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HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



NEW "OPTISAILORS ADVANCED BOAT SPEED" DVD IS OUT!



The long awaited "Advanced Boat speed" DVD is now available on line at Optistuff.com or your local Optiparts dealer. You will like the new



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interactive graphics that allow the video to move into a 3D animation mode for better understanding of the concepts being taught.

This video starts where the first “Advanced Optimist Boat Handling” DVD left off. While we do not get to see Bocha juggling there is some very humorous footage including racing under water. You can view some of the footage at: www.youtube.com/optisailors

JEWELRY

Looking for a neat gift Christmas gift? McLaughlin now carries the complete line of Opti MOM’s jewelry in both gold and silver.



RACE COMMITTEE FOR DUMMIES

Do you need a simplified set of instructions for your volunteer race committee? While this applies to Privateer Yacht Club here in Tennessee we would be happy to share the file in a “Word” document for you to modify. Note: it is designed for low-key racing and does not include things like “The Black Flag”. E-mail steve@optistuff.com

<http://optistuff.com/info/faq/articles/racecommitteefordummies.pdf>



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

November 17th-18th **USODA Midwinter Championship**, Southern Yacht Club, New Orleans, LA www.southernyachtclub.org/

December 20-23rd, McLaughlin **Christmas clinic** at Coral Reef Yacht Club Contact: Marek Valasek, 7863027540, Join us in beautiful Miami, FL for 4 days of training with some of the best coaches in the World. It's quite possibly the best open clinic in the country at just the right time! See <http://optistuff.com/documents/ChristmasClinic2007.pdf> for details.



December 26th-30th, **Orange Bowl Regatta**, Coral Reef Yacht Club, Miami, FL McLaughlin will be there running the green fleet once again!

January 19th-20th, **Southeast Team Racing Championship**, St. Pete Yacht Club, St. Pete, FL, www.spyc.org

February 9th-10th, **Valentines Day Regatta**, St. Pete Yacht Club, St. Petersburg, FL, www.spyc.org

NEW!!!! February 16 -18, 2008 **USODA MIDWINTER TEAM RACE CHAMPIONSHIP**, Clearwater Community Sailing Center, www.usoda.org



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CONGRATULATIONS

McLaughlin salutes the following racers for their accomplishments in recent weeks: Benjamin Herman, 2nd place Southeastern Champs, Lake Lanier. This regatta almost was not held. Lake Lanier was 20 feet below normal because of a drought in the South East. Benjamin was also the winner this year of Texas Race Week. Andrew Molerus, 1st Atlantic Coast Championships, Norfolk VA followed by: Stefan Schurmans 2nd, Pearson Potts 4th, Marlena Fauer 5th and Mac Agnese, 6th.

Other Notable Achievements from 2007:

Canadian Nationals 1,2,3

Pacific Coast Championships 2,3,4,5

Cork 1,2,3

West Coast Championships 1,2,5,6,7,8,9

US Nationals 3

JSA Women's Championship 1

Great Lakes Championships 2

Jersey State Champs 2

Maine State Championships 2, 4

Mid West Championships 1,2

Great Plains Championships 1,2,3,4,5,6

US National Champs Green Fleet 1,2,3

Women's US National Champs 1,2

North American Championships 1,2,3

Scotia Bank Regatta 1,2,3

Team Trials 2,3,4

Valentines Day Regatta 1 st 8 of top 10

Columbian Nationals 3

Top McLaughlin Places

Sarah Michelle Douglas

Ian Storck

Ian Borrows

Tally Buckstaff

Luke Muller

Laura Wefer

Hunter Johnstone

Scott D'Alessandro

Carson Crain

George Kutschenreuter

Pearson Potts

Zachary Nelson

Erika Reineke

Rios Raul

Fernando Monllor

Pearson Potts

Matt Wefer

Esteban Jaramillo



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Don't see your name above? Neither Is Mine!

I ask myself: Why do we go to regattas when the probability of winning is pretty low? Well there always is that chance!

But for me it is a personal challenge to keep learning and improving my skills. I race against the competitor next to me, whether in 1st or 71st. Sure I can get frustrated at some of the stupid decisions I make, but when I head for home the memory of wind, waves and sun reflecting off the water will last a long, long time. I know there will be another day, another starting line and more important special times spent with my friends.

Unlike many sports "Sailing is a sport for life". I am still sailing at 63 and plan to be sailing at 93. Try that with Soccer!

Steve





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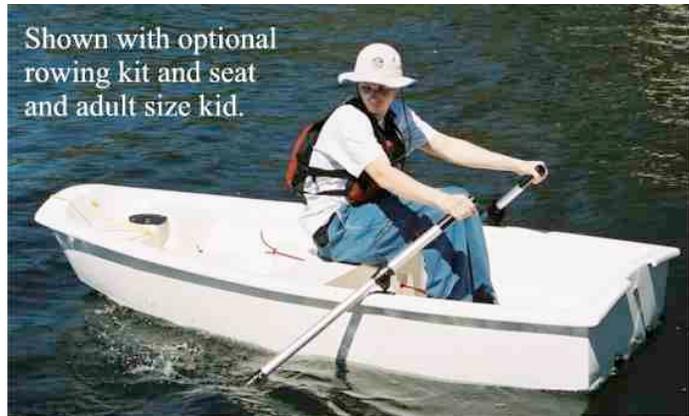
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Privateer Yacht Club Race Team Coached By Tom Coleman

FALL SPECIAL CONTINUES

Purchase a **NEW** boat package between Sept 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007; receive up to \$300 in free gear from the entire Larsen Marketing product line. Purchase a **CHARTER** boat package between Sept 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007 receive a free charter Optimist dolly while supplies last. Please contact Spencer Wiberley at 800-784-6478, Spencer@optistuff.com or visit your local dealer to learn more.





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TWO NEW DEALERS JOIN THE McLAUGHLIN TEAM

We would like to welcome Colie Sails and Sturgis Boat Works as McLaughlin dealers. We are proud that they have chosen McLaughlin's for its high quality Optimist. McLaughlin has come along way in the last 17 years. We continue to implement improvements in both structure and rigging while supporting USODA and you our customers.

There are 2 RIBS with 40 hp motors still available from the North Americans

FOX 40 WHISTLE NOW AVAILABLE

We did a study of the top whistles and the Fox 40 pea-less whistle gave out the loudest sound of them all. Heard everywhere from the Olympics to NFL and NBA games, this bright orange color whistle is easy to locate on your life jacket. At 115 decibels the loud shrill helps assure you will be located when in distress. The pea-less design will never lock up, will never fail in water (you blow it clear) and never fail in high humidity like cork peas, which can 'lock up' even if blown too hard. It can be secured on a sailor's life jacket with the attached lanyard.



See at optistuff.com



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OPTIPARTS ANNOUNCES NEW PRODUCTS FOR 2008

Look for them at a dealer near you!



EX1294

Ronstan ratchet block



EX1297

Clear ratchet block.



EX1314 Harken 40 mm block with Vectran spliced to a safety snap shackle.



EX1364 Vectran vang line for 32 and 40 mm booms.



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EX1366 Mini reel of 3 mm pure Vectran line - 16 m (52 ft)



EX13661 Stainless steel splicing needle (fid)



EX1475 Opti Key Ring Blue, EX1476 Green and EX1477 Red



EX2007 Laser ® Clew hook



EX2056 Laser ® Rudder retaining clip



EX2057 Laser ® Tiller retaining pin



EX2160 Laser ® Teflon mast disk



EX2161 Laser Shrink tube for Laser® traveler blocks



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EX2600 Heavy Duty Air Inflatable Light Weight Mast float: Goes Up With Sail In Sail Track. Very Aero Dynamic. Keeps mast from sinking in capsize. Use on any mast with sail track.



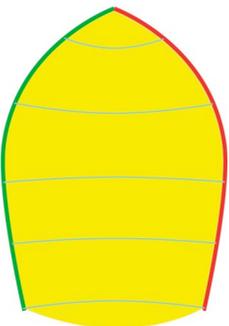
EX2080 Laser ® Drain plug assembly



Totally Retooled for 08: Both are water resistant to 100 meters

EX3015 WinDesign Regatta Watch, with normal countdown, Blue

EX3018 WinDesign Racing watch, with Sync starting timer, Grey



EX3037 420 Spinnaker



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EX3045 Two part trapeze handle



EX3060 Removable storage bag for insertion into inspection port



EX10121 Mast Extension For Oppi Roto Molded Boat



652850 Carbon tiller for Laser®. Remodeled with improved chafe plate, finish and lower cost

Optiparts will introduce both new rule foils for racing and club use in 2008.