

# 50<sup>th</sup> E Blue Chip Communication #1

## 50<sup>th</sup> E Blue Chip Vision

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.

*To learn more about the 50<sup>th</sup>, click to view the [Event Overview](#).*

*The purpose of this Communication is to answer a few basic questions about the 50th E Scow Blue Chip that will take place from Thursday, September 24 through Sunday, September 27, 2015.*

*The focus of this communication is aimed at E Scow sailors.*

### Questions this Communication will answer:

1. *Who will be invited to sail in the 50th E Blue Chip?*
2. *How will the Skippers be matched to Boats & Crew?*
3. *How will E Scow sailors get to qualify for the event?*

### 1. WHO WILL BE INVITED TO SAIL IN THE 50<sup>th</sup> E BLUE CHIP?

Two unique groups of Skippers will be matched with the Top E Scow Teams for this one-time Blue Chip event.

#### a. Skipper Invitations:

1. Past Mystery Guests (PMG's) – the vision from the beginning of this idea has been to invite all living Mystery Guests back to Pewaukee to race against each other in the 50<sup>th</sup> Blue Chip.
2. Honorary Class Legends (HCL's) – one addition to this core idea was to invite some of the class legends who have been champions and major contributors to the E class over the same period.

#### b. Boat & Crew Invitations: What the invitation is for and what it includes.

1. Qualifying E Scow Skippers will receive an invitation to the 50<sup>th</sup> with an assumption that they will bring the boat that they qualified in plus two crew members (jib man and a middle crew member). We will require that upon acceptance of the invitation, the skipper specify each crew member that they will bring along by name. This list may include a 4<sup>th</sup> crew member.
2. To be clear, the assumption is that the invitation is for the boat that qualified plus the crew. Part of the named crew can be the qualifying skipper. That is for the skipper/boat owner (if not the same person) to determine. The PYC will not participate in that team decision; simply require that this guideline is followed.
3. Agreement is that you will show up on Thursday, 9/24 midday, be ready to sail and you are committed to stay through the regattas completion on Sunday, 9/27.



## 2. HOW WILL THE SKIPPERS BE MATCHED TO THE BOAT & CREW?

**Skippers (PMG and HCL) will be “paired” with the Qualifying Boats and Crew on Thursday, 9/24**

- a. Lottery Style Selection Process to be held on Thursday, 9/24 no sooner than 3:00 pm CDT. There are many reasons for taking this approach. One is fairness to level the playing field for ALL skippers (PMG and HCL). All skippers will be “paired” with their crew & boat at the same time. There will be no pre-selection. We will communicate more details of how we will do this at a later time.
- b. Honorary Class Legends (HCL) Boat and Crew
  1. Honorary Class Legends who are active in the fleet will have the option to bring their boat and crew, but have no guarantee they will be paired with them. It will be the HCL’s choice to specify whether they will bring their boat & crew as part of their acceptance of the invitation.

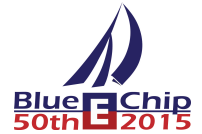
## 3. HOW WILL E SCOW SAILORS GET TO QUALIFY FOR THE EVENT?

**E Scow sailors will qualify for the 50<sup>th</sup> E Blue Chip through their racing results in various scheduled regattas during 2015.**

- a. The following is a list of 2015 qualifying regattas:

2015 Regatta	Dates	Invitations
1. Charleston Spring Regatta	April 24 – 26	Top 3 Finishers
2. Geneva Spring Opener	May 9 -10	Top 5 Finishers
3. Wawasee E Scow Open Regatta	June 6 – 7	Top 3 Finishers
4. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Western Shoot Out Regatta	June 26 – 28	Top Finisher
5. ILYA Invitational Regatta	July 10 – 12	Top 5 Finishers
6. New York State Championship (Leg 1 & 2)	June 6 – 7 Leg 1 July 18 – 19 Leg 2	Top 3 Finishers
7. WMYA Invitational Regatta	July 18 – 19	Top 3 Finishers
8. Carolina YC Open Regatta	July 25 – 26	Top Finisher
9. WMYA Championship Regatta	Aug. 5 – 8	Top 5 Finishers
10. ECESA Championship Regatta	Aug. 6 – 8	Top 7 Finishers
11. Down Bay Regatta	Aug. 15 – 16	Top 3 Finishers
12. ILYA Championship Regatta	Aug. 19 – 23	Top 10 Finishers
13. E Scow National Championship	Sept. 9 – 11	Top 15 Finishers

- b. Further Qualification Detail:
  1. A regatta needs to be at least 2 days and complete a minimum of 3 races to count.
  2. The 50<sup>th</sup> Invitation Team reserves the right to go deeper into a fleet and make additional invitations based on both fleet size and fleet quality and not limited to these listed regattas.
    - a. For example, if a given regatta has only a 1<sup>st</sup> place winner designated in the table above and the regatta ends up with 25 high quality boats, the Invitation Team can choose to expand the number of invitations beyond the top finisher.
  3. This communication does not provide an all-inclusive definitive qualification set of criteria.



4. The Invitation Team has intentionally kept the bar high and will likely go deeper based on 'actual' fleet depth as the season progresses.
5. Go to the National E Scow website for more details of individual regatta logistics.

NOTE: Boat and Crew Registration will be funded by donations from Event Sponsors and generous donors. For additional information on how to donate, please contact Dex Decker at 262-327-3652 or [brudex@yahoo.com](mailto:brudex@yahoo.com).



## One for the Ages...

The NCESA is working with the National Sailing Hall of Fame ([nshof.org](http://nshof.org)) to create a special hour long Documentary Film that will be produced and directed by Gary Jobson. Gary has arranged for it to be aired on ESPN Classic this Fall.

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Note: The NCESA will begin a fund raising campaign for the Gary Jobson movie to give everyone an opportunity to make a tax deductible donation to help preserve our past, treasure our present and set the stage for our future. There will be a follow-up letter to provide the details about how everyone can donate to the documentary movie project.

**After 50 years of History, YOU will want to be a part of this Mystery!**

Who will get the smoke in 2015?



Sail hard and fast to be part of that Mystery

**For questions or additional information related to the 50<sup>th</sup> E Blue Chip, please contact Jim Campbell at 608-206-4284 or [jjc@whitecapconsulting.com](mailto:jjc@whitecapconsulting.com)**