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Reflecting on the Summer

As most of you know, the staff at McLaughlin put's a lot of miles on the road going to and from Optimist events. The driving is not always the most exciting job, but the people, places, and memories keep us loving it! Below is a sampling of our memories for this summer. Hopefully you will agree, there's nothing better than sailboat racing and the places it takes us.



by: Pete Gregory



In my mind, the Team Trials are the beginning of the summer season. It is way before the kids get out of school and it's often sailed in dry suits, but it's results dictate everyone's summer plans.

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Welcome to the McLaughlin Team!

McLaughlin is proud to announce the newest member of the McLaughlin Team, Brian Holloway! Brian grew up an Opti, Laser and scow sailor on the lakes of Wisconsin. Brian eventually got into coaching and running many youth sailing programs. Looking for something new, he headed down to Ft. Lauderdale and lent his experience on the high seas as a professional yacht crew/captain traveling all over the world. Now based in Chattanooga, Brian provides McLaughlin with a unique knowledge of a wide variety of marine related topics.



Brian Holloway
Marine Sales/Marketing

Spotlight Sailor

Audrey Giblin, US Girls National Champion, sat down with the McLaughlin Team to speak about sailing, her goals, and her tips to beginning sailors.

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Upcoming Regattas-

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September 22-23, 2012



<http://www.khyc.org/>

ATLANTIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIP, Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club, Beach Haven, New Jersey, Please note this is a **USODA Qualifier for TEAM TRIALS**
October 6 - 7, 2012

<http://www.lehyc.org/Club/Scripts/Home/home.asp>



NORTHWEST CHAMPIONSHIP, Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle, Seattle, Washington.
October 19 - 21, 2012



Audrey sailing her way to the 2012 Girls National Championship at Sandusky Sailing Club

What got you into sailing?

I started taking lessons at the local club near my house, Shrewsbury Sailing and Yacht Club. I didn't like it at first, but I had some great coaches that motivated me and showed me how much fun it could be.

What event is your favorite to sail in?

One of my favorite events is New England's in Newport, Rhode Island. It's such a pretty place to sail, and the conditions are almost always great.

What are your favorite conditions to sail in?

My favorite conditions are 12-14 knots. In this wind, sailing begins to become a physical challenge, but your tactics allow you to stay ahead of the competition.

Why do you love your Pro Racer? What makes it different from other boats?

I've always owned a McLaughlin, and I recently switched to the Pro Racer. Obviously, I love that it can be customized to your liking (I love my sparkles), but I really like the grip. Compared to all the charters I've sailed, my Pro Racer has the perfect amount of grip and goes fast in all conditions.

Do you have any advice for sailors just starting out?

Just have fun! You'll learn so much more if you're enjoying what you're doing. Take advantage of any opportunities you get to sail in different places with new coaches

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<http://www.coralreefyachtclub.org/Waterfront/orange-Bowl-Regatta.aspx>



2013

USODA TEAM RACE MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP, US Sailing Center of Martin County, Jensen Beach, Florida 34957

January 19 - 21, 2013

<http://www.uscmc.org/>



VALENTINE'S DAY REGATTA, St. Petersburg Yacht Club, St. Petersburg, FL, Please note this is a **USODA QUALIFIER FOR TEAM TRIALS**

February 2 - 3, 2013

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GULF COAST CHAMPIONSHIP, Corpus Christi Yacht Club, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401 Please note this is a **USODA QUALIFIER FOR TEAM TRIALS**

March 1 - 3, 2013

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What are your sailing goals? What's next?

This is my last year in Optis and my goal is to qualify for Worlds. No matter what happens though, I love sailing and will continue to do it for the rest of my life.

*Thank You Audrey,
and from all the
McLaughlin Team,
keep that Pro Racer
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Mainsheet Systems- The secret weapon!

Just like it's important to outfit your sailor with the correct sail, rigging the appropriate mainsheet is a huge advantage. When it comes down to it, the mainsheet really is the only function control of the sail so why not "optimize" it? The larger sailors should have the system set up so they have maximum feel and the least amount of line to trim. The lighter sailors want enough purchase to be able to hold the line under load.

In this article, I'll go through several options that I've seen on the circuit as well as a few general pointers to keep in mind.

The Rules

Before we start talking about the various systems, it's important to look at the rules. Class rule 3.5.5.1 states, "The mainsheet arrangement is optional except as....."

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**by: Spencer
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Coach's Corner

In a new section, we ask the best coaches to give us a few tips to get your boat up to full speed!

How to Make Your Opti Your Own.

We all know what it feels like to get a new boat. Whether it is a brand new Pro Racer painted exactly the



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way you dreamt or a great champion that came from a former star at your club who just moved on to another class, you just can't help the excitement. Or imagine you just got to the venue and they rolled out a brand new charter just for you. Sometimes it is simply your own Opti that has been sitting in the garage during long winter. The sooner you can sail this baby the better. Though the boat is exactly what you long for; she might not be the one for you quite yet.

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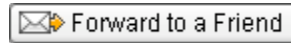


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