



Greetings Fellow Inland Cat Members!

Lake George has shed her ice early this year, so hopefully this is a sign that we will have an early spring and a warm, breezy summer of sailing at beautiful Lake George.

Changes for this Season

Your Executive Committee has made several rule related changes that will take effect this season.

- _After input from several members we are reverting back to a 12 race season rather than two shorter 6 race sessions.
- _This year there will be a 1-position penalty for sailing without a crew, rather than a 3 -position penalty.
- _The fleet purchased 2, custom-made tiller rudder assemblies that are available for purchase to any fleet member needing to replace their assemblies.
- _A random “lottery” will be used to establish the party dates at the last party of the year.
- _The Cup Fleet will continue along with the Gold Fleet for competitive sailing. If there is interest, a Novice Fleet will also be formed.
- _There will be 4 trophies awarded for the Gold Fleet, rather than 5.
- _The Race Coordinator position will be a member of the executive committee.
- _As was the case last year, there will not be a Co-Chair for each race—just a Race Chair

Fleet Structure

In regard to the three fleet structures, I would like to provide more details. The Cup Fleet was established last year with membership based on race performance over a long period of time and currently includes Rick Ahaus, Jack Steifel, Lyle Reiff and Jim Larimore. The Cup Fleet allows for one more member to be added—making the total in the Cup Fleet no more than 5. This member according to the bylaws is a “skipper who requests and receives approval from the Executive Committee to sail in that fleet.” We have one such request for the open position, but the Committee felt obliged to see if there might be multiple requests. If you are interested in being in the Cup Fleet please email or call me no later than 05/28/2011.

The Gold Fleet continues and “consists of boats skippered by those seeking a high level of completion.” The By-Laws still allow for a Novice Fleet to “provide

less intense and briefer racing opportunities for any new fleet member” and “any fleet member who prefers a more relaxed racing experience.” So the name “Novice” really does not match the intent of this third group of skippers. This is where you come in. We want to re-name the Novice to something more descriptive of the intent of this group. Please send your ideas about the new name of this fleet (05/28/2011) and you may win a gift card to Scoops Ice Shop.

Executive Committee Changes

I would like to thank Stan Ferguson for his many years of service as the Treasurer. Stan will be succeeded by John Albright, who promises to be just as accurate and prompt as Stan has been in the past. Stan Parish rotated off as an Advisor and Lyle Reiff came on in his place. Some of you may have heard that John and Jenny Hendrickson will be moving to Chicago sometime this summer. This is a huge loss to the Fleet and to Lake George. Let’s all make sure we give them a proper send off when the time comes. Many thanks also to Tom Stone, our 2010 Commodore, for his excellent leadership of the fleet. We look forward to his guidance for the 2011 Regatta.

The current Executive Committee is as follows:

Dan Andrews, Commodore
Steve Kindler, Vice-Commodore
John Albright, Treasurer
Kirsten Meyer, Secretary
Tom Stone, Past Commodore
Jack Stiefel, Race Coordinator
John Hendrickson, Advisor
Lyle Reiff, Advisor

Notable dates this season

Raft Launch: Sunday May 29th at 9:00 AM

Shakedown Race: Sunday June 4th

First race: June 11th

Conservancy fundraiser: June 25th, No party

Round Lake George: June 26th

Old Salt/New Skipper: July 10th at 9:30 AM

Regatta: July 30th and 31st

Beer Can Races: June 23rd, July 14th and August 11th

Please review all of the attached documents for Committee involvement and activity detail. Let us know if there are any omissions or changes required.

Please send your dues to John Albright before the first race date.

Note that these schedules and other important ICCSA information can be found at <http://www.lake-george.org/ICCSAGeneralPage.htm>

I wish you all the best for this season and I look forward to seeing you all at the raft launch on May 29th.

Sincerely,
Dan Andrews