



## **THE SHEET**

# **SPECIAL EDITION!**

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Courtesy of OCC Sailing, Newport Beach CA

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## **THE NEWS**

### **WE ARE LIDO-ING IT !!!:**

Wouldn't that be a nice sight to see at the Club, a fleet of 5 Club owned Lido 14's in proper condition that the membership could enjoy and for our training program to grow on. I think the only thing better would be... A Fleet of 6 Lido 14's like the ones in the picture to the side.

Yes we have finally found a suitable replacement to the 50 year old Skipjacks. The check is in the mail and we are moving forward with the logistics of getting them up here before the June 22nd Dinghy Class.



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The boats are a 'Club' version of the Lido 14. Compared to the standard Lido 14 they are around 100 lbs heavier with more fiberglass reinforcement, and most of the hardware is traded out to more durable Club FJ style gear. We had a quote from the manufacturer 3 years ago for this style of boat new at \$7,200 each; we are getting these boats used for \$300 each.

The boats are 2002 models and have been in storage since they were replaced in 2013. The school we are buying from apparently kept them as ready spares for their sailing program. Some parts have been scavenged over the years and they will need some sails and line; but for the most part we are getting 6 whole boats for \$1,800. The plan is to have a complete inventory and inspection done at pick up, so we can order everything to have them ready to sail in mid June.

There is a considerable amount of effort and resources going into this to make it happen. The Board is repurposing some Board dedicated funds and has reworked the year's budget. We also have 10 member sponsors contributing to this effort along with "man who gets stuff done" our Racing Commodore, Bruce Lee. Besides the Club's money and extra fundraising through the sponsors, Bruce is investing a large amount of his resources into the effort. Bruce has purchased a used truck and new flatbed trailer in Arizona, and is donating airline miles to fly me and a co-driver down so we can pick up and deliver the boats to the Club. Bruce will risk all loss or earnings on the sale of the truck and trailer in Alaska. Why all this effort, because our lowest quote to crate and ship all 6 boats was \$15K. The Club and it's sponsors will pay for the boat's, the gas up the highway, and the fabrication of a 6 boat rig to go on the trailer. Total cost to the Club will be around \$6K.

We also have to thank Bruce for having a former business partner in Arizona who is a Mechanic and Fabricator. That person has inspected, picked out, and is making ready the truck; and the trailer which will also need the rig built on it to carry the 6 Lido 14's. Having that kind of support out of state that we can trust is priceless.

This is an incredible opportunity for the Alaska Sailing Club and for one design sailing in Alaska; the addition of these boats will help grow our program and introduce new sailors to the sport.

I would like to give thanks to Bruce Lee and all our member sponsors for making this happen. Also I would like to invite anyone wanting to donate to this project to please contact me. Updates to follow, let's get ready to sail!

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