



## National C Scow Sailing Association

C Fleet Representative Chris Andert began the ILYA / NCSSA Fleet Meeting in Oconomowoc, WI at 9:06am on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February, 2008. Andert introduced Augie Barkow, NCSAA President, and other members of the ILYA C Committee in attendance; Fred Miller of Pewaukee, Matt Prange of Okauchee, and Dale Norton of Okoboji. Not in attendance were Joe Bitter and Anne Muller both of Beulah and Sam Rogers of Geneva.

The first item on the agenda was a **NCSSA Update**. Barkow presented a report from NCSSA Treasurer Scott Hetzler. The NCSSA has approximately \$15,500 in the bank, and \$3,000 in PayPal account created last year for online memberships. The balance grew a lot last year thanks to Hans Dickel taking over the website. The website costs previously added up to over \$3,000 a year. The only check written by the NCSSA last year was \$850 for trophies.

The next item on the agenda was **Youth Promotion**. Barkow opened the discussion by stating the goal to create free regattas in 2008 for Youth skippers (age 25 and younger). The NCSSA will fund this for certain designated regattas. Andert stated that the ILYA Raffle Fund would cover the costs for the Invitational and Inland. There was much agreement that this would be a good use of Association funds. Other discussion involved the idea of pre-regatta clinics as a way to bring in more sailors. Jamie Kimball said that Melges Performance Sailboats was hosting a free clinic for C-boaters prior to the Midwinters regatta at Lake Eustis.

Andert presented the **Class Scantling changes** that occurred in 2007. The Class approved anodizing boards and rudders. This discussion began at the Nationals regatta in Augusta, GA and the spread of the fleet to areas with saltwater. The new scantling authorizes Type-II anodizing, but doesn't allow Type-III or "hard-coating". All new boats from Melges will have anodized boards and rudder. Andert said that he called a number of places in Minneapolis and found that all three boards could be anodized for around \$100.

Andert then asked Dave Porter and Dave Schmidt to present a discussion on scantling tolerances, and the certification process of a new C-boat mold at Melges Performance Sailboats. Porter explained the process they developed for measuring the hulls. They compared Sam Rogers' 2007 hull to a 2008 boat out of the new mold. The scantling allows for 10mm tolerance, and on average they found only 3mm delta. Schmidt documented the process they followed and played a movie of the process. The ILYA certified the new C-scow mold at Melges. The fleet gave both Porter and Schmidt a round of applause to thank them for all their time and effort.

Andert presented the **Future Regatta Recommendations** to the fleet. In 2008 the Inland Championship will be held at Okoboji. Norton passed out fliers for the event, spoke a little on the planned format, and encouraged all to come. Mark Prange addressed plans for the Invitational, and Geneva talked about plans for Nationals. In 2009 the Inland Championship will be held at Green Lake, the Invitational at Minnetonka, and the Nationals at Pewaukee.

Mark Prange asked to poll the fleet on non-Traditional water for a future Inland Championship. The straw poll was asked on viable waters for a Championship, and not tied to a specific format.

- Monona – 18 For / 0 Against
- White Bear – 1 / 5
- Springfield – 2 / 7
- Maxinkuckee – 14 / 0
- Gull – 4 / 0
- Delavan – 9 / 4
- Clear Lake – 14 / 0
- Fon du Lac – 6 / 1
- Pewaukee – 10 / 2
- Okauchee – 8 / 5
- Torch – 9 / 0
- Crystal – 9 / 0
- Muskegon – 6 / 2

Andert presented the **Annual Regatta format** to the fleet. There was discussion at the 7 February Rules Committee meeting from other Fleet Reps to change the minimum number of races required for a Championship to 1, and the charter to bring this before each fleet. There was much discussion as to the history of the 3 races required at the Inland Championship. Andert called on anyone to make a motion with no response. The item was closed.

Andert introduced the **Fleet Guidelines to Race Committee**. Chip Mann presented his recommendation for a Target time of 60 minutes, Time length of 150%, and Minimum wind velocity of 5 mph. The topic of target time brought much discussion. Matt Prange spoke on the great racing experience at this past Invitational sailed under time based racing. Lou Morgan Jr presented the motion for a “Target time of 70 minutes, plus or minus 10 minutes, and 60 minutes for back-to backs.” (2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Baldus). The motion was approved unanimously. Andert stated that current minimum wind requirement reads “Consult Fleet Rep”, and made the motion to change it to read “5 mph” (2<sup>nd</sup> Barkow). The motion was approved with 15 votes for, and 3 “light air votes” against (Baldus, Steve Schmidt, Bob Henschel). Andert seconded Mann’s motion for “Time Limit to equal 150% target time”. The motion was approved unanimously.

Following the Race Committee discussion the topic of minimum number of crew members was opened. Schmidt provided the history to the subject in that it was left open following the removal of weight restrictions in the 1980’s. Andert located By-Law **84.8(b)** entitled *Crew Weight* which reads “Number of persons unlimited”. There was much discussion that the spirit of the class is to race with at least two people as a team, and that its also a safety issue to single-hand the boat. Barkow stated that National SI’s

would be rewritten for 2008 to outlaw the practice. Morgan made the motion to amend the By-Law to read “Minimum of two people” (2<sup>nd</sup> Schmidt). The motion was passed unanimously. Andert stated that since this was a scantling change it would need to be presented to Rules Committee and then to the full ILYA Board (*Note – motion was approved by ILYA Board on 10 February 2008*).

There were no **Class Experiments** so Andert moved the meeting to **Fleet Committee** elections. Both Andert and Miller are retiring from the Committee. Andert opened the floor for nominations or volunteers. Barkow thanked Andert for his service and encouraged fleet members to join. Andert asked for any nominations and was greeted with silence. Andert will continue in the role until such time as new Fleet Rep can be appointed. This will occur within the Fleet Committee as the Fleet membership was silent.

Andert called for a motion to adjourn at 10:55am (2<sup>nd</sup> AJ Schweda). Motion passed unanimously.

*Submitted by Chris Andert 10 February 2008*