in Heavy Air

I have been a Nite iceboat sailor for 15 years. I am going to give my advice for getting the best performance out of your Nite iceboat as the wind increases. Just to start I would like to say I weigh about 185 pounds and I will sail in winds of 10-18 with 25 lbs of lead and in winds of over 18 I will sail with 50 pounds of lead. I will setup so when sheeted tight I am not sheeting block to block because I will want about two to four inches between the pulleys in light to medium air and rake the mast back as the wind increases.

The first thing I do as the wind picks up and I cannot keep the boat on the ice anymore is start with raking the mast back one hole at a time. Hiking in an iceboat is slow and you want to keep all three runners on the ice at all times. After the change is made I will take a short ride and see if this has helped. If not I will add all 50 pounds of lead in I will continue to rake back one hole at a time on the head stay and one hole on the side stays until the boat becomes controllable.

Having an adjustable track on the boom also has a lot to do with de-powering as the wind picks up. My typical setup is to start with the ropes going up and down at 90 degrees. This puts rotation into the mast usually giving you a good amount of power for light to medium air. As the wind increases I will move these pulleys forward on the track taking away mast rotation hence flattening and decreasing power in the sail.

If you are raked back and sheeting block to block and your side stays are very loose and hiking with 50 lbs of lead in you may want to have your runner plank softened to bend a little more to absorb some of the load. When puffs hit you want the boat to squat down and accelerate not hike immediately.

If you have any questions I am usually on the ice so feel free to ask me. Otherwise think ice!

Rick Wilfert

Nite #305

2005 Nite Nationals

Mike Bloom

Nite #535

Attempt # 1 at the 2005 Nite Nationals, hosted by the Four Lakes Ice Yacht Club the weekend of February 20-21, 2005, was a bust.

Day one saw just two races completed in the lightest of wind. Day two was canceled due to snow. Thus, the regatta was ruled a non-event and the 2005 Nationals will, ice permitting, be held at a later date. Watch the Nite web site, <http://www.pyc.org/nitehome.htm>, for dates and location. Nite sailors of all abilities are invited to race.

For those of you interested in race results from this non-event, Grant Frautschi of Four Lakes Ice Yacht Club dominated day one with two bullets. Tom Nordlie of Upper Tonka stayed right on his transom and twice finished second. Mike Bloom of Lower Tonka ended the day in third place with two thirds. After that, the results were as jumbled as the opinions as to whether we should have even sailed. How light was the wind? Well, not one of the 28 registered boats was able to complete either race without a great deal of pushing. Still, as the saying goes, "Even a bad day of ice boating is better than...."

Much praise and thanks goes to the Four Lakes Ice Yacht Club for hosting the event, Deb Ziegler, Fred Miller, Grant Frautschi, Don Sanford, Commodore Mark Wilfert for handling the logistics, Ken Kreider our chief judge, and everyone else who worked hard so the rest of us could have a great time racing our Nite iceboats.

2005 Annual Meeting Report

The 2005 INCA annual meeting took place on the ice at regatta headquarters Saturday, February 19, 2005, at 10:30 a.m. The first order of business was the nomination and election for the offices of Commodore and Vice Commodore. Don Sanford of the Four Lakes Ice Yacht Club volunteered to be Vice Commodore and was elected on a voice vote. Mark Wilfert of the Pewaukee Ice Yacht Club volunteered to be Commodore and was also elected on a voice vote. Fred Miller will continue on as Secretary/Treasurer.

Craig Adams (#126) of Pewaukee Ice Yacht Club and Chairman of the Technical Committee then announced that Don Anderson, member of the Technical Committee, was no longer an active Nite sailor and had resigned. Craig then nominated Terry Erwin (#544) from Lake Minnetonka to take Don's place. Terry was approved via voice vote.

Craig also brought up a change to the rules to allow an adjustable forestay via the use of a typical staymaster fitting. It was explained that this was to make mast rake adjustment easier, faster, and safer without substantially altering the performance of the boat itself. After some discussion this measure was approved by the fleet. More on this as well as other questions will appear in future Nite News publications.



2005 Nite Nationals Mendota

Got Wind?



2005 Nite National Mendota

Ready to Race?

2005 ISA

Scott Brown

Nite #559

The ISA was a last minute thing -- didn't leave Minneapolis until late Friday evening so I had already missed the first race. Saturday had no wind and slush. No racing. And after Madison's fiasco, I have my own new two-push rule. The first one at the starting line, and the second one to the pits.

The race I did sail on Sunday more was interesting because the conditions were changing rapidly. As we tuned up before the race, the wind was blowing 10-15, possibly more. The ice had re-frozen so it was fast and chippy. But as we started, the wind was falling and the ice was softening. The upwinds were fast, but the downwinds were tricky -- one greedy squeeze down the lake and you were toast. It was a jostling match between Mark Prange, Dick Grotta, Lou Lonneke, Brett Larson and myself. I had great upwind speed with a full sail, minimal bend on stiff battens, tight side stays and a forward mast.

I started the second race Sunday morning, but by then it was a splash fest. Did everything I could to put shape in the sail, but the downwinds were death. When I jibed and immediately stopped, I headed home. I actually pushed back to the trailer, loaded the boat myself and was off the ice before the Nite fleet got back from their race.

All-in-all, the judges did a great job getting it in. It was fun to see all the various boats, but I have to admit I don't like sailing in slush.

2005 Nite ISA March 4-6, 2005 Lake Geneva, Wisconsin 3 Races

Pos	Boat #	Driver	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	72	Lou Lonneke	3	3	2	8
2	37	Brett Larson	7	2	1	10
3	552	John Weiss	1	5	5	11
4	554	Ken Wruk	2	9	6	17
5	60	Dick Grotta	10	4	3	17
6	339	Carl Rozmarek	11	7	4	22
7	550	Mark Prange	6	6	DNF	29
8	559	Scott Brown	DNC	1	DNF	35
9	503	Rick Wilfert	4	DNC	DNC	38
10	487	Jim Gluek	5	DNC	DNC	39
11	121	Rick Pappas	DNC	8	DNF	42
12	165	Bob Cave	8	DNC	DNC	42
13	175	Eric Wilson	9	DNC	DNC	43
14	193	Bill Gage	DNC	DNC	DNC	51
15	497	Deb Ziegler	DNC	DNC	DNC	51
16	45	Matt Prange	DNC	DNC	DNC	51

INTERNATIONAL NITE CLASS ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT November 13, 2005

BEGINNING BALANCE:

Savings Account (10/23/04): \$746.10

INCOME:

Interest, Savings Account: 4.15
2005 Nite National Regatta Entry Fees: 375.00
2005 Dues Received (39 @ \$10): 390.00 \$769.15

EXPENSES:

2005 Nite National Regatta Trophies 252.00 \$252.00

BALANCE ON HAND: \$1,263.25

Please help support the class!

Complete forms and mail with dues to:

Make Check Payable to INCA

International Nite Class Association
W279 N2923 Rocky Point Road
Pewaukee, WI 53072

Annual 2005-2006 INCA Dues: \$10

Official INCA Voting Ballot

Please vote to amend Nite Iceboat Class Rules dated November 1989; section J, number 3, to allow the use of an adjustable forestay via use of a typical *staymaster*™ fitting.

Yes No

2005-2006 INCA Dues Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Boat Number: _____

Boat Name: _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Thank You!

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