

# National Sweet Sixteen Sailing Association

Sweet Sixteen Sailors,

Condolences to the crew of the BMW Oracle, just remember, it's an **honor** to have competed in the Louis Vuitton challenge.....

(memo to myself, no pre-race hype on how good my boat is this year).

The first of the Pete Peterson's Perpetual Trophy (P<sup>3</sup> Trophy) races was held. Once again Lake Tapawingo presented us with variable pressures, from every which direction, flat spots, gusts from every quadrant and winds occurring when there should have not been wind. It was enough to astound and confound even the best sailors. Congratulations to Fred Langford for winning the race. Jay Sawyer and Barry Skikne battled for second and third respectively.

The next regatta in the P<sup>3</sup> Trophy will be held at Lake Quivira on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a notice of race and registration e-mailed later on. All are invited to the party later that evening. This year's theme will be "Summer Solstice on fire-Tribute to the Burning Man". You can carefully Google "Burning Man" for some sort of idea on what we are trying to celebrate, be sure your internet filters are turned off and that all viewers are of an appropriate age. I've been having problems incorporating "family fun" with "hedonism and debauchery" within the same party scheme. The dress code for the party will be "tribal casual", be creative.

I have been contacted by the Perry Yacht Club. Our final P<sup>3</sup> Trophy race will be during the Commodore's Cup held at Lake Perry. PYC has offered to keep our boats in their marina for the week between the Commodore's Cup and our National's. They have also asked if we would like them to set up some sort of accommodations for us 16'ers (i.e. food, band, camping, etc). If you have any ideas or wishes please let me know and I'll forward it on to the PYC.

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On the business side of things, at our next spring meeting we will need to formalize within the by-laws the awarding of the Pete Peterson Perpetual Trophy and the Liebler Trophy. Both awards are presented by the Association and need to have a formal process for awarding.

For the Pete Peterson Perpetual Trophy it was suggested the original wording should be discussed and entered as follows;

At the annual meeting the members of the Association will designate certain regattas Scheduled for the next year as “points” regattas for the S-16 members. Each S-16 Skipper will get one point for showing up, registering and starting at least one race of these regattas and one point for each S-16 he or she finishes ahead of in the final standings. The Nationals are not to be used as part of the series, the idea being to encourage participation in CSSA and other events. The points are totaled at the end of the season and the individual with the most points gets the trophy at the annual meeting. Since it’s a high point system there are no “throw-outs”.

The “Leibler Trophy” process. The award is in honor of Scott Leibler, son of one of the original boat’s designers and partners. It is in recognition of family participation in the Sweet Sixteen Sailing/Racing. Aaron Grist was our last recipient. It is proposed the award will be voted on by the association during the annual meeting.

Visit the official Sweet 16 web site. <http://www.s16.org> for other news and events within the world of Sweet 16’s.

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