

# LIDO 14 FLEET 78

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## *The Cup Comes Home!!*



For anyone who has been living in a cave or under a rock and hasn't heard, USA 17 (BMW / Oracle) easily sailed away with a win in the 33<sup>rd</sup> Americas Cup in Valencia Spain. Our own Steve Orsini was on site and reports on his

trip and some past Fleet 78 members. Be sure to check out his article in this newsletter!!

## *Mark your Calendars*

Our next Lido event will be held **Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup>** at 9am. It will be our Fleet 78 measurement day. We will meet at the new hoist in front of the Anacortes Yacht Club at the head of P/Q dock. You can bring your Lido on its trailer or bring it to the hoist by water if it is

on the dinghy dock. After we are done measuring and weighing boats, we have a pizza feed at the AYC clubhouse. Invite the family and friends to come and eat some food and hang out with the group. Here is a short list of reasons you owe it to you Lido 14 to bring it to this event!..

- 1.** It is a free service offered by Lido Fleet 78 to Lido owners in the area
- 2.** Your boat gets measured by our Fleet measurer. We will make sure it is Class legal pointing out any areas that need to be corrected
- 3.** Your Lido gets weighed on a calibrated scale
- 4.** If/when your Lido 14 measures to Class legal specifications, you get a measurement certificate that stays with your Lido. Having one of these allows you sail your Lido in regional and national Lido 14 events and increases the resale value of your Lido
- 5.** You can check out all the other Lidos getting some great ideas for your Lido.
- 6.** Get help from some of the "experts" getting your lido rig tuned and set up properly.
- 7.** Hang out and have great time with some cool people and some even cooler boats!

The other event that is coming quickly is the racing seminar by pro sailor and former J World instructor Andrew Kerr. It will consist of class room time at the AYC clubhouse on Friday night April 30<sup>th</sup> and on the water instruction on Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>. You can register online on the AYC website. If you are in need of a crew for the seminar or, if you would like to come and crew for someone, please contact me so we can match you up for the seminar.

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## *Lido talk at the 33<sup>rd</sup> America's Cup*

*By Stephen Orsini*

**T**im Smyth, one of the two owners of Core Builders, and I walked into the BMW Oracle Racing (BMOR) base tent in, Valencia, Spain the afternoon of Saturday, February 6, 2010. There in the massive tent building was the wing laid out on its roller carriages. The scale of this winged mast, the longest rigid wing sail ever built, longer than the wing on a 747 or an A 380, is hard to comprehend, even with workers all around it.



Tobal with his daughter Andrea driving on Fidalgo Bay. It would be great to have them back in town and back sailing with us!

**N**o sooner had we entered the tent, than Tobal Piris came up to say hello. Tobal and his family had worked for Core on the two monohulls that BMOR had constructed for the 2007 32<sup>nd</sup> America's Cup also held in Valencia.

Tobal, living in Anacortes, had become an enthusiastic member of the Lido Fleet 78 sailing in Anacortes. He bought an older Lido Classic in Port Townsend and sailed it with his young daughter Andrea who took to sailing without fear. His first question was what had become of his Lido, which had to be sold when he returned to Spain.

**T**he wing was installed on USA 17 in the early morning hours of 7 February. (If you go to You Tube and search under sdorsini, you will see what it takes to hoist a 223 foot wing sail.) That powerful wing never came off of USA 17 again until after she had captured the America's Cup on 14 February 2010.

**L**ater in the week, I met Andrew Rhodes, another boat builder working for Core, who had raced with the Lido 14 Fleet in Anacortes. He too had purchased a Lido 14 Classic. He had only gotten to sail it a couple of times before his nomination to Valencia to support USA 17's effort to capture the Cup. He said he never got enough time to sail his Lido before he had to leave.

**B**MOR is planning for the defense of the Cup now and little is known of those plans, but if Core builds it's next cup boats in Anacortes, we look forward to having more Core Lido 14s out sailing on Fidalgo Bay.