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# COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

ERIC ANDERSON US5193  
ANDOVER, CONNECTICUT, USA

At the annual meeting Warren Nethercote was nominated to replace me as Commodore of the IDNIYRA. It has been a pleasure to serve the class both as Vice Commodore and Commodore. Stepping down at the same time will be Wes Wilcox as Treasurer and Lou Lonneke as Past Commodore rep on the governing committee. Personally and on behalf of the IDNIYRA, I would like to thank them all for their years of service to the class. I am very pleased that the class will be ably represented by Warren, Dave Elsmo, Deb Whitehorse, Ray Gauthier, and Robert Cummins, as well as the Technical Committee. I hope you give all of them as much support as you have given me over the last 4 years.

I am glad to say this year's North Americans is in the books, thanks to the hard work by many, most notably, Chad Atkins, who was the Race Chairman, not an easy task, especially this year. Thank you to everyone who helped out. You are all too numerous to thank individually. Lastly I would like to thank Eben Whitcomb, who over the last 4 years has shouldered the burden of dealing with me and driving while I madly made calls and read emails while we traipsed around North America.

The last thing I wanted to talk about is our continuing efforts to bring North America and Europe closer. As many of you know we have been working to revise

the Specifications Management Agreement for more than a year. Basically this is the agreement between IDNIYRA and IDNIYRA Europe on how the specifications for the DN are managed and can be changed. The existing agreement has been in place for many years and has not changed with the times. Right now DN racing on both sides of the Atlantic is basically the same, but we are working on a more comprehensive relationship. In short, our goal is a new agreement with the following objectives:

- To sail the same boat, on both continents, under the same racing rules and the racing format as similar as we can make it.
- To determine a fair procedure for establishing what those rules are and how they can be changed in the future.
- To make accommodations for the different ways that the DN Class structure in Europe and North America are organized.

Hopefully we will have progress to report after starting face to face negotiations with our European counterparts in April. With a little bit of luck we will have a framework for a new proposal for the class to comment on in the late spring. Before anything is sent to ballot, there will be plenty of time for members to review it and provide input.

Sail Fast,

*Eric Anderson US5193*  
*Commodore IDNIYRA*





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# MINUTES: 2018 IDNIYRA ANNUAL MEETING

## IDNIYRA ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, January 25, 2018

Odawa Hotel, Petoskey, Michigan

1. Commodore Eric Anderson US5193 called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM EST and welcomed the members.
2. **Governing Board members present:**  
Commodore Eric Anderson US5193  
Vice Commodore Warren Nethercote KC3786  
Secretary Deb Whitehorse US2366  
Past Commodore Lou Lonnecke US294  
Absent: Treasurer Wes Wilcox US5414
3. **Additions or changes to Agenda**  
a. Commodore Eric Anderson: Add item f. under New Business: Discuss changes to Specifications Management Agreement
4. **Secretary's Report**  
a. Request motion to approve minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting (published in the May 2017 issue of Runner Tracks)  
David Frost US5358 makes a motion to approve; Past Commodore Lou Lonnecke seconds; motion carried unanimously.
5. **Treasurer's Report**  
a. 2017 Financial Report from Treasurer Wes Wilcox distributed.
  1. Discussion: Past Commodore Lou Lonnecke: Questions spending \$800 on embroidery for re-gatta give-away bag.
  2. Discussion: Mike Miller US5369: Questions expense for printing and mailing membership cards: Is it a valuable thing? Secretary Deb Whitehorse: It's the only thing that non-racing members receive from the class. Costs approximately \$1 per member to print and mail.  
b. Request motion to approve Financial Report  
Mike Miller makes a motion to approve Treasurer's Report; Pete Johns US2360 seconds, motion carried with one abstention US5358.
6. **Vice Commodore's Report**  
a. "During the 2017 Gold Cup and North American Championships we introduced new trophies for the top women in each event. Special thanks go to Gougeon Brothers Inc. for the trophy for the North American Championship.



Following the 2017 events, winners of the Commodore Jim Redding (2nd place Gold Cup), Robert Pegel (2nd place NAs) and Old Dominion (3rd place NAs) trophies left them in my care which provided an opportunity for minor up-dates and refurbishment, not to mention a long-overdue polish! Maintenance is appropriate in other cases, as opportunities arise.

In April 2017 I represented the IDNIYRA and the IDNIYRA EU European Secretaries Meeting. It provided an opportunity to become more familiar with our European colleagues and present North American perspectives on matters of concern.

The European Commodore recently requested that the two Vice-Commodores investigate alternative options for trophy delivery to and from events. Trophy holders are not always enthusiastic caretakers when faced with excess baggage charges. No progress has been made to date. I led the investigation of e-voting and the related test vote and motion to this AGM. If passed by the membership, e-voting should reduce the overhead around ballots in IDNIYRA".

Warren Nethercote, Vice-Commodore  
January 16, 2018

7. **Report on perpetual trophies**

a. Commodore Eric Anderson: The class has been slowly changing out trophies that are in need of replacement. They are being replaced with plaques and bags to make trophy transport easier. The Gold Cup will always be the Gold Cup and not a plaque. We expensed two trophies in 2017 for about \$120.

Past Commodore Lou Lonnecke makes a motion to approve Trophy Report;

Pete Johns seconds; motion carried unanimously.

8. **Technical Committee Report**

No technical committee members present so there was no report given.

9. **Junior Program Report and Discussion.**

a. Secretary Deb Whitehorse, on behalf of Junior Sailing Secretary Ron Rosten, reported that there was not enough interest for the 2018 Ice Optimist North American Championship which was going to be sailed in conjunction with the 2018 Western Region Championship. One junior sailor, Thor Rosten, will be traveling to Europe to compete in the 2018 DN & Ice Optimist Junior World Championship.

10. **Old Business – nothing tabled in 2017**

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# 11. **Nomination of Candidates for the 2018 North American Officers**

a. Nominating Committee: Past Commodore Lou Lonnecke made the following nominations:

1. Commodore Warren Nethercote: Mike Miller motions to close nominations and put Warren Nethercote on the ballot for Commodore, Bob Cummins US3535 seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Vice Commodore Dave Elsmo US5486: Mike Miller moves to close nominations put Dave Elsmo on the ballot for Vice Commodore, Bob Cummins seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Secretary: Deb Whitehorse: Mike Miller moves to close nominations and put Deb Whitehorse on the ballot for Secretary, Bob Cummins seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously
4. Treasurer: Ray Gauthier: Pete Truesdell US5350 motions to close nominations and put Ray Gauthier on the ballot for Treasurer, David Frost seconds the motion..Motion carried unanimously.
5. Past Commodore Bob Cummins: Mike Miller motions to close nominations and put Bob Cummins on the ballot for Past Commodore, Colin Duncan seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Miller leads a round of applause in appreciation for Eric Anderson's years as Commodore.

**ACTION: SECRETARY**

b. Open Nominations to the floor

# 12. **Nomination and Election of NA Technical Committee Member**

a. Lou Lonnecke nominates Ron Sherry US44 (replacing Paul Goodwin): Mike Miller motions to close nominations and to call a vote, Colin Duncan KC5457 seconds. Motion to close and to add Ron Sherry on the ballot carried unanimously.

# 13. **New Business**

a. Proposal 1: Change Constitution, Electronic Voting, Warren Nethercote KC3786

Discussion: Vice Commodore Warren Nethercote: Demonstration cost \$19.

Bob Cummins: What was the response rate on trail?

Vice Commodore Warren Nethercote: It was disappointing; 150 sent out and 40 returned. There were those who thought the invitation to vote was just a demo, opened the ballot, but didn't vote. That could address the low response rate.

Commodore Eric Anderson: Typically a low response rate with paper ballots.

Bob Cummins: Will electronic voting allow for explanation of the items in question?

Vice Commodore Warren Nethercote: Yes

Vice Commodore Warren Nethercote motions to accept Proposal 1 for ballot, David Frost seconds motion. Motion carried with one opposed, US2360

**ACTION: SECRETARY**

b. Proposal 2: Change Bylaws, Define Terms Eric Anderson US5193

Commodore Eric Anderson motions to accept Proposal 2 for ballot, John Harper US60 seconds motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**ACTION: SECRETARY**

c. Proposal 3: Change Bylaws, Regatta Registration Eric Anderson US5193

Commodore Eric Anderson motions to accept Proposal 3 for ballot, Pete Johns seconds motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**ACTION: SECRETARY**

d. Proposal 4: Change Bylaws, Adds Scoring Option to Proposal 3, Warren Nethercote KC3786

Discussion: For example, if someone withdraws because they hit a mark, they would get a RET

Vice Commodore Warren Nethercote motions to accept Proposal 4 for ballot, David Frost seconds motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**ACTION: SECRETARY**

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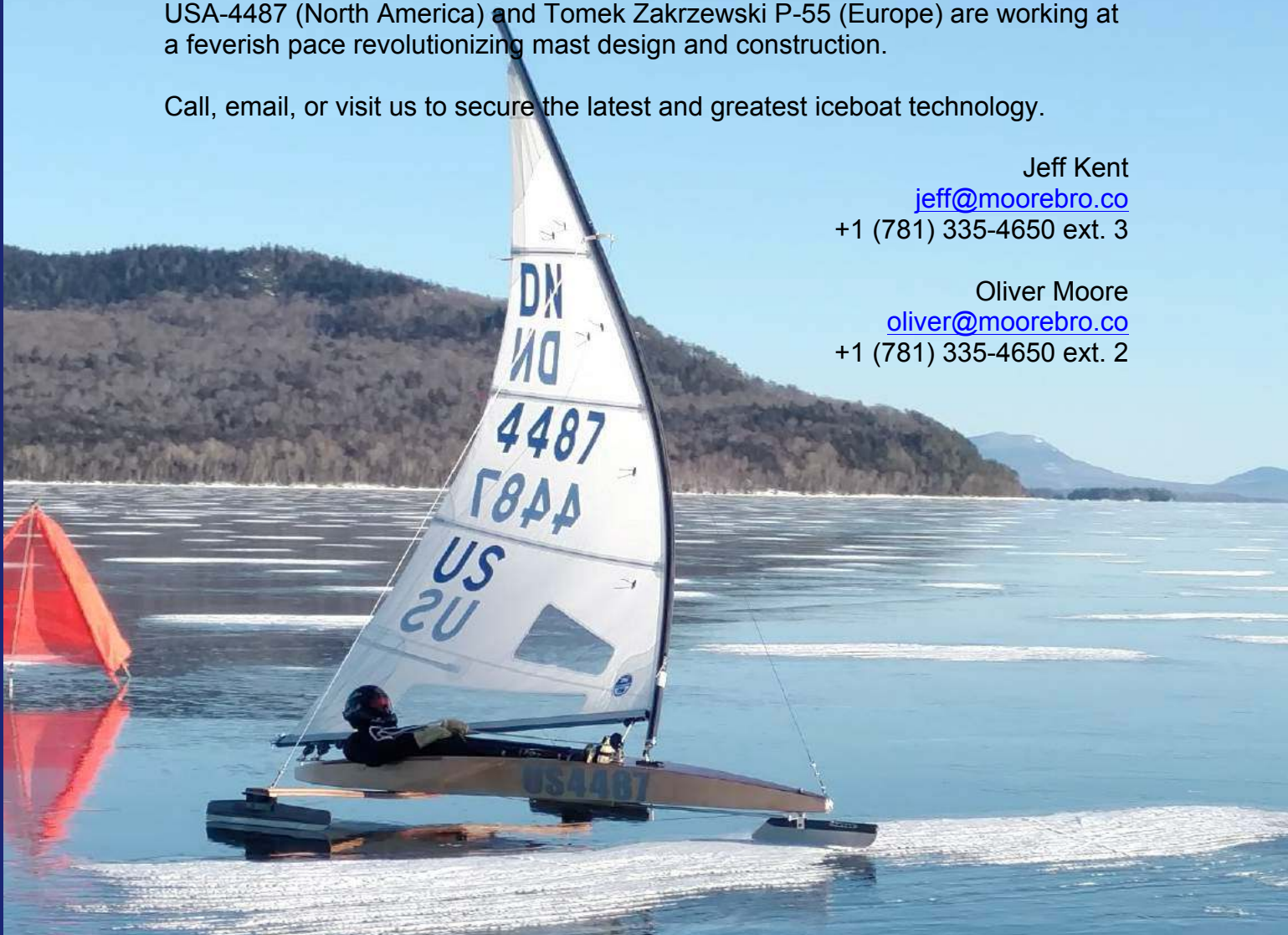
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## e. Open floor for proposals.

## 1. Marks

Past Commodore Lou Lonnecke: Did each region buy marks and were they reimbursed by the IDNIYRA?

Commodore Eric Anderson: The Western, Central and Eastern regions have received identical Darling Marks. They were fairly expensive but they are functional and can be used for a number of years. The class paid for those for the three regions. The class had paid for full sized marks for each region several years ago.

## 2. Membership cards

Mike Miller: Membership cards don't designate how many years you are a member and doesn't find them very useful.

Colin Duncan: Finds them very useful. The only thing as a member you will ever get from the class is the card

## 3. Membership Stickers

Past Commodore Lou Lonnecke: What happened to stickers with class logo?

Commodore Eric Anderson: Didn't have support of the membership to pursue it.

## 4. Class Logo

David Frost moves that the Governing Board come up with a logo for the class, Colin Duncan seconds the motion. 20 ayes, none opposed.

Motion carried.

**ACTION: GOVERNING BOARD**



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5. Membership Stickers Mailed to Every Member  
Brian Jones US1576 moves that new logo stickers be mailed to new members with membership card, Colin Duncan seconds the motion.  
Motion carried

**ACTION: SECRETARY, TREASURER**

6. Website URL

Ken Smith US4137 requests that a simpler acronym be used for the IDNIYRA website and the old websites including those created by Paul Goodwin, Jim McDonagh, and dnamerica.org be combined and clearly marked as archives.

**ACTION: WEBMASTER**

7. There are funds from the sale of Bill Sarns' DN available to offset travel costs for North American sailors who want to compete in Europe. Is there anyone willing to take on the role of fund raising? Is this something we want to pursue? Is there somebody willing to take it over?

Brian Jones: Should be only for youth 25 and under.

David Frost: Who ever volunteers gets to choose the parameters?

Ken Smith: Doesn't see a gain to the class.

Aaron Stange US4480: Could equipment be planted in Europe?

Dave Clapp US5116: This could be done outside the class.

f. Discuss changes to Specifications Management Agreement, Eric Anderson US5193

Discussion: Commodore Eric Anderson proposes the class send the Commodore, Bob Cummins and a Technical Committee member to the 2018 European Secretaries Meeting for a pre-meeting with 3 European board members for the purpose of coming to an agreement on voting on Specification changes that are fair to both continents. We need to have a clear path to do a reasonable vote that is enforceable. The only governing document that binds Europe and North America is the Specification Management.

Mike Miller: Will you prepare a draft ahead of time? Or will be a free for all meeting?

Commodore Eric Anderson: We have a fairly good idea on our part as to what the focus will be and have been in discussion with the Europeans for a while. We need to get the group together face to face. If we came to an agreement, both continents would have to vote and adopt it before it went into effect. The goal of the meeting is to come up with a framework for what agreement would be.

Pete Johns: What sort of issue is there now with the Specification Management agreement?

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Commodore Eric Anderson: The current system is untenable. The North American Secretary is required to mail a ballot to every member in Europe which requires figuring out the mail system for 18 countries. IDNIYRA Europe does not keep individual information on their members. That information is kept at a national level by each country's Secretary and not at a national level. The Europeans want to allow electronic balloting for Specifications Management and we have to come to an agreement on the definition of a member.

Rob Holman US3705: A huge expense for class and could be accomplished through conference call.

Vice Commodore Warren Nethercote: Agrees with Rob Holman though the challenges that he saw at 2017 European Secretaries meeting is establishing goodwill between the groups. An initial meeting will help with that and then follow up with video conferencing downstream.

Commodore Eric Anderson: Whether you are in North America or Europe, you should be sailing the same boat on the same course using the same racing rules. The primary objective is to maintain those 3 items, specifications, racing rules, and course description.

Eric Anderson motions to send a three person delegation to Europe to a pre-meeting before the European National Secretaries meeting with the intention of negotiating a new Specification Management Agreement, Lou Lonnecke seconds the motion.

23 ayes, 2 opposed. Motion carried.

**ACTION: COMMODORE**

#### 14. **Request a motion for adjournment**

Ron Sherry motions for adjournment and Pete Johns seconds. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting is adjourned at 10:12 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,, Debra Whitehorse US2366, Secretary IDNIYRA

## ADDENDUM TO THE MINUTES

At the 2018 Annual Meeting ,the Nominating Committee nominated Ron Sherry to replace Paul Goodwin as one of the 3 North American Technical Committee (TC) members. And the members present voted unanimously to send it to ballot. There were 2 problems with what we did.

The first problem was that we screwed up and Jeff Kent's term was expiring, not Paul Goodwin's. That was a big mistake on my part for not checking.

The second mistake arises out of a conflict between the IDNIYRA Constitution and the Specifications Management Agreement. One document says we are supposed to "nominate" at the Annual Meeting and the other says that we are supposed to "elect" at the Annual Meeting. We chose to "nominate" and voted to send the name to a ballot with the rest of the officers. After further reading by the Governing Committee (GC) of the Specifications Management and the IDNIYRA Constitution, we decided that we should have "nominated and then elected" the TC member at the meeting. (What I should have done was listen to Deb Whitehorse who had it correct in the first place)

After the meeting it was brought to our attention that it was Jeff's term not Paul's that was expiring. I notified and explained the situation to both Jeff

Kent and Ron Sherry and informed them the GC would try to figure out how to proceed. The GC had a conference call and tried to figure out what we should do. We decided that since the class voted to send Ron Sherry's name to ballot, even though the person he was replacing had changed, that was the only thing to do, even though none of us wanted to see Jeff removed from the TC. Especially since he was the Chairman.

After having informed both Jeff and Ron of our decision. Ron Sherry decided to remove his name from the ballot and asked that Jeff be re nominated to the TC instead.

This then causes a problem in that at the Annual Meeting we did not vote in any candidate and the only nominee resigned before the ballot. At this point the only thing we can do that is allowed by the Constitution is to have the Commodore, who will be Warren Nethercote when the TC member's term expires, appoint Jeff Kent to replace Ron who was originally replacing Jeff until the next annual meeting. At next year's meeting , Jeff Kent will be nominated to fulfill the 5 years remaining of the term.

Sorry for the screw up,  
Eric Anderson Commodore IDNIYRA

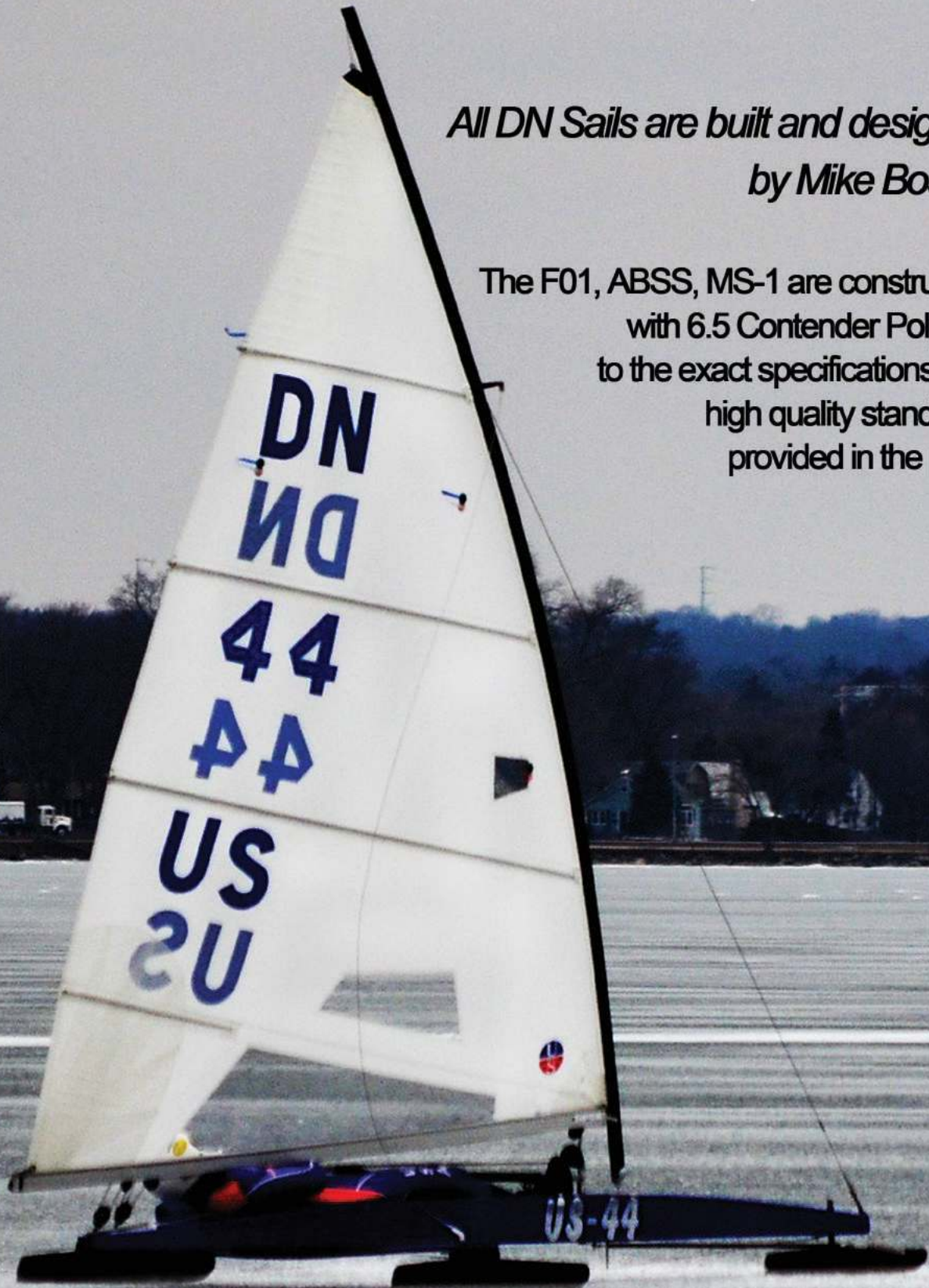


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When I started to write this piece my intent was to post it on the Minnetonka web site (iceboating.net). I never expected it to be published in Runner Tracks. Thus, I make no apologies for the repeated references to Minnetonka's sailors. These guys are big reason why I race my DN. We spend many hours together scouting ice, scrub racing, and traveling to regattas. They deserve a little bit of attention.

# DN NORTH AMERICANS

PATIENCE AND A LITTLE LUCK PAY OFF ONCE AGAIN  
BY MIKE BLOOM US5432

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I should also add that my racing perspective is usually from just outside the top ten. You likely want to hear about the leaders and who did what but I rarely mix it up with the big boys. From where I sit, I'm not rubbing door handles with Ronnie, JD, Orlebeke, or the Doctor. Instead, I'm doing everything I can just to get around the race course. Thus, you're never going to get a play-by-play from me. But, I did sail the regatta, I finished in the top 20, and this is what I saw.



RON SHERRY 2018 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPION  
PHOTO BY GRETCHEN DORIAN



Ninety competitors from seven countries showed up on two days' notice for the NA's. The regatta was sailed January 25-26 on Lake Charlevoix near Petoskey, MI. The Doctor (US 4824) and I (US 5432) left Minnetonka almost a week earlier to get east of a huge snowstorm that would eventually dump over a foot of snow on Minnesota. We drove to Madison where we thought we would sail. Instead, we spent several rain filled days in a hotel with former Western Region Commodore Mike Miller (US 5369) and Rob Evans (US 4975) waiting for the weather to cooperate.

#### NINETY COMPETITORS FROM SEVEN COUNTRIES SHOWED UP ON TWO DAYS' NOTICE FOR THE 2018 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP.

With the regatta postponed day after day due to weather, it did not take long to become bored silly. As a result, the Doctor and I enthusiastically accepted Deb Whitehorse's gracious invitation to join Hal Bowman (US 1277) and Mercedes Auger for dinner at Deb's house on Monday night. It was a wonderful evening with great food and fun stories. Thanks to Deb's hospitality, we left with renewed optimism.

The next day, Madison received snow. Fortunately, Central Lakes Commodore Bill Cutting (US 5430) and the Northern MI sailors came through and the regatta was moved to Lake Charlevoix. If you have ever been to Charlevoix you know the place is simply

gorgeous. I was excited to return having sailed the Central Championships there in 2010. That was the first time I traveled outside of Minnesota to attend a regatta. It was there that I first met and then got beat by Julie Richards (US 4868). We raced in the Silver Fleet. Four years later Julie would win the Gold fleet at the 2014 Central Championships.

The 2018 NA's started on a Thursday. It was a beautiful day. The only problem was the wind. There was none. The fleet pushed their boats nearly 4 miles to the leeward mark in near dead calm wind. We then waited until 3 PM for enough wind to start the silver qualifier. Believe me when I say the wind was light. Time limits were tested. Many in the silver fleet were Barked. But, while countless sailors struggled in the light air, Tonka's own Mike Miller sailed a beautiful race and qualified up to the gold fleet. Racing was then canceled for the day and the fleet pushed a miserable 4 miles back to the pits.

Day 2 was a day of surprises. Based on the weather forecast of 15 mph winds with gusts to 25, the question most were trying to answer was whether to bring ¼ inch runners and maybe an MSI speed sail out to the course. As a result, few could believe it when races were delayed due to no wind. When the gold fleet eventually lined up for the first race, the wind was still pretty light and most were sailing FO1 sails and 100 degree runners.





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Steve Orlebeke (US 4926), fresh off of his Western Region Championship victory, showed why he is one of the top DN sailors in the class. Steve won the first race in a thrilling photo finish with Ron Sherry. James Thieler (US 5224), the beast from the east, won race number two and showed that he too is a force to be reckoned with. As sailors returned to the pits after the second race, word quickly spread that one of the leaders pulled down a mast near the weather mark. The question was who? A glance around the pits quickly revealed that JD (US 4691) was AWOL. With a DNF, a broken hound and a spare mast several miles away, most assumed that JD's regatta was over.

So, you can understand everyone's disbelief when JD returned with a new stick. Pulling off a magic act that would make Harry Houdini proud, JD not only managed to retrieve his spare mast but, incredibly, JD returned in time for race number 3. Then, in a script right out of Hollywood, JD won the race and reminded us all why this former North American Champion is one of the

# GOLD RACE 3 WAS A TURNING POINT

best the class has ever seen.

Race three also featured some great finishes by Tonka sailors. These guys first hit the ice in mid-November and have been training hard all season. They deserve some top finishes. Rob Evans finished 2nd and Mark Christensen (US 4824) finished 4th. Ron Sherry (US 44) was 3rd. I only mention Ron at this juncture because this 3rd place finish of Ron's turned out to be his throw out!

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Race three was a turning point in the regatta. While the wind remained light the temps quickly rose to above 40 degrees and the once black ice suddenly turned to slush. A peek at the race results will show that many who performed well in the first two races would struggle in the last two races. Conversely, those that could shift gears and adapt to the changing conditions were rewarded.

## ONLY ONE CHANGED RUNNERS

Race four was very difficult due to the soft ice. Sherry won. JD was 3rd. Christensen was 5th. The surprise of this race was Guy Lovejoy of Hilton, NY, who finished a hard earned 2nd. The entire race Guy kept his sights on Ron while successfully holding off JD. Incredible sailing! But this race was no fluke. All day long Guy was sailing at the front of the fleet. As conditions got worse, Guy kept getting better. With

three top 10 finishes, Guy would finish the regatta in an impressive 8th place!

As I pushed my boat to the starting line for the fifth race I briefly paused to let Orlebeke pass in front of me. It was then I noticed something different about his runners. I looked twice because I could not figure out what was on his boat. A second glance revealed that he had changed to slush runners. Convinced I had missed something I quickly looked at Ron's boat, then JD's Boat, then the Doctor's Boat, then Thieler's boat and then every other boat that I could see. Nobody had switched to slushies. Everyone was still on 100 degree inserts. Everyone, that is, except Orlebeke. When the flag dropped, it soon became obvious that Orlebeke had out-smarted the best of the best. Orlebeke walked away with race 5 and won his 2nd race of the regatta.

With 5 races in the books and with the sun about to set, the race committee declared an end to the 2018 DN North American Championships. Overall, the competition was fierce. There were 4 different winners in the Gold fleet and 5 different winners in



the Silver fleet. Ron Sherry of Harrison Township, MI edged out JD to take top honors. Orlebeke, Thieler and Evans completed the top 5. Christensen lost yet another tie breaker, this time to Atkins (US 4487), and finished 7th. Lovejoy, Berger (US 5166) and Grogan (US 3) rounded out the top ten.

#### REGATTA CHAIR CHAD ATKINS SACRIFICED FAMILY, WORK, AND SAILING TIME SO THE REST OF US COULD HAVE THE TIME OF OUR LIVES RACING DNS.

Steve Madden (US 4512) of Plymouth, MA took top honors in the Silver fleet. Steve edged out Don Brush (US 4009) by a mere 2 points. Former ID-NIYRA Commodore Kent Baker (US 5219) was third. The top Minnesotan in the silver fleet was Dave Glick (US 4249). Dave is a relative newcomer to fleet who shows great promise. Dave traveled to the regatta with JD. I assumed Dave picked up a few tuning tips during the long drive as Dave finished the regatta in 7th place!

As always, the DN fleet owes a huge debt of gratitude to the regatta organizers, the race committee

and the scorers. They all deserve high praise. It is inconceivable the sacrifices they make so we can race. Be sure to give them your thanks.

A special "Tip of the Helmet" is owed to Eastern Region Commodore Chad Atkins (US 4487). Chad served as our regatta chair. But, with the unofficial title of Chief Cook and Bottle Washer, Chad did it all. Over the last year Chad sacrificed family time, work time and even sailing time as he spent countless hours attending to every detail imaginable. He worked his butt off so the rest of us could have the time of our lives racing our DNS. Chad's steady leadership was on constant display throughout the event. More importantly, Chad kept his wits about him in the days leading up to the regatta as Mother Nature did her best to screw with him. The next time you see Chad give him a pat on the back ...and then carry his runners to the ice. Chad deserves it!

*Think Ice.*

*Mike Bloom US5432*

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