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McLAUGHLIN SPRING 2007 NEWSLETTER

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Coral Reef Yacht Club

GEARING UP FOR TEAM TRIALS

Team Trials, Miami – May 3 to 6

It may be cold outside, but team trials are just around the corner. Please do not hesitate to call us if you think you will need a charter! **If your team will be practicing early**, we will be happy to accommodate your sailor's needs. **All our charter hulls will be Brand new at this event.** Guaranteed to be fast and breakdown free!



USNT and USNDT-SPECIAL OFFER

National Team Practice, Miami – April 20 to 22

To help with the added travel expenses, we are offering a special price for all sailors who need to charter at Team Trials and USNT/ USNDT practice. **Please call or email Spencer or Alisa for details. 800 784 6478**

Additional upcoming charter events:

- Scotia Bank Clinic & Regatta, St. Thomas – June 18 - 24
- US Nationals July 21 – 26 and Team Race Champs July 27-29, Lake Minnetonka
- New Englands, August 6 – 9, Newport RI
- CORK Race week August 13 – 15, Kingston Ontario
- 2007 Canadian Nationals Aug. 16 – 21, Royal Lawrence YC, Quebec Canada

Cork and Canadian Nationals- 8 days of great sailing!

Have you ever wanted to see Canada in August? This year the Canadian Nationals and CORK have been scheduled back to back to help encourage mutual attendance. Sail against International teams, no qualifying, and the hospitality and sailing will be stupendous. It's a great way to end the summer! McLaughlin will be Chartering at both events and have a special price available.



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OPTI SWAP-SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB, MARCH 10TH

Come join us this weekend for a one-day only Optimist swap hosted by Southern Yacht Club in conjunction with the Marti Gras Regatta and Clinic. Our very own Spencer Wiberley will be there answering questions. We also are bringing several factory refurbished trade-in hulls available at special pricing. Sell or Buy an Opti and unused equipment. If you need anything else or want to see a particular item call Alisa to have it put on the truck. Schedule Friday 5 to 7 PM Drop off. Saturday 8 AM – 5 PM. Rachel of KO Sailing will also be helping out.

RIB'S FOR SALE

Ficha Técnica

Botes de goma con piso rígido de fibra de vidrio
4,70 m de eslora
2.35 m de manga con tubos de PVC con 3 compartimientos
Capacidad: 6 personas
Potencia máxima: 70hp
Incluye: Consola de comando central
Asientos instalados
Tambucho delantero con tapas y tambuchos laterales con tapas.
Motor Suzuki 40 hp 2 tiempos.

AUX. POLY

McLaughlin is supplying the coach boats for the North American Championships ending July 15th. They are top of the line, 4.7 m RIB's with a center console and 40 HP motor. We will be selling them at way below wholesale prices. **Please contact Steve or Spencer for further details** and reserve yours. Trailers have been designed and can also be ordered cost.

PADDLE NOW REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

One of the important changes in the 2007 IODA rules effective 3/1/07 is that:

"Rule 4.3) The following equipment shall be on board while racing c) A paddle securely attached to the hull by a lanyard or elastic cord". The Optiparts EX1440 praddel will make the boat legal.



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GREAT NEW PRODUCTS



The **New Sailing Rules DVD** is now available and is geared for junior sailing programs and racers. We have reviewed it and it is easy for young sailors to understand. See it at your nearest dealer or visit us at www.optistuff.com. Just \$59



Mounting Bracket
Finally we have a fool proof way to attach the race timer just about anywhere \$9.50



Plastic Mast Step Knob with Adjustment Lock. This easily holds the mast cup where you set it. Plus it is light weight \$10



Waterproof Lunch Pail
Two sizes keeps your lunch and other items dry until you need them. them \$21 / \$25



Mini Sail
Looks good on the wall. Take it to Regattas and get your Opti friends to sign it \$20



2007 Regatta / Race Watches
Two improved models. The newest with the Sync function, which instantly goes to the next whole minute if you miss the warning signal. Regatta \$35, Race \$54



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RECENT OPTISAILORS PRO RACER HULL CHANGES

- The hull, after fairing, de-waxing and polishing, is coated with Teflon polish. Fast right out of the box!
- New Mast Step – lighter with built in adjustment keeper
- New ultra lightweight fittings.
- Sharpened chines to reduce drag

See all the features at www.optistuff.com/info/boats-proracer



TEAM McLAUGHLIN RECENT RACE RESULTS

2007 Valentines Day Regatta 1st

Matt Wefer (8 of the top 10)

2006 Orange Bowl 1,2,4,5

Mac Agnese

2006 Christmas Regatta, San Remo, Italy 1st

Calvin Claus

2006 Israeli Mid Winters Haifa

1,2,3,4,5,6,7

LEARN TO SAIL - SAVING THE DECK IN A CAPSIZE

This is an inexpensive idea that has been used in green fleet programs. The idea is to prevent deck damage when the mast jumps out of the mast step in a capsize. The system works whether the mast was tied in or not.

Bill of materials:

- Second mast collar identical to the one already in the boat bolted underneath the deck facing the same direction as the one above. Longer screws required but use the same holes
- A piece of 2-inch diameter PVC pipe 4 3/8 inches long
- Two 2-inch diameter PVC pipe couplings. One of which has a slot cut in it as shown to allow it to go over the mast step adjustment screw.

The pipe and couplings need not be welded together.

