



Shattemuc Yacht Club

40th annual PEDLOW CUP Series, 2018

What is the Pedlow Cup and its Ideal?

Past Commodore Harry Pedlow, the originator of what's now called the Pedlow Cup, had the idea to bring together people with various levels of sail-racing experience to race the club fleet. On the morning of the race, during the skippers' meeting, all those interested in participating either as crew or captain, would assemble on the clubhouse deck, divided into groups on the basis of experience. Then, Harry would make the crew assignments, selecting those less experienced to be crew on yachts with experienced captains and vice versa. A boat's owner, while possibly aboard, was not necessarily going to be the skipper for the day, and a racing boat's regular crew was not likely to be kept together on their usual boat. He selected and balanced the crew assignments until the deck was cleared and all the boats were loaded. It must be noted that Harry had the right personality to carry this off!

This year marks the 40th Pedlow Cup, and we would like to try to restore, as much as possible, the race's inspiration and ideal as Harry first saw them. We don't have an MC with Harry's political acumen to "press" skippers and crew, but we hope that a little good-natured self organization will lead toward Harry's ideal.

So what do you say? Will we see you at the skippers' meeting on the clubhouse deck at 9:30 am sharp Sunday, May 27th?

For the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, and other information visit the racing page on the Shattemuc web site.