



## IRIYA Newsletter

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### Random Renegade Thoughts

**Doug Kolner**

I was in a registration tent at a scow regatta many years ago when I felt a jab in my ribs. "Your runners sharp?" It was Buddy Melges. It's the hottest part of summer and he's got iceboating on his mind. Here I thought it was only me, thinking of the last hot lap of the season. We get so little time in our boats but the rides are soo good. It's a struggle to describe the feeling, and being ready to "surf when the surf's up" is especially important in our sport. To me the message was "you gotta be ready to go!" Words of wisdom from a champ.

Beyond the actual sport of hardwater sailing is the craft itself. Preparing a classic iceboat for competition can be a labor of love. Fortunately I kind of like standing in a cool garage on a hot summer day, sanding on a plank or varnishing a mast. No shop time can be a waste of time. There's always some "hard spot" that needs softening or sharp edge to be rounded... a tinkerer's dream. Bring a different boat to the lake every weekend" is my mantra for finding some speed. So often I leave the ice knowing there's something that needs attention. Effort in the shop really helps you to understand the boat which leads to more speed, more control, more comfort, and better races. And the thing is, everything is something. The mast may be just right, but what about the springboard? Is the platform square? Is the plank a little too crown? The point is that it's a harmony of parts and not just one thing, it's everything. They say a fast boat is an easy sailing boat. I wish my boat sailed easier but the placebo effect of shop time may be as important as any real effect on speed. Alright, to be perfectly honest, sometimes I just crack a beer and stare at the boat. Nevertheless, time spent with your boat is quality time, but the proof is in the puddin. Ice time is golden time and all the hours of thinking about it can't match the exhilaration of actually doing it.

I checked the water temp in Lake Monona today and it was a cool 42.5 degrees, and the air temp was 45.2 degrees, so there's is still a ways to go. But I can't get too comfortable because the average freeze is less than a month away. I recently found a piece of yellow paper with a barely readable list of boat projects I had written down last April, and maybe half of those projects were completed. It seems there's always something to do, but at least I can say that my runners are sharp.



Doug Kolner, Jerry Simon, and Don Anderson

### Officers

Commodore:

*Doug Kolner*

Vice Commodore:

*John Lamont*

Directors:

*Greg Simon (2<sup>nd</sup> yr.)*

*Greg McCormick (1<sup>st</sup> yr.)*

Past Commodore:

*Glen Betzoldt*

Secretary/Treasurer:

*Ron Rosten*

### Important Dates:

IRIYA Championship Regatta

Jan. 6, 7, & 8, 2012

### Regatta Hotline:

(608) 204-9876

### Website:

[www.iceboat.org/renegade.html](http://www.iceboat.org/renegade.html)

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# Notice of Race

## 2012 IRIYA Championship Regatta

The IRIYA is frequently held in conjunction with the ISA regatta. Once again, it is possible the IRIYA regatta will be held independently of the ISA regatta.

All races will be sailed under the rules of the National Iceboat Authority and those of the International Renegade Ice Yacht Association.

The regatta will be scheduled on January 6, 7 and 8, 2012. The first race will be held at 10:00 AM (local time) on Friday, January 6, 2011. In the event the IRIYA regatta is postponed, the IRIYA regatta will not be scheduled on the same weekend as the Northwest Ice Yacht Association (NIYA) regatta. The NIYA regatta will take precedence.

Awards shall be given to the yachts placing first through eighth.

Entry fee is \$15.00 per yacht payable upon registration.

Registration will be at regatta headquarters from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM (local time) on Friday, January 6, 2011

**Five** (5) races are scheduled and **three** (3) are necessary to complete the regatta. If the IRIYA regatta is held separately from the ISA regatta, there will be **seven** (7) races scheduled and **four** (4) races are necessary to complete the regatta.

Skippers may obtain sailing instructions at the time of registration.

For confirmation of the regatta dates, the primary source of information will be the IRIYA web site ([www.iceboat.org/renegade.html](http://www.iceboat.org/renegade.html)) beginning at 1:00 PM CST on January 1, 2012. For final confirmation go to website after 1:00 PM CST on January 4, 2011. If computer access is unavailable, the secondary source of information will be the Renegade Hotline number (608-204-9876) beginning at 1:00 PM CST on January 1, 2012. Information as to the site, headquarters, and accommodations will be available at 1:00 PM CST on January 4. Members of the Race Committee can also provide regatta information. The 2012 Race Committee will be:

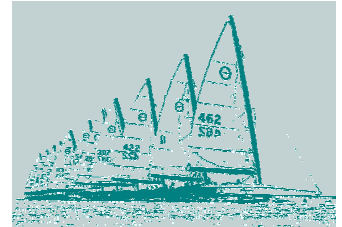
Chairman: Don Anderson - (608) 577-8527

Ken Norton - (608) 334-2600

George Gerhardt - (920) 688-3361



Andy McCormick and Red Line



## Committees

### 2012 Nominating Committee:

Jerry Simon  
Tim McCormick  
Archie Call

### Technical Committee:

Chairman: Jim Nordhaus  
Andy McCormick  
Archie Call

### Trophies:

Bob Pagel  
P.O. Box 40  
Williams Bay, WI 53191  
262-245-6242

### 2012 Race Committee:

Chairman: Don Anderson  
(608) 577-8527  
Ken Norton  
(608) 334-2600  
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(920) 688-3361



## 2011 Financial Report

Checking Account Balance (12-1-2010)		\$ <u>5,434.14</u>
<b>Income &amp; Expenses</b>		
Dues (60), sail no's, and plans, template rental, regatta fees		1088.92
Printing	(134.54)	
Trophy Engraving	(29.25)	
Postage, Office Supplies, regatta expenses, & Voicemail Service	(336.78)	
Balance (12-01-2011)		<b>\$ <u>6022.49</u></b>

## 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2011 Nau-ti-gal Restaurant, Madison, WI

1. The 2011 IRIYA annual meeting was called to order at 6:20 PM by Commodore Glen Betzoldt
2. Roll call: Glen Betzoldt, Doug Kolner, Rich Eckstein, Greg McCormick, Greg Simon, Don Anderson, Peter Fauerbach, Tim McCormick, Ken Norton, Jerry Simon, Kenneth Kreider, Mike Derusha, Andy McCormick, Archie Call, Dan Bierman, Jon Lofgren, Laura Otten
3. Financial Report unanimously approved as mailed in December 2010. Motion/second – Doug Kolner/Jerry Simon.
4. Minutes from previous meeting were approved. Motion/second – Mike Derusha/Ken Kreider.
5. Unfinished Business: None
6. New business

6.1 By-Laws, Article XIII, Section 13.7 Delete the words: or sail battens Discussion: Ken Kreider stated battens are very cheap, very minor, and readily available to anybody. Mike Derusha also stated that this adjustment has been allowed since the advent of the boat and questions why we would consider changing this now. Archie Call added that the cost for a set of battens is nothing and we should keep the rule as is. Doug Kolner also said current rules do not put anybody at a disadvantage. Ron Rosten said inserting thicker battens in a sail and backing them out a bit during a blow is a quick and easy and stabilizes the boat. If making this adjustment was banned, all I'd have to do is snap my battens in 2 and notify the chief judge that I'm fixing a broken part. Why go down this route? Tim and Andy McCormick both stated they were in favor of the motion. (m/s: T. McCormick/A. McCormick) **Motion defeated 9-4.**

6.2 By-Laws, Article XII, Section 12.1 Change: Each member in good standing, in attendance at the annual meeting, shall be entitled to cast one vote, until such time as the majority of members feel the association has grown large enough to have representation by fleet delegates. There shall be no proxy votes. To: Each member in good standing shall be entitled to cast a vote on each printed motion as published in the newsletter by attending the annual meeting or by absentee ballot, using either mail, or e-mail before the annual meeting. The votes shall be counted by the secretary and becomes part of the vote tally to determine if the motion passed or fails. There shall be no proxy votes. Discussion: Doug Kolner stated that if this motion passes, the will of the fleet will be dictated by non-participants. Greg Simon and Ken Kreider both recalled how the Skeeter Ice Boat Club would dominate the ISA meeting agenda with their large numbers of non active members. Dan Bierman added that this is standard operating procedure for the DN Association and thinks it's a great idea. (m/s: D. Kolner/P. Fauerbach) **Motion defeated 12-3.**

6.3 By-Laws, Article XIII, Section 13.6 Change: (current 7 race regatta format) so that 4 races can be completed on Sunday in the event there is no racing on Friday and Saturday. Also in the motion is the amendment that no races shall be started after 1:00 PM local time if the minimum number of races has been achieved. Discussion: Very limited discussion with everybody in agreement. (m/s: D. Kolner/G. Betzoldt) **Motion passes unanimously.**

## 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes (cont.)

6.4 Discussion Item #1-Andy McCormick brought up the fact that current IRIYA rules allow composites to be used for repairs and reinforcement. The problem with this is there are those that are taking advantage of a loose interpretation of current rules, especially when it comes to Renegade masts that are starting to bend like a composite DN mast. Andy wants to see something proposed that eliminates any grey areas of the rules. Greg Simon suggested that a small section of the mast be left unpainted near the spreader to prove the mast is free from composite materials.

6.5 Discussion Item #2-Race Committee Chair Ken Norton wanted to bring up the fact that there is a serious problem with some skippers running their booms too close to the deck. Ken felt this was causing serious blind spots and it was only a matter of time until it was going to bite someone hard.

6.6 Discussion Item #3-Mike Derusha asked what the group thought of a 2 day-5 race Renegade Championship regatta in December if the previous year's regatta had not been completed. Mike felt that if we ever were able to sail the regatta under current rules, turnout would be low due to holiday commitments and a reluctance to take days off in December when the next year's regatta is just a few weeks away.

6.7 Discussion Item #4- Jerry Simon wanted to know if the group was interested in presenting beer steins to all regatta participants as had been done in the past. Commodore Glen Betzoldt raised his beer, proclaimed it a fantastic idea, and ordered the project be funded immediately provided somebody make a motion to adjourn the meeting after the election of officers for the following year.

7. Election of officers for the following year From the Nominating Committee: Greg McCormick to be appointed the 1<sup>st</sup> year Director, Greg Simon to be appointed the 2<sup>nd</sup> year Director. Ron Rosten will continue as Secretary/Treasurer. John Lamont will advance to the position of Vice Commodore, Doug Kolner will advance to the position of Commodore and Glen Betzoldt will become Past Commodore. (m/s - Ken Kessler/Ken Kreider. Motion carries.
8. Motion for adjournment (m/s - Ken Kessler/Ken Kreider. Motion carries. Meeting adjourns at 7:40.





# 2012 Annual Meeting Agenda

## 2012 IRIYA Meeting Agenda

1. Call meeting to order
2. Circulate roll call for signatures
3. Approve/correct minutes of previous meeting
4. Approve/correct financial report
5. Unfinished business
6. New business

### 6.1 Add new section under Article XII Section 13.13

Boom height measurement on the mast will be a distinct 3/4 inch line (preferable black electrical tape) placed perpendicular to the center line around the mast 15 inches above the bottom of the mast cup. The boom goose neck shall not be allowed to go below this mark while under maximum sheet rope tension either in the pits or on the race course, resulting in a disqualification.

*Submitted by Jerry Simon R-113 (see article on page 8)*

### 6.2 Article XII Races Section 13.6

**Add:** If IRIYA Annual Regatta is not completed during the normal winter months, the regatta may be completed the following November or December with an additional race format option. If it's necessary to sanction a November or December regatta, a 2 day, Saturday-Sunday, 5 race regatta will be allowed. The regatta format would be at the discretion of the race committee. A 2 day, 5 race regatta must have 3 races completed in order for the regatta to count and the format would be as follows:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Scheduled Number of Races</u>	<u>Maximum Number of Races</u>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>three</b>	<b>three</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>two</b>	<b>three</b>

This format is only an option if the IRIYA Annual regatta is scheduled in November or December. It is still possible for the race committee to sanction a 3 day, 7 race regatta separate from the ISA, or a 3 day, 5 race regatta in cooperation with the ISA in November or December. If a fall regatta is needed, and the conditions are favorable, it's up to the race committee to determine the format.

Rationale: Even though we have had the option of a December regatta for years, we've yet to ever sanction one. If the conditions ever were right for a December regatta, it's always a very busy time of year. There are the holidays and other year end activities, and vacation time is usually about used up for most. By squeezing it down to a 2 day event, I believe it would improve the chances of the regatta taking place and would increase the turnout.

*Submitted by Ron Rosten R-19*

7. Election of officers for the following year
8. Entertain motion for adjournment



## 2012 Membership List

<u>Sail</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip</u>	<u>Home Phone</u>	<u>Cell Phone</u>
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	Bennett	Lance	34 Piper Drive	Stratford	NH	03884	(603) 518-2244	
499	Betzoldt	Glenn	5984 Ray's Dr	Onsted	MI	49265	(517) 467-7797	(517) 260-7797
520	Bierman	Dan	W751 Silver Creek Rd.	Green Lake	WI	54941	(920) 294-6903	(920) 299-0773
	Bommersbach	Paul	2015 S. Hillview Rd.	Sioux Falls	SD	57110	(605) 371-3169	(605) 360-7723
231	Call	Archie	3243 Deep Water Ln	Maumee	OH	43537	(419) 861-9747	(419) 509-2929
	Calvani	Robert	190 Locust St	Lynn	MA	01904	(781) 598-3113	(617) 750-1230
299	Chambers	Larry	5721 Tonyawatha Tr	Monona	WI	53716	(608) 221-1660	
	Childs	Tom	113 Blake Road	Standish	ME	04084	(207) 252-3552	
398	Chroust	Richard	29N Cedar Point Dr	Williams Bay	WI	53191	(414) 245-5219	
521	Ciula	Gerald	89 Savern Pl	Gahanna	OH	43230	(614) 471-3246	
	Clark	George	PO Box 458	Raymond	ME	04071	(207) 655-4962	
251	Cummins	Robert	4750 Island View Dr	Oshkosh	WI	54901	(920) 233-1610	(920) 573-1265
134	Derusha	David	PO Box 656	Freeland	MI	48623	(888) 994-1320	
135	Derusha	Dean	PO Box 656	Freeland	MI	48623	(888) 994-1320	
188	Derusha	Mike	1112 23rd Ave	Menominee	MI	49858	(906) 864-9947	(715) 938-2747
266	Disbrow	Harley	16881 C Ave East	Augusta	MI	49012	(616) 731-4090	
267	Disbrow	Michael	16881 C Ave East	Augusta	MI	49012	(616) 731-4090	
	Drummond	Jim	3811 Red Oak Ct	Oshkosh	WI	54902	(920) 232-9415	(920) 279-5098
307	Dykman	Charles P.	4611 Tonyawatha Tr	Monona	WI	53716	(608) 222-4724	(608) 332-2530
531	Ebert	Jerry	505 N Blackhawk Ave	Madison	WI	53705	(608) 233-9878	
384	Eckstein	Rich	6384 Black Wolf Point Ln	Oshkosh	WI	54902	(920) 688-2854	
230	Fauerbach	Peter	1714 Camus Ln	Madison	WI	53705	(608) 212-6570	(608) 212-6570
	Feevey	Larry	206 Maple St	Slippery Rock	PA	16057	(724) 406-0188	(412) 670-0003
	Fenlaw	Chris	5218 N. Catherine St	Plattsburgh	NY	12901	(518) 335-4192	
	Fredrick	Brian	P.O. Box 1348	Holland	MI	49418		(616) 566-7009
439	French	David	W303N2568 Maple Ave	Pewaukee	WI	53072	(262) 369-1563	
	Garcia	Phil	179 Concord Dr	Watertown	CT	06795	(203) 510-8363	
313	Gates	William	1 Glenwood Ave	Queensbury	NY	12804	(518) 798-3609	
54	Gelsomino	Joseph J.	One Tunbridge Walke	E Aurora	NY	14052	(716) 861-8323	
417	Georgeson	Clayton	2854 Stony Beach Ave	Oshkosh	WI	54901	(920) 233-5153	
487	Gerhardt	George E.	6396 E Decorah Ave	Oshkosh	WI	54902	(920) 688-3361	
	Gillen	Bill	1808 Waunona Way	Madison	WI	53713	(608) 222-6281	
	Hall	Jason	6062 325th St	Toledo	OH	43611	(419) 727-1573	
47	Halstead	James	5318 Brophy Dr	Toledo	OH	43611	(419) 727-9422	
	Hammond	Tom	3400 N. Moose St.	Wasilla	AK	99654	(907) 357-1232	
282	Hanes	Edward E.	1221 North Shore Dr	Clear Lake	IA	50428	(515) 357-3265	(641) 425-3054
506	Hanson	Jamie	6115 Cty Hwy J	Black Earth	WI	53515		
300	Hausch	Roger A.	2 Sea Lane South	St Petersburg	FL	33705	(727) 822-5495	
507	Hearn	Dan	919 Spaight St	Madison	WI	53703	(608) 251-4191	
152	Hopkins	Andy	N46 W23113 Lindsay Rd	Pewaukee	WI	53072		(262) 510-5788
373	Hopkins	James L.	3080 Pine Ridge Ct	Green Bay	WI	54311	(414) 468-1489	
	Jackson	Andrew	6441 Dylan Dr	Madison	WI	53719	(608) 848-3099	(608) 234-8116
	Javis	Chester	4207 Dexter-Ann Arbor Rd	Ann Arbor	MI	48103	(734) 663-8755	
519	Johnson	D. Dale	2508 Hayes Dr	Burnsville	MN	55337	(952) 890-3905	
226	Kolling	Nathaniel	5441 310th St	Toledo	OH	43611	(419) 754-1664	(419) 356-5889

## 2012 Membership List (cont.)

515	Kolner	Doug	106 E Lakeside St	Madison	WI	53715	(608) 257-2740	(608) 213-5557
470	Kowalsky	Robert	W 4105 Beattie Creek Ln No. 8	Menominee	MI	49858	(906) 863-5685	
516	Kreider	Ken	114 E. Russell St	Marinette	WI	54143		(608) 712-0442
491	LaFortune	James	3109 Birch Dr	Elkhart	IN	46514	(574) 266-8193	(920) 217-2281
210	LaFortune	Arlyn	615 Ogden St	Marinette	WI	54143	(715) 735-5198	
583	Lallier	Dave	156 Western Ave.	Fond du Lac	WI	54935	(920) 921-8345	(920) 948-9465
509	Lallier	Jeff	N4867 Hwy V	Fond du Lac	WI	54935	(920) 921-5475	(920) 904-7123
157	Lallier	Jesse	N4867 Hwy V	Fond du Lac	WI	54935	(920) 921-5475	
503	Lambert	Kenneth	3781 Brunswick Ave	Crystal Beach	ON, Canada	LOS 1BO	(905) 894-3452	
505	Lamont	John	1115 Hood View Ln	Lake Oswego	OR	97034	(503) 635-7906	(503) 320-5222
137	Lashaway	Les	3232 134th St	Toledo	OH	43611	(419) 729-2552	
	LeBeau	Leon	34210 Jefferson	St. Claire Shores	MI	48082	(586) 293-7355	(313) 570-9700
97	Lofgren	John	8086 Foxboro Ln	Augusta	MI	49012	(269) 731-5884	
326	Luck	Marv	1309 Smith St	New London	WI	54961	(920) 982-2256	(920) 250-0469
	Lundeen	Tom	5950 S Shore Dr	Clear Lake	IA	50428	(641) 357-3706	(641) 231-0009
485	McCormick	Andy	2826 Waunona Way	Madison	WI	53713	(608) 222-0018	(608) 235-7142
310	McCormick	Greg	5591 Polworth St	Madison	WI	53711	(608) 274-6652	(608) 438-4416
309	McCormick	Michael J.	432 Grandview Dr	Waunakee	WI	53597	(608) 850-4272	
385	McCormick	Timothy P.	5833 Persimmon Dr	Madison	WI	53711	(608) 278-8830	(608) 234-1950
527	McMillan	Paul	5367 Park Way	Madison	WI	53705	(608) 233-6062	
518	Michaud	John	2603 Nicolet Drive	Green Bay	WI	54311	(920) 465-1178	
550	Moll	Jeff	3759 Butternut Ln	Hubertus	WI	53033	(262) 339-7645	
491	Monday	Tim	2409 Saint Pats Dr	Green Bay	WI	54313	(920) 662-0664	
430	Nordhaus	Daniel P.	4390 Swallow Banks Ln	Oshkosh	WI	54904	(414) 233-4730	
400	Nordhaus	James A.	6507 Woodgate Rd	Middleton	WI	53562		(608) 225-2052
462	Norton	Kenneth	307 Lance Ln	Madison	WI	53716	(608) 222-4064	(608) 334-2600
219	Palmer	John	19 Chegwin St	Dundas	ON, Canada	L9H 2W4	(905) 628-4471	(905) 570-4475
136	Payer	Donald	28280 Roy	St Clair Shores	MI	48081	(810) 772-3292	(586) 214-6677
259	Payer	Donald	28280 Roy	St Clair Shores	MI	48081	(810) 772-3292	(586) 214-6677
9	Pegel	Robert	PO Box 40	Williams Bay	WI	53191	(262) 245-6242	(262) 215-5195
	Pinkley	Howard	4849 N. Summit St	Toldeo	OH	43611	(419) 726-9571	
	Pok	Kevin	205 S 17th Ave	West Bend	WI	53095	(262) 335-1516	
22	Ripp	James G.	3844 Swaboda Rd	Verona	WI	53593		
11	Ripp	Jack	2818 Willard Ave	Madison	WI	53704	(608) 249-6520	
422	Ripp	Michael	2202 Lakeland Ave	Madison	WI	53704	(608) 242-9045	(608) 209-6565
	Ross	Michael	17754 Breezeway	Fraser	MI	48026	(586) 294-2608	
19	Rosten	Ron	2978 Roidt Dr	Stoughton	WI	53589	(608) 316-7234	(608) 692-8816
109	Rosten	Thor	2978 Roidt Dr	Stoughton	WI	53589	(608) 316-7234	
None	Russell	Jeff	3501 Lerdahl Rd	Madison	WI	53704	(608) 244-9014	(608) 347-5108
276	Savile	Harry	380 Pepper Dr	Burlington	ON, Canada	L7R 3C9	(905) 632-5277	
207	Sawyer	Chip	4602 Bluff Rd	Whitehall	MI	49461	(616) 894-4559	(231) 557-5192
342	Sawyer	Erik	4762 Bluff Rd	Whitehall	MI	49461	(616) 893-3921	(231) 740-5185
	Shade	Mike	923 White Pine Ave	DePere	WI	54115	(920) 338-0403	
10	Sherry	Lorne	3604 Country Club Dr	St. Claire Shores	MI	48082	(586) 415-6053	
444	Sherry	Ron	35940 Carlisle Dr	Mt Clemens	MI	48043	(586) 791-1489	
213	Simon	Greg	118 Winston Way	Waunakee	WI	53597	(608) 849-4605	(608) 886-6307
113	Simon	Jerry	3788 Highridge Rd	Madison	WI	53718	(608) 837-8199	(608) 332-2398
8	Snyder	Bob	5317 Edgewater Dr	Toledo	OH	43611	(419) 727-8977	

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	Soper	Dave	620 Gondoal Point Rd	Quispamsis	NB, Canada	E2E 1L1	(506) 847-9798	
525	Sorensen	Jay	417 Hibiscus Ave	Stuart	FL	34996	(561) 288-2979	
489	Stanton	Tim	1128 Pocahontas Dr	Monona	WI	53716	(608) 222-0269	(608) 695-5294
403	Stefanick	Gordon	33966 Lamoyne	Livonia	MI	48154	(734) 524-9467	
299	Sternberg	Tyler	3131 Maple Valley Dr #109	Madison	WI	53719		(608) 213-5446
541	Sternberg	Gary	1151 E Cty Rd Z	Oshkosh	WI	54902		(608) 445-2628
411	Stolla	James	1010 Bayview Rd.	Neenah	WI	54956	(920) 725-4865	(920) 858-1911
	Stolpmann	Ken	6630 9 Mile Pointe Dr	Charlevoix	MI	49720	(231) 487-1448	
263	Treas	Randy	106 Terrace Trail South	Lake Quivira	KS	66217	(913) 488-7772	(913) 488-7772
522	Westra	Alex	Schans 51	8715 JS Stavoren	The Netherlands		0031 514682032	
500	Whitehorse	Greg	6318 Vicksburg Rd.	Madison	WI	53718	(608) 221-6668	
487	Wilcox	Wes	2030 Muller Rd	Sun Prairie	WI	53590	(608) 837-5076	
374	Williams	Donald	19552 Brillhart Rd	Bowling Green	OH	43402	(419) 729-0074	
14	Wing	Mike	4549 285th St	Toledo	OH	43611		
	Wolbeck	John	16 East Rd.	Wurtsboro	NY	12790	(845) 888-4805	
	Yaeso	Jay	3854 Lark Rd.	Green Bay	WI	54313	(920) 662-1162	
	Yeadon	David	402 Milwaukee St	Fort Atkinson	WI	53538	(920) 563-4341	

## The Safety Dilemma of a Low Boom

**Jerry Simon**

Most of us see the inherent problem of sailing with our booms so low that they block our view from one side of our boats. The boom resting on the shoulder of the skipper sitting deep inside the cockpit creates dangerous collision-causing situations, especially on a short course with lots of competitive sailors.

The advantage of the low boom is obvious—our boats are faster. The center of gravity/effort keeps the boat from hiking by producing lower mast bend and flattening the sail to handle windier conditions.

How do we accomplish a fair playing field so that all sailors have better visibility and safer sailing experiences while sacrificing only a minimal degree of speed advantage.

Several ideas have surfaced. Preventing the boom from the extreme lower position can be accomplished by placing a stop/lock on the gooseneck track a set number of inches

(approximately 15) above the mast butt. This might be hard to make and once attached, it has to be removable when derigging.

Another idea is to cut off the existing gooseneck track so we all sail with the track no closer than 15 inches from the butt of the mast. Elmer's design/plans show the distance to be 9 inches. This is a great idea for ease of policing as the slide would come off the track if the skipper tried to sail with a very low boom by sheeting super hard and/or setting low boom halyard. You would be altering Elmer's plans, a no-no in my mind, and would require all serious racers to modify their current boats. This amounts to removing their tracks and hack sawing off the necessary material so as to comply with the new distance measurement.

Another idea would be to require a simple tape line mark perpendicu-

lar to the mast's center line at a specified distance, approximately 15 inches from the butt. The skipper is now responsible to adjust the halyard so the sail would not go below the mark even under maximum sheet pressure. Other sailors could see if their competitors were complying even on the race course and pit area before or after races. This becomes a measure of the true sportsmanship of each competitor.

Having raced Renegades a long time, I have found that the remarks following collisions I've observed are mostly "I didn't see the other boat before we collided." This generally occurs when port boats are unable to see starboard boats. We need some official action on this most important matter dealing with the future of safe Renegade sailing.





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