

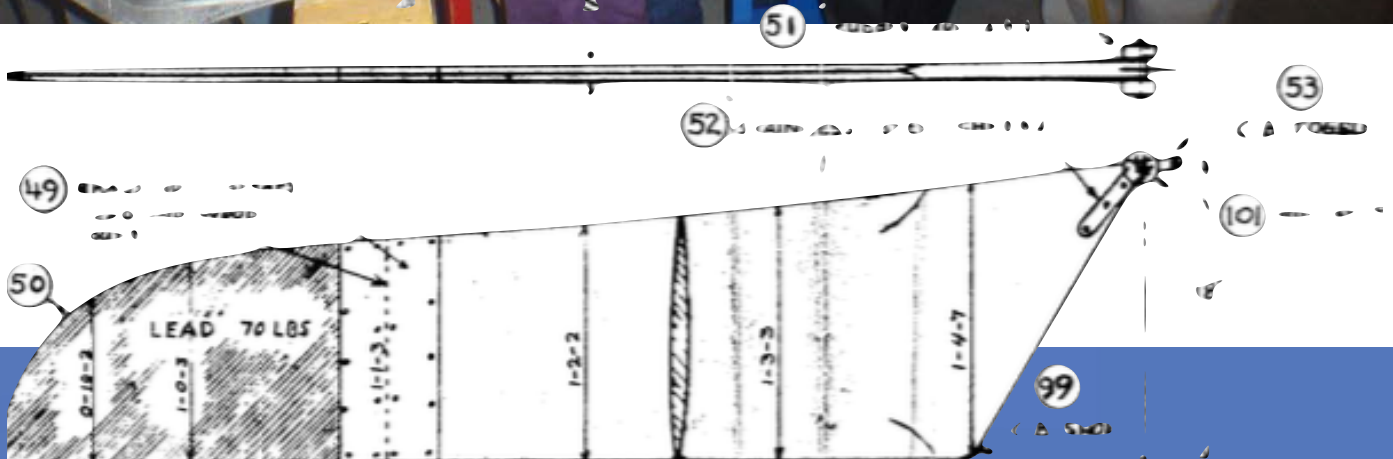


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Three generations of Bauers discuss and work on the centerboard for Highlander #925. As anyone can guess; nothing was accomplished.



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President's Perspective

Well 2016 is upon us with 2 months down and the best part is that highlander sailing starts less than a month away. Last couple weekends have been unseasonable warm so get your boat washed, hull waxed, inspect your hardware, ringy dingys, pins, sheets, lines, and halyards and get them ready for sailing in 2016.

First regatta of the year is Midwinters which will be held at Lake Hartwell. Western Carolina Sailing Club has a multi-fleet regatta which the highlander has dominated the attendance with 16 plus boats the last four years, let's try to make it an even 20 boats this year. Hospitality is second to none & the club is camping friendly with a nice clubhouse and the huge fireplace for all to gather around and socialize. It's a nice trip leaving the brown world of Ohio & seeing spring arriving while driving southbound thru the states. Also I can stop in Asheville in see mom and dad and pick up a couple of brownie points with them.



Nationals are going to be held at Indian Lake which is kind of centrally located in Ohio. The lake isn't very deep but we only need 5' so the depth is never a problem till you hit a stump. Everyone informs me I can sail a boat flat so I even need less water depth. The lake can sail like a big pond but when the wind picks up the lake can have some challenging chop. My first Highlander Nationals was 1999 at Indian Lake which I crewed for Greg Williams on 812. Greg couldn't stay the entire time so last day I sailed 2 races with Tom Fee which we won both races in the President Fleet. I recall it was blowing 15 plus so we picked up a third and had a blast. I am sure it going to be a great nationals this year so make sure you pack up the boat and crew & head to Indian Lake.

Support your local highlander fleet, sail local as much as your schedule allows. Take anyone you can for a sail or race, introduce anyone/everyone to sailing & to the Highlander, the boat will sell itself. When you can get a hall pass, pack up the gear and support the highlander regatta circuit. Traveling to regattas is the best & quickest way to improve your racing performance. Sailing at different lakes does

raise your sailing experience & it's great to experience the other lakes and sailing venues.

So everyone take care, get your boat ready for 2016 & see you Lake Hartwell first weekend of April 2016.

Travel safe... DOUG FISHER

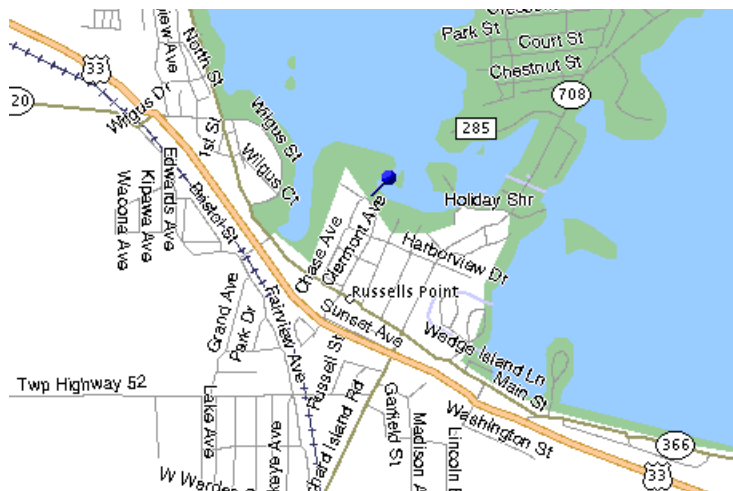
Highlander National Championship 2016

By Steve Bauer

The 2016 Highlander National Championship Committee is hard at work planning the upcoming regatta at Indian Lake Yacht Club in Russells Point, Ohio. Mark your calendars for July 16th - 21st for the entire event. The NORs should be on the Highlander Website, www.sailhighlander.org, with a complete list of details. In short, measuring will start July 15th for any participating in Women's, Masters, or Juniors. More measuring will take place Saturday July 16th, starting with any racing on Saturday and moving on to all competitors. July 16th will host the Women's, Masters, and Juniors with free food and entertainment to follow. Sunday will be the end of measurements, followed by a practice race. After we get off the water there will be the General Meeting and dinner to officially start off the event. Monday thru Thursday will be met with National level racing concluding with a banquet and raffles. Now let's talk about the important things; housing for the event. We all want to make sure our entire crew is ready to race.

Camping

Tent camping will be permitted on the club grounds, east of the clubhouse and on the island. Restroom and shower facilities are limited,



consisting of one shower and two commodes for men and women. Therefore, campers are urged to consider the Indian Lake State Park Campground as a alternative. See reservation details below.

RV camping

There will not be adequate space and no hook ups provided at the club for RVs. The Indian Lake State Park Campground is recommended. It is within 5 miles and 7 minutes drive from the club. All sites have electric and a limited number have full hookups. An RV unit and one tent are permitted for each space. Two dump stations are available in the campground. Campsites rent for \$25.00 per day (electric) and \$35.00 per day (full hook up). Golden Buckeye discounts are available of 50% on weekdays and 10% on weekends. There is also a reservable area for tent camping, tents only for \$85.00

Camping reservations can be made at 1-866-644-6727 or www.ohiostateparks.org

The Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce website also has an extensive listing of private campgrounds. Visit www.indianlakechamber.org.

Motels

The nearest motels are at Ohio Rt. 33 and



Ohio Rt. 68 in Bellefontaine, 10 miles and about 13 minutes from the club. Unfortunately, a large antique auto club has all of the rooms blocked on July 20 through 23, the final days of our regatta. The drop off date for this group (rooms are no longer held) is May 1 for the Comfort Inn and July 6 for the Super 8. Reservations can be made after these dates for remaining rooms.

Comfort Inn (937) 599-5555

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Cottage Rentals

The Indian Lake area has extensive cottage rentals available through the summer. A comprehensive source for rental operators is available through the Indian Lake Area Chamber of Commerce website: www.indianlakechamber.org.

In summary, there are a lot of options for your housing needs for the week. If you have any questions or need more information please call myself, (740) 590-8190, or email, herc925@gmail.com, anytime and I will be happy to assist you. We are working hard and looking forward to seeing everyone there so please let us know what we can do to make this an amazing event for you. See you there.

Brian Onofrio Photography, Sunset on Indian Lake Jan. 2015



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Debbie enjoying a sail with 2 of her children, 2011

Growing Sailing One by One

By Debbie Probst

I'm going to go out on a limb and guess you are involved in sailing. Whether you currently race your own boat every chance you get, whether you crew on a boat occasionally, or whether you are a Race Committee volunteer... you wouldn't be reading this if you didn't have some connection to sailing. And I'm going to guess that you enjoy your relationship.

As a lifelong sailor myself, I cherish the sport. Virtually all of my close friends were found through sailing, and the majority of my free time is spent either sailing or behind the scenes of sailing organizations. Sometimes when I'm on the side of the highway changing a flat tire on the trailer, or when I'm becalmed while my competition has their own private puff I think, "why do I do this??" But then when I arrive for a fleet party or show up at a regatta and I'm soon embraced in a huge hug or doubled-over laughing, or when I'm surfing down a wave on a sunny day trying to catch my kids who are beating me (again!)... my thoughts are overwhelmingly geared toward how incredible this sport is.

We need to protect this sport from slowly fading away and being replaced by house projects,

soccer practice and beach sitting. We need to increase the numbers of people who participate in sailing on any sort of level. By "We," I mean, "You," every single one of "You." (And me too!)

Relax. You don't have to organize an entire boat show or ad campaign. You just need to show one person, or one family, a good time. If every sailor introduced one new person to the sport and just 10% of these new people get involved... we've now grown our sport by 10%! And all you did was bring one person to a fleet party, for a Sunday cruise around the lake, or as an extra body during your casual fleet race. That's right... you don't need to immerse them in a full-weekend of regatta traveling, rigging, camping, de-rigging, and exhaustion that is fulfilling for us but overwhelming to a newcomer.

Why do you continue to sail? Because you enjoy it. The competition, the time with your family, the social aspect... something is enjoyable to you.

So when you introduce someone to the sport, make it enjoyable. Introduce them to other sailors... we are social creatures, after all.

"... We need to protect this sport from slowly fading away..."

Maybe your Fleet will decide to pick 2 days this summer when everyone is encouraged to bring someone new. Have a low-key race or cruise and a picnic afterward. Include some honorary guests like Bud Light and Chicken Wing Dip. Chat, laugh, sip, dip, repeat.

Maybe you will decide 2016 is your year for bringing 2 new crew on board. Teach them the basics: "duck," "red rope," "left," "right".



Maybe the second week you can step it up to “tack,” “red line,” “port,” and “starboard”. Or stick with “right” and “left”.

Maybe you’ll sail with your family this year. Maybe you’ll turn over the helm to your kids and let them bring some friends. Maybe you’ll reach out to that guy who used to sail but you haven’t seen in years.

However you start, be sure to have clear cut options for how these potential sailors can get further involved. When is the next race/cruise/fleet party? Can they show up and help on Race Committee? Do you have a sign-up for crew

training? Do you have a crew bank? Are there learn-to-sail lessons or is there someone who would be willing to teach them?

Clubs are intimidating. Sailing/Yacht Clubs are REALLY intimidating. Few people will walk in off the street and ask to go for a sail. It is up to all of us sailing supporters to maintain and grow the sport, and all it takes is sharing a good time.

If you can share a good time in a Highlander, better yet! Maybe the sport, or the Highlander Class, “sells itself.” But you (and I) need to bring in the customers.

Throw Back: Highlander Issue Oct. 1995

Steve Carter Wins Record, 7th HCIA Nationals; Wright, Kling, Steinbach and Bauer Round Out “Top Five”

By *Steve Carter*

Twenty-six Highlander skippers and crew enjoyed a very warm week of racing August 5-11 at Indian Lake Yacht Club in Russells Point, Ohio as the guests of HCIA Fleet 17. A low pressure system kept the lake in its grasp during the weekend making for a wet and humid start to the regatta as Chief Measurer Bob Bubenzler supervised the weighing and measuring of boats, equipment, and sails.

The skies cleared a little on Sunday afternoon providing a nice light air practice race on by Mark Redmond #929. The race management was ably handled by Ralph Redmond, Don Harper, Tom Anderson, and Ed Lodico who did a fine job considering the light, shifty conditions that they had to handle during most of the week.

Monday's Race #1 was held in a light southerly that shifted dramatically to the southwest to making those teams that ventured to the right side of the course look “pretty smart.” Don

Wright, #1000, with past HCIA Champ Whit Whitacre and past national champion crew Lynn Evans on board got the victory, followed by newcomer Mike Perakis #906 and his crew of “two Kims.” Tom Kling, #1003 was third, Steve Carter, #1002, fourth and Gary Steinbach #939 was fifth.

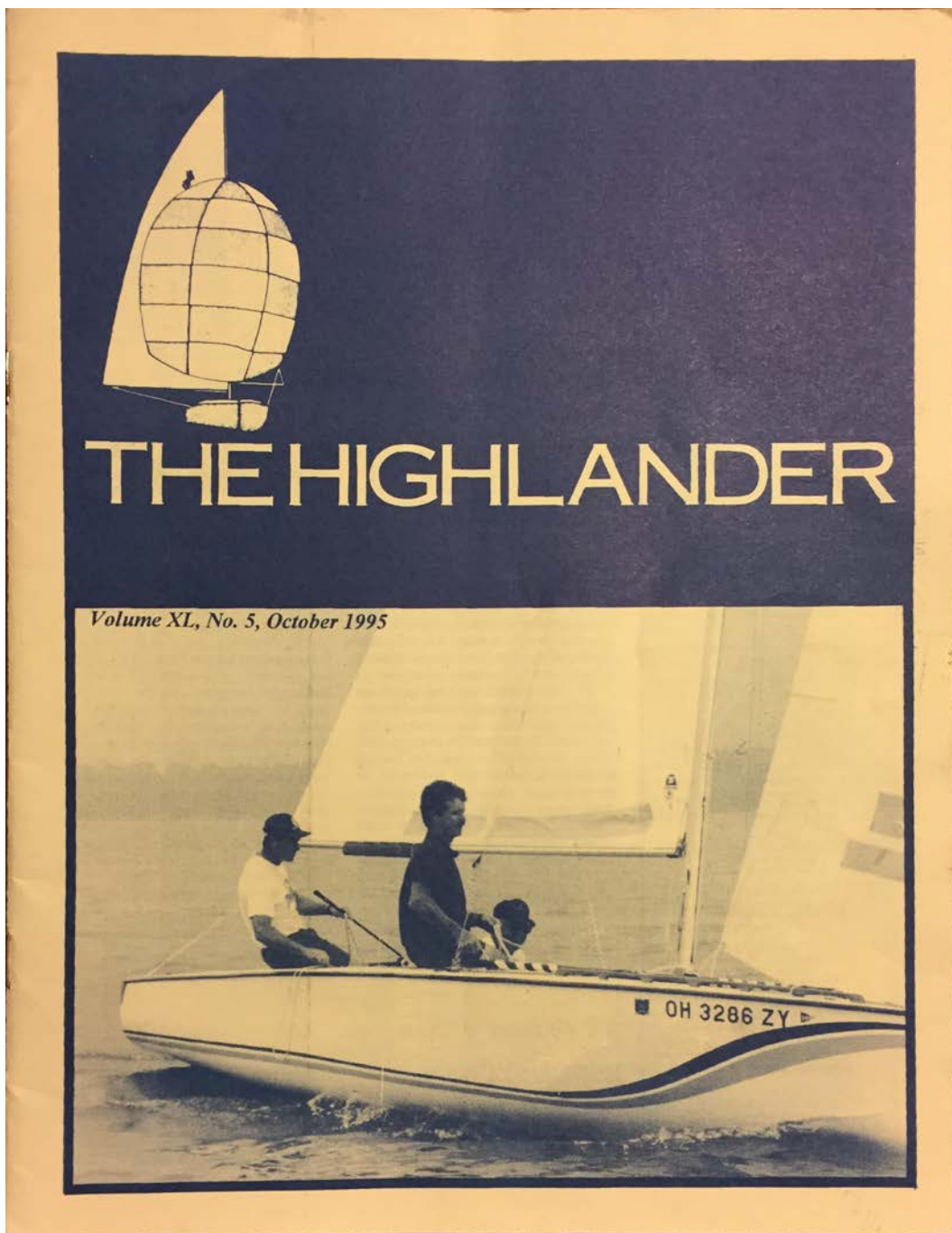
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Frank Gerry #1001 tossed in a third. Mark Redmond was fourth with a consistent Gary Steinbach fifth. Tom Kling was over the line early, really hurting his chances to win the regatta, and Steve Carter took a sixth.

As Thursday rolled around, Carter had a small lead in the standings over Kling and Wright and a few others had outside chancesw if a throw-out race occurred. Three races were scheduled, but the breeze was light. Joe Volkert in his new #1005 Highlander showed them how it was done in taking first place. Mark Redmond sailed his best race of the series by taking second with Carter in third and Skip Webb #979 fourth. Gary Steinbach

has another fifth. Tom Kling fell was off with a disastrous twelfth and Don Wright hurt himself with an eight.

Race #6 was won by Bob Bauer and crew Sue Bauer and nephew John Bauer with a "horizon job" on the fleet. Steve Carter practically sewed up the regatta by taking a second and

Don Wright kept his outside chance alive with a come-from-behind third place on a nice gamble downwind. Mike Perakis resurfaced with a nicely sailed fourth, and Tom Kling took Fifth.

After a break for a late lunch on shore, the Race Committee sounded a half hour gun to attempt a seventh race. The only way Carter could lose the Championship was to finish below a fifth with Don Wright finishing first.

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No more racing was possible as the breeze died completely.

Tuesday's races were held in 10-18 mph conditions under gray, cool skies. Steve Carter's team of Jack Nye and Rod Fisher mastered the heavier air with first in both races but were pursued closely by Tom Kling and "The Klingons" crew with seconds in the two races. Don Wright fell a little off the pace with a 9-3 for the day. Steinbach had a 6-4 and Perakis a 5-9.

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The Highlander, April 2016

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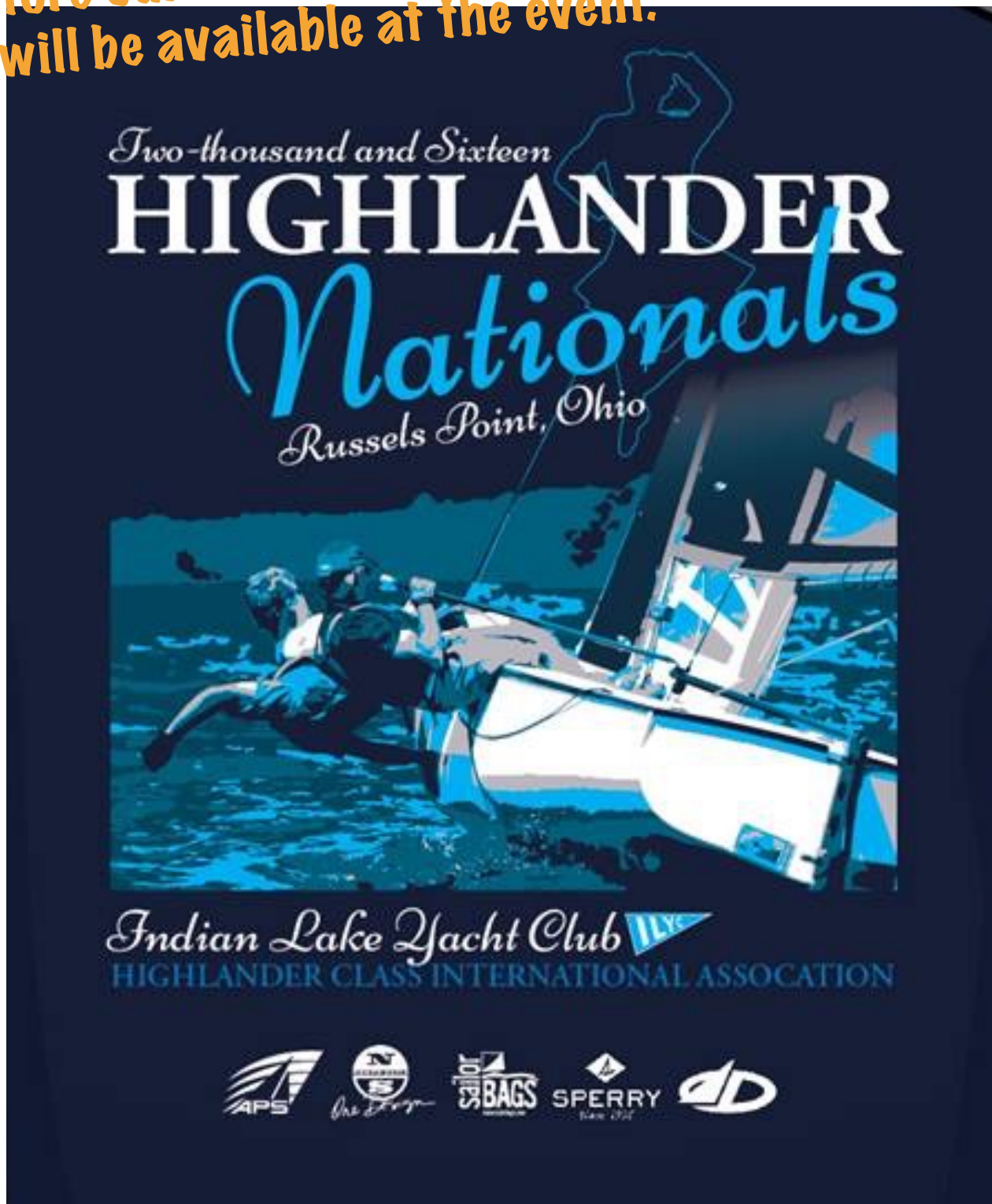
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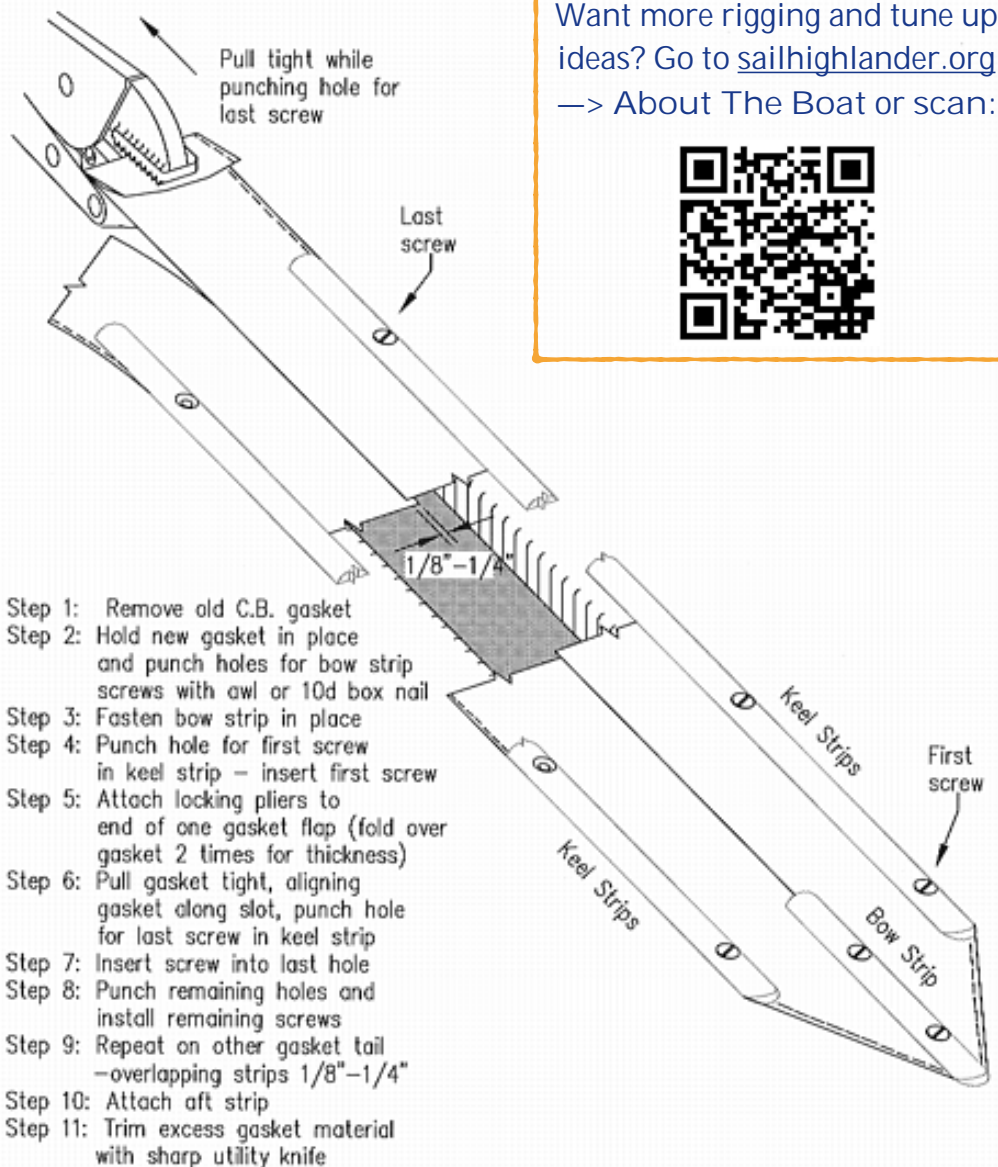
Rigging Roundup!

By: *Mike Perakis*

As the boat rolls through the motorboat chop on the pond, you notice a small fountain of water spewing forth from the centerboard trunk and splattering your peanut butter and jelly sandwiches that you were building on the top of the trunk.

Perhaps you have been a target of the Gasketosaurus, a fiendish little bugger that visits yacht clubs and boat ramps at night and chews up centerboard trunk gaskets. All is not lost, however. The replacement of the tattered gasket is a simple matter that can be accomplished in an hour or so, and will leave the boat impervious to the Gasketosaurus for several years.

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Highlander Sailors Win Etchells World Championship

By Jon McClean



Skip Dieball, Jeff Eiber, and Jon McClean won the 2015 Etchells World Championships in Hong Kong in November. The regatta was sailed out of Clearwater Bay, which meant dealing with large ocean swell and unusually big breeze.

The Etchells is a strict one design keelboat, and is generally recognized as the pinnacle of one-design keelboat racing. The hull is 30' 6" long, and 22 feet of waterline, with 6'11" of beam. The boats weigh approximately 3400 lbs., and have a total sail area of 691 sq. ft. The boat was designed in 1966 and the class has now grown to over 1400 boats, from three licensed builders across the world.



We originally purchased USA 1372 in 2012, and we purchased USA 1396 in May of 2015, as it became apparent that we would need to continue to practice after the boat was enroute to Hong Kong. We carried out two boat testing over the summer at Skip's home club, and used the North Sails system for comparing two boats. Each boat is fitted with a GPS emitter, and sailed upwind, then downwind. Both boats are followed by a chase boat that has a GPS receiver, and wind instrumentation. We concluded to ship 1396 to Hong Kong, as it already had an electric pump fitted, however USA 1372 was in fact marginally quicker.

The boat was shipped in a 40 ft. shipping container from Detroit to Hong Kong. The road trailer is designed to fit into a single shipping



container, and the mast just fits inside the 40 ft. length.

The boats are sailed by a team of 3 or 4. The maximum crew weight is 628 lbs., or 285 Kgs. Of course you do need to be close to the maximum weight to hike the boat effectively upwind. Teams of 4 have an advantage because there is enough work for 5 people on board, however having a bigger team means more strength, which is critical as these boats have no winches, or in fact hiking straps. To hike them you really do need to hang onto a jib or main sheet and hike over the side. When we returned from Hong





Kong our backs and finger tips both hurt for many weeks!

We were pushed hard by another American, Steve Benjamin. As a full time professional sailor, he had spent many days practicing for the regatta, and was always quick on the water. Skip Dieball has now understood the dynamics of the rig, and his ability driving the boat around waves upwind, and surf downwind was a critical factor is giving us a speed advantage. Jeff Eiber makes the tactical calls on the boat, and his ability to spot wind when running downwind was a key factor.



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We started the last race with a 5 point lead over Steve Benjamin. At one stage we were buried deep in the fleet, with Steve Benjamin leading the race. Going around the final gates were we in 7th position, and for a brief moment say the title slip away. I have to say how impressed I was with the determination, and resolve of both Skip and Jeff. We hiked the boat hard and managed to pass 2 additional boats on the last beat to win the World Championships. The feeling of relief, elation, some disbelief and raw emotion was something that will never leave me. I called Bridget from the boat, expecting to wake her up, however she and the kids were all up, watching the race trackers at 11 pm US Central time. I couldn't really talk, other than to say "we did it". She already knew.

We will defend the title in Cowes, England in September, and will practice in Cowes over the summer. We all appreciated the many messages of support and good wishes we received from our friends in the Highlander class.

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Wright faltered with an unfortunate start as Carter sailed away from the fleet to finish first on the shortened course with a dying breeze. Steinbach closed out a nice consistent series with a second as Perakis continued his heady sailing and took third. Tom Fee #857 who has a major leak in his hull managed to drive his heavy boat to a solid fourth as Don Wright picked his way through the fleet to edge Bob Bauer for fifth. The racing had been very close and competitive all week. Positions 2-6 were all within 10 points of each other and even better; positions 3-6 were only 2.5 points apart. Four skippers had won seven races. These race, while competitive, were full of good sportsmanship with very few penalties and even fewer protests.

**In 1995 a first place was awarded .75 points, unlike today where it is worth 1 point.*

2014 Larry Klein Trophy Winner

Congratulations to **Bruce Busbey** as HCIA's 2014 Larry Klein Trophy winner. Comments from Bruce on his win:

"This year we had 60 skippers in the running and good participation at a number of the events. I think many of you would be surprised at just how close to the gold you were. Just



Debbie & Bruce Busbey

another regatta here or there and voila, you would be in the hunt! The great thing about the Larry Klein trophy is that every skipper can score points at every regatta. The more regattas, the more points you get. Debbie and I will be looking for you next year on the circuit!"

Thank you Bruce for everything you do for the Highlander Class.





Pipers 2015 through the lens of Pedram Leilabady

The Highlander Rate Card

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June 11-12	Mad Plaid	Cowan Lake Sailing Association	II
June 18-19	Cleveland Race Week	Edgewater Yacht Club	I
June 18-19	Berlin Invitational	Berlin Lake Yacht Club	I
July 2-3	Pymatuning Regatta	Pymatuning Yacht Club	
July 16-21	Highlander Nationals	Indian Lake Yacht Club	III
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