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## McLAUGHLIN FALL 2006 NEWSLETTER

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### CHARTER BOATS FOR MIDWINTERS

Working from a temporary clubhouse of over 7000 square feet, Southern is back in operation offering full dining and race management for all the Regattas they previously hosted. This Regatta is second only to the team trials in terms of competitiveness. There is no green fleet start. Green fleet sailors usually opt to go to the Orange bowl rather than the Midwinters. The Midwinters is the qualifier for all spring IODA regattas USODA sends teams to including: the South Americans, Flanders and Lake Garda.



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## OPTISAILORS CHRISTMAS CLINIC



The Optisailors Christmas Clinic is scheduled to be held at Coral Reef Yacht Club, Miami, December 20 – 23. This is always one of the best clinics of the year with a small student to coach ratio. Several top international coaches will be present including Jess Anderson, Pat Downey, Todd Fedeszyn, Scott Norman, Bryan Paine, Manuel Resano, Marek Valasek and our own Spencer

Wiberley. See [optistuff.com](http://optistuff.com) for further details Charter boats are still available for the Clinic and the Orange bowl Regatta

## ORANGE BOWL REGATTA LIMITED TO 300 OPTI'S

This year's Orange Bowl Regatta will be limited to 300 Optimist entries. We know that National teams representing, Holland, Japan, and Spain plan to attend. McLaughlin will be handling the on shore Green Fleet activities. It is sure to be educational, serious green fleet racing and a great deal of fun. If you plan to go, fill out the entry form soon.

[www.coralreefyachtclub.org](http://www.coralreefyachtclub.org)



Tanner Nagy's picture shown above will grace the cover of Harkens 2007 catalog. Jon Fauer took the picture on the left at the 2006-team trials. I would hate to be coming in on port at that mark rounding! "No Room At All"



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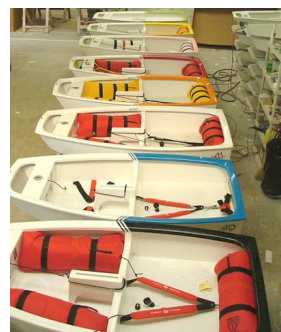
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## TEFLON COATED BLADES

When using the Teflon polish on your hull be sure to use it on the blades. Both rudder and centerboard will stay clean and fast plus the centerboard will be easier to move up and down due to reduced friction.

## FALL BOAT SPECIAL STILL AVAILABLE

**Optibucks:** Buy a new boat and receive \$300 in Optiparts covers and gear of your choice or receive \$300 off on a charter boat package.



## Bob Marley – Ruby Red – A Rainbow Of Opti's

## OPTISAILORS HULL CHANGES 2007

The following 3 items and others are under consideration for changes to the Optisailors hull for 2007. Look for our displays at upcoming regattas.

### 1. Closing the centerboard slot

Rule 3.2.6.1 (i) states that "Non metallic material may be placed within 30 mm of each end of the top and bottom of the slot to act as positioning and protection of the Daggerboard." Most builders have been placing 10 mm rubber inserts at the corners to protect the boat and the boards from each other. We have been experimenting with a molded insert that takes advantage of the full 30 mm at both ends effectively reducing the length of the slot by 2 3/8 inches. The inserts are shaped to the fore and aft edges of the Daggerboard. The rule also requires that the inserts be removable for measurement.

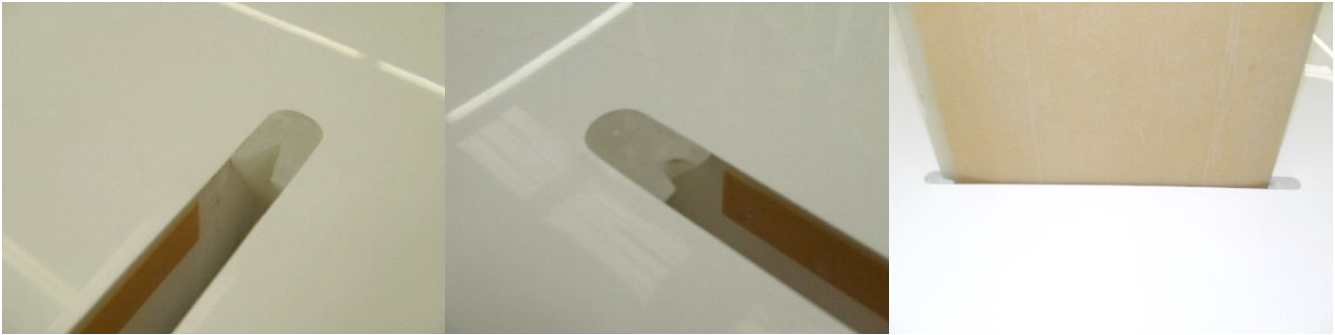




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The overall effect is to:

- A. Protect the boat from the New Rule epoxy foils, which can cut into the boat very quickly.**
  - B. Reduce turbulence by not allowing water into the slot at the fore and aft ends.**
  - C. Position the centerboard consistently in the slot for more uniform performance.**
- Initially this option will only be available on the Optisailors hulls. Several will be on display and in use at the Midwinters.**

## **2. Armorcote Gelcoat**

**Armorcote Gelcoat from Cook Composites and Polymers offers:**

- Resistance to shatter cracking**
- Harder surface which translates into increased speed**
- Brilliant shine**
- Better weathering characteristics**
- Better blister resistance**

## **3. Sharpened Stern for less drag**

**You can be sure when you order the Optisailors hull that you are getting the latest technology available.**





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## GILL CLOTHING AND EXTRASPORT LIFE JACKETS ADDED TO STORE [www.optistuff.com](http://www.optistuff.com)



**A GIFT CERTIFICATE IS GREAT FOR  
CHRISTMAS**

## NEW 2007 OPTIPARTS CATALOG HAS MUCH TO OFFER

The new Optiparts catalog is now at the printers and a copy is available for you to download or just browse. [Optistuff.com](http://Optistuff.com)

Just look at some of the exciting new products:

- Racing Rules DVD 55 minutes that explains the rules in easily understood language

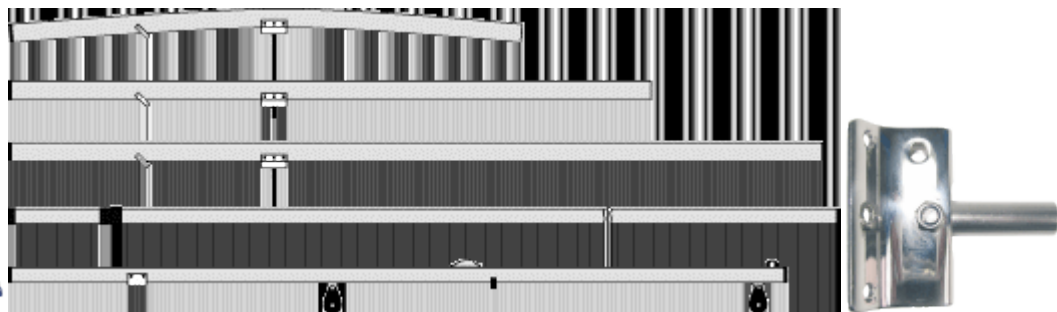


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- **Complete line of replacement parts for the Laser including: spar sets for standard, 4.7 and radial**
- **Digital timer bracket for safe, anywhere installation and easy removal**
- **Racing watch has been improved to include a sync function for missed signals**
- **Blackgold 45mm Boom**
- **Mast Step locking nut that easily keeps your settings from vibrating away**
- **Harken Sprit system used on Blackgold spar set. Optiparts will become the exclusive distributor for this all Harken hook in block system**
- **Advanced Optimist Boat Speed DVD. Finally the DVD we have all been waiting for from Optisailors, part II of the 3 part series.**
- **Miniature Opti sail for your wall or getting signatures to remember your friends in sail camp and regattas**
- **Watertight lunch bucket for school or on the water sailing**
- **Neoprene sailing pants with adjustable battens**





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## CONGRATULATIONS!

3 recent regattas were won using McLaughlin Opti's:

**2006 Ecuadorian National Champs 1**

**Eduardo Viteri**

**2006 Australian Queensland Champs 1**

**Amy Gallagher**

**2006 West Coast Opti Championships 1**

**Gregory Dair**

**Marlena Fauer for her 2-nd place finish at the Atlantic Coast Championships held at Little Egg Harbor, NJ. Marlena has been practicing very hard to make improvements in all points of sailing and girl does it show!**

**Pearson Potts 2-nd place at the South Eastern Championships, Lake Norman, NC.**

## EVERYONE THAT PARTICIPATES IN SAILING IS A WINNER!

The important things are: Did you race? Did you try to give it your best? Did you have fun? Did you make new friends? If the answer to those questions is YES! Then you are definitely a winner.

Three recent examples of McLaughlin staff having fun:

**Spencer:** Augusta MC Scows 15 Th of 24

**Steve:** Lake Norman MC Nationals 34 Th of 88

**Garrett Sherman,** Grandson, First Regatta ever, Turned over 4 times in 6 races, steadily improved beating 8 boats in the last race and finished 24 th

See we occasionally get to do other things besides build and sell boats!

## ON THE STARTING LINE – A paid testimonial

Recently I sailed in 2 major MC Scow Regattas. My starts in 11 races against 88 other MC's were good enough to get me to the first mark in the top 5. Having been racing sailboats for 49 years I asked, "What made the difference?" Previously I had always used





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**a wrist starting watch on my right (Starboard) arm. Some where between 10 and 20 seconds to go I always stopped looking at the watch and became more concerned with the**

**boats below and above me. At this regatta, I used one of the new Optiparts timers with 1 ¼ inch numbers mounted in front of me where it was in continuous view. This made all the difference. With the wristwatch I was never able to precisely know the time and keep an eye on the fleet. With the timer, I could easily check the time without ignoring the fleet. You can either watch the boats around you or the clock, you cannot do both. With the large number timer I would set up about 2 boat lengths below the line or parallel to the boats around me. At about 12 seconds to go I proceeded to bring the boat to full speed (Hopefully with a hole above and below me). At 4 seconds I was pointing as high as I could. After about 20 seconds I would look down the line and find myself 3 to 4 boat lengths out above the fleet going full speed with the balance of the fleet still getting up to speed.**



**We now offer a Velcro kit to attached the timer to the airbag strap**