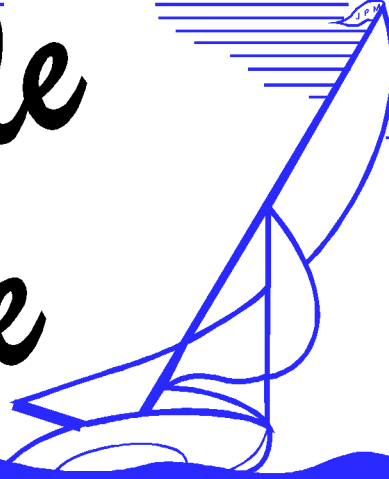


# Eagle Eye



## EAGLE LAKE SAILING CLUB

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### Commodore's Corner – by Brian Reedstom

#### ELSC Board announces an affordable health care package for your sanity and recreational well-being!



How's that for an opening? Well it's true! Consider this year that we held the line on dues and fees for high quality sailing and social experiences that offer you a bit of vacation every time you drive through the gate.

The local ski areas are closed, the ice is off the lake and before the end of April, the dock will be in the water and the Notre Dame Sailing team will have hosted a regatta. Sailing the home waters of Eagle Lake is once again upon us.

In fact, some intrepid members went sailing without waiting for the formality of ice-free water. John D'Avella and Al Taig launched John's boat in early March. Though not completely without incident, it was reported to still be an enjoyable first sail of the season from the ramp at ELSC. John and Al have a good start toward making plenty of time this season to enjoy the club and Eagle Lake in all its splendor.

"Time to enjoy the club" is a common theme that has run through the last couple of board meetings.

Your ELSC board is committed to building on the initiative and improvements of the last couple of years, an ample challenge given the passion and work ethic of outgoing Commodore Mark Makielski. Thanks again for all your efforts, Mark!

The board is focused on encouraging all members to take time to enjoy the water, the social activities, and the facilities. To further enable "enjoying the club," the board will be considering waterfront and clubhouse improvements that reduce the amount of ongoing maintenance. Don't despair though; we will still preserve enough to do for the rich camaraderie of the twice annual work parties. Consider it our own local stimulus package.

Over the winter we had opportunities to get together at the Dance Lesson Night in January (a good chance to work on tacking and gybing choreography) and the Ice Golfing in February (for developing wind accommodation and hard water strategies). March has no organized activities but would be a good time for boat maintenance (to ensure that the state of your ship does not start to resemble our Ship-of-State). April will see the Notre Dame regatta and our spring clean-up/social gathering.

*Hoist the sails and cast off. I'll see you on the water. - Brian*



## Winter Events

We had two great get-togethers this winter. In January we had our first ever dance event which was suggested and arranged by the Reillys and Yoders.



Marv and Becky Stewart in foreground, Hemings in background, waltzing away the night. – photo courtesy of Jan Myers .

Karen and Bernie Nowak, our instructors, taught 40 some people how to do the waltz as well as the hustle. I personally apologize to all those gentlemen whose toes I squished.

In February we had our second Ice Golf and Chili Potluck gathering. We had a great turn-out of around 60 people. Lisa Heming took the lead again on the organization with help from Pat Makielski and Reneé Kurtzweil. The course setup was done by Mark Makielski, Brian Reedstrom, Lisa and Pat.



Lisa Heming and Reneé Kurtzweil getting their “equipment” ready before a round of golf.



The crowd gathers at the first tee. Not sure why the kids are gravitating towards the drink cooler.

Bobble-head trophies were awarded to those that braved the elements.

### Adults

- 1st Place – Scott Kurtweil
- 2nd Place – Mark Makielski
- 3rd Place – Frank Catanzarite

### Youth

- 1st Place - Jake Kapala
- 2nd Place - Casey Reese
- 3rd Place - Luke Kurtweil
- 4th Place - Samuel Kurtweil
- 5th Place and Highest Score - Annie Makielski

### Overall

- Best Swing - Eli Kurtweil
- Best Dressed – Laura Kapala
- Highest Score (adult) – Susan Vance



Laura Kapala sporting her golfing-plaid, won best dressed and Jake took home first place in the youth division.



## New Member Profiles

Robert Perera has joined as an associate member this year and sails "Ginger Snap" in the Thistle Fleet.

We welcome two new families as FULL members to the club this year. Holly Goodson and Mike Hildreth join as full members along with their son, Andrew. Also joining as full members are Scott and Lisa Heming pictured below.



Always the loyal member - note Scott's ELSC sailing cap !!!

*"We're so happy to be part of the club – We love it! We moved to the area in October 2005 from Whitefish Bay, WI. Scott currently works in sales for Modineer, Inc. in Niles and Lisa works in admissions/recruiting for the Executive MBA program at Notre Dame. We are both very active. Love to sail, bike, run and anything else outdoors. Lisa's more of the sailor – grew up teaching sailing and racing big boats on Lake Michigan, but is enjoying the challenge of racing on Saturdays in our MC. Scott can sail too and hold his own on a windy day (don't let him fool you). We both love to come to the club, going*

*for a leisurely sail and then cooking out afterwards. We find it to be the best kept secret of Michiana and are thrilled that we are part of the ELSC family. Can't wait to see everyone this summer!" --- Lisa & Scott Heming.*

## Board of Directors and Officers

*After three dedicated years, Gary Jones asked to be excused from his duties as a board member. He was replaced in January by Lisa Heming. Welcome aboard Lisa. Gary, thank you so much for all your years of hard work on the board.*

## Sailing and Racing News

Congratulations to Bill Farabaugh on the purchase of his new Thistle. Not sure when it will arrive at the club, but in the meantime he will be sailing his current wood Thistle which suffered an injury last year.

The Snipe fleet welcomes Kurt Weir and John Dickey who will be racing newly acquired boats. Kurt and John, don't forget to attend the skippers' meeting on May 15th to meet your fellow Snipe sailors. Rumor has it Laura Kapala is also looking to join this growing fleet this year. Good going on expanding the Snipe fleet and racing community.

## Coming Events

*April 18<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> – Notre Dame Collegiate Sailing Regatta.  
April 25<sup>th</sup> - Spring Clean Up  
May 15<sup>th</sup> – TGIF and Skipper Meeting  
May 23-24-25 – Memorial Day – Season Racing Opening*

*A calendar with the season's events was mailed along with your dues statements. To request another copy please email - [eaglelakesailingclub@gmail.com](mailto:eaglelakesailingclub@gmail.com).*

There are several significant changes in the 2009-2012 edition of The Racing Rules of Sailing. The Laser Fleet Winter 2009 Newsletter has a nice article, "A

Quick Overview of the Significant Rule and Game Changes to the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing" compiled by Dave Perry. A hardcopy



of this article will be provided at the May 15th skippers' meeting. If you would like a preview you can go to the Laser Newsletter at: [http://issuu.com/sfbaylaser/docs/thelasersailor\\_winter\\_2009/17?mode=a\\_p](http://issuu.com/sfbaylaser/docs/thelasersailor_winter_2009/17?mode=a_p)

Boat parking and Racing Committee assignments will be distributed once we have received all membership dues and parking payments. Hopefully we can wrap this up in the next couple of weeks.



The following information on lake development was obtained from the Eagle Lake Improvement Association's website. For more details you can go to [www.eaglelakemichigan.org/devpage.htm](http://www.eaglelakemichigan.org/devpage.htm)

#### Dock Property/East End

The court's hearing on the ELIA motion to intervene with the Dock, LLC v. Ontwa Township Lawsuit, was held March 6th at the District Court in Centreville. Over 45 members of the ELIA attended, and the court room was packed. After an hour of proceedings, the judge continued the hearing until Friday April 17th at 9:00am, without reaching any decision in favor or against. The reason for ELIA intervention request is the displeasure we have with the Proposed Consent Settlement/Judgment between The Dock LLC and Ontwa Township, allowing the Plaintiff to develop the Dock Property in what appears to be possible violations of several provisions of various township ordinances and other laws. The lawsuit remains pending, without conclusion.

#### West Banks

The Township Board-ordered suspension of the development remains in place. It ordered compliance with various state, county, and

township laws, ordinances and regulations before further development activities are permitted. To date, only one of the ten required actions has been accomplished.

#### Weed Control:

The Eagle Lake Improvement Association did not treat for weeds in 2008 based on the recommendation of their lake management consultant, Pine Crest. The plan is to treat early in May of 2009. This treatment will be targeted at the GPS'd locations of the Eurasian Milfoil beds.

### **Don't forget, Eagle Lake Sailing Club Photos are on Snapfish**

Feel free to browse or upload your own ELSC photos. A group room has been created and all the 2009 pictures will be posted here. You will have to create your own snapfish account to view, but this is a free service.

address:

<http://eaglelakesailingclub2008.snapfish.com/comcast2>

room code: **ELSC2009**

[join group room](#)

Please note that we now have an Eagle Lake Sailing club email and evite account. Going forward you will be receiving notices, Eagle Eyes, and invites from [Eaglelakesailingclub@gmail.com](mailto:Eaglelakesailingclub@gmail.com).

#### **Bill Walters**

We received word that Bill Walters passed away this winter. Bill moved from his Eagle Lake home to Texas to be near his daughter, Julie, and his grandchildren.

Bill and his wife, Vera, were avid National One Design sailors in the 1970s.

The Walters were one of the Bendix recruits that John Makielski brought to the club along with the Pyles and Taigs.

Bill and Vera were very competitive both on and off the water. Joyce Pyles remembers them being enthralled by the new video game "PONG" and intent on beating Joyce and Elliot at the game.

