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Krech Inland Recap - Part 4

So after Rolling the sails and pulling the boat out of the water, we threw on the cover and freshened up. We had both sets of parents in town to watch the regatta and to celebrate Bre's birthday. So we took off for a big table at the Heidel House. Dinner was great and we celebrated Bre's birthday with Grasshoppers after dinner. Then we were off to the Goose Blind to join the party!

One of the best parts about having the ILYA in a small town is that there is only one watering hole for everyone to attend. When I walked in, I thought I was at a College football game with all the energy in the bar. People of ALL ages were sharing their favorite adult beverage, while listening to loud music and telling stories about the races earlier today. While I don't know what happened to CL-15 (Mark Misch and Company) on the race course, I do know they were having a good night out and I was glad to see them hitting up the regatta circuit this year. If anyone has (appropriate) pictures of the SHOT-SKI and/or overview picture of how full the Goose Blind was, please send them to C-World and we'll show the world how much fun the C-fleet has off the water.

Boat Speed makes up for Tactical Errors

The forecast for day two was 10-15 with the E-boats starting 30 minutes before us. Since the panel flag was flying, we put on the haircut sail and set out for the race course with three on board. We set up for big air originally with the mast slightly dropped back from yesterday to 31' 9.5" but realized there were still a lot of lulls on the race course. Since you ALWAYS set up for the lulls and there wasn't time to switch back to the big sail, we pulled the mast rake forward to 31'10.5", moved the pulleys to a medium position, and put the boards at about 2/3rds back.

Now I don't remember the whole race but the start was one of our riskiest moves of the regatta. I thought the port end was heavily favored and so did Peter Keck. 00-88 was the port most boat (just barely making it around the port end line boat, and we were the

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second most port boat). We tacked after about a minute into the race and had a view of most of our fleet in the window. However, we tacked too early and should have followed Kurt Mihelich 00-7 and Ed Eckert A-136 left as they "horizoned" the fleet by the first buoy. We ended up at the top mark somewhere around 10th and knew we had some work to do.

Because we set up for the lulls, we struggled a little bit on the first beat as the wind was up. However, on the next upwind, the breeze turned off and on a few times and we were able to always keep the boat moving. With the big waves on Green Lake and the Haircut sail up, this was extremely important. We also sailed up the middle/left of the course and played our own game sailing against the shifts while keeping clean air. We never made any major moves in this race but we kept the boat always moving fast. This proved to be the biggest key during this race as my brain must have had a few cobwebs from the night before to work out.

As we were able to work our way through the fleet, we moved into third and got a great a view 00-7 and A-136's tacking duel on the last leg to windward. Both of these boats had us by at least 250 yards when we rounded the leeward mark, but as they threw in an extra 10 tacks on the beat to windward, we were able to close the gap very quickly. Before A-136 could get into a passing position on 00-7, we were within a few boat lengths of them and they were forced to cover us and accept 2nd. We threw a couple of tacks as we got closer to the finish to see if we could split from them but they played it conservative and covered us all the way to the finish. In this race going left (but not hard left) paid off big every time up the lake.

One of my favorite quotes from reading sailing magazines and listening to others speak is from Lowell North (founder of North Sails). He once said "Great Boat Speed makes you look like a Tactical Genius." While I probably skewed that quote in my head, I think it fits well with what we were able to do with this race. Now I know firsthand that my tactics were not anywhere near what I would consider Genius, but I think our boat speed was absolutely amazing. This is a testament to crew working hard and setting up the boat right for the conditions. We have a 2001 Melges boat so if you don't have the newest boat in the fleet, it doesn't mean that you can't compete. We also sail with a 2009 I-I & a 2007 Haircut which are only used for regattas.

Upcoming stories -

- **Keep it cool - Look up the lake and make your own decisions**
- **Plant and Duck - then get to the Top mark and Look for B-7**
- **A Race with Dad**

Tim Krech - M20

Maxinkuckee Fall Regatta

September 12-13

The Maxinkuckee Fall Regatta is just ten days away. This regatta kicks off the fall regatta circuit for the C fleet. Racing C-boats in September is a great - the breeze is always up, the air can be cool but the water is still warm, and most college football teams don't play any "real" games until October. Make plans to sail one, two or all four weeks. You'll travel to some fun locations, and come across yacht clubs that will bend over backwards to make you feel welcome.

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Upcoming C-Scow Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Regatta/Event</u>	<u>Yacht Club</u>
Sep 12-13	Fall Regatta	Maxinkuckee YC
Sep 19-20	50th Blue Chip	Pistakee YC
Sep 19-20	Fall Regatta	Lake Felton YC
Sep 19-20	Lotawana Fall Regatta	Missouri YC

Sep 26-27	Beulah Challenge	Lake Beulah YC
Sep 26-27	Polar Bear Regatta	Lake Davenport SC
Oct 3-4	C-Worlds	Lake Delavan YC

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