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## Commodores' Moment

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Welcome to the 2009-10 Nite iceboating season. Here in Madison, we are all saddened to learn that an iceboater sailing alone on Lake Monona died yesterday afternoon when his boat ended up in open water. Our hearts go out to his family over their loss.

Thank you, I think, for your vote of confidence at the annual meeting last year when you re-elected Rick Wilfert and me to the lofty posts of Commodore and Vice Commodore.

See you on the ice, soon.

Don Sanford  
Commodore, INCA

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## Regatta Alert

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The 2010 Nite National Championship Regatta Notice of Race (NOR) published in this edition of Nite News.

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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. Details soon.

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## Sail Safe

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The INCA reminds you

1. Never sail alone,
2. Never sail on unknown ice
3. Always wear your helmet
4. Always carry your ice claws

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## INCA Contact Info

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### 2009/2010 Officers

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### INCA Hotline Phone Number

(262) 367-1656 Answering service available 24 hours and is the official contact regarding racing.

### Nite Class Website

<http://www.internationalniteclass.org/>

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## 2009 Nite Nationals...

### *Fast ice on Lake Geneva*

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By Commodore Don Sanford

Grant Frautschi notched another National Championship over two days of exciting and challenging conditions during the International Nite Ice Yacht Class Championship regatta on Lake Geneva February 28 & March 1, 2009.

Going into Sunday's races, Grant, who last won the regatta in 2006, led the fleet followed by Mark Prange, Craig Adams, Mark Wilfert and Tom Sweitzer. On Saturday three races were completed in a shifty and declining breeze that faded to nothing midway through the fourth race. Sunday, as they say was a brand new day. First, three additional boats registered bringing our fleet up to 27, something of a record turnout. But the real fun for sailors on day 2 was the wind. While I'd call Saturday a "breeze", Sunday was a "blast".

## ***Fast ice on Lake Geneva, Continued***

When the flag was dropped on race 4 at 10AM under a perfect blue sky, our race committee estimated the north wind rolling down the course at 18 – 20 mph, and it pretty much held there for the rest of the day. Just how hard was it blowing? On Saturday, the first boat around covered the 1-mile, three-times-around course in about 15 minutes. Sunday, the first boat crossed the finish line about 10 minutes after the flag was dropped. Things happen fast at those speeds. Skippers had to be on their toes with heads on swivels, constantly checking for other boats as we roared around the course at 50 mph.

But, I digress... Back to the action on the ice. The regatta was called on Thursday at noon. Our ice checkers reported ice conditions of 6 on the 1 to 10 scale of ice quality. Things were forecast to improve with the rain due to move in that afternoon. It did indeed rain on Thursday afternoon, to the point that we'd made a huge mistake, especially if the cold temps forecast for Thursday night didn't materialize. However, the weatherman was right and we sailed this regatta on ice that everyone called an 8. Hard, no snow and pretty smooth, almost perfect.

Most boats were back in the pits on Sunday by 1:00 with five races completed in less than three hours for a total of eight in the regatta. Completing the fifth race gives everyone a throw-out and many of us needed that to stay in the game. Overall, we had six different race winners during the eight-race regatta. Lake Geneva skipper Dave Navin sailed an excellent regatta. He took 9<sup>th</sup> overall after missing the first three races on Saturday.

Thanks to Vice Commodore Rick Wilfert and his brother Mark for organizing our Race Committee and taking care of the scoring duties.

A big thank-you also to our Race Committee: Rusty Keagle, Matt Peterson, Dave, Deb Gluek and Ron Antonelli who dropped the flag, kept us on time, wrote down numbers, persevered in the face of shifting winds and cold temps yet still managed to snap all the photos you can see on our website.

### **2009 Nite Nationals Results**

1 Grant Frautschi	6 Rick Wilfert
2 Scott Brown	7 Scott Ripkey
3 Terry Erwin	8 Mark Wilfert
4 Tom Sweitzer	9 Dave Navin
5 Craig Adams	10 Bill Anderson

## ***The, not really an ISA Regatta, Green Lake, WI***

A special regatta was called for the weekend of March 14 and 15, 2009. The Renegade Association was kind enough to let the Nite Association share their racecourse on Green Lake. We were well into spring that weekend in Madison, but "up north" in Green Lake, they had a beautiful sheet of ice. Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> turned out to be the lucky day for those sailors who could escape from worldly commitments and go sailing. Four boats were on the ice with a great breeze.

Saturday, our fleet was up to 12 boats. We managed to get in two races before the wind began to drop and we all set off on a 2-mile trudge back to the pits with boats in tow.

Sunday dawned warm and sunny. Not the best conditions for a spring regatta. By noon we were off the ice and on our way home.

It's always fun sneaking in one last regatta. Thanks to John Hayashi and the Green Lake crew for inviting us and hosting some fun parties. I hope that we make it up there this winter. DS

## 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

February 28, 2009

**Commodore** Don Sanford called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

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

**Budget report:** Treasurer Fred Miller was not available, no report. It was assumed that the class is still solvent.

**Composite Mast Discussion:** We discussed the composite mast situation. No action was taken.

**Updating of Constitution, By-laws, Nite Class Rules:** Revisions have been completed and are posted on the class website. A mail-in vote will be conducted via e-mail to make adoption official.

**Officers:** Nominations were opened for 2009-2010 officers. It was moved and seconded by Scott Brown and Craig Adams that the current officers be elected by acclamation and that the nominations be closed. Therefore

The 2009-2010 officers are as follows:

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

Meeting adjourned.

## Runner sharpening with a Sarns jig

By Terry Erwin & Craig Adams

The condition and quality of your runners is directly related to you ability to lead the fleet. While you're waiting for ice take a look at your runners. Here are some tips that we think will improve your performance on the ice.

Before you begin, we'd suggest that it's always a good idea to get an experienced iceboater, who has experience with a Sarns jig, to help with your initial sharpening effort.

Keep the jig in place on the workbench by clamping a small strip of wood on the close edge of the bench. The noses of the runners should be pointed out, i.e. away from you.

1. You'll have fewer occurrences of the sander slipping off of one of the runners if you use 4" wide belt sander rather than a 3".
2. Mark each runner with masking tape and/or a marker so you know when both edges of a runner have been sanded.
3. Start with an 80-grit belt. With the sander running, reach out to the leading edge of the runner surface and slowly lower the sander. As the belt touches the runner, move the sander towards you fairly quickly.
4. Keep the sander lined up with the direction that the runners are pointing. (Don't cant it sideways at all). Your arms should take some of the sanders' weight. Do not let all of the weight of the sander press down on the runner. Move the sander along the runners at the same speed on all passes.
5. As the sander gets to the close end of the runner, lift it up and off of the runners.
6. After a couple of passes, you may have sanded that surface enough. You may even have created a "burr" on the runners' edge.
7. Count the number of passes on each surface. Equal number of passes help to keep the "running edge" straight & centered on the blade.
8. Rotate the runners on the jig until both sides of each "running edge" have received their sanding / sharpening.
9. Finishing: you can just remove the burr and sail with the edge that was created with the 80-grit belt. Or, use progressively finer grits: 100, 120 and 150 to remove the burr and make the "running edge" smoother. Be aware that too much weight and too many passes with fine sand paper can and will heat up the edge and take the hardness out of the steel.
10. Honing: You can take runner sharpening to an even higher level by honing your runners. Use a series of abrasive stones of progressively finer grit to get them super smooth.
11. Crown: Finished runners should have some crown, i.e. only one spot on the bottom of the runner should touch the ice. Here's my technique for measuring the crown: Stand the runner up on a very flat surface, like a steel "true bar." Slide a pair of .008" feeler gauges under the runner from the front & back.

# 2010 INCA Nite Nationals

## Notice of Race (NOR)

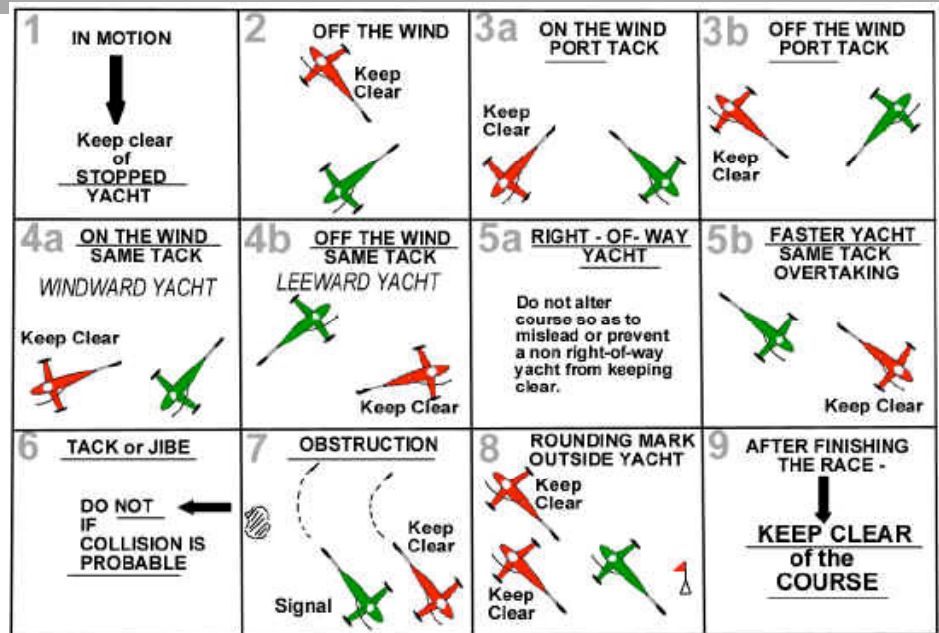
### International Nite Ice Yacht Association

#### NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules: The racing will be governed by
  - a. The Racing Rules of the National Iceboat Authority (NIA) as published in May 2004,
  - b. International Nite Ice Yacht Association By-Laws as posted on the Association's website.
  - c. Nite Ice Yacht Class Rules as posted on the Association's website and as amended in the Sailing Instructions.
2. Entries
  - a. Competitors must be a current member of the International Nite Ice Yacht Association. (Cost \$10.00 USD). Dues may be paid at the regatta
  - b. Competitors must pay the Nite Nationals Registration fee prior to Race #1. (Cost \$15.00 USD).
  - c. The yacht must conform to the Nite Iceboat Class Rules as revised May 1, 2009.
3. Keeper trophies will be awarded for positions 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>.
4. 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. local time
  - c. Skippers meeting Saturday 9:00 a.m. local time
  - d. Race #1 TBD 10:00 a.m. local time
  - e. All subsequent races TBD by Head Judge
  - f. No more than five (5) races per day
    - i. No race to start within 45 minutes of sunset on any day of the regatta except the final day. On the final day, no race may be started after 1:00 p.m.
    - ii. If three races have been completed during a regatta, then no race shall be started after 1:00 p.m. on the final day of the regatta. (1/14/06), However, in order to achieve a three race regatta, no race shall be started after 2:00 p.m. on the final day of the regatta
5. Location: TBD
  - a. Potential sites are: Twin Cities area, Lake Geneva, Pewaukee, Green Lake, Madison area, Lake Winnebago, Green Bay and Michigan
  - b. Preliminary site location will be announced on INCA website, via e-mail and on the hotline after the Monday prior to the regatta
  - c. Final site selection will be announced by noon on the Thursday before the regatta
  - d. Race committee may postpone regatta or change regatta site anytime before Noon on the Friday before the regatta if site conditions change.
  - e. Accommodations: TBD
  - f. Directions: Launch Site: TBD
6. Social Schedule:
  - a. Friday Night: TBD
  - b. Saturday Night: Annual International Nite Class Association Annual Meeting and Banquet Dinner.
  - c. Location and Time TBD. Check at registration for final location and date.
7. Local Conditions: TBD.
8. Regatta Updates:
  - a. 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).

## 2009-2010 INCA Membership Form

### Pay your dues and Support your class!

Annual 2009-2010 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:	

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## Nite Stuff For Sale

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**Nite # 118:** Older boat with a trailer. Needs a little work. Needs to be sold.

Contact Greg Fryling, 616-458-7822

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

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## By laws posted...

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Revised Nite Ice Yacht By-laws and Constitution adopted at the 2009 annual meeting are now posted on the class website.

International Nite Class Association  
1211 Garfield St  
Madison WI 53711

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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## Runner sharpening, cont'd

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A distance of about 16" between the feeler gauges, centered on the bolt, is a popular amount of "flat." 14" is a higher crown and OK for sailing and racing.

Now that your edges are perfect, don't forget to check you alignment.

If you are looking for high quality honing stones, contact the following shops:  
Ron Sherry, Composite Concepts: 586- 790-5557 [c2concepts@msn.com](mailto:c2concepts@msn.com)  
Jane Pagel, Sailing Specialists: 262- 245-6242 [sailing19@charter.net](mailto:sailing19@charter.net)

Sail fast and I'll see you on the ice.