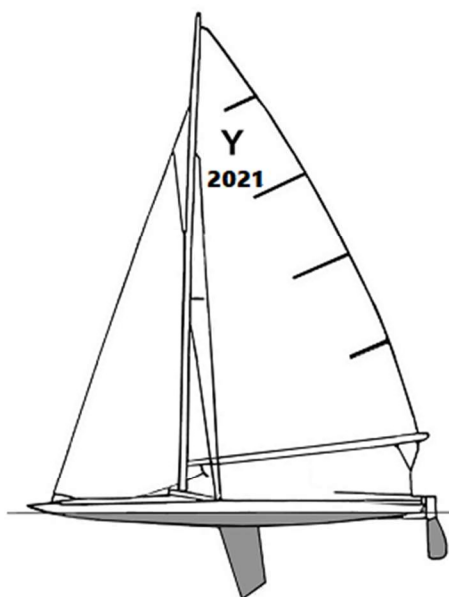


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2021 Midwinter Dates Announced



It has been announced that the 2021 Midwinter Championships will be held at the Atlanta Yacht Club on March 20th and 21st.

The theme is “Come Hell or High Water.” Regatta Chairman will be Nile Hatcher and more information will follow as it becomes available.



(This month's divider is Sue Sisco with Tim McMahon of Beaver Lake Fleet 64)

Fleet Report From Beaver Lake Sailing Club, Home to Y-Flyer Fleet 64

(Located in Northwest Arkansas approximately 20 miles to the east of Walmart Headquarters in Bentonville)—ed.



This seed got planted a couple of years ago, when our friends from Grande Maumelle Sailing Club trailered five Y-Flyers up the mountain and put on a series of exhibition races right here on Beaver Lake. The action was staged right in front of our docks, with cheering spectators loving every minute. Lots of BLSC members got to take a turn on the Ys and the rest is as they say, history.

Drew and the Maumelle group have supported and shepherded out program ever since. We're also enjoying enthusiastic support from our other club members and the BLSC Board of Directors.

We're up to 7 boats at this point, and have just finished our first full year of scheduled racing, with 17 races in the books. We're all on a fun learning curve, with a group that ranges from salty skippers to brand new sailors. What's great is that we're all working in support of each other to make this all happen.

We're just now starting to plan our 2121 racing program and looking forward to even more racing this year!

I know we are all looking forward to meeting and racing with other Y-Fleets, pandemic permitting, in the coming months and years.

One design racing is back to stay here at BLSC!



**2020
Molder
Hollow Cup
Series**



Photos from Beaver Lake:



Susan Sisco with Tim McMahon as crew



Above: Peter Lane and Mary Cay Caroom



Fleet members matching and tuning boats



The fleet sailing to windward



Above: Bill Corley



Above: (L to R) Eric Low (off camera) Peter Lane, Johnny Walker, Susan Sisco, Teri Wells



Above: Paul Abdullah, Peter Lane, and Johnny Walker (slightly off camera)



A Few Words From Our President, Over...



“Once upon a midnight dreary....”

Nope, wrong manuscript.

By the time you are reading this, we will have ushered in a new year with renewed hopes for the upcoming sailing season. Early returns show increased probability of the return of some of our favorite events. I think back remembering by this time of the off season, I had already programmed in 8-10 “must attend events”. The one thing I have found, over the past 364.3 days, is that the Y Flyer class has some of the most resilient sailors to be found and that energy normally expended on the water, in the parking lots, at the club house etc., it is readily directed towards other productive targets such as fleet building, digging those forgotten Y’s out of the barns and back yards, then finding new homes for them. Though it’s still early for the 2021 season (a few precincts still reporting in LOL) There is a likelihood that membership will grow by a significant number. Initial reports from our Secretary confirm a considerable number of new members and an even more significant number of prior members returning to the class after years and decades of doing “other”. I personally understand that concept having spent a considerable (40 years to be exact) doing “other”. Can’t even begin to describe how happy I was to return to those memories of sailing Y’s in the 70’s.

Some of those who have been absent for considerable time have found their niche, started successful businesses and now have young children whom they wish to bring into the sailing program, not just by junior sailing programs, but actively becoming a part of a Y Flyer “team” ...father son/daughter, Mother son/daughter or grandchildren. I can attest that their efforts will be one of the

most rewarding memories they can create. More on that soon. But I digress...(my super power)....

My sailing friends span a wide spectrum of people with diverse sailing interests and occasionally, I have the opportunity to sit down with Peter Durst of Charleston whom I have been friends with for many years. Invariably, we will philosophize about the "Tapestry" which is life in general but we narrow down that concept to that Tapestry which is our sailing friends and how each one has entered the "loom" as a thread of single color, texture and shade. And as the shuttle flies, these threads are introduced again and again. Sometimes, the thread is distant, but still reenters the "Tapestry" to lend continuity to the pattern. Often, the threads will develop a wonderful background to be accented by that rare but equally wonderful thread that just seems to add "character" to the weave.

I first met Chet Turner (he got the brains; I got the looks 😊) at the internationals in Chippewa in the early 70's. He won that event as an 18-19 year old (I think). It was 20 years later before his thread reentered my own tapestry when I found him at the Annapolis boat show with a brand-new Y Flyer on display. His signature thread has lent a wonderful background texture to our class as has that of many others that have been consistently in the pattern. Threads that seem to disappear for a period of time and then are reintroduced reminding us of their uniqueness. In that category, George Scarborough (sailed against him in intercollegiate regattas), Lenny Lundquist (Faculty sailing adviser as a Bio professor while at USC), Bill and Mary Hanckel (so long ago it seems). There are those threads that are prone to change colors so gradually that the morph is almost imperceptible. Merrill Callen, Hamp Hampton, Johnny Dotterer, and the list goes on...initially a bright, wonderful texture/color that seems to develop a brighter golden hue as time passes. Those threads that the Weaver introduces would not be so bright if not placed in direct contrast to the darker threads that occasionally find their way into the pattern. 2020 has had more than its share of the "dark threads" for all, yet they are necessary to truly appreciate the larger, beautiful background "tapestry" as a whole.

To all, a sincere wish for your new year to be filled with wonderful color and texture and that any "darker threads" may bring perspective to the larger 'Weave". And the shuttle flies...



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	2021 Y-Flyer	Regatta	Schedule						
	Dates	Regatta Name	Host Club	Lake	City/Town	State	Country	Type of Regatta	Circuit/Series
Mar	20-21	Midwinters	Atlanta YC	Allatoona	Acworth	GA	USA	Y-Flyer Only	YFSA Sanctioned Regatta
May	15-16	Animal Cracker	Browns Creek	Lake Guntersville	Guntersville	AL	USA	Open	
June	12-13	Riviera	Mattoon SA	Lake Mattoon	Neoga	IL	USA	Y-Flyer Only	Mid-America Cup Series

(Confirmed dates are listed above. More Regattas will be added as fleets make their 2021 plans)

Y-Classifieds:

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Y-2804

A 2008 Turner with a white hull w/ green “swoosh”

- boat is in nearly new condition, lightly used
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- top cover
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- mast cover
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- trailer bunkers replaced within the past 1-2 years
- trailer is titled/registered in Indiana; boat is not
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(pictures taken of Y-2804 at the Chicago Boat Show at the Y-Flyer display)



Recent picture:

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