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**US Sailing Awards  
2016 Championship of Champions to  
Lake Bluff Yacht Club**

Lake Bluff, IL, December 15, 2016 - The Lake Bluff Yacht Club is pleased to announce that US Sailing has selected it to host the 2016 Championship of Champions to be held on October 6 – 9, 2016 in Lake Bluff, IL. The event will be sailed in one-design Sunfish sailboats on Lake Michigan.

“We are extremely honored to be selected to host this event, which is one of the most prestigious sailing championships in the entire country,” said John Palizza, Commodore of the Lake Bluff Yacht Club. “We feel that it is a real testament to the strength of the Sunfish racing program we have built in our community.” Doug Warren, Regatta Chair, added, “The Championship of Champions brings together many of the best sailors in the United States as only the champions of select one-design classes are eligible to sail in the event. With the Sunfish being a single-handed boat, and all of the boats being alike, it means that it is the best sailor, not the best boat, that prevails in the regatta.”

The Championship of Champions was inaugurated by US Sailing in 1976. Nineteen competitors are selected from nominees by their class associations who are current national or North American champions of their respective classes. Eligible are sailors who normally sail in the U.S., are members of US Sailing and are members of a club, class or association affiliated with US Sailing. The championship is held in a different class each year, and boats are supplied and sailed in a round robin format. Additionally, each year a guest helm is invited. Invited helms have included winner of the Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswoman of the Year, Olympians, and other sailing luminaries. Classes in which the event has been held run the gamut from conventional to cutting edge and have included Y-Flyers, Snipes, Hobie Cats, J-24’s, Sunfish and Etchells,

The Championship is named in honor of Jack Brown who was noted for his service as a judge, regatta organizer and member of US Sailing Committees.

**About US SAILING**

The United States Sailing Association (US SAILING), the national governing body for sailing, provides leadership, integrity and growth for the sport in the United States. Founded in 1897 and headquartered in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, US SAILING is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. US SAILING offers training and education programs for instructors and race officials, supports a wide range of sailing organizations and communities, issues offshore rating certificates, and provides administration and oversight of competitive sailing across the country, including National Championships and the US Sailing Team Sperry. For more information, please visit [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org).

**About Lake Bluff Yacht Club**

Founded in 1960, the Lake Bluff Yacht Club is located in Lake Bluff, Illinois along the shoreline of Lake Michigan north of Chicago. The club consists of approximately 150 families from Lake Bluff and surrounding communities and features a high caliber Sunfish racing program, coupled with an active social calendar. For more information, please visit [www.lakebluffyachtclub.org](http://www.lakebluffyachtclub.org)

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