

# Blue Chip 50th 2015

Proudly hosted by the Pewaukee Yacht Club for 5 Decades

*50 Years of History...Be part of the Mystery  
September 24 – 27, 2015*

## Event Overview

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Purpose — To provide key information related to the 50<sup>th</sup> E Blue Chip; a one-time celebratory event.

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# The Vision

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To host a premier sailing event that celebrates the rich traditions of the E Scow, its Blue Chip and sailors by reuniting past mystery guests and honorary class legends with the top performing teams in 2015.

# The Plan

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WHO Skippers — Goal of 25 Past Mystery Guests and Honorary Class Legends with a planned 2/3 to 1/3 mix. All skippers will be funded.



Crew & Boat — Invite the top 25 E scow skippers from 2015 to bring their boat and complementary crew. All boat owners and crew will be funded.

WHAT 2015 Blue Chip event to be a premier sailing event in 2015

WHEN September 24 — 27, 2015

WHERE Pewaukee Lake, Wisconsin hosted by the Pewaukee Yacht Club

WHY To host a premier sailing event that celebrates the rich traditions of the E Scow, its Blue Chip and sailors by reuniting past mystery guests and honorary class legends with the top performing teams in 2015.

# World-Class Mystery Guests

An impressive lineup of Mystery Guests have been part of each E Scow Blue Chip. Here they are chronologically listed from 1966 to 2014.



Tom Sawyer Dick Stearns Bruce Goldsmith Gordon Lindemann Lowell North Jim Linville Dennis Connor Paul Henderson John Bertrand Peter Commette Joan Ellis



Ed Adams Jim Allsopp Hans Fogh Terry Neilson Jonathan McKee Steve Benjamin Bruce Burton Dave Chapin Gary Knapp Tom Ehman Gary Jobson



Paul Cayard Mark Reynolds Ken Read Russell Coutts Courtenay Dey Dave Perry Betsy Alison Carl Buchan Vince Brun Morgan Reeser Flavio Flavini



Johnny Lovell Steve Cucchiaro Peter Holmberg Dave Ullman Liz Baylis Bora Gulari Andrew Campbell Peter Isler Cam Lewis Jimmy Spithill

NOTE: We have been able to find 43 pictures out of the 46 Mystery Guests we have hosted from the first 49 Blue Chips. We will continue to add to this page.

# 50 Years of Results – 1966 - 1990



<b>E SCOW BLUE CHIP HISTORY</b>					
YEAR	#	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	MYSTERY GUEST
1966	1	Gordy Bowers, Minnetonka	Bob Pegel, Lake Geneva	Mike Meyer, Pewaukee	Tom Sawyer (Pewaukee)
1967	2	Bob Pegel, Lake Geneva	Brad Robinson, Minnetonka	Mike Meyer, Pewaukee	Dick Stearns * (Chicago, IL)
1968	3	Nat Robbins, Minnetonka	Dan Bowers, Minnetonka	Bill Allen, Minnetonka *	Bruce Goldsmith
1969	4	Gordon Lindemann	Mike Meyer, Pewaukee	Bob Pegel, Lake Geneva	Gordon Lindemann (Pine Lake)
1970	5	Stu Wells, White Bear Lake	Bud Melges, Lake Geneva *	Bill Allen, Minnetonka *	Lowell North *
1971	6	Bill Allen, Minnetonka *	Stu Wells, White Bear Lake	Dan Bowers, Minnetonka	Jim & Jack Linville
1972	7	Bill Allen, Minnetonka *	Dan Bowers, Pewaukee	Dennis Conner	Dennis Conner (San Diego, CA)
1973	8	Bill Allen, Lake Geneva *	Stu Wells, White Bear Lake	Bud Melges, Lake Geneva *	Paul Henderson
1974	9	Bud Melges, Lake Geneva *	John Gluek, Minnetonka	Gordy Bowers, Minnetonka	John Bertrand * (Melbourne, Aus.)
1975	10	Harry Allen, Minnetonka	Bill Allen, Lake Geneva *	John Gluek, Minnetonka	Ed Eloranta / Jim Bradley
1976	11	Bill Allen, Lake Geneva *	Tom Norris, Pewaukee	John Gluek, Minnetonka	Peter Commette
1977	12	Dennis Conner	Gordy Bowers, Minnetonka	John Gluek, Lake Geneva	Dennis Conner * (San Diego, CA)
1978	13	John Gluek, Lake Geneva	Peter Commette, Mantoloking	Bob Nuffort, Minnetonka	Joan Ellis
1979	14	John Gluek, Lake Geneva	Bill Allen, Lake Geneva *	Dick Wight, Mantoloking	Ed Adams, Tim Cole, & Jonathan Ford
1980	15	Willie deCamp, Mantoloking	Bill Allen, Lake Geneva *	Brian Porter, Lake Geneva	Jim Allsopp
1981	16	John Gluek, Lake Geneva	Bill Allen, Minnetonka *	Brian Porter, Lake Geneva	Hans Fogh * (Canada)
1982	17	Bill Allen, Minnetonka *	Gordy Bowers, Minnetonka	Bud Melges, Lake Geneva *	Bruce Goldsmith
1983	18	Gordy Bowers, Minnetonka	Harry Melges III, Lake Geneva	Brian Porter, Lake Geneva	Paul Van Cleve
1984	19	Bill Allen, Minnetonka *	Dick Wight, Mantoloking	Bob Allen, Minnetonka	Terry Neilson * (Canada)
1985	20	Harry Melges III, Lake Geneva	Dick Wight, Mantoloking	Bill Allen, Minnetonka *	Jonathon McKee * (Seattle, WA)
1986	21	Harry Melges III, Lake Geneva	Bill Allen, Minnetonka *	Bill Campbell, Tom's River	Steve Benjamin *
1987	22	Harry Melges III, Lake Geneva	Brian Porter, Lake Geneva	Tom Sweitzer, Pewaukee	Bruce Burton
1988	23	Peter Fortenbaugh, Bay Head	Harry Melges III, Lake Geneva	Brian Porter, Lake Geneva	Dave Chapin
1989	24	Peter Fortenbaugh, Bay Head	Gary Knapp	Jeff Baker, Pewaukee	Gary Knapp
1990	25	Brian Porter, Lake Geneva	Bill Campbell, Tom's River	Bob Allen, Minnetonka	Tom Ehman

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Blue font signifies Mystery Guest place in Top 3

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# 50 Years of Results – 1991 to 2014



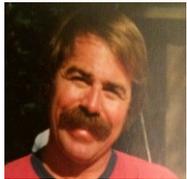
<b><i>E SCOW BLUE CHIP HISTORY</i></b>					
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>FIRST PLACE</b>	<b>SECOND PLACE</b>	<b>THIRD PLACE</b>	<b>MYSTERY GUEST</b>
1991	26	Brian Porter, Lake Geneva	Peter Slocum, Minnetonka	Bill Allen, Minnetonka *	Gary Jobson
1992	27	Bill Allen, Minnetonka *	Harry Melges III, Lake Geneva	Steve Schmitt, Minnetonka	Paul Cayard
1993	28	Bill Allen, Minnetonka *	Brian Porter, Lake Geneva	Mark Reynolds	Mark Reynolds *
1994	29	Bill Allen, Minnetonka *	Bud Zinn, Pewaukee	Ken Read	Ken Read
1995	30	Bill Allen, Minnetonka *	Brian Porter, Lake Geneva	David Ferguson, Minnetonka	Russell Coutts * (New Zealand)
1996	31	Andy Burdick, Pewaukee	David Ferguson, Minnetonka	Brian Porter, Lake Geneva	Courtenay Becker-Dey *
1997	32	Chris Pinahs, Pewaukee	Bill Allen, Minnetonka *	Rob Evans, Minnetonka	Joe Londrigan
1998	33	Mike Darrow, Pewaukee	Rob Evans, Minnetonka	Bill Allen, Minnetonka *	Dave Perry
1999	34	Tom Burton, Minnetonka	Bill Allen, Minnetonka *	Mike Darrow, Pewaukee	Betsy Alison
2000	35	Paul Biwer, Pewaukee	Mike Darrow, Pewaukee	Tom Burton, Minnetonka	Carl Buchan * (Seattle, WA)
2001	36	Bob Biwer, Pewaukee	John Dennis, Minnetonka	Tom Burton, Minnetonka	Vince Brun
2002	37	Peter Friend, Pewaukee	Jim Gluek, Pine	Bill Allen, Minnetonka *	Morgan Reeser *
2003	38	Brian Porter, Lake Geneva	Bill Allen, Minnetonka *	Mike Darrow, Pewaukee	Flavio Favini (Italy)
2004	39	Tom Burton, Minnetonka	Dick Wight, Mantoloking	Tom Sweitzer, Pewaukee	Johnny Lovell*
2005	40	Brian Porter, Lake Geneva	Jim Gluek, Pine	Tom Burton, Minnetonka	Steve Cucchiaro (Marblehead, MA)
2006	41	Tom Burton, Minnetonka	Brian Porter, Lake Geneva	Toby Sutherland, Grand Lake	Gary Jobson
2007	42	Dick Wight, Mantoloking	Willie Graves, Pewaukee	Tom Burton, Minnetonka	Peter Holmberg *
2008	43	Kevin Jewett, Pewaukee	Vincent Porter, Lake Geneva	Dave Ullman (Newport Beach, CA)	Dave Ullman (Newport Beach, CA)
2009	44	Vincent Porter, Lake Geneva	Kevin Jewett, Pewaukee	Bob Biwer, Pewaukee	Liz Baylis (San Francisco, CA)
2010	45	Brian Porter, Lake Geneva	Kevin Jewett, Pewaukee	Tom Burton, Minnetonka	Bora Gulari (Michigan)
2011	46	Andrew Campbell (San Diego, CA)	Jim Gluek, Pine	Tom Burton, Minnetonka	Andrew Campbell (San Diego, CA)
2012	47	Andy Burdick, Lake Geneva	Augie Barkow, Pewaukee	Tom Burton, Minnetonka	Peter Isler (San Diego, CA)
2013	48	Augie Barkow, Pewaukee	Vincent Porter, Lake Geneva	Chris Banholzer, Pewaukee	Cam Lewis (Maine)
2014	49	Harry Melges IV, Lake Geneva	Vincent Porter, Lake Geneva	Brian Porter, Lake Geneva	Jimmy Spithill (Australia)

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# Honorary Class Legends



Bill Allen



Brian Porter



Tom Burton



John Gluek



Harry Melges III



Gordy Bowers



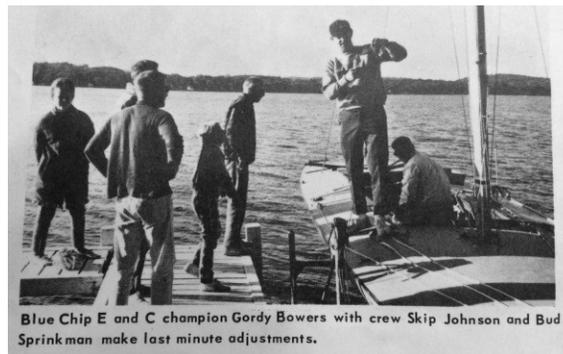
Andy Burdick



Buddy Melges



Dick Wight



# Honorary Class Legend

## #1 Bill Allen – 10 Time Champion

25 Top 3 Finishes 1968 – 2003



# Honorary Class Legend

## #2 Brian Porter – 6 Time Champion



15 Top 3 Finishes 1980 – 2010



# Honorary Class Legend

## #3 Tom Burton – 3 Time Champion

### 10 Top 3 Finishes 1999 – 2012



# The History



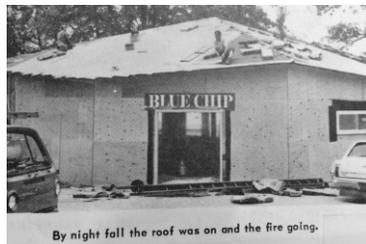
Jim Klauser



Terry Lentz



Tom Sawyer



## History of the E Blue Chip

The year is 1966 and three good friends (Jim Klauser, Terry Lentz and Tom Sawyer) decide to act on an idea. The idea was to start an E Blue Chip hosted by the Pewaukee Yacht Club.

So plans began to host the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual E Blue Chip in September 1966. Their inspiration was the C Blue Chip, which is annually held on Pistakee Lake. It seemed only fitting that the friends called upon John Looze (founder of the C Blue Chip) to be the head RC for the regatta.

A committee decided who was to be invited by the sailor's individual performances at major regattas throughout the season. The committee invited 14 skippers from various lakes in the ILYA. A mystery guest was asked to participate but at the last minute he was unable to make the appearance and a "C" Boat sailor (Tom Sawyer) was asked to fill in his place.

The winds were light but that didn't stop Gordy Bowers from Minnetonka to place 1-1-4-1-3 overall for the regatta. The three men had the vision but they also needed the support of the club to host the regatta. Socially the regatta was a very casual atmosphere seeing that the PYC Club house was adding the Great Room, which was not complete by the time the regatta was held, so drinks & meals were served on sawhorses.

The sailors from out East were housed with Yacht Club families to cut back on their costs of coming to Pewaukee. The three friends continued to run this regatta for a few years and then asked Coleman Norris if he would take the task over. Probably so the friends could concentrate on their sailing more than anything.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW**

**September 24 thru 27, 2015**



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# Who will get the smoke in 2015?



# Who will do the “bar walk”?

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# Key Stakeholders



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