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Pigeon Lake Yacht Club Newsletter
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PIGEON LAKE YACHT CLUB

Then



“Magic Mixture”
30 Years Ago
The First M16 Scow at PLYC

Now



30 Years Later, host Club for the
First “North American” M16
Regatta.

So it has taken 30 years to be recognized and host an M16 regatta like the North Americans. But have we been idle? Not really, just look around and be proud of your Yacht Club. The M20 regattas, the records and photo's show we did a great job as host club.

So lets keep the ball rolling in the years ahead. If we work together “as we can” we can invite Keel boats and day sailors from the surrounding lakes to come and sail at PLYC.

The “E” fleet is looking to a better year in 2009 so be ready to come aboard.

Sailing News

The Highlight of our 30th year was without a doubt the North Americans. Ken Inglis did a great job of making it happen, and I know first hand it was a tough job at the start.

This is Ken's Report:

Tom Welsch from Tom's River Yacht Club in New Jersey said it best, "What a great regatta, what a great place to sail and what a great club you have here." I have to agree with him.

The thanks of course go to all the club members who pitched in to make it happen. I would try to mention them all here but the list is too long and if you were there, then you saw them pull out all the stops, give of their time and make the effort to pull off a fantastic regatta despite the peculiarities of the wind.

John Applegate made a convincing win with three firsts, followed by Tom Welsch (2nd) and John Hackradder (3rd) Rob Anderson and Faye Crerar sailed a good regatta and were the top Canadian finishing 6th overall.

Hosting regattas like the M16 North Americans is a good thing for the club. It brought the members together, spruced up the club, put a few dollars in the bank but most of all, the club was promoted in the local media, newspapers, radio and TV. Although I said I would not mention names here I have to thank Joe Bowland who did an excellent job on Publicity. In my opinion that is how we attract members, promote PLYC and meet our mandate of improving the sport of sailing.

The Lavallette Yacht club Lavallette, New Jersey

Dear Commodore Green:

We would like to thank you and regatta chair, Ken Inglis for your hospitality and generosity for hosting the very successful North American M16 regatta. Even though the weather did not always co-operate, sailing on Pigeon Lake as wonderful. Again we would like to thank everyone who assisted with my capsized M scow. Since we have two picture trophies, one was presented to Lavallette Yacht club at our end of season awards night. It will proudly hang in our club for all to see a great picture of sailing on Pigeon Lake.

We are enclosing a Lavallette Yacht Club burgee to hang in your club. Thank you kindly.

Very truly yours,

John Applegate
Elaine Zamula



More Sailing News — Competition Heating Up

(Wait until they start flying their chutes, who ' s first?)

The 2008 keelboat racing series saw nine of our skippers participating, with camaraderie and competitive fun. Two new skippers joined the racing fleet this summer. Ted Shepherd entered with “Cheers”, previously owned and raced by Jim Gordon. Late in the season we also welcomed a new club member, Rob Ferguson, with his MacGregor 26, “Robbregan”.

As the racing got going, competition was hot between rivals “Harrier”, “Quintessence”, and “Sea Dog”. We believe it was an unprecedented achievement when in the third race one of our number, who will remain anonymous, managed a direct frontal assault on an uninhabited island named Red Rock. This keel-grinding jolt came in the midst of the skipper’s desperate effort to beat “Quintessence” around the mark. The real sweat was exhibited by the unfortunate crew who after disembarking and shouldering the bow to release the rock’s grip, was left dangling over the water from the bow pulpit, feet flailing to get a grip on the toe rail.

On a different note, Sandy Stapper came out with a resolution to have more fun while racing as well as an undisclosed strategy to reduce weather helm on “Javelin”. We have no idea what the secret was, but it drove “Javelin” to a final Second place for the season! Sandy and Pete deserve honors for the most-improved keelboat team this year.

The good-natured rivalry and friendly spirit contribute greatly to the meaning the Club has for all of us and we are eagerly awaiting the coming of Spring.



Keel boat haul out was quite rainy this year, but not too cold. As you can see by the picture I’m quite wet despite my rain ware. I’m as wet inside the rain suit as out due to moving boats and trailers around. Craig White was there to organize all the boat owners into an efficient workforce like he has done for so many years now, and as usual everything went smoothly. I know his leadership in contacting the crane operator and overseeing the whole operation is greatly appreciated by all club members.

Jim Geddes

PS pass me a towel

Sailing is what it's all about!

The past year will be remembered for many reasons.

Some of the memories of 2008 —

- Stories and Photos of M16 regatta
(Lots of pictures on the big screen during cocktail hour at the dinner and dance)
- Attempts to reduce the size of Red Rock
- The Great job and the Club spirit of painting the Clubhouse
- The Annual sailing events and Pot Lucks (as well as)
 - Trip to oak Shores and raft ups
 - Welcoming new members to our fleets

Items for the coming Season:

- Decisions on Keel boat dock
- Can we revive the M20 fleet
- Re-design our Calendar, more fun events

Some interesting web sites to enjoy:

www.destinationonedesign.com

wwwbbyra.com

