

Bill Lieber – WI

I am interested in serving the USODA as a member of the board. I grew up sailing on the inland lakes of the Midwest. I currently live in Pewaukee, WI (suburb of Milwaukee). I spent my youth racing scows and taught youth sailing as a coach for 6 years, from ages 16-22. I currently race an E-Scow. I have four children, ages 6, 8, 10 and 12. My oldest son is very active in the Opti fleet and we have spent the last 4 years traveling to many USODA events across the US, including, SE Champs, Valentine's Regatta, Sunshine State Champs, Team Race Midwinters, and Team Trials.

I have served as Opti Fleet Captain for our local club for the past two years. I have a special interest in our youngest sailors and helped redesign our club races to accommodate both green fleet racing along with R,W,B racing. I also currently serve as Opti fleet rep for the Inland Lake Yachting Association.

I am an Emergency Medicine physician and have recently been consulting with several youth programs in our area regarding action plans for this summer. I have helped our hospital and ER group with our Covid response plan.

I feel I can contribute to the USODA. I am in a position to offer guidance on Covid guidelines. I can offer a Midwest sailing opinion as we continue to build strong Opti programs, with more and more of our sailors traveling to USODA events. My perspective reflects the entire range of sailing interests as I have children that only want to sail recreationally, as well as those that want to race at the top level.