

Pigeon Lake Yacht Club

"News Flash"

Feb. 9, 2010

Erika Shepard:

Ted Shepard's daughter, Erika, came home on Dec. 31st after a 7 week stay in the hospital. She was involved in a car crash last Fall but is on the mend. She is in a wheelchair at the moment as she cannot put weight on her ankle for another 6 weeks and will be taking physio 3 times a week for the next little while. She is slowly getting accustomed to the prosthesis fitted below the knee of her other leg.

Erika, all the Club members wish you a continuing recovery, and want you to know we are thinking about you. . .

Great Lakes Scuttlebutt:

You can go to www.greatlakesscuttlebutt.com for some info on our Great Lakes. There is lots of info there including pricing on boats, boat history and general news about the Great Lakes.

2010 America's Cup:

Well it is out of the court room and onto the water this coming Monday for the start of a best of 3 racing series. Forget about the classic 'J' Boats and sleet 12 meter yachts, now they are in high tech trimarans, each with a 150,000++ Euro budget behind them. BMW Oracle will be sporting a 190 foot tall, 30 foot wide, 6 foot thick, 4 ton solid wing sail. (yep, that's about 10 M-16 masts one on top of the other and the weight of 50 M-16's) I can't

help but wonder what you do with that when it is sitting tied to the dock and the wind pipes up???

While we are talking about Masts:

I understand that the new die for the M-16 masts has been ordered and if things go according to schedule the first masts should be available in about 10 weeks. This means that at last John Hayashi will be able to put the first of the new "Bowland" hulls in the water. Joe has some fittings for the masts and they are going to ship him a sample to see if they fit.

Ice Boating:

And, according to what I hear from Joe, Pigeon Lake is looking good for some ice boating. Let me know how it goes folks. . .

Thought for the Day

If you are the type of person that never succeeds the first time, skydiving is not for you.

Thanks to, Ken Inglis

"It's better to die on your feet, than to live on your knees" ~ Zapata