



# Batten the Breeze

June 2008

## Summertime.. And the Sailin' is Easy..

Moraine Sailing Club

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Sat, June 7: Racing.** Day Stewards: Marshall and Hastings

**Sat. June 7:** Sunfish Cruise Across the Lake

**Sat. June 14: 1:00 p.m. PICNIC at Watt's Bay Pavillion:** bring a dish to share. If your house number ends in an odd number, bring a dessert or appetizer. If it ends in an even number, bring some sort of main dish or a nice side dish. MSC is also providing drinks and ice.

**Sat. June 14: Racing.** Day Stewards: Goetherts and Schwartzmueller

**Sun. June 22. Informal racing** and a day to just sail and have fun. Come watch adults navigate Optimists !

**Sun. June 29: "Sail-In at the Point"** As many sailboats as possible will be invited to cover the waters at the Point with sailboats. See inside article !

**July 4: Regatta at the Point sailboat races.** The rivers will be closed during sailing races (but open at times during the day to permit passage) Come sail, come race, come cheer on our MSC members !

**July 12: 1:00 p.m. PICNIC at Watt's Bay Pavillion:** If your house number ends in an odd number, bring some sort of main dish or nice side dish. If your house number ends in an even number, bring a dessert or appetizer.

**Aug. 16-17: Learn to Sail Weekend.** See note in next column !

**Learn to Sail weekends. Aug. 16-17, 2008.** We now have available a place to stay that weekend ! The cabin down at Davis Hollow will be available and convenient. It is \$10 per person per night up to 5 people and if we get over 6 people, the price drops to a total of \$60 for up to 12 people (capacity inside). There are also flats for putting up tents on the site, a campfire and cooking areas and showers etc. close by. This would be a GREAT weekend to come up and learn to sail. Contact Jason about making reservations for space to stay over the weekend. Keep in mind.. SPACE IS LIMITED inside and out, so first come, first served !

### LEARN TO SAIL DATES: (proposed)

- .Class 2: Jun 21st, 29th - 9am-5pm each day
- Class 3: Jul 13th, 20th, - 9am-5pm each day
- Class 4: Aug 10th, 17th, - 9am-5pm each day
- Class 5: Sep 14th, 28th, - 9am-5pm each day

**BOATING SUPPLIES** with the environment in mind: check out: <http://greenboatstuff.com> -- a place for environmentally friendly boating supplies. They are located in the state of Washington and provide some terrific boat stuff !

Chris Neuwirth

## Some Thoughts on Sailing

After a hectic Sunday of rescuing boats, other people's boats, some thoughts come to mind as we head into the sailing season.

It was a wonderful day, sunshine, winds in the mid-teens kicking up whitecaps on the lake. Everyone wanted to be out sailing, unfortunately, not everyone was ready for the conditions. One boat had a chain plate rip loose. Further examination showed that the other side was just as bad and ready to go. Had they been on a different tack, the port chain plate would have torn loose instead. Another had a tiller break where it had been repaired before. Still a third had the mast come down on a capsize.



Another incident was where a catamaran capsized and was unable to right itself without assistance. We found that the crew of two had *ONE PFD* between them. We were able to assist them in getting underway again, and recommended they call it a day. They didn't. Hope they got in OK!

The lesson from all this is to check your boat, check it thoroughly, and be prepared when something goes wrong. All of the above boats had to be towed in to the dock.



There is nothing wrong with admitting that you or your boats are not up to the conditions. It's better to realize you shouldn't be out in these conditions while you are still on the dock, not in the middle of the lake in desperate need of help.

Jason Harrison

## FLYING SCOTS FOR SALE

**FOR SALE:** Flying Scot #115. asking \$3,000. in good shape and includes recent trailer, motor, full cover, ladder, bow ballast, mast flotation, recent wood trim, and all accessories. Could use new sails. Call Don 724-287-7504 (h), 724-287-7396 (w)

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**FOR SALE:** Flying Scot #2152 with Trailer, Sails, Spinnaker, Boat Cover. Phone 724-586-2030 can be seen at WIND & WATER BOATWORKS

## Notes from the Stowaway

When ever I can peep out from under the cover on the Longboat I can see lagoons, coral reefs and waving Palm trees. It is frustrating not being to leave this hideout during daylight hours. However during the night I can creep out, cross the deck and lower myself into the warm tropical water. Swimming away towards the beach I have to go slowly so as to not leave a bright phosphorescent trail that would give me away. I have to be back in hiding before dawn, but for a few hours I can be free and active. Back in the Longboat I can think of you all joining in the exciting race programme that your club has arranged for the Junior members. Don't forget to concentrate all the time when you are racing noticing which way the fluky wind is blowing and remembering to lean out in a puff and making slow movements of the tiller whilst you keep it as near fore and aft as possible. I still get a chuckle when I think of some of you beginners pushing the tiller all the way to one side so that the rudder acts as a brake and you wondering why the boat won't sail through the water. Enjoy the summer while you can, here in the Tropics it will be a long, long time before I feel cold winter winds again.



The Stowaway

## Ahoy area sailors!

### Come and be part of history. Be part of **The Point+Sailboats!**

**Latest news:** The United State Coast Guard has just given approval for a full river closing within a designated sailing area for the entire five hour event. This means no recreational power boats or commercial craft will be permitted within the event sailing area from the Fort Duquesne Bridge to the Carnegie Science Center . A channel for recreation power boats and the Gateway Clipper fleet will be maintained along the Point State Park shore of the Allegheny River .

This year marks the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration for the Pittsburgh region. You can be part of this celebration with a unique sailing event in the City of Pittsburgh .

The Point of Pittsburgh Sailing League, a new initiative to bring sailing to the City of Pittsburgh is inviting area sailors with sailboats of all types and sizes for a one-day sailing event on June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Point of Pittsburgh . It's simply your invitation to spend a day just sailing at the Point. River closures and safety procedures will keep things safe for sailors. Due to insurance and event permit requirements, participants will need to register for the event.

With your participation, **The Point+Sailboats!** could be the largest gathering of sailboats at the Point of Pittsburgh in the 250 year history of our region.

The final leg of the Tour of PA bicycle race in downtown Pittsburgh will also take place on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Local media and Versus Network are expected to cover the event. Who knows, images of sailing in Pittsburgh could find their way to local and national television audiences.

**The Point+Sailboats!** is sponsored by the Point of Pittsburgh Sailing League through a grant from Community Connections -- an initiative of Pittsburgh 250.

For additional information and registration materials please contact [joekirk@dp.net](mailto:joekirk@dp.net). Registrations are due by June 25,

## Sailing returns to the Three Rivers Regatta!!!

July 4, 2008

Who will take home first place trophy for the 2008 Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta, "Star Spangled Regatta"?

We just learned that Speed Television Network will be covering the FI speed boats that will follow the July 4<sup>th</sup> sailing regatta. There's a good chance that national television coverage will include shots of sailing right here in Pittsburgh !

We need your participation to make this a successful event. Attached is an application and instructions. Just print out the application, complete and sign it. You can either mail, fax or email completed applications. There's a fifteen boat limit so register early. Registrations are due by June 20, 2008. And remember there's no registration fee!

Please feel free to pass this along to any other Flying Scot sailors interested in participating. And email or call me with any questions or suggestions. It would be great to have some more volunteers for the event.

I look forward to your participation in this unique and exciting sailing regatta. Remember to bring you lawn chairs to enjoy the post-race riverside party.

Joe Kirk 412-997-9305

# SUNFISH SAILORS

## PLEASE DRAIN THE BOAT



**DRAIN PLUG**

WHILE ON SIDE, ROCK  
BOAT SLOWLY FRONT  
TO BACK TO DRAIN



## 2008 Ohio District Regatta Schedule

June 14-15	Berlin Yacht Club North Benton, OH	Jim Diffley jmdiffley@sbcglobal.net
July 12-13	Pig Roast Cowan Lake Wilmington, OH	John C. Larsen skipperjohn@fuse.net
August 2-3	Ohio Districts at Sandy Douglass Deep Creek, MD	Heidi & Tom Kammer hkammer@comcast.net
September 6-7	Harvest Moon Atwood Lake Yacht Club Dellroy, OH	Joseph Cline jckczoar@roadrunner.com
September 20-21	<b>Sail for the Grail Moraine Sailing Club</b> Lake Arthur, PA	<b>Dan Gelman</b> <b>dangelman@gmail.com</b>
October 4-5	Cave Run Sailing Association Moorhead, KY	David Davison David.M.Davison@USA.dupont.com



### WINNER OF SPRING FLING FLAG CONTEST !

At the Spring Fling we saw a lot of folks rushing around with pencil and paper, frowns and concentration as they tried to decipher the message hidden in the decorative code flags. **The winner was Emily Trageser** who deservedly wins the prize which will be presented on a suitable future occasion. Obviously she doesn't need to fly the "G" Code Flag. For any landlubbers amongst our readers this yellow and blue vertically striped flag means "I require a Pilot".

Congratulations Emily and thank all of you who sent in entries.

John Bridges

### Success again for Outdoor Extravaganza !

2008 12th Annual Outdoor Extravaganza sponsored by the Butler Outdoor Club had another successful turnout at Breakneck Campground. We had about 250 participants throughout the weekend. It is amazing how it grows and grows each year with not only people from all over Pennsylvania but many from other states. It surprises me where people come from and how they found out about the event. Even though when time gets close and I wonder if I am going to be able to pull it off and how crazy I am for trying...the weekend comes and it happens, with many happy faces, laughter and excitement. That makes it all worthwhile. This year brought more children with 2 days of Childrens Activities on Sat. and Sun. thanks to Kerry Hornyak, Jan Berg and Alice Stehle. Other fun workshops included Photography with Bob and Linda Steiner who are well known photographers, Stream Stomp with Andy Desko from Jennings Environmental Center, Birding with John Stehle, and Leave No Trace with Mill tour and short nature hike with Natalie Simons from McConnells Mill SP. They were well attended. there were about 15 various workshops and outdoor trips each day with various levels of difficulty on hikes, bike rides and canoe/kayak trips.

Carol Bickel, art teacher, made up the design for the T-shirts. Jean Adams took care of newspaper adds and Dave Adams made up the posters. Both of them took care of getting the weiner roast picnic food. Even Jason Peffer from Piazza Joes, near the campground, provided piazzas at a discount for Friday night. Although the piazzas replaced the usual hamburgers, we still had the hotdogs for the "weiner roast" and everyone seemed to like the change. And of course, Joyce Appel made smores around the campfire and everyone wanted more and more.

Other volunteers helped set up the campground, put up posters, worked at the Registration Booth, checked name tags for meals, brought firewood, and lead trips. Those involved were: John Keffalas, Jeff Rapp, Jan Berg, Jerry Hoffman, Jean and Dave Adams, Carol and Steve Bickel, Tom McCartney, Dale and Pat Vilsack, Helen Coyne, Sue McCoy and kids, Boop and Tom Baumgardner, Joyce Appel, Paul Henry, Vickie Gotaskie, Russ Tague, Andrew Neidra, Dana Asbury, Alice and John Stehle, Joanne Sergeant, Joanne Winwood, Mark Pozzuto, Tim Dunn, Sandy Devonshire, Tim Henigin, Patty and Steve Brunner, Mike Henderson, George Collich, Cecil Neilly, Mary Parker and anyone I forgot.

We were blessed with 2 forms of entertainment around the campfire, Dan Rossi, blind since age 7, told of his accomplishments and what he likes to do. Nancy Dickson played her guitar and sang songs. Sat. night brought something different to the Extravaganza, a magician, Keving Cramer, with his bag of tricks. And Sunday, Linda and Bob Steiner showed great slide show of their adventures on Prince Edward Island.

Thanks to Paul Egbert from Wind and Water Boatworks, Russ Tague, Paul Henry, Pat and Dale Vilsack and Bill for providing hauling trailers with canoes and kayaks. Thanks to George Collich for Rock Climbing instruction with Falling Angels, John Bridges for setting up Sailing with the Moraine Sailing Club, Dan Pedan for setting up Caving with Pittsburgh Grotto, and Mike Henderson, from Oil Region, who set up a Mt.Bike Trip. Thanks to Betsy, Vic and Dan Cheeseman for always providing great food and hospitality at their campground.

A special thanks to Tom Baumgardner for his many hours setting up a spreadsheet in an Excel program and working out the bugs and glitches many days between him and I on the phone. Also a special thank you to Paul Henry who does a lot of behind the scene work, working out the water trips and getting them and the trailers ready to go each day of the Extravaganza....besides putting up with me for months before the event.

Thank you..... thank you... thank you all !!!!! Get ready now and mark your calendar for next year over Memorial Day Weekend.

Joyce Appel, Coordinator

(Ed. Note: We helped out in the sailing end of this and had a wonderful time ! There were a lot of people who showed up to sail and the reports from those who sailed with MSC were just splendid. Consider joining us next year !)



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