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A View from the Helm

by Commodore Jason Harrison

Ahh, the New Year is upon us. It looks like it will be busy. In addition to our usual slate of events, we are trying some new things. Our winter seminar series includes a Cruising program in addition to the usual Learn to Sail. Set May 1st aside for the Spring Fling, and look for Monthly picnics in June, July & August.

On the race side, we are adding a Sunfish series to the schedule, open to any and all that want to race sunfish.

Our popular Youth Sail Camp is scheduled for the third week of July, and new this year, is a Teen Learn to Race weekend on the 10th and 11th of July.

I encourage all members to look the calendar over to see what is scheduled, and remember to check the web site for updates and changes. I look forward to seeing all of you sometime during the year.

Fair winds and calm seas.

Jason

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Look for your 2010 Membership Application

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2010 Calendar of Events

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February

- * Sunday 2/21: Learn to Sail Seminar at Northland Public Library McCandless

March

- * Sunday 3/7: Chesapeake Bay Cruising Under Sail Seminar at Northland Library
- * Sunday 3/21: Learn to Sail Seminar at Northland Library

April

- * Sat 4/17 or Sun 4/18 : Tentative Barn Date
- * Sat 4/24 or Sun 4/25: Tentative Barn Date

Check the website for updates

May

- * Sat 5/1 **Spring Fling** Parish Hill North Park
- * Sunday 5/2: Tentative CSP Work Day
- * Sunday 5/16: CSP Sponsored Group Sail
- * Saturday 5/22: Race Day
- * Saturday 5/29: Race Day
- * Sun 5/30 and Mon 5/31: Butler Outdoor Extravaganza

June

- * Sunday 6/6: Learn to Sail
- * Saturday 6/12: Race Day
- * Sunday 6/13: Boat Building Day at Watts Bay
- * Saturday 6/19: Race Day-Sunfish Racing
- * Saturday 6/26: Race Day/Picnic
- * Sunday 6/27: Learn To Sail

July

- * Saturday 7/10: Boat Building Day
- * Sat 7/10 and Sun 7/11: Teen Learn to Race Weekend!

July

- * Sunday 7/11: Learn to Sail
- * Saturday 7/17: Race Day-Sunfish Racing
- * Mon 7/19-Fri 7/23: Sail Camp
- * Saturday 7/24: Race Day-Picnic
- * Sunday 7/25: Learn to Sail
- * Saturday 7/31: Race Day

August

- * Sunday 8/1: Learn to Sail
- * Saturday 8/7 and Sunday 8/8: Lake Arthur Regatta
- * Saturday 8/14: Race Day
- * Sunday 8/15: Learn To Sail
- * Saturday 8/21: Race Day-Sunfish racing
- * Saturday 8/28: Race Day-Picnic
- * Sunday 8/29: Learn to sail

September

- * Saturday 9/11: Race Day-Tentative Sunfish Racing
- * Sunday 9/12: Learn to Sail
- * Sat 9/18 and Sun 9/19 Sail for the Grail
- * Saturday 9/25: Learn to Sail
- * Sunday 9/26: Learn to Sail

October

- * Saturday 10/2: MSC Fleet/Handicapped Regatta
- * Fri.10/8-Sun 10/10: Annapolis Boat Show
- * Saturday 10/16: Tentative Barn Date
- * Saturday 10/23: Tentative Barn Date

November

- * Saturday 11/13: Annual Meeting/Awards Banquet



Racing



to Race Weekend!

To keep up to date on our schedule of events please visit
www.morainesailingclub.org

Upcoming Seminars hosted by Moraine Sailing Club

Learn To Sail Seminar

Sunday Feb. 21 and Sunday March 21 2010 1:30-4:30 PM

Join us at Northland Public Library, McCandless for our first "Learn to Sail" classes of the year.

Learn To Sail Seminar covering basic Learn To Sail "shore school" topics to help beginners learn the terminology and methods they will need out on the water in the Spring.

For more information contact Joe Shields at 412-367-3697 or joeshields@yahoo.com

Chesapeake Bay Cruising Under Sail Seminar

Sunday March 7 2010 1:30-4:30 PM Northland Public Library,
McCandless

Did your New Year 's Resolution include cruising somewhere other than Lake Arthur? Then you need to attend this seminar!

Come and share Chesapeake Bay sailing experiences with coastal cruising sailors from our area. Explore future opportunities for group sailing excursions on the Chesapeake Bay. Free and open to the public.

For more information contact Joe Shields at 412-367-3697 or joeshields@yahoo.com.



All seminars above presented at Northland Library. Northland Public Library is located at 300 Cumberland Road, Pittsburgh, PA, 15237 For directions to Northland Public Library see <http://www.northlandlibrary.org>

How well do YOU know the 14 U.S. Sailing Certification Standards?

1 Wind Awareness, 2 Rigging/Unrigging, 3 Knots/Lines, 4 Rules Of The Road 5 Departure/Returning, 6 Steering, 7 Stopping/Starting (Safety Position), 8 Tacking, 9 Points of Sail/Sail Trim, 10 Jibing, 11 Capsize Recovery, 12 Overboard Recovery, 13 Getting Out of Irons, 14 Upwind/Downwind Sailing

If you or someone you know wants to learn more, make sure you sign up for the Learn To Sail Classes either at the Library or on the Lake. Why not start now? A great way to cure cabin fever!!

What's New?

Lets go Racing!!!
Ever wanted to go racing, but was afraid to try? Well don't be! Come on out to a club race day and give it a try. You do not need to be a race member to race. If you find you like it, you can upgrade to a race membership. **(You must be a race member for scores to count and to be trophy eligible)**

SPRING FLING

This years Spring Fling will be held on Saturday May 1st 3-7 pm.
We are going someplace new, Parish Hill facility in beautiful North Park. Directions will be posted in upcoming issues of the BTB. As alcohol is permitted in North Park facilities please feel free to BYOB.

SOMETHING NEW!!!

There are some new thing happening this year.
A Cruising seminar in March, Sunfish racing one day a month in June, July and August, Teen learn to Race Weekend in July. Check out the calendar for the dates for these events.



PUDDLE DUCK RACERS

Have you ever heard of them? If not search "PDRacers.com" on the Internet. You will learn that they are the simplest sailboat in the world that can be built for less than \$100 in just one week-end. Several sailors here and in Cleveland have said that they want to build one to start a fleet to join the over 500 already sailing in just two years since the design was launched.

They can be sailed by adults or kids and stored end up in a 24" x 48" space in the corner of your garage or shed. The sides must conform to the specified shape and the bottom must be flat, but all other details are up to you and your imagination including the size and shape of the sail or sails. If there is enough interest we will plan "Hatchings" throughout the season

If you are interested or have questions not answered on the web site feel free to contact John Bridges (brimor@aol.com) or Ken Andrews, CSP Director at CSP@morainesailingclub.org.

www.morainesailingclub.org

What 's Here? A printable 2010 MSC Membership card (once you've paid your 2010 membership dues of course).

All your personal stuff like address, phone number, email, type of boat AND the ability to change it.

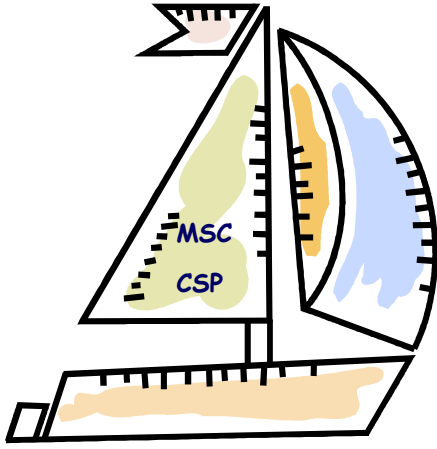
Your own list of special interests (racing, learning to sail, etc.) AND the ability to change it.

Access to an online Membership Directory so you can find all your sailing friends by name, interest and membership type. Need crew for an upcoming race, get a list of members who checked "Crewing" as an interest.

If you are a CSP member you can check on availability of and reserve use of club boats.

How do you get to the Members Only section? Click on the "Members Login" link up in the yellow border on the main page of

morainesailingclub.org. Enter your last name and password on the next screen. Don't know what your password is? Click on the "Can't remember password? Click here to retrieve" link on that page and follow the instructions.



What is the Community Sailing Program?

Ken Andrews, CSP Director

Moraine Sailing Club promotes sailing in a variety of ways and through several different membership categories. The Community Sailing Program (CSP) provides a way for members to enjoy many of the benefits of boat ownership without the financial commitment of actually owning a boat.

CSP members represent a broad spectrum of people, from those who have just completed the club's learn to sail program, to those who enjoy sailing, but don't want to purchase a boat, to those who enjoy sailing, but haven't decided what boat to purchase, to those who may have a keel boat, but desire to sail a Flying Scot or Sunfish either as a change of pace or to experience a different sailing platform.

Participants in the CSP program are expected to follow the club's guidelines by wearing PFD's when on the boats, report problems/maintenance issues to the CSP Director or the Property Manager, and participate in the maintenance of the fleet. There will be several workdays over the sailing season to keep the boats and trailers, and the MSC Shed in seaworthy condition.

The CSP boats (five Flying Scots on trailers at Watts Bay, one Flying Scot in the water at Davis Hollow, and a fleet of Sunfish and Optimists on racks at Watts Bay) are available through a web based reservation system to MSC members who have demonstrated sailing competency, paid CSP dues for the current year and participated in MSC/CSP work days, including the spring and fall barn days.

CSP members may use the boats on Lake Arthur for pleasure sailing, and racing. Some members have rented cabins at Moraine and reserved a boat for the length of their stay at the cabins...[some of the 11 cabins at Moraine have an adjacent dock].

CSP will encourage our basic and learn to sail members to become more active in the club's racing programs. I will be racing one of the CSP Scots on a regular basis for this summer and will commit to taking two or three CSP/learn to sail/basic members as crew. There are many reasons to race sailboats, but winning isn't the main one. Racing provides a structured environment in which you can compare your sailing skills and weather/wind judgments in real time against others. The discipline of sailing a set course makes everyone who races a better sailor. You'll immediately see just how well you are reading the wind and the water, and controlling the boat. And you'll meet some fine sailors and nice people.

During the 2010 sailing season, I desire your help to create good times and memories on the water. Your participation is an essential part of our club's success this year. We'll be doing a lot and we need you!

Where I Learnt to Sail By Jason Harrison

This is the second in a series of articles by MSC members sharing their sailing experiences. To submit your story of "Where I learnt to SAIL", please e-mail BTB@morainesailingclub.org for inclusion in the next newsletter.

It was the summer of 1966, I was eight years old, and this was the second summer where I got to spend two weeks with my Grandparents in Belmont, California. My Grandfather was a founding member of the Coyote Point Yacht Club, and even though he owned a 34-foot Owens cabin cruiser, he was a sailor at heart.

When I found out the club was offering sailing lessons, I asked if I could go. To my surprise, he said he would have been disappointed if I hadn't gone.



The club had a small fleet of El Toro's, boats similar to an Optimist.

We rigged and launched the boats at the boat launch area. I already knew what knots would be used, and how to tie them. My Grandfather had spent several hours the previous day teaching me them. We sailed in the marina, with the instructor running along the shore shouting directions and encouragement.

As I got better at handling the boat, I would venture farther out, pass the breakwater and into San Francisco bay proper. I remember the Instructor standing on the point yelling for me to come back. And then seeing my Grandfather approach him and say something. He later told me that he told the instructor not to worry, and to let me have some fun. Five days of sailing, wind blowing 10 knots plus all the time, and the only time I capsized was when we did the recovery drill.

While I would spend other summers with my Grandparents, and have many wonderful memories, this one week was the best week of my life.



Sailing is about....

Ken Andrews, CSP Director

As I write this, snow covers the landscape and there are still over four months of bad sailing weather before the launch ramps at Lake Arthur open again and our CSP boats return to the lake.

Reflecting on summer (and spring and fall) days, I began to wonder what attracts me to sailing.

Sailing is about skills. The basics are relatively easy, but there is always more to learn, and you can learn at your own pace. There will always be someone more skilled or talented and someone less skilled or talented.

Sailing is about character. The virtues of patience, perseverance, careful preparation, good observation and analysis, acceptance of reality over wish are all emphasized on the water. At the helm of a sailboat, I am always accountable for my good or poor decisions.

Sailing is about safety. At the dock and on the water, safe sailing is essential. Sailors tend to be more safety conscious than most other folk on the water, perhaps because we are more attuned to the vagaries of wind and waves.

Sailing is about going places. There 's a sense of adventure each time the boat leaves the dock, whether it 's for a sail around Watts Bay or an excursion to McDaniel 's Boat Launch or Davis Hollow or the ice cream stand at Crescent Bay. On Lake Arthur, CSP will sponsor some group sails to the various destinations around the lake....more details at the spring fling.

And sailing is about fun and friends.....

If you 've been enjoying sailing with us at Moraine, please make a commitment to invite two friends to join you this summer. Members make the club run and more members make more things possible. We 're limited only by our imagination and our numbers.

Help us keep Moraine Sailing Club growing.

Thanks Ken, for this excellent article on what sailing is all about. WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! MSC IS A MEMBER ORGANIZATION WHO ALL SHARE THE LOVE OF SAILING. HAVE A CERTAIN EXPERIENCE TO SHARE? TELL US ABOUT IT. SAILED IN A PARTICULARLY INTERESTING PLACE? TELL US WHERE! SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLES TO BTB@MORAINESAILINGCLUB.ORG. WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.



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