

Midwest District Meeting Minutes  
January 28, 2017

District Commodore Todd Wake called the meeting to order at Sheboygan Yacht Club at approximately 12:15pm.

Attendees:

Todd Wake, David Stix, Craig Pomeroy, Doug Olson, Walter Nickerson, Pat McGuinnis, Doug Wake, Mark Wessel, Jason Bemis, Brandon Holton, Matt Wierzbach, Doug Stephenson, and Amy Simonsen. Bill Faude called in briefly to let us know he was planning to sail this summer even though he was unable to attend the meeting.

Schedule:

A discussion was initiated about the sailing schedule for the Midwest District. This included both District events (highlighted in **bold** below) and other regattas in the area.

- 1) The Midcontinent Regatta will be held at Lake Carlyle. IL on April 29-30.
- 2) **The Lighthouse Regatta will be at Fond du Lac on June 3-4.**
- 3) **Fleet 79 (SSYC) agreed to host Midwest Districts on June 17-18. They requested some assistance with a support boat, and SEAS will make an inflatable available for the regatta.**
- 4) The Canadian Open will be at Buffalo Canoe Club on June 24-25.
- 5) The Great Lakes Championships will be at North Cape Yacht Club, Lasalle, MI on July 8-9.
- 6) Craig Pomeroy mentioned that Michigan Districts will be held at Higgins Lake, MI on July 29-30. This is a reasonable driving distance from most of our District.
- 7) Womens/Juniors/Masters will be held at Metedeconk River Yacht Club, Brick, NJ on August 1-4. This is during the week to avoid conflicts with other non-wind powered boaters.
- 8) **The Evans Regatta will be held at Windjammers Sailing Club, Suamico, WI on August 12-13.**
- 9) **The Brotz Regatta will be held at Sheboygan Yacht Club, Sheboygan, WI on August 26-27.**
- 10) NAs will be held at Carolina Yacht Club, Wrightsville Beach, NC on September 21-24.
- 11) **The Red Flannels is scheduled for September 23-24. This conflicts with NAs and David Stix noted that the date could not be changed. After discussion, the attendees reluctantly agreed that Lightnings would not participate in the Flannels this year but we would try again next year.**
- 12) The Hoosier Regatta will be at Wawasee Yacht Club, Syracuse, IN on September 30-October 1. Todd Wake noted this is always a great time and everything (meals, housing, beer) is covered in the entry fee.
- 13) Worlds are at Salinas Yacht Club, Salinas, Ecuador from November 17-25.

Treasurer's Report

Doug Olson noted we had \$38 in our account. After the attendees paid their dues the treasury was up to \$68.

Lake Michigan Trophy

The 2016 winner of the Lake Michigan Trophy was Todd Wake. Congratulations, Todd!

Lightning Labs

Todd Wake mentioned that he was available to conduct a Lightning Lab, either as part of a regatta or as a stand-alone event. Several attendees expressed interest and they will discuss with their fleets. There was also requests to conduct "chalk talks" after racing on Saturdays or during on-shore postponements. Fleets were encouraged to set aside time for these.

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Fleet Growth

Todd Wake mentioned that several Lightnings had been donated to SEAS in Sheboygan and were available for SEAS members to use, including youth groups. There was a general discussion about trying to provide equipment for people that are interested, especially high school/college age people.

ILCA Membership

Todd Wake made a proposal to require ILCA membership at District Regattas. After some discussion, most of which was in favor of requiring membership, this was approved by the attendees. Todd noted that this can be verified from the website before the regatta, and if non-members show up for a regatta they can pay ILCA membership fees as part of their entry, and the forms and money can be mailed to Laura Jeffers in the class office afterwards.

District Commodore

Todd Wake noted that he could not continue as District Commodore as he would be involved more deeply in class business later this year. No volunteers for the position immediately stepped forward. Craig Pomeroy was proposed as a good choice, and Craig noted that while he was reluctant to assume the position since he had just finished a two-year term as fleet captain, he would accept being drafted. Craig was approved as Midwest District Commodore for 2017.

Since our pizza lunch had arrived, the meeting was closed at approximately 1:15pm.