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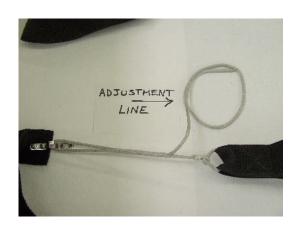
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NEW METHOD TO TIE OFF HIKING STRAPS

This is a method where with a single piece of line you can make your hiking straps adjustable without tying and untying a knot. It works on the same principle as the old Chinese finger trick. That is where you put fingers in a reed tube and pulling your fingers out shrinks the outside diameter trapping your fingers inside. Sounds strange but it really works. Adjusting takes no effort at all.



You use Endura 12 Dyneema braid or Amsteel Dyneema single braid and perhaps others. Both these lines have no core allowing the bitter end to be passed through a section of the line. You will be able to get these at www.optistuff.com soon on the store. I do not believe you are supposed to change the settings once a race begins?

CHARTER RESERVATIONS

A few **COACH BOATS** will be available for Charter at Nationals.

US Nationals (July 21-26) Minnesota Already at 40 reservations. New England's (August 6-9) Newport RI. This will be a big event.

Cork Race Week (August 13 – 15) Kingston Ontario Canadian's (August 16 – 21) Quebec Canada

Call Spencer for details 800 784 6478.





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RIB'S AVAILABLE AFTER NA'S AND NATIONALS



4 of the North American Coach Boats are still available for sale at \$8500 each.





Includes: Complete 4.7 m (15.4 feet) RIB with 2006 Suzuki 40 HP, fiberglass floor, Storage in: anchor well, 2 rear compartments, in seat and open steering pedestal, built by Rio Tecna, Hydraulic steering, Electric command system, Gasoline can, Battery, Lines, Anchor, Weight 264 lbs, Beam 7' 4", Transom height 20" Engine weight 209 lbs, 20 inch long shaft. Very complete. Boats should be available about July 19 Th.

Trailer: See trailer www.tennesseeboattrailers.com/Jon%20Boat.htm \$845(Galv add\$200)





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US NATIONAL OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIPS GREEN FLEET

If you can possibly bring your beginning Green Fleet sailor to Nationals we highly recommend it. Tom Coleman has again been recruited to head this event. Tom has the unique ability to excited young sailors in such a way that they continue in the sport long after their parents thought they would drop out. They will be exposed to instruction, fun activities and low-key racing. They will see first hand what sailing is all about when they watch some of the best US sailors prepare for and go out and race. This event is on one of the most beautiful lakes in the country. From the schedule of events it is obvious the Nationals committee plans for a real good time.

CHECK IT OUT! http://www.2007optinationals.com



Note: Tom and Tommy Coleman will also be doing the green fleet at: Junior Olympic Festival of Pensacola, FL July 4 Th New England Championships

Don't miss the Opportunity. Tom just spent 5 days with my Grandchildren in a learn to sail program. They went from no experience to taking their Opti's out in white cap conditions. I don't know how he does it!



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McLAUGHLIN PROUD CHARTER OF NORTH AMERICANS

June 23, 2007 - 192 new McLaughlin Optimists will be traveling to Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico for the North American Championship's, which start on July 6-14. This will be McLaughlin's largest charter to date. One of the reason, this is good for USODA is that many of these boats will be returning to the States, available at charter prices after the event. Any US team member needing anything brought down just give us a call.



TEAM TRIALS – A McLAUGHLIN SUCCESS



For the second year in a row the majority of the World and North American Team members qualified in their McLaughlin hulls. Special congratulations go out to Morgan Kiss who sailed a tremendous series. It should be noted that with Marlena Fauer also making the World Team, for the first time ever, two young women will be representing the United States. GO GIRLS!

AMERICA'S CUP AND THE OPTI FAMILY

The America's Cup finals begin June 23 rd with the Swiss Alinghi verses Emirates Team New Zealand. Did you know Peter Holmberg, one of the helmsmen on the Swiss team, is from the Virgin Islands? Kai and Kevin Holmberg who sail Opti's are related through their father John Holmberg, Peter's brother. Kevin will be sailing in the US Nationals this year in Minnesota.