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JUNE 2008 NEWS LETTER

SEC's HOSTED BY PRIVATEER YC & McLAUGHLIN OCT 4th & 5th

MOST FUN OPTI REGATTA EVER HELD

The SEC's this year will be one of the most fun Optimist Regattas ever held. Many people are working very hard to assure that. Week after week we come up with new ideas to entertain you.

If you registrar by SEPT 1:

- T – Shirts are free
- All meals to competitors are provided free.
- Charter boats are half price
- Did I mention the 165-foot moonwalk obstacle course being set up at PYC?
- PYC has just added new docks to tie up 80 more boats.





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2008 SEC'S CONTINUED

- You get to tour the McLaughlin Optimist Manufacturing Plant.
- Chattanooga TN is a city designed around children. We have 2 beautiful Carousels with animals carved in our own Carousel Carving School. These are works of art and cost only \$.50 to ride.
- There is so much to do and see here.
- This is one of the 7 qualifiers for the 2009 Team Trials
- We have hired a top notch Race Committee
- Tom and Tommy will be running a separate green fleet course and Regatta
- More information and registration at <http://www.privateeryachtclub.org>

Please come see us!

UP COMING REGATTAS

US National Team Race, Bell Port LI NY, July 19 – 20

Women's Nationals, Patchogue LI NY, July 23

US National Champs, Patchogue LI NY, July 24 – 27

Canadian National Championships

USODA West Coast Regatta, Columbia River Gorge August 8 – 9

USNT & USNDT Practice, Cabrillo Beach YC, August 11 – 14 Cabrillo Beach YC, LA

McLaughlin West Coast Clinic, Cabrillo Beach YC, August 12

McLaughlin Race Team Clinic, August 12th, Open to all sailors, contact

Spencer@optistuff.com for registration

USODA Pacific Coast Champs, August, Cabrillo Beach YC, Cabrillo Beach YC, LA 13 - 14

USODA South Eastern Champs, Privateer YC, Chattanooga TN October 4 – 5

USODA Atlantic Coast Regatta, Brant Beach YC, Brant Beach, NJ October 11 – 12

McLaughlin Optimist Race Team Clinic-August 14th

In preparation for the Pacific Coast Championships, McLaughlin is hosting a one-day clinic with USNT coaches Juan Carlos Romero, John Gutoski, and Spencer Wiberley. The clinic is open to all sailors with only a \$50 registration fee, but space is limited. For further info, please contact Spencer at 800-784-6478 or Spencer@optistuff.com



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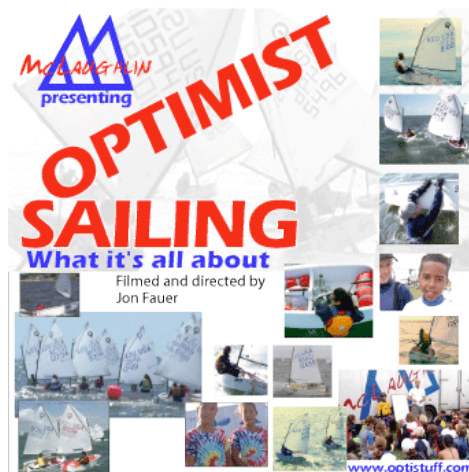
GETTING OPTI'S INTO CALIFORNIA

With the National Team practices in Southern California during August, we as a class begin a yearlong push to expose more west coast clubs to the wonders of the Optimist.

To start things off, McLaughlin is inviting and sponsoring West Coast families that have never sailed in Opti's to participate in the one-day clinic and PCC's. It is our hope that you will welcome these new sailors and their parents, teach them what you know, be mentors and show them how much fun you have had during your residence in USODA. If you or anyone you know may be interested in this sponsorship, please contact Spencer at Spencer@Optistuff.com for an application.

NEW PROMOTIONAL DVD FOR THE OPTIMIST CLASS

In July of 2009 Cabrillo Beach YC and USODA will host the US Nationals in California. McLaughlin will again sponsor new families to this event. We have had an exciting DVD printed (Filmed by Jon Fauer), which shows Optimist sailing from green fleet to the Worlds. This DVD is available free of charge and will be sent to all West Coast Junior programs.





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HARKEN & McLUBE TEAM FOR NEW HULL POLISH

This is the new hull polish that we are using on all our Optisailors hulls.

As published in the past we are not sure about the speed difference but the hull stays very clean and if nothing else that adds speed.

HULLKOTE SPEED POLISH: AN ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY, CITRUS-BASED SOLUTION

Hullkote combines the same very fast world-renowned McLube proprietary formulation of our bonded PTFE suspension system with an entirely revolutionary citrus-based long lasting high gloss polish. The results have been remarkable, by all accounts.



- **Environmentally friendly** citrus based hydrophobic polish designed for an easier, faster hull coating application... saving your team's valuable time and strength for the race course.
- **Citrus based natural degreaser and polish** creates an ultra-smooth, well sealed finish with an excellent and long-lasting high gloss shine
- **Same active ingredient suspension as Sailkote** creating the same durable chemical bond as Sailkote
- **Provides superior UV protection** for your hull and spars from the damaging rays of the sun
- Very environmentally friendly and entirely safe for you to use
- **No harmful petroleum distillates** (used in most other polishes and wax products), no harsh solvents, and no nano-tech health or safety concerns here
- Keeps your hull cleaner, much longer than anything else available today
- **Applies in half the time** of standard petroleum based polishes (just wipe on and wipe off, no waiting for anything to dry)
- Deep, lustrous showroom quality shine
- **Lasts more than one full year** above the waterline and more than 20 days of hard use below the waterline (2-3 coats will increase performance and durability to more than 30 days below the waterline)
- Highly hydrophobic (repels water, dirt, salt, grime, oil deposits, etc.)
- **Very, very fast**



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2008 MCLAUGHLIN RACE TEAM RESULTS ARE COMING IN

Scotiabank International Regatta 1st

Dutch Open Championships 1st, 3rd

Netherlands National Champs 1, 2

Team Trial 2nd

Valentines Day Regatta 1st

Columbia National Champs 1,2,3

Boomerang LYC 1st plus top 5

Maria Jose Culcalon (Ecuador)

Max Deckers

3 of 5 World Team in McLaughlin's

Pearson Potts

Alejandro Ruiz-Ramon

Elisa Echabarria

Chanel Miller

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL SAILORS TOP TO BOTTOM. IF YOU'RE HAVING FUN AND MAKING NEW FRIENDS YOU ARE A CHAMPION

New Product from Optiparts



These two new watches have been totally retooled for 2008. They are now water resistant to 100 meters. They come in two new colors. The blue, Regatta watch comes in a very attractive price point. (Part # EX3015, MSRP \$39.00) The gray racing watch comes with the synchronize function. This is good if you miss a start. It also beeps to inform you of the time audibly, so you can focus on your start. (Part #EX3018, MSRP \$57.00)



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Introducing the "Pro Blades." No longer do you have to pay high prices for world-class performance. These racing foils are wet sanded below the waterline creating less drag and a super smooth surface. The dagger board is fitted with nicely finished teak wood battens. A black deluxe tiller and extension are included. MSRP \$699.00



Newly designed, these half finger gloves come with Kevlar reinforced finger sections and double stitching. They have synthetic leather palms with anti-slip protections. The back is black spandex elastic and the wrist strap is adjustable neoprene. These gloves come in black and gray Amara leather (JS, JM, XS, S, M, L, XL) MSRP \$27.00



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UPDATED OPTIMIST REPAIR MANUEL NOW ON LINE

A totally revised version of Optimist Maintenance – *Repairs, Finish and Other Secrets* is now available at our web site [Optistuff.com](http://www.optistuff.com) under FAQ's. Just about every emergency or question about up keep is answered.

<http://www.optistuff.com/info/faq/instructions/Gelcoat%20repair%20course%20instructions.pdf>

McLaughlin WILL HELP SUPPORT YOUR REGATTA

We would like to help with your annual regatta! Call or write Alisa at 800 784 6478 (800 Optimist), alisa@optistuff.com for our Regatta Sponsorship form.

SCOTIABANK REGATTA

A Perspective by Steve Sherman

We have just returned from St. Thomas. I cannot say enough about that event. The trade winds provide exciting sailing in turquoise water. In 16 years I have never seen a light wind day. Green fleet races are under the shelter of Christmas Island. Red, white and blue go out on the open ocean. On both racecourses you are going to have to hike hard. Cindy Hackstaff and the other club members worked extremely hard at making skippers and family feel at home. The clubhouse itself is about 30 feet from the beautiful sand beach that you launch off of. This is paradise at it's best. As you look forward to the 2009 regatta circuit remember the Scotiabank Regatta in St. Thomas. If you go you will never forget it again. See a few photo's on the next page!

100 boats competed, 15 countries, 11 skippers from USA. Axel Sly was the top placing American in 10 Th place. (He also sailed a boat that was presold, protecting it from damage for us). Maria Jose Culcalon (Ecuador) broke the tie with Ivan Aponte from Puerto Rico on the last day to win the Championship. The first woman to do that! My favorite was Jordi Hernandez from Spain. Jordi finished 3 rd. I have watched Jordi sail for several years. He is very small yet can really keep the boat flat in heavy air. Two years ago he came over and won the Canadian Nationals in Vancouver. Very impressive!



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It ain't bad! Trust me!