

LIDO 14 ARTICLES

Japanese Homecoming for Lido #6329



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When Ward Schmidt was just a boy, he and his family sailed Lido 14 #443 in Santa Barbara, California. Now living near Lake Kitaura in Japan, Ward thought it was time to have a new Lido of his own. Prompted by the fond memories of sailing the family's blue 1960s Lido, he ordered Lido 14 #6329 with a "classic" blue hull and named her *Bluesette*.

Bluesette left our factory on February 12, bound for the Port of Los Angeles, where it would prepare for an overseas adventure to the Tokyo Container Port. Three weeks after its departure, the Lido reached its final destination- Kashima City, Ibaraki, Japan- in perfect condition. *Bluesette's* proud new owner has posted the details of the journey and several fantastic photos on his blog, available at: <http://pacific-islander.blogspot.com/2009/03/das-boot.html>

Seven Shiny New Lidos For Orange Coast College



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For years and years, the Orange Coast College School of Sailing and Seamanship has used Lido 14s in their Beginning, Intermediate and Family sailing programs. When the school first began offering non-credit/fee based sailing courses in 1980, they started collecting used and donated Lidos and eventually built a fleet of about fifteen boats. After twenty years in the sailing program, OCC's fleet of "Classic" Lidos started to look pretty tired. So in early 2002 they sold their Lidos to another sailing school and ordered seventeen brand new "6000 Series" Lidos.



The sailing school has grown to one of the largest public boating education programs in the nation and teaches sailing to about 5,000 people of all ages each year. The school is open seven days a week, January through November, so the Lidos

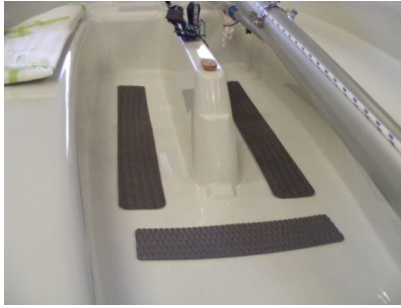
are used approximately 300 days each year. As you can imagine, they lead a pretty hard life. In December of 2008, OCC retired seven Lidos and ordered seven new ones.

To be sure the boats will stand up as well as possible to the daily strains typical of sailing schools, we have worked closely with the staff to make their Lidos as bullet proof as possible. We strengthen the hull, deck, centerboard trunk, and the corners of the seats. We provide sturdier masts, booms, pintles, and gudgeons. The bow is protected from crash landings with an incredible bow bumper. Non-skid is installed in the cockpit sole. The mainsail is equipped with foam floatation at the head, and the boom is raised several inches so the students don't have to duck their heads during tacks and jibes. We also color code all of the lines so the instructors can say, "Pull the blue outhaul line" and get results without panicking the students. All of this makes these special Club Model Lidos a little heavier than the standard boat, but it makes them perfect for sailing schools.

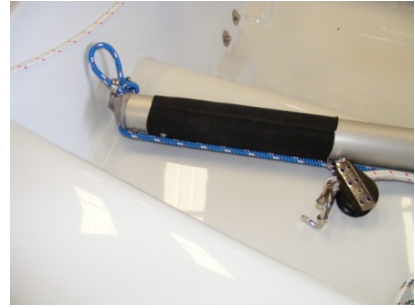
In their brochure, the OCC Sailing School gives this little bit of advice: “Even if keelboats seem tempting to you, plan on taking at least two Lido classes before moving on to the Shields. Dinghy sailing is the best way to get the basics down pat, and will give you a sensitivity to the wind – and to the dynamics of sailboats – which will make you a far better big boat sailor.” We think that is very good advice! And we are proud that this dynamic sailing school as chosen to continue using Lido 14s.



Bow & stem bumpers



Non-skid on cockpit sole



Shrink tube to protect boom



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Stu Robertson (3113) leads runner-up Tom Jenkins (6244) into leeward gate on way to 5th Lido 14 title



51st Lido 14 Class Championship

Fern Ridge Lake, Eugene, Ore. Aug. 18-20, 2008

Organized by Lido 14 District VI Hosted by Eugene Yacht Club

Written by Rich Roberts

Robertson licks the chop for 5th Lido 14 title

EUGENE, Ore.---The swallows skim over the top of the choppy waves on Fern Ridge Lake swiftly and smoothly, the envy of sailors in little boats.

"The biggest problem for most people coming in here is they aren't used to sailing the Lido 14 in chop," said Stu Robertson, who with daughter Erin as crew won six of the seven races of the 51st Lido 14 Class Championship, including all three in a misty drizzle Wednesday, to claim his fourth title in five years and fifth overall dating to 1975.



Robertson, 59, of Huntington Beach, Calif., was hardly pressed in the 22-boat Gold fleet, leading runnerup Tom Jenkins of Arroyo Grand, Calif., and crew Andrew Brown by 13 points after discarding his worst race---second to Jenkins in Race 3 Tuesday.

The third- and fourth-place finishers, Eric Heim and Aimee Graham of Dana Point, Calif., and Steve and Anne Schupak of Costa Mesa, Calif., sailed consistently well enough to avoid any double-digit finishes, and former champion John Papadopoulos and Stacie Brandt bagged two seconds Wednesday to finish fifth overall, but there was no reeling in the Robertsons.

They have been a Lido 14 team for most of 20 years---she started at age 8---but their skill wasn't the only problem for their rivals. Many of the Californians, to whom summer rain is only a rumor, arrived ill-equipped for wet weather so could only soak up the local atmosphere in the skimpy clothes on their backs. A few settled for oversize trash bags with holes for their heads



and arms cut out.

Then, although the forecast of 19-knot winds evolved into only half that, it was steady and strong enough from the deep south of the lake to churn up a two-foot chop with waves not much farther apart than the lengths of the boats.

A few competitors chose not to go back out after lunch, and after two local boats fell out at the start of the seventh race--- Bill Crutchfield/Kay Lee Brown were dismasted and Mark and Sheena Schroeder capsized---and the Robertson had the title clinched, principal race officer Rich Johnson decided to cancel the scheduled eighth and final race and call it a regatta.

Few competitors complained.

"The chop was huge," said Grant Williams of San Diego, who with crew/wife Barbara came from one point behind Joe D'Amico and Steven Hopkins in the last race to win the Silver fleet. "It was like sailing in the ocean. But this is still a lovely place to sail. Their [Eugene YC] race committee did their job."

Schupak, fourth in the Gold fleet, said, "It was a challenging day. We had more water coming in than we could keep out."

Meanwhile, Robertson revealed one secret of his success: a new, special set of sails.

"They were full and soft," he said, "just what I needed for driving through the chop."

The rest of the Lido 14 fleet can only long for the day when he retires from the class, but he had this to say about how long he plans to keep doing it: "As long as I can."

The leaders

Gold Fleet

1. Stuart Robertson/Erin Robertson, Huntington Beach, Calif., 1-1-(2)-1-1-1-1, 6 points.
2. Tom Jenkins/Andrew Brown, Arroyo Grande, Calif., 2-2-1-8-(14)-3-3, 14.
3. Eric Heim/Aimee Graham, Dana Point, Calif., 4-3-3-(6)-4-5-4, 23.
4. Steve Schupak/Anne Schupak, Costa Mesa, Calif., 3-6-(9)-4-3-4-9, 29.
5. John Papadopoulos/Stacie Brandt, Newport Beach, 5-13-6-(16)-2-8-2, 36.

Silver Fleet

1. Grant Williams/Barbara Williams, Mission Bay, Calif., (6)-4-2-1-1-4-2, 14.
2. Joe D'Amico/Steven Hopkins, Sequim, Wash., 3-2-1-(6)-4-1-6, 17.
3. Hank Erbele/Bernie Lentz, Corvallis, Ore., 4-3-(10)-3-5-5-1, 21.
4. Victor Lund/Ed Stevens, Arroyo Grande, Calif., 2-1-(9)-5-8-2-4, 22.



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5. Roger Patterson/Kathy Dryden, San Diego, 5-6-4-2-2-2-(9), 28.

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2005 Lido 14 Class Championships



Stu Robertson Wins Again

Stu Robertson of Mission Bay, California, won the Lido 14 Class Championship for the second year in a row. Stu has been sailing the Lido for a really long time and was also the champion in 1975. He has always been one of the top competitors in the class and has really been on top of his game these last two years.

This year's event was sailed on Howard Prairie Lake near Ashland, Oregon, and was hosted by Fleet 1 (Newport Beach, California). Thirty-eight Lido 14 teams converged on this very picturesque lake August 1 -3. The first day consisted of qualifying races which split the fleet into gold and silver fleets, with 19 boats designated for each fleet. Conditions were great on Monday and Tuesday, but high temperatures in the region brought more dicey conditions on Wednesday. Light winds made it impossible to get all of the races in on the final day, leaving the regatta two races short of the full eight on the scheduled. This was enough, though, to allow for

a throw-out race – a life saver for Stu. He finished the series with 27 points to Greg Rodgers' 22 points. Stu threw out a 16th while Greg's worse race was an 8th, giving Stu a 3 point lead in the final scoring.

For complete results, go to the Lido 14 class website – www.Lido14.org.

Lido 14 - High Sierra Regatta 2005



Huntington Lake, CA *Hosted by Fresno Yacht Club*

*Reported by Tom Jenkins and Edited by L14
Class Webmaster John Papadopoulos*

Huntington Lake provided yet again one of the best backdrops for a large Lido turnout the weekend of July 9th and 10th. The winds were not the usual heavy air but there was good breeze maxing out at about 17 kts at the bottom end of the lake. While primarily a Californian attended regatta, there were other boats such as Jim

Sterner sailing with his daughter who made the trek all the way from Washington. Jim and the 31 other boats helped the Lido Class to a large turnout with a total of 32 boats. Our Class had the largest fleet beating out the Day sailors and the C-15 Classes who were gearing up for Championship regattas on Huntington Lake later in the week. I know many of us are looking forward to Huntington Lake as a possible venue for the 2006 Class Championships.

As is the case each year both divisions A and B, started together which made the starts critical to get off the line in clear air for the drag race to the Boy Scout Camp. In the B flight, Randy Carper and crew Pete LaBahn posted consistent finishes taking home 1st place. They were sailing in Randy's new boat (6100). You may remember 6100 as George Szabo's boat. Randy...Welcome to the A flight!

However, the newest Lido 14, 6262, being sailed by Steve and Anne Schupak, were right there close behind sailing in his second Lido regatta. Anne is the daughter of Tom and Jane Schock - builders of the Lido 14. Again, Morro Bay produces a fast Lido sailed by Juniors, Joss Giddings and Andrew Brown in 6050 who if not having a OCS possibly would have been the



LIDO A			R1	R2	R3	PTS	FIN
3113	Stuart	Robertson	1	1	1	3	1
6244	Thomas	Jenkins	2	3	2	7	2
6188	John	Papadopoulos	6	6	4	16	3
5050	Donald	Lockwood	8	5	6	19	4
4794	Greg	Rodgers	3	7	10	20	5
4509	Ken	Campbell	4	11	5	20	6
4370	Ryder	Nesbitt	7	9	7	23	7
6240	Kurt	Wiese	DSQ	2	3	25	8
5110	Jim	Sterner	9	8	9	26	9
3579	Eric	Bohman	5	4	DNF	29	10
2153	Steve	McJones	11	13	11	35	11
6127	Roger	Patterson	10	DNF	8	38	12
4300	Grant	Williams	12	10	OCS	42	13
3000	Patrick	Rygh	14	15	13	42	14
4532	Mike	O'Neill	13	12	DNF	45	15
3906	Roger	Hinton	15	16	14	45	16
6169	Tad	Woody	16	17	15	48	17
4171	Walter	Johnson	OCS	18	12	50	18
6255	Steve	Mueller	OCS	14	DNF	54	19

spoiler for Randy and Steve. Ever get the feeling like the Post 6000 series boats are coming up in speed?

The regatta was really a battle of three boats - the same three that battled for the top spot in 2004. For a refresher, in 2004 Kurt and Anne Wiese won the regatta with 5 points and Team Jenkins and Team Robertson tied with 10 points each with the tie breaker going to Team Jenkins.

This year, the 2004 Class Champions Stu Robertson and his daughter Erin Frederick had

the magic touch to post three bullets for three races. Tom Jenkins, sailing with Christina Campolmi finished in 2nd with 7 points, and Kurt & Anne Wiese had finishes of 2, 2, 3. These three always distanced themselves from the rest of the fleet. In an excellent display of sportsmanship, Kurt retired from race 1 (thus the DSQ in the scores) because he thought his life jacket touched a mark.

In a related note, Eric Bohman and his wife Tiffany could only attend the regatta for Saturday and were sailing very well and would most certainly have placed in the top 5 if they had completed the regatta.

Well Done Stu and Erin!

LIDO B			R1	R2	R3	PTS	FIN
6100	Randy	Carper	2	3	2	7	1
6262	Steve	Schupak	3	1	5	9	2
4029	Tracy	Conn	5	4	3	12	3
3446	Gary	Schaffel	1	6	6	13	4
4430	Tracy	Kenney	4	5	4	13	5
6050	Joss	Giddings	OCS	2	1	17	6
3111	James	Orth	7	8	7	22	7
4354	Terence	Hensley	6	7	DNF	27	8
882	Tom	Estlow	9	9	9	27	9
311	Erik	Borrowman	11	10	11	32	10
3804	Mark	Hunter	12	DNF	8	34	11
2562	Bill	Haesy	10	DNF	10	34	12
5115	Albert	Perez	8	DNF	DNF	36	13

46 Boats Competed in the 2004 Lido 14 Championships

An amazing number of Lido 14s made their way to Eugene, Oregon, to sail on Fern Ridge Reservoir in the class' annual Championship event. There were 46 boats in all – 23 in the Gold Fleet, and 23 in the Silver Fleet. This made for quite a site on this great sailing lake, and for lots of fun ashore.

The event started with two practice races on Sunday, sailed in winds averaging about 15 knots. For the official races, though, the winds were generally less than 10 knots. On Monday, the fleet was split into three qualifying flights and then sailed six races to determine which teams would sail in the Gold Flight and which would be in the Silver Flight. Each team carried a score representing their qualifying rank within their flight to the Championship Series. The first four races of the Championship series were sailed on day two in winds that started out light in the morning but built to a nice 10 knots for the fourth race. The winds on day three were light and shifty all day, but the fleet was able to complete all of the four scheduled races.

At the end of three days of intense racing, Stu Robertson and crew Erin Frederickson took home the Gold. Stu won the Championships in 1975 and has been at the top of the class, working hard to win ever since. He couldn't have been more excited! Second place honors went to Mark Gaudio and John Papadopoulos, and third went to Freddie and Fred Stevens. The winners of the Silver Fleet were Ron and Nicole Runyan.

The 2005 Lido 14 Class Championships will be sailed August 1 – 3 on Howard Prairie Lake, just outside of Ashland, Oregon.