



2006 Lido 14 Class Championship Regatta

Huntington Lake, Calif.

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Sponsored by Lido Fleet 6/Alamitos Bay



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Lido 14s sail for championship in the High Sierra

HUNTINGTON LAKE, Calif.---Lido 14s from up and down the West Coast will return to this Western Sierra alpine resort July 10-12 for their 49th Class Championship Regatta. One past winner describes 7,000-foot high Huntington Lake as "the premier venue for Lido sailing, period."

The Lido, a 14-foot dinghy sloop, was developed by W.D. (Bill) Schock and introduced on Newport Bay in 1958, the same year the class launched its unbroken series of annual championships. Winners have included multi-world champion Dave Ullman (nine times), current No. 1-ranked Star sailor George Szabo (twice), 2005 Rolex Yachtsman of the Year Nick Scandone (2000), Craig Leweck (five times) and Chris Raab (three).

The current defending champion is Stuart Robertson of Huntington Beach, whose wins span three decades. He won in 1975 with Rob Nelson as crew, then in 2004 with daughter Erin Frederick and in 2005 with Paul Anctil.

John Papadopoulos of Newport Beach won while sailing as crew for Mark Gaudio in 2003 and 2002 and as skipper with Stephanie Failers in 1999. Gaudio is not competing this year. Papadopoulos will sail with Greg Rogers as crew.

Many of the Lido 14s will tune up in the Fresno Yacht Club's annual multi-class High Sierra Regatta on the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding their championship. Fresno YC will manage both regattas, although the Lido event is sponsored by Fleet 6 from Alamitos Bay.

The man-made lake, surrounded on three sides by steep mountains of pine forest, is about seven miles long and one mile wide. A reliable breeze of 10 to 15 knots, with occasional gusts to 20, blows over the dam the length of the lake from west to east from about 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., in phase with the rising and falling temperatures in the Central Valley far below.

Although the general wind direction is consistent during daylight hours, it's a tricky lake to sail because of shifts in



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and out of lakeside coves that demand serious attention.

"Those that work the hardest are rewarded," said Papadopoulos, the one who described Huntington Lake as a Lido's "premier venue," although "at times it also shows the true character of being a lake [when it] acts like a lake, meaning anything is possible."

Papadopoulos also declared Robertson as the man to beat in any Lido 14 event of recent years.

The boat itself has changed little in the 48 years W.D. Schock Corp. of Corona, Calif. has built it. Even after the design evolved into the 6000 Series in the mid-90s the earlier boats "that put the company on the map," according to company archives, remained as competitive as the new models.

"People pass them from generation to generation," said Tom Schock, who succeeded his father as head of the company. "A fiberglass boat with Dacron sails is never going to wear out."

This will be the seventh Lido 14 Class Championship at Huntington Lake. Others have been sailed as far north as Sequim Bay, Wash., as far south as Club de la Pena, Mexico, and as far east as Buckeye Lake, Ohio.

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