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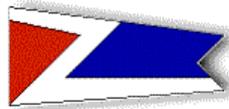
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ILYA Invitational - Clear Lake, IA

Brian & Kevin Brickler - 1st Place

Lake Beulah's Brian and Kevin Brickler are the 2007 ILYA Invitational Champions. The Brickler's came out on top after **SEVEN** races at the Clear Lake Yacht Club. The fleet enjoyed the 7 good races in the new "time based racing" environment (see below for more info).



Friday brought clear skies and winds from the SE around 5 to 10 mph. At the Skipper's meeting the fleet decided to go with PRO Jeff Butzer's recommendation of 6 or 7 races. No one disagreed as wanting to give this method the full opportunity. Two races were sailed in the morning in shifty conditions, and one in the afternoon. Mark Prange E1 won Race 1 after trading positions throughout the race with Greg Stauffer C-52, Brian Brickler B-18, and Chris Andert M-25. All four had the lead at one point in the race. Race 2 went to Sam Rogers I-42. Sam jumped out to an early lead and held on despite challenges from Brickler and Prange. Race 3 went to Andert followed closely by Prange and Brickler.

Saturday the winds built to 10-20 mph. Gusts hung on the higher side of that scale. Everyone took 3rds - *except for the Brickler's*. Some great racing took place as the fleet stayed tightly packed - often only 1 to 2 minutes would separate first from last. The Brickler's, who must have eaten their Wheatie's for breakfast, won Race's 4 and 5. They decided to finally take a third in Race 6, but I guess it was their downfall because for the first time this weekend they didn't finish on the podium (*check out the scores - five straight races in the Top 3 - that's not easy*). Race 6 was won by another Beulah sailor Frank Davenport B-303.

Sunday's breeze was 15-20 mph - great C-boat weather. The Brickler's held a 15 point lead on the fleet. They raced their victory lap while 2nd through 5th fought hard (Andert - 34 points, Prange - 35, Rogers - 36, Hans Zinn M-5 - 40 points). Andert won the last race by a boat length over the Zinn's. It was another tight race as

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multiple boats took claims to lead at different times.

TOP FIVE

1. B-18 - Brian & Kevin Brickler - 33 points
2. M-25 - Chris Andert & John Rainaldi - 35
3. M-5 - Hans & Max Zinn - 42
4. E-1 - Mark Prange & Bob Stelter - 44
5. I-42 - Sam & Peter Rogers - 46

[COMPLETE RESULTS](#)

The CLYC were great hosts to the C fleet and the A Open fleet. Sailors were treated to some great Iowa hospitality! Food was fabulous and plentiful (freshly baked cookies), but more importantly the CLYC had heard about the C-fleet's penchant for "free beer". Thirsty C sailors were well hydrated, and the availability of refreshments of course lead to the requisite game of Flip Cup. Beulah sailors encouraged by their on the water results took on all comers, and more times than not - they won. Thanks to everyone at the CLYC for their time and effort!

101st C-Scow Inland Championship

20 days away!

The Inland Championship at Oshkosh is coming fast! Its time to firm up plans and register now - Early registration deadlines are approaching!

The C fleet will be racing in prime space - the waters near the old Pioneer. This bay shelters most wave conditions. Don't let the big water sway your attendance. PRO Chip Mann will make sure the fleet is racing in manageable conditions.

The Oshkosh YC is pulling out all the stops to make sure the C fleet enjoys themselves - not that it takes much effort. Saturday is Buck Night - a post race happy hour where sailors can enjoy buck beer, buck burgers, buck brats, and Red's Bar corn on the cob. Also something entitled the "Bud Olympics" - you can figure that one out on your own. Sunday night is a Door County Fish Fry at the Legion - all sorts of specials and a live DJ.

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Time Based Racing - What is it?

The ILYA is testing *Time Based Racing* this year as a different way to manage races. The idea is to set courses based on a projected total time as opposed to a minimum distance. Time Based Racing is used Internationally as the norm for major regattas and Olympic classes. It's also been used locally for the A-OD fleet.

This is a change in to how races are managed, but to most sailors it should be a seamless (if not better) change. Currently, the C fleet has a 7 mile minimum distance regardless of the wind speed. In a time based format a target time is used. For this past weekend's Invitational the fleet used 80 minutes as a target for a single race, and 70 minutes for back-to-back races. The race committee will judge a total distance based on wind speed. Jeff Butzer and others have been collecting data for a few years based on how long it takes a C-boat to sail a leg in varying breeze strengths. The course length and legs will be set at the start to hit the target time. The race committee can then lengthen or squeeze leg distance based on how the boats are progressing around the course. **They will not shorten the total number of legs.**

Preliminary reviews from sailors this past weekend are extremely favorable. Saturday was a great example of this system. Three great races were sailed, and the fleet was on shore by 3pm (including a break for lunch). A straw poll will be conducted and published soon, and PRO Jeff Butzer will publish a report prior to the Inland Championship. The fleet will discuss making this a permanent change to our race management at the Inland meeting. Talk to your local sailors that attended the Invitational and hear first hand their experience.

Upcoming C-Scow Regattas

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| 7/27-7/29 | Inter-Lake Regatta | Okoboji YC |
| 7/27-7/29 | <u>WYA Champs</u> | Okauchee YC |
| 8/2-8/5 | WMYA Championships | White Lake YC |
| 8/4-8/5 | Wallwork Regatta | Pelican Lake YC |
| 8/11-8/13 | <u>ILYA Annual Championship</u> | Oshkosh YC |