



Alpena Yacht Club Newsletter

July 2018

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July 2018 Board Notes

The usual reports were read, discussed and approved. The financial report shows the Club to be operating in the black with income from private parties, bar revenue and the fish fry in June.

The House Manager wants to send out some reminders: please make sure if you are the last to leave the Club you make sure all doors and windows are locked, dishes are washed (don't just rinse glasses, make sure they are washed) and the Club is left like you would want to find it if you were the next person in the door. Also remember that during an event when a bartender is present you may not drink from your locker, bring your own drinks into the Club or take drinks outside the Club grounds. Please be concerned about the safety and cleanliness of the Club.

The Board approved 3 new members: Ruth Lebarre and Curt and Tammy McAnsh. If you see them in the Club please introduce yourself and make them welcome.

Yngling News

The Club can be proud that the Ynglings have 8 boats going to Wisconsin for the 2018 North American Championship Regatta August 1st to the 5th. We look forward to having the trophy come back to hang on the Club wall! Mark Upham also notes that former AYC member, Sally Jacquemin has succeeded him and is now the president of the United States Yngling Association.

Alpena Youth Sailing Program

The Club has helped sponsor the Youth Sailing program and if you haven't had a chance to read the article in the Alpena News please go online and do so. At Alpena Youth Sailing Team, they have 10 excited 11-15-year olds racing four days each week. They train Tuesday and Wednesday evenings for three hours each night. The kids race both as crew with the adult fleet or in their own boats Sundays and Wednesdays. They have had Junior National Champions and are likely to have some more as Steve Fletcher looks over their young

charges. They have four primary instructors, Mark Upham, Ed Kavanaugh, Pete Simpson, and Steve Fletcher. As the lead instructor, Steve has both Level 1 and Level 2 Certification from the national sail racing governing group, US Sailing. They also have a Level 2 and two Level 1s teaching the River/Grand Lake program. How do they measure success? They have nine folks from their racing programs who work in the recreational boating industry. They generally have 3-5 varsity level collegiate racers at any given time. They produced the Captain of the McGill University team and an Academic All-American sailor at Eckerd College last year.

They own seven Ynglings, all donated. Their racing instructors are all volunteers. Many citizens and the Alpena Yacht Club have been wonderful supporters of the programs over the years. They have helped to produce productive adults and life-long sailors. These young sailors are the future of the Yngling Association and the Yacht Club.

Dates to Remember:

August 3rd: First Friday (August already?)

August 9th: Shipmates Cook out

August 14th: Board Meeting 7:00PM

August 24th: Happy Hour

Great Lakes Regatta

While the social events of the Club have been slow for the summer the racing agenda is jam packed. The Great Lakes Regatta finished up Wednesday night. Wayne Lewis worked to revive the race. The regatta is very informal with the goal being to get as many boats involved as possible, especially the youth. They hope to keep the race going into the future. Results: Steve Wilson in Surprise came in 1st with total score of 10; Wayne Lewis in Pandora's Box 2nd with total score of 11 and Mark Upham in Aniversery (I did not misspell that)

3rd with total score 13. The rest in order of finish: Tim Rumbles in Taboo, Walt Jacquemin in Whisper, Ed Kavanaugh in Shenanigan Too, Matt Diamond in Iris Too, Pete Simpson in Rings, Youth in Critter, Steve Fletcher in Iris, Hannah Thayer in USA341 and another group of Youth in Fast Idiots. What a great way to get tuned up for National's next week!



Don't they look gorgeous with their spinnakers sailing downwind? These aerial shots are taken by a drone.

Alpena Yngling Fleet:



Thank you to Wayne Lewis, Steve Fletcher and Mark Upham whose words I have plagiarized for this newsletter, for sharing what you are doing this summer. Thank you for all the time you put in to further the sport and encourage the youth of Alpena to participate. From personal experience once you have been on a sail boat you never forget that feeling.

Also thank you to the Yngling Association Facebook page which is the source of these great pictures.

Boneyard Row Regatta

NOAA is hosting a regatta on October 12th and 13th and Stephanie Gandulla is asking for the Club to support the race by hosting some of the events in the Club. Stephanie is proposing to row the heritage 23 which is a replica of a historic Mackinaw boat. The Board will ask the Shipmates about hosting the Saturday lunch. Watch this space for more information as the time grows closer. Most of us will have our boats out of the water by the time this race takes place; we will hope for a really nice late autumn.



View from the Yacht Club deck.



View from the front of the Club, aren't we lucky?