



## Fall/Winter 2011

Dear Friends of Sail Sheboygan,

**Happy Holidays!** During this season of thanksgiving and sharing, we want to express how much we appreciate all of your efforts, contributions, support and enthusiasm towards the **Simply Excellent Sailing** for which Sail Sheboygan has come to be known here and around the world. We are also sharing this newsletter with those that may have an interest in Sail Sheboygan. Please read on for our accomplishments, what's in store and how you can help.

The 2011 sailing season was filled with success, topped with the week long International Sailing Federation Nations Cup Grand Final in September. We'd like to thank you immensely for the success that put our fair city and one of four US Sailing Centers on the world map of sailing. The partnerships with our Sponsors, the State of WI and the City and Community of Sheboygan made these events possible. ISAF President Göran Petersson provides thanks to Sheboygan for the Nations Cup Grand Final:

*My sincere congratulations to you, Sail Sheboygan, to your city and to the yacht club for the very successful Nations Cup Grand Final. It was a great pleasure to meet you and all the other people who made the event so memorable. Your generous hospitality to us and our friends was highly appreciated.... We had a great time during our visit and hope we will have the opportunity to come back.*

This past season our calendar was full of match racing events as countries train and qualify their teams for the 2012 London Olympic Games. In January, along with the Key Biscayne Yacht Club, we hosted the women's match racing event at the annual US Sailing Miami Rolex OCR (Olympic Class Regatta) for the third time. Miami has been the host of this Olympic Class regatta since 1990. Sail Sheboygan continued through March to provide charter opportunities for teams to train in our fleet of eight Elliott 6ms, and included an additional match racing event with the KBYC and the Chicago Match Race Center. Our efforts then shifted back north to Sheboygan with a series of clinics and regattas that hosted the worlds best match racers as well as the next generation of match racers. Your willingness to help us promote and host competitive sailing events greatly enriches our organization in Sheboygan and across the globe.

The 2012 season will continue our high level of organizational acuity and professionalism for both the Olympic Games and the community we live in. Our significant presence at the Olympic Games will define us even further as a catalyst on the international sailing scene. In addition, we are looking beyond the Olympics and working closely with school districts and WI nonprofit organizations to use sailing as a means to life's lessons through the joys of sailing. We value the relationships that you and all of our supporters share with us, and we look forward to your presence, volunteerism and financial support in the exciting events we sponsor as a US Sailing Center.

Please consider a year end financial contribution to Sail Sheboygan. Your tax deductible contributions will support our operations and programming for our events. **Along with the Sheboygan Youth Sailing Center we have constructed a world class facility at our lakefront that will serve us well for years to come.** May your holidays and New Year be filled with good cheer and thoughts of Simply Excellent Sailing in the season ahead! Please read on for the exciting results of the Olympic Qualifier at the 2011 Sailing World Championships in Perth, Australia, and a list of our 2012 events. Our next update will be coming soon as we close in on a fantastic year of sailing.

For more information on our events and to donate online please visit [www.sailsheboygan.org](http://www.sailsheboygan.org).

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# The Road to Weymouth: Olympic Update - News From the ISAF 2011 World Championships in Perth, Australia 3-18 Dec.

By Rich Reichelsdorfer - Executive Director of Sail Sheboygan

As I write this, we are packing up our fleet of twelve Elliott 6m keelboats (4 boats to a container) after the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) World Championships. This championship takes place every four years, one year prior to the Olympics. 1,200+ athletes compete in all ten Olympic classes. ISAF selected the host city of Perth for this years competition, and it is on the far west coast of Australia, 15,000 miles from Sheboygan and over 24 hours of travel time.

The women's match racing took place in the inner harbor, with the Maritime museum on one side and the container port on the other. The inner harbor at the mouth of the Swan River provides protection from the strong winds of the famous Fremantle Doctor. Over the 16 straight days and 300+ races for the WMR event we saw the Doctor only once.

The racing was intense - 29 teams from 20 countries sailed and any one of them could win. It is amazing to see how the teams have grown in terms of talent over the past two years. There were a few upsets as well as a few surprises during the event. **In the end, Team McLaren with Anna Tunnicliffe, Molly Vandemoer and Debbie Capozzi from the USA took home the gold medal.** The silver medal went to Lucy Macgregor, Annie Lush and Kate Macgregor (GBR). The bronze medal went to Claire Leroy, Elodie Bertrand and Marie Riou (FRA). **Tunnicliffe was also named TAG Heuer Female Sailor of the Week.** The top eight countries have qualified for the Olympics: USA, FRA, RUS, AUS, SWE, NED, NZL and POR. Host GBR receives a position and the remaining three Olympic countries will be decided at the ISAF International Country Olympic Qualifying Regatta hosted by Sail Sheboygan at the Key Biscayne Yacht Club in Feb.



**All of the teams had the highest complements for Sail Sheboygan and the equipment your financial support helped to supply.** Having worked with the teams over the past three years, I can say that it is quite a complement to Sail Sheboygan and to you for helping with this project. Tunnicliffe had high praise for our organization: **"When women's match racing was first announced as a new discipline for the 2012 Olympic Games, we didn't know what we were going to do or how we were going to practice, but Sail Sheboygan and its team have provided everything we could need to train and get ready. They have given me the chance to win a second gold medal for the USA!"**

The boats are in very good shape coming out of this event, our second pre-Olympic test after the Olympic Test Event in Weymouth last August. **We provided absolutely equal boats,** and in Perth we did not have a single breakdown that we could not deal with in five minutes or less. There were no delays in competition due to breakages. Now we face a small list of items to address as the boats go for their final prep at the builder (McConaghy) in China/Hong Kong. The Elliotts will have warranty work and a final measure prior to their trip to Weymouth for the 2012 Olympic Games.



As teams qualify their countries for the Olympic Games the countries will begin the selection process to determine which team will represent them in Weymouth. **The selection for the women's match race team to represent the US at the Olympics will be held at a final match racing event in Weymouth this May.** We extend our best wishes to all the countries, teams and sailors on their road to Weymouth. The Olympics are scheduled for Jul-Aug 2012 with twelve countries sailing for gold in the women's match racing event!

Stay tuned as things heat up for the Olympics at [www.sailsheboygan.org](http://www.sailsheboygan.org). - Rich





## YOU make Simply Excellent Sailing!

A bit of snow has fallen and the holidays are here...and our hearts turn to **warmth, sun, sailing and fun!** Our events for 2012 are already scheduled and we are getting ready for another exciting season.

**We could truly use your financial support** as we continue our mission to bring world-class sailing *and* a world-class reputation to Sheboygan. Your donations will be used to support the events and programming we bring to Sheboygan. And as we continue to grow our community outreach will also. Sailing helps both our children and adults learn more about their surroundings and themselves, and it compliments the many aspects that make Sheboygan a great place to live and visit. It's wonderful to know that Sailing is helping to define Sheboygan as we draw more of our community and visitors "down by the lake".

Please use the enclosed pledge card or go online at [www.sailsheboygan.org](http://www.sailsheboygan.org), and click Donate on the right hand side of the page. We are truly grateful for your generosity and support of our promise to provide **Simply Excellent Sailing** in Sheboygan.

Sincerely,  
Steve Eliassen  
Program and Development Director, Sail Sheboygan



## 2012 Calendar of Events

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

### Rolex Miami OCR (Olympic Class Regatta)

Sunday, January 22-Saturday, January 28

### Women's Match Racing International Qualifying Regatta

Wednesday, February 1-Sunday, February 5

### Northern Lights Cup (Women's Grade 3 Elliott)

Wednesday, June 20-Sunday, June 24

### US Optimist Dingy Association Great Lakes Championships (Optimist Dingy)

Wednesday, June 27-Thursday, June 28

### US Sailing Single-Handed Championships for the O'Day Trophy (Laser Dingy)

Thursday, July 26-Sunday, July 29

### 2012 London Olympic Games

Friday, July 27-Sunday, August 12 (Weymouth, England)

### Advanced Open (Open Grade 3 Sonar)

Friday, September 7-Sunday, September 9

### Buddy Melges Challenge (Women's Grade 1 Elliott)

Tuesday, September 18-Sunday, September 23

### Midwest Collegiate Sailing Association (Match Race & Clinic)

Saturday, October 6-Sunday, Oct. 7



# 2011 Winners' Circle



Sail Sheboygan's 2011 Simply Excellent Sailing Season  
was packed with exciting events

*Congratulations to All Winners!*

<i>Race &amp; Date</i>	<i>1st Place</i>	<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>4th Place</i>
<i>USSTAQ Qualifier Clinic &amp; Regatta May 9-15</i>	Sally Barkow	Anna Tunnicliffe	Genny Tulloch	Becca Dellenbaugh
<i>Northern Lights Cup Qualifier Clinic &amp; Regatta June 15-19</i>	Juliana Senfft, Brazil	Maegan Ruhlman, USA	Renata Decnop, Brazil	Martina Silva, Argentina
<i>Youth Match Racing Camp &amp; Regatta June 22-26</i>	Judge Ryan, San Diego Yacht Club	Will Haeger, Lake Beulah Yacht Club	Ryan Davidson, Balboa Yacht Club	NA
<i>Buddy Melges Challenge August 22-27</i>	Anna Tunnicliffe, USA	Anne Claire LeBerre, France	Nicky Souter, Australia	Julie Bossard, France
<i>Nations Cup September 13-18</i>	Claire Leroy, France (WMR) / Lau- rie Jury (Open)	Rita Goncalves, Portugal (WMR) / Mads Ebler (Open)	Olivia Price, Australia (WMR) / Henrique Haddad (Open)	Mandy Mulder, Netherlands (WMR) / Lucy Macgregor (Open)
<i>Midwest Collegiate Sailing Association October 22-23</i>	Phil Morley, University of Wisconsin	Matt Graham, University of Michigan	Lauren Knoles, Michigan State	Braden Solum, University of Minnesota

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Thanks for your cooperation.