



The Zephyr

FROM THE ARCHIVES

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Since Lake Winnebago is frozen solid, this week I bring you a couple of appropriate items relative to the season.

In this [journal entry](#) you will see a short video of winter on Lake Winnebago in the 1930s. It includes several shots of the Gilbert family ice skating and some great footage of S.F. Shattuck's ice boat with its cotton sails and gaff rig. There is also a great picture of Gus Larson in his Ice Boat in the 1950's. and more about Gus, avid racer and club photographer in the 50's and 60's. See the video and photo [here](#).

STRICTLY SAIL CHICAGO

A report on the show from Sail Promotion Director, Kacee DesJarlais- sailpromotion@nnyc.org

It's been a long, cold winter. There's no other way to put it. Thoughts of sailing Lake Winnebago seem even further away than normal. But there was an oasis in the middle on this endless snow and cold; Strictly Sail Chicago. Boat hulls gleamed in the bright lights with fresh bottom paint that had not yet seen a drop of water. New boat models stood out with the en vogue hull color of sky blue. Vendors displayed everything from the latest and greatest way to organize and stow lines, to repurposed sail canvas bags and totes, to lighter and stronger blocks and lines, to wheels sized for boats which would surely come aground in the middle of Lake Winnebago, to foulies and other apparel that would have been of great use during the last Tuesday night race of 2013. And then there was the booth for LMPHRF, which was likely avoided by all NNYC members like the plague... A simulated lake in the corner of the show, next to the food court with \$2 bananas, let people sail a little with remote control sailboats.

Fantastic stories and videos from Americas Cup were presented by Gary Jobson who, in case you haven't heard, is coming to Neenah this summer. A well-seasoned Frenchman shared stories of single-handing races where you could "leave your spinnaker up for weeks," mentioning how Americans oddly feel the need to always have someone on watch when sailing, clearly limiting their ability to single-hand sail. Another speaker shared some racing techniques and strategies, and as any good racing rules discussion would have, there were clarifications on what constitutes barging and when you're just protecting your line.

But sadly, just as quickly as the sailing mirage appeared, it faded away into the cold, darkness of a winter night in Wisconsin. Left behind, however, are reinvigorated dreams of sailing and an excitement for the start of what promises to be another great sailing season for NNYC sailors.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN SAILORS

Here is an article from the Milwaukee Sailing Center about the Midwest Women's Sailing Conference. If anyone is interested in carpooling contact communications@nnyc.org.

The Midwest Women's Sailing Conference is proud to announce the keynote speaker and guest instructor for our upcoming conference, Pam Wall! Pam grew up sailing on Lake Michigan. She attended the University of Wisconsin where she was elected president of the Hoofers Sailing Club. After Graduation she moved to Florida to sail year round. After many years of cruising Pam became a Cruising and Outfitting Consultant for West Marine for 20 years. Pam now gives lectures on cruising and outfitting across the country. The sailing conference will feature the keynote speaker first thing and then move into a fun day of hands on workshops covering many topics such as introduction to sailing, safety, knots, docking, weather, sail trim, spinnaker flying, and more! Last years conference sold out and this one is filling up fast, reserve today and don't miss your chance! The 2014 Midwest Women's Sailing Conference is Saturday, May 17 8:00 am - 6:00 pm at the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center, 1450 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Cost \$125.00. Visit www.womenssailing.org for more information and full class schedule.

SPRING FLING

In a few weeks you will be getting postcards mailed to you for the Spring Fling on Saturday March 22nd. This years Spring Fling will be at the Holiday Inn. Don't miss this great opportunity to come out of your winter dens and kick off the 2014 sailing season in a big way!

FACEBOOK

Get on board and like the [NNYC on Facebook](#) for lots of cool updates, pictures, and our Throwback Thursday features!



Calendar of Events

Monthly Sailor Gathering-
Wednesday, February 19
6:00 PM at Aspen Landing

Spring Fling-
Saturday, March 22nd

Memorial Day Parade -
Monday, May 26

Sailing Open House (Expo)-
Saturday, June 14th

Sailing Themed Neenah
Farmer's Market-
Saturday, June 21st

Parade of Lights-
Thursday, July 3rd

Community Fest/Venetian
Parade-
Friday, July 4th

NNYC 150th Invitational
Regatta and speaker Gary
Jobson-
Saturday, July 12th

Annual General Meeting,
Celebration TBD-
Saturday, November 8th