



Commodore's Pitch

Welcome to the 2008-2009 Nite iceboating season. Here in Madison we had a dusting of snow earlier this week that's mostly gone now. Lake Wingra is showing signs of ice, but that is the only sign of ice in these parts.

This is my last year of my two-year term as your Commodore. Rick Wilfert was elected as vice-Commodore at our annual meeting in March of this year. It's great to actually have a Vice-Commodore and Rick comes from a long line of Nite skippers. So, I'm really excited that he's on board with the class for the next few years.

See you on the ice, soon.

Don Sanford
Commodore, INCA

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Nite Trucker Caps Available soon...

Check the website for info about the latest fashion statement... Nite Trucker Caps. These they were huge at the regatta so we've decided to make them available. Details soon.

REGATTA ALERT

The 2008 Nite National Championship Regatta was not completed when we attempted it back in March of this year. You can read all about inside.

So you still you still have an opportunity to take home the hardware!

If suitable conditions can be found prior to Christmas 2008, the regatta will be called on.

Lake Christina, a few hours west of Minneapolis looks like it could be a promising site. They have ice and no snow.

Watch for an e-mail around mid week on this gala event.

Notice of Race (NOR) published in Nite News 2007 is still in effect.

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2008 Nite Nationals... *We Tried*

By Commodore Don Sanford

Desperate sailors sometimes take desperate measures. I'd hate to be described as desperate, but the calendar said March and we still had not managed to find suitable ice for our 2008 Annual Championship Regatta.

True we did have a flurry of regatta planning activity in mid-February. Geneva was the only option, but after a detailed inspection, it was found to be unsuitable. Fast forward to March. Another round of ice checks found that Mendota and Pewaukee were the only options. On closer inspection, Mendota really was not looking good. Pewaukee would be OK, we had a good landing and as long as we got races done by noon-ish, we'd be set.

Saturday dawned as forecast. Clear skies, overnight temps had been in the teens with a forecast for low 30's by early afternoon. The breeze was moderate and sailflow.com forecast that it would hold till around 1 p.m. A miracle happened when we had a skippers meeting around 8:30 and we found ourselves lined up with a course set by 9:30.

The first race was great though some boats managed to find a few spots where the wind just didn't want to blow. Twice around and we were set to line up again. The flag dropped on the second race, again in a 8 - 10 knot breeze, but then it started to fall apart. First the surface got sticky, then slushy, then the wind dropped. I think that Deb Ziegler was the only boat that managed to get around the course once and was perhaps on her second lap, far ahead when the wind shut down completely.

After lunch we held our business meeting outside in the sun, then adjourned to the bar, hotel and a great party that Rick

Wilfert put together for us that night.

A clear sky but slushy ice and a forecast for even lighter winds greeted us on Sunday morning when we arrived at the ice. A few sails were raised, more for ceremony than sailing. After some discussion, checking of the forecast on various iPhones at the pits, we decided that the best use of our time would be for taking our boats apart and heading home. Trophies, in the form of some very snappy Nite baseball caps were presented to the top finishers of the first race.

As we rolled off the ice, we mumbled, "We could still pull this off in November or December 2008."

Thanks to Rick and Mark Wilfert for their great help pulling this together and to the other volunteers for their legwork checking ice, setting the course and running registration.

ISA Regatta, Lake Geneva

March 7, 8 & 9, 2008 found 23 Nite Skippers on Lake Geneva for the 2008 International Skeeter Association Championship Regatta.

Skeeter Iceboat Club members were fantastic hosts. Special thanks to Steve and Mary Jane Schalk, Debbie Whitehorse, Paul Krueger Burley Burlenthein and all the other members of the Race Committee who did a fantastic job for all the fleets.

And thank you to the 23 Nite skippers (and their families who let them come and play for two or three days) for coming out. We had a few sailors who could only make it for Saturday and Sunday. Even so, they got in some good racing in our fleet. It was great to see the familiar faces and meet our newer members too.

Friday's conditions were clearly the best. The breeze was running about 10 - 12 from the Northwest. Saturday's breeze was more like 6 - 10 and quite shifty. Sunday we were greeted with winds from the east - Southeast around 10.

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INTERNATIONAL NITE CLASS ASSOCIATION 2008 ANNUAL MEETING

March 15, 2008

Commodore Don Sanford called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

Last year's minutes were approved unanimously as written. Grant Frautschi - moved, Scott Brown - second.

Budget report was approved unanimously. Mark Prange - moved, Grant Frautschi - second.

Composite Mast Discussion: Those in attendance had a lively discussion about allowing composite masts. The commodore has not received a report from the technical committee or Peter Slocum on this topic. John Ritter can build if approved. The cut of sails could change due to the bendier mast. However, a bendier mast would make the boat more controllable which meets everyone's approval. Further action on this tabled until the next meeting in order to get a proper report from Peter Slocum. Moved by Grant Frautschi, second by Scott Brown. Approved unanimously.

Updating of Constitution, By-laws, Nite Class Rules: After some discussion, it was moved (Grant Frautschi) and seconded (Mark Prange, approved unanimously) to post an electronic version of the items in their current form, and revised versions on the class web site, and allow fleet members to review prior to the next annual meeting.

It was suggested that the ISA allow the Nite class to run more races. Don Sanford said he would speak with Tom Sweitzer and the ISA on this.

Officers: Commodore Sanford then asked for someone to step up and volunteer to act as Vice-Commodore to revitalize the class organization and get proper succession of officers on track again. Rick Wilfert volunteered and was voted in.

The 2008-2009 officers are as follows:

Commodore: Don Sanford
Vice Commodore: Rick Wilfert
Secretary-Treasurer: Fred Miller
Technical Committee Chair: Craig Adams

Meeting adjourned.

ISA Regatta, Lake Geneva, *cont'd*

Though it was cold, we had great sun for the first two days. Sunday brought us some light snow about the middle of our one and only race of the day. Ice conditions were great. A few traces of snow but nothing that we couldn't sail right through, even in these light breezes.

As for the racing, Dave Navin was the only one who managed to finish consistently in the top 3 spots during each race. Eight of us had the chance to cross the finish line in the top five spots over the course of the three-day regatta. Plenty of lead changes and lots of close racing both at the front and middle of the fleet.

This year's long distance award (if we had one) would go to Bob Crum who came out here from Rochester New York to sail with us. He's owned his Nite for five years, though he told me that until Thursday, he'd never seen another one in person. I hope that Bob can become a cheerleader for our class with the folks in the eastern part of the country. This year, maybe he'll bring a caravan.

Top five finishers

1st: Dave Navin
2nd: Grant Frautschi
3rd: Jim Gluek
4th: Mark Prange
5th: Mark Wilfert

2009 INCA Nite Nationals Notice of Race (NOR)

1. Rules

The racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of the National Iceboat Authority (NIA) as published in May 2004, the prescriptions of the International Nite Ice Yacht Association By-Laws dated February 1973 and Nite Iceboat Class Rules dated November 1989 and as amended in the Sailing Instructions.

2. Entries

- (a) Must be a current member of the International Nite Class Association. (Cost \$10.00 USD). Dues may be paid at the regatta
- (b) Pay 2008 Nite Nationals Registration fee prior to Race #1. (Cost \$15.00 USD).
- (c) The yacht must conform to the Nite Iceboat Class Rules dated November 1989.
- (d) Trophies will be awarded for positions 1st to 10th.

3. Race Schedule

- (a) Date: The regatta will be held no sooner than the third weekend in January. Actual date TBD based on ice conditions. This regatta will not conflict with ISA.
- (b) Registration 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. CST
- (c) Skippers meeting Saturday 9:00 a.m. CST
- (d) Race #1 TBD 10:00 a.m. CST
- (e) Race #2-8 TBD by Head Judge
- (f) No more than five (5) races per day
- (g) No race to start after 4:30 p.m. CST
- (h) If three races have been completed during a regatta, then no race shall be started after 1300 on the final day of the regatta. (1/14/06)

4. Location:

TBD.

Potential sites are: Twin Cities area, Lake Geneva, Pewaukee, Green Lake, Madison area, Lake Winnebago, Green Bay and Michigan

- (a) Preliminary site location will be announced on INCA website, via e-mail and on the hotline after the Monday prior to the regatta
- (b) Final site selection will be announced by noon on the Thursday before the regatta
- (c) Race committee may postpone regatta or change regatta site anytime before Noon on the Friday before the regatta if site conditions change.

5. Accommodations:

TBD

6. Directions:

Launch Site: TBD

7. Social Schedule:

- (a) **Friday Night:** TBD
- (b) **Saturday Night:** Annual International Nite Class Association Annual Meeting and Banquet Dinner. Location and Time TBD. Check at registration for final location and date.

8. Local Conditions:

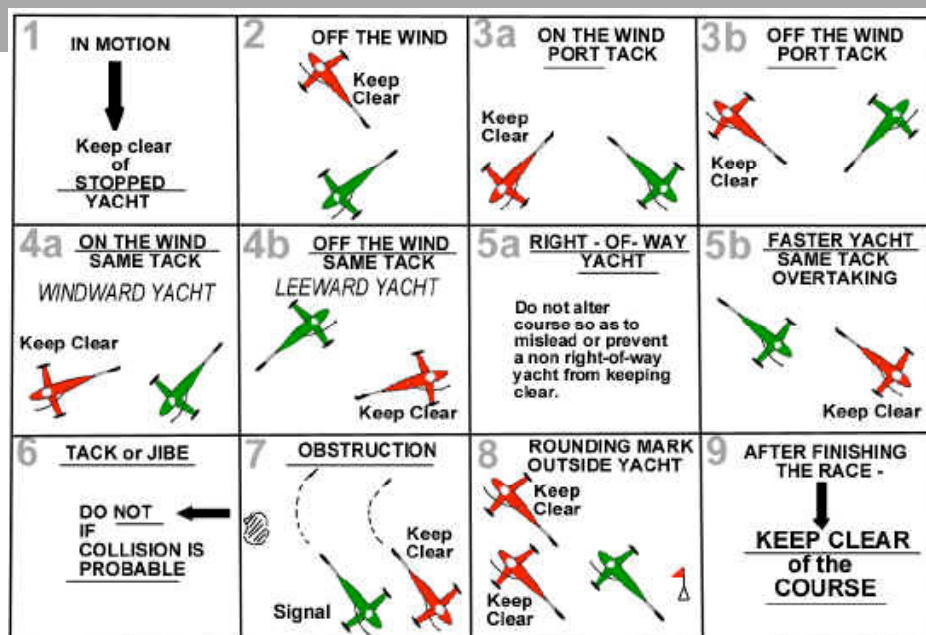
TBD.

9. Regatta Updates:

 Official Regatta updates will be on the PIYC hotline (262) 367-1656.

Iceboat Rules

**It's winter,
We're sailing on the ice,
Going fast,
Be careful out there...**



Remember that iceboating rules can differ dramatically for summer sailing rules. The above diagram outlines the basic iceboating rules as governed by the National Iceboat Authority (NIA).

2008-2009 INCA Membership Form

Pay your dues and Support your class!

Annual 2008-2009 INCA Dues: \$10

Make Check Payable to:
International Nite Class Association
N9 W30046 Lang Udsigt Cir
Waukesha, WI 53188

Name			
Address			
City / State / Zip			
Telephone			
e-Mail		Check if any of this is new	
Boat Name			
Boat Number		Total Enclosed:	

Nite Stuff For Sale

Nite Cockpit pad, brand new in the bag by Harken. with zip-on helmet support pad. Navy sunbrella. Both for \$150 plus shipping. Contact Grant Frautschi: avid9000@aol.com

Nite Plank Bag. Used, but in nice condition. Pearl grey with string tie closure. \$35.00 Don Sanford: dpsanford@charter.net

By laws posted...

Current and proposed By-law and Constitution changes for the INCA will be posted on the website by the end of December 2008.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Sail Safe!

We must remind you that iceboats 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.

Accidents causing damage to equipment, injury or even death may occur. The International Nite Class Association can not guarantee your safety when sailing.

Sail Safe. Never sail alone. You can be far from help before you know it.