

SMOOTH SAILING

****INLANDS EDITION****

X-Travaganza!

Trophy Dinner

Join our entire PLSS team in thanking all of you for taking a part in our program this summer! We will be hosting our end-of-year festivities soon!

Tuesday, August 8th

6pm Dinner, bar open @ 5.30

Awards presentation @ 6.45pm

RSVP to your Evite today!

Final Regattas

8/3 Pram Power (North)

8/11 & 12 X Blue Chip (Cedar)

8/14 & 15 Opti RWB Chip (Labelle)

We will be fully staffing and supporting this event from practice races on. Please indicate your intention to attend at PLSS.org NOR & SI for these events can be found @ PLSS.org.

After a long summer of grinds, tacking on the whistle & practice starts, the time to perform is here! Almost every last one of the PLSS X Boats made the trek to Delavan Lake

Yacht Club for X

Inlands last Thursday-Saturday. Fluky winds on the practice day gave way to a near-perfect Northerly for racing.



Leading from the beginning in Junior Fleet, V213 Simonized proved the old adage that firsts don't win regattas, consistency does. Consistently in the top 5, Meta & Fritz took the win 4 points ahead of 2nd place. Sailing equally incredible regattas V61, Charlie Allen & Megan Isabell (10th) and V31 Carly Kiss & Ella Schieble (14th) all qualified for the X Blue Chip on Cedar Lake August 11 & 12. Full results [HERE](#).

In the Senior Fleet, V10 Jack Schweda & John Lieber gave a veritable masterclass in starting, port-tacking the fleet multiple times, and showing everyone how to get off the line in a big fleet. In an impressive feat, all of our Senior fleet sailors not only qualified for the Blue Chip, but all placed top 10 in the almost 50-boat fleet. V88 Sam Spencer & Austin Steiner (5th), V10 Jack Schweda & John Lieber (6th) & V511 Red Tornehl, Grayson Bruss, Adam Biver (8th) all sailed fantastic regattas.

Full results [HERE](#).

Thanks to Delavan Lake Yacht Club for running a fantastic event!





PLSS Beginner Optis

PLSS program continues as scheduled in Pewaukee, despite a long week of regattas elsewhere, and a special congratulations goes out to our beginner sailors for the 8th week of sailing for some of them! We are seeing lots of fantastic improvement for them, and hope to see many of them in our intermediate program next year!

Important Dates

- Pram Power- 8/3, North Lake
- X Blue Chip 8/11 & 12, Cedar
- Opti Blue Chip 8/13 & 14, Labelle
- Trophy Dinner 8/8, 6pm, Pewaukee

Please use our registration form on the PLSS website to indicate which regattas your sailor plans on attending. This is in addition to the registration through the Hosting Club.

We use these registrations to figure out coaching, towing, powerboats, etc. and it make our job easier to have these numbers early!

Brief Editorial

We as sailors spend countless hours on waxing, polishing, tuning, rigging, etc. all with the hopes a beliefs that it will make us faster on the water. While the value of this cannot be written off all together, understanding how your boat works and how controls affect sail shape is instrumental to success, the true benefit come from the cathartic nature of resetting rig tension, or pausing to adjust your cunningham. If none of us believed that this exercise made us faster, we wouldn't partake, however the winners of our inlands were not those who spent hours tinkering, but those who spent hours on the water, learning what makes their boat move.



This was never more evident than laylines in our X Fleet at inlands. It seems that as a fleet, in Junior and Seniors alike, the X boat sailors of the ILYA had a hard time identifying laylines, and while a few sailors (happily PLSS sailors) were doing much better by the end of day 2, there is still progress to be made, from Minnesota to Illinois. I cannot understate the importance of nailing laylines when racing. We have only 3 or four true passing opportunities on the race course, and laylines are one of the biggest.

I am very excited to keep working with all of our fleets on narrowing the gaps between understanding & execution! Here's to a good Fall and exciting next season!

PLSS Trophy Dinner: August 8th

A full schedule of excitement to culminate another fantastic summer Save The Date! August 8th @ 5pm! Details to Follow.

Please engrave and return your trophies from last year! Thank you!

If you have any pictures of PLSS sailors from the 2017 Season, please forward them to us!

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