



Batten the Breeze

May 2008

Back at the Lake...

Moraine Sailing Club

WHAT'S GOING ON

May 10, 2008: CSP Sail to the Dam is on for May 10, leaving Watts Bay at 2PM, rafting up by the dam, then returning to Watts Bay 7PM. Event is open to all CSP, basic and racing members. RSVP to me at kandrews84us@yahoo.com is recommended. We will use all Scots available at Watts Bay for this event and can take six people per boat.

June 29th "Sail-In at the Point" As many sailboats as possible will be invited to cover the waters at the point with sail boats in connection with the 250th Anniversary on the day that the big Cycle race will terminate at the point.

July 4th Regatta at the Point Sailboat races.

The rivers will be closed to commercial traffic and power boats during these events, but will be opened at times during the day to permit passage.

June 22, 2008 A different sort of day with informal racing and fun for all the family. We will be asking Keel Boat skippers to take out some Sunfish Sailors and everyone to try out a different sort of sailboat. When did you last sail a Duck Hunting Punt? take a leisurely sail leaning back in a 16 foot skiff? or sail a Sunfish?

Some of our kids will demonstrate how they right a capsized Sunfish and we hope to include a demonstration of righting a capsized Flying Scot and more importantly how to get back on board

Races will be held inside Watts Bay with a starting line off the Jetty and will include an "Adults in Optimist race" a relay race and a race with one leg to be

sailed stern first (Note! there are less than 100 days left for your to think about how you are going to plan and execute that maneuver. WATCH FOR FURTHER DETAILS !

Aug. 2-3, 2008 REGATTA !

PLANNING AHEAD: MSC Fall Banquet on Saturday, November 1st, at the Four Points Sheraton in Cranberry.

Learn to Sail weekends: May 30-June 1 and 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 !

PROPOSED LEARN TO SAIL DATES

- Class 1: May 11th, 18th, - 9am-5pm each day
- Class 2: Jun 15th, 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

Moraine Named Park of the Year

Sunday, April 27, 2008

By John Hayes, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Darrell Sapp/Post-Gazette

Moraine State Park in Butler County attracts about 1.2 million visitors a year. Many are aware of the continental glaciers that made glacial lakes and deposited a moraine -- debris left when the glacier retreated -- north of the park.

Few, however, realize that the 16,725-acre park and its 3,225-acre Lake Arthur were built over an industrial area that once contained 422 oil and gas wells, strip mines, deep mines and farm land. In recognition of the reclamation efforts of the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation has awarded Moraine State Park its 2008 Park of the Year Award.

"You sure wouldn't recognize it, the way it was then," said park manager Obie Derr. "We have an excellent team of employees ... and an active [Friends of the Park] group ... that take pride in what they do."

Barn Days

Ken Andrews and a crew of handy helpers and boat haulers pulled off the seemingly impossible.. All of the boats were moved over to the Lake and safely readied for the 2008 sailing season. Thanks go out to all who worked so hard to make this happen!

Photos courtesy of Michael Dogan



John, how many boats *have* you hauled ?



Chris showing Ken how it all gets done in two short days with sanity intact.

Bending on the main



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND EXTRAVAGANZA

We have again been asked if we can volunteer to let participants experience sailing as part of their weekend activities. We need volunteer skippers to take out small groups on either the morning or afternoon of the Saturday or Sunday in Keel Boats or Flying Scots. In past seasons we have accommodated about 30 adults in total and gained new members for MSC in the process. *If you can help on either of these days please let John Bridges know so that he can match boat capacities with number of applicants.* (Note! They will be covered by the Outdoor club Insurance policy)"

FOR SALE !

- "Prior to the demise of Salty Dog and Elizabeth we removed most of the fittings and now have these available ranging from Mast thro' Cam Cleats to Rudder and Spinnaker thro' cover strips to Centerboard. If interested please contact John Bridges.
724 625 9348
- The club will accept reasonable offers from members before offering our two 4 70's on e-bay..Each boat is complete with trailer and 3 sets Sails. Contact John Bridges.
- Flying Scot #115 for sale asking \$3,000. The boat is in good shape and includes recent trailer, motor, full cover, ladder, bow ballast, mast flotation, recent wood trim, and all accessories. It could use new sails. I will be happy to meet with you.
Thanks, Don Ansman

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LAKE ARTHUR REGATTA

Promises to be bigger and better than ever this year and we hope that you will be there to participate or just join in the fun. There will be Fireworks and a Photo Exhibition; Boat Building demonstration and fishing competitions, Craft stalls, strolling musicians and the usual sailboat races for all comers.

We are planning to set up a table where we can describe the activities of our club and will need a few volunteers to staff this information center. Please think about giving up a couple of hours to rest your weary legs, enjoy people watching, answer a few questions, hand out some Membership application forms and help our club to grow. Please think about, bear it in mind and volunteer when details are explained nearer the time. Don't forget! August 2nd and 3rd

Butler Outdoor Club Extravaganza

This has been held over the past few years to introduce their members to different outdoor activities.

These include rockclimbing, canoeing, hiking, sailing etc. MSC has provided skippers and Flying Scots each of these years to take groups of 4-5 of their members out with a little instruction and invitation to join MSC. Joyce Appel who leads this group has asked if we could repeat for the Saturday and Sunday of the Memorial Day weekend. We need to tell her by June how many boats we can provide; these can be either CSP boats with volunteer skippers or skippers who own Flying Scots. Maybe some of our keel boat owners would also volunteer to help.
John Bridges

Youth Sail Camp

Youth Sail Camp is scheduled for July 21 – 26 this year. Open to all youth members of Moraine Sail Club, and offers a week of learning to sail fun for kids. Registration is now open, contact Carl Suppo to register. Space is limited so preference will be given to first time attendees. The Davis Hollow Cabin and Tent Platforms are reserved for our use during camp week. Questions? Contact Carl Suppo, Joe Shields or Jason Harrison.

TRIM

When trimming the Christmas tree we add decorative ballast to the branches. To trim a boat we have the choice of fixed ballast such as lead, cast iron or rocks which can hardly be called decorative. For the typical sailboat on Lake Arthur we also add human ballast which should be active and moveable to keep the boat upright and if the crew is also decorative that is a plus. It becomes second nature for the experienced crew to lean out to windward when a puff of wind hits; or to leeward in light airs to keep the sails full and avoid all the wind being shaken out of them when subjected to the wash of a passing motorized boat.

I was fifteen when I first crewed in a race after a year of pottering about in my first boat. Now I was in a heavily built traditional English Racing boat with Cast Iron keel and three quarter decked. I was amazed to see the skipper reveal a Spirit level fixed fore and aft to the floor boards as soon as we prepared to raise the Spinnaker. My own boat would bounce around much too much and even this XOD racer would move around in the Solent chop. What on earth could the Spirit Level be for? The skipper answered my puzzled look by explaining that the fore and aft trim was just important as the lateral.

When beating the bow should have a good grip on the water, and the shape will act like a wedge and keep the boat up to windward. When running the bow should be kept high and the stern down. This is accomplished by moving the crew. Forward when beating and aft when running. Of course apart from increased speed there is also the added incentive that if you don't have enough weight aft when running there will be a risk of Pitch poling as happened to Miles Smeaton the second time he rounded the famous Cape Horn.

John Bridges

PRE-SEASON REFRESHER COURSE FOR SAILING

Competing is more fun when we are prepared, and with the season soon to go into high gear, here are some quick exercises to best prepare yourself:

- * Sit on a bench with large metal fixtures cutting into your legs, stare straight up into the sun for 2 hours. For a more robust workout: invite 4 friends to come over and yell at you the whole time.
- * Go out and get very drunk, sleep 4 hours, then stand on a rocking chair for 6 hours.
- * Go to bank and withdraw as much cash as you can - then set it on fire.
- * Sit in front of a commercial fan and have someone throw large buckets of salt water on you.
- * Cut limb off nearby tree, tie ropes to it, stand on rocking chair with tree limb and ropes - hold them over your head for 3 hours...at 5 minute intervals drop on your head - more robust version: have friends yell at you in 6 minute intervals.
- * Pour cold water in your lap and give yourself a wedgie, now alternate between sitting and running around bent over.
- * Tie ropes between 2 trees and sit on a hard barstool tipping yourself into the ropes and balance - push your body against them as hard as you can for 6 consecutive hours - don't stop for pain or bruising until the pins and needles in your feet make it impossible for you to walk. --

Jason Harrison



Warm weather has finally arrived and that pesky white stuff has disappeared. Instead of "visions of sugar plums" dancing through our minds, now visions of calm, relaxing sailing has been firmly embedded in our brains - no doubt due to the "brainwashing" of reading all those tantalizing ads in our favorite sailing magazines that our minds devoured during those cold winter nights. Pictures of balmy weather, gorgeous sunsets, beautiful boats and beautiful people, have wetted my anticipation of the upcoming sailing season.

I could not resist downloading the following pictures to show the excitement of sailing in too much wind. Enjoy!



Please note, in this picture the skipper is trying to convert the Sunfish into a submarine. This picture was taken just as he received the order to dive. This is a skill we will NOT teach during Sail Camp this summer.

This type of excitement can even be "enjoyed" in larger boats.

The 30-foot Frers-design FIRULO is pictured here getting rolled over by a massive breaking wave. Most of the crewmembers got to the safety of the cockpit, but two didn't make it back to the cockpit. One got washed off the boat onto the mainsail and the other was washed clear of the boat. When the boat started to come back up, the guy on the mainsail just jumped to the deck. The guy in the water was rescued by the photographer Matias Capizzano who took these shots. FIRULO continued racing with only minor damage to the sails and everyone was ok.

Don't let anyone tell you that watching sailboat racing is as exciting as watching paint dry. We now know differently. From the pictures we can see what can happen when a boat is overpowered by the wind. So everybody please wear your life jacket when out on the boats. Just a quick reminder - in order to use any of the CSP boats, everybody on board must wear a life jacket. Be safe!

BIG THANKS !!!!!

Next time you see Ed Casey, please give him a big Thank You. Ed donated three JY15s to the club. The JY15 is well suited to augment our current fleet of boats that are used during our upcoming Sail Camp as well as to be available for our members.

The Club has a large number of activities planned for both the racers and the non-racers this summer. Be sure to check our web pages. John lePlant and Alida Skogsholm are doing a superb job in trying to keep the information current.

In The Water

Lessons Learned

A few weeks ago at the NOOD here in Dago, we had a particularly rough day (at least by SoCal standards), with breeze in the low 20's and a very big swell (10'). One of the weaker elements of San Diego sailors is their inability to deal with these conditions and given that they rarely sail in them, we guess that comes as no surprise. However, people falling off of sailboats is hardly unique to San Diego, and indeed it did happen to a crewmember from the Beneteau 40 *Audacious* (she was finee, as it turned out.) Skipper Rick Day was kind enough to share his observations of the incident. You'd be advised to pay attention.

The more I think about last Saturday, the more scared I become of what might've happened. We could've lost Nancy for good. Here are some errors we made - no blame - just observation and reflection.

1. I didn't insist people wear life jackets. This is arguably the most critical mistake I made on Saturday. Had Nancy been knocked out before or while going over the side, she wouldn't be here today.
2. Throwable cushions. They need to be on deck, in the cockpit, on the stern pulpits, where they can be thrown. Quickly!! Here's why: At 8 knots of boatspeed, we're covering 8 X 2,000 yards, or 16,000 yards in an hour. That's 266 yards in a minute. That's 4.44 yards, or 13.3 feet per SECOND. That's 1 boatlength (40 ft) in 3 seconds! In 10 seconds, we've gone more than 3 boatlengths. 10 seconds = 120 feet!! THAT'S ALL THE TIME WE HAVE TO DEPLOY SOMETHING THAT FLOATS. 10 seconds. 5 is better. 5 SECONDS = RIGHT NOW. Assuming our MOB is conscious and can swim.
3. Man Overboard Module. MOM - 8. Little white plastic box on the port stern pulpit. I never pulled the pin to deploy it. Nobody else did either. What were we (not) thinking? **I will get to this in a minute.
4. Sheets and guys. Never, ever, tie stopper knots in spinnaker or jib sheets! Better to lose a sheet or guy, than not be able to get the kite down in an emergency.
5. Once you get a sail down, you're not done until the control lines are on deck. Spinnaker, jib, staysail, anything - get the lines out of the water. Don't rest until everything is back onboard.
6. Engine/Prop. I should've been more disciplined about making sure the lines were out of the water before I engaged the engine. I've watched Mark admirably do this very methodically at least 20 times on [Rick Day] his boat . I don't know why I wasn't thinking more clearly. **I will get to this in a minute.
7. If a person goes overboard, your day is OVER on the racecourse. Wrap the sail into the rig, cut sheets or halyards, throw seat cushions, if you have a lifejacket on jump in after the person. Do whatever you have to do to rescue that person. Forget the race, forget the sails, forget the rig. Keep lines out of the water and everybody else on board, but get to that person who went over. That is the MOST important objective.
8. Take personal responsibility. You (we) all have our own personal foul weather gear, sailing gloves, boots, sunglasses, sunscreen. Do you have your own PFD? One that you know how to operate and that it fits you? When the weather gets rough, will you put it on? Will you ask the skipper for a life jacket if you don't have one? (Brett was the only guy with a PFD on that I can remember). Get your own PFD and bring it with you when we race!!
9. **(What I was going to get to in a minute.) When all hell breaks loose, it won't happen in a nice, neat, orderly fashion. What happened to us was TEXTBOOK chaos. We're damned lucky it happened during daylight near the start/finish line with lots of other boats around. And we're damned lucky Nancy was conscious when she went over.

NOTE: We have a GREAT crew. Most of us have been sailing together over 7 years. We are all good sailors. BUT, a person goes overboard, we can't get a sail down, we wrap a line in the prop, no MOB cushion is deployed, and the boat's barely under control. Personally, I was completely consumed with controlling the boat as best I could so nobody else went over and so that we could get back to Nancy. 4 people were completely consumed with pointing at Nancy, which wasn't a bad thing. Randy was alone trying to pull the chute down. I should've been more composed and shouted more orders and got people moving. But all hell broke loose, and to some degree we all panicked a bit. Things don't always go the way you think they might go. We HAVE to improve and think about things.

As the skipper and owner of *Audacious*, I am ultimately responsible and "answerable" to all of you (or your surviving spouses). Please get yourselves PFD's that fit you and that you like, and bring them with you when we race. Let's make safety our top priority and keep yacht racing fun for all of us. Let's not make any more headlines, OK?

Jason Harrison

This year Moraine Sailing Club is offering something new for its youth. Their own racing series. It will be held one Saturday a month in June, July and August in conjunction with the normal race program. The program is designed to pit the youth against each other in the same class of boats. The program will utilize the club opti's, sunfish, and the 3 new to the club JY15's for double handed racing. There will be a basic racing rules discussion before each days racing. This is the perfect opportunity for any and all kids looking for something more than just Sail Camp to try something different. So if you have ever wanted to race, or just want some more time in the boat this summer, come on out and join us for racing.

Oh by the way, did I mention that there will be trophies awarded? Top 3 scores in each class we have participation in will be awarded trophies at the fall awards banquet.

Jason Harrison



JY 15

The newest member of the MSC Fleet is the JY15 – thanks to Ed Casey. Ed donated three JY15 to the club. When you see Ed Casey, please give him a big THANK YOU!

Length Overall	15'0"
Beam	5'10"
Draft – Board Up	6"
Draft – Board Down	3'0"
Sail Area	135 sq ft
Mast Height	22'0"
Weight	275 lbs
Maximum Capacity	5

It's an original sailing classic! With over 80 active fleets and more than 3,000 JY15s nationwide. Hike way over on its crew-friendly curved and comfortable gunwales as the wind catches the large mainsail and jib. JY 15 features self bailing, ergo dynamic cockpit, kick up rudder and centerboard for easy breaching, stable 275 lb hull that allows for greater crew weight. Get on board for thrilling performance!

Rod Johnstone designer of the J24, designed the JY15 to make performance dinghy sailing fun for both adults and kids. The boat is simple, tough, ergonomic and fast. It is built from virtually indestructible triple laminate plastic, bonded to a foam core and glass inner skin.

JY 15 Features

- Self bailing, ergo dynamic cockpit
- Kick up rudder and centerboard for easy beaching
- An extremely stable 275 lb. hull that allows for a greater range of crew weight
- Flared sides provide a comfortable hiking edge
- One Design specifications ensure that every boat is the same
- A planing hull that you'll never outgrow

Foam injected hull that provides over 1000 lbs. of positive flotation

The Optimist is, quite simply, the dinghy in which the young people of the world learn to sail.



Optimists are among the only boats well-suited for complete beginners to intermediate sailors between the ages of 7 and 15. Very small children are sometimes "doubled up" in Optimists but in general the boats should be regarded as single-handers - it is in this mode that children gain the most in terms of confidence and improved skills. Most sailing schools have a number of them and they are the first boat most beginners will sail.

The best way to introduce kids to sailing is through the Optimist class. Optimist sailboats are designed especially for children, with a broad beam for exceptional safety and stability. The boats are simple to operate - just one sail, one line, and one daggerboard. They're also simple to transport - just strap it to the roof of your car or stow it in the back of a van or sport utility vehicle.

The Optimist is, quite simply, the dinghy in which the young people of the world learn to sail. It is a single sailor, 7'6" by 3'8" flat bottomed, hard-chine, pram-bowed dinghy. The boat weighs 77lbs and is easily car topped, frequently with two on the roof. Designed for sailors weighing 50-120 lbs., the Optimist Dinghy has become the world standard for introductory junior trainers. Optimist sailors learn the essential steering and sail-trimming skills necessary to continue in the sport of sailing.

Optimists are also the main training ground for future Olympic sailors. Over 60% start in the boat and over 40% of them are already international competitors by the age of 13-15. By December of the year in which they turn 15, Optimist racers are said to "age out"; that is, they become too old to continue racing. At the Athens Olympics over 60% of the skippers and 70% of the medal winning skippers were former Optimist sailors.

With an entrant list totaling 462 boats, the 2007 Optimist New England Championship held the second week in August at Sail Newport in Newport, RI is believed to be **the largest single class one design regatta ever held in the United States.**



Sailing returns to the Three Rivers Regatta!!! July 4, 2008



Join us on July 4th as we bring sailing back to the Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta. This year's sailing regatta the "Star Spangled Regatta"

will again feature the locally-manufactured Flying Scot. The support of the Three Rivers Regatta, and the event sponsor Dunkin Donuts, allows us to offer the regatta with no registration fee or charge for parking.

Attached is an application and instructions. Just print out the application and mail it in. There's a fifteen boat limit so register early. Registrations are due by June 20, 2008.

We're very pleased to announce that veteran sailor, and past Allegheny County Chief Executive, Jim Roddey is returning to announce the race.

And please feel free to pass this along to any other Flying Scot sailors interested in participating. Feel free to email or call me with any questions or suggestions.

I look forward to your participation in this unique and exciting event. And remember to bring you lawn chairs to enjoy the post-race riverside party.

Joe

412-997-9305



SUMMER PICNICS

There are multiple summer picnics planned this year. Please see the calendar for the dates. Board members are hosting the picnics this year and the "bring a dish" will continue as it has proven to be a great success ! We will alternate months with during the odd numbered months, if your house number ends in an odd number, bring a side dish or dessert (go easy on our waistlines if you could !). Those with house numbers can bring a main dish. In the even numbered months, if your house ends in an even number, please bring main dish; if your house number ends in an odd number, bring a side dish or dessert. The club will provide drinks, ice, dishes and silverware. If you would like to host a picnic or co-host one with another member/ family, please let Jason Harrison know as early as possible and we will find a place for you on the calendar.

2008 PITTSBURGH THREE RIVERS REGATTA: SAILING REGATTA APPLICATION

FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2008

One-Design Regatta for Flying Scot Class Sailboats

Boat Owner's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail Address _____

Crew Name _____ Crew Name _____

Address _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Phone Number _____

Email Address _____ Email Address _____

Sail Number _____

By signing this document I agree to abide by the *Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta Sailing Regatta* event rules. I also agree to follow any reasonable on-site directions given to me regarding the operation of the tournament. I fully understand that sailing is a dangerous activity and may result in damage, injury or even death. I participate in this event at my own risk and assume any risks involved. Point of Pittsburgh Sailing League (PPSL), operator of the *Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta Sailing Regatta*, reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications. I hereby release the Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta, Point of Pittsburgh Sailing League, The Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta, Inc., the City of Pittsburgh, the Sports & Exhibition Authority, Stadium Authority of the City of Pittsburgh, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, ISM USA LLC and its associates and all independent contractors, all 2008 Three Rivers Regatta Sponsors and Media Partners from any and all damages, costs, or injuries of any kind. Furthermore, I agree to defend and hold harmless the above-mentioned parties from any and all accidents caused fully or in part by my acts, omissions, negligence, or breach of this agreement. I also promise to permit no one on my boat who has not signed as a "Crew" on this or an attached application during the entirety of the regatta. I also permit the use of my image or likeness, including the use of photography, film, or video, by the *Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta Sailing Regatta*, Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta, Inc., ISM USA LLC and its associates and all independent contractors, all 2008 Three Rivers Regatta Sponsors and Media Partners and other related parties for commercial purposes and promotion. These provisions shall survive the termination of the 2008 Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta event. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) involved with the event with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by myself or my crew as a result of our participation in this event and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage.

Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Crew Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Crew Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Please Send Applications To:

TRR Sailing Regatta, c/o Mr. Joe Kirk, 245 Catalpa Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15228

Application Due Date: June 20, 2008

2008 PITTSBURGH THREE RIVERS REGATTA:

3 RD ANNUAL SAILING REGATTA RULES AND REGULATIONS

EVENT OPERATOR: POINT OF PITTSBURGH SAILING LEAGUE (PPSL)

1. **PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY:** The *Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta Sailing Regatta* is a one design sailing event restricted to Flying Scot class boats. Participation in this tournament is by invitation only. Any candidate for competition who, in the judgment of the Event Operator, is impaired in such a manner as to endanger the safety and well being of his partner or himself shall not be eligible. The Event Operator reserves the right to discontinue acceptance of applications prior to the deadline and also the right to extend the acceptance date.

2. **CONFORMITY WITH RULES:** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current "Rules of Sailing" available from U.S. Sailing.

3. **SAFETY:** Boat operators must be sixteen (16) years of age or older. While on water during the regatta, each competitor is required to wear a Coast Guard approved PFD. The PFD must be strapped, snapped or zippered securely and maintained in this condition during the on water portion of the sailing regatta.

4. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** Competitors in the *Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta Sailing Regatta* event are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Use of alcohol or drugs (other than those prescribed by a licensed physician) by any competitor during the sailing regatta event will not be tolerated and shall be cause for automatic disqualification.

5. SAILING REGATTA EVENT SCHEDULE: FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2006

8:00 AM, Launching Begins: Participants will stage cars/trailers near Heinz Field for rigging and then proceed to the ramp at Heinz Field for launching. Car/trailer and crew parking will be provided (location to be announced).

9:00 AM, Skippers Meeting: Final safety and race instructions.

9:55 AM, 1st Starting Sequence Begins: Five (5) minute sequence, three (3) races are anticipated (further directions at skippers meeting). Due to the tight schedule, there will only be short on-water breaks between races. NOTE: As time requires the final race may be called with winners decided "in place".

1:00 PM, Awards Ceremony: The Day Steward will announce the top three finishers on-water and awardees will sail over to the announcer booth on the North Shore side of the Allegheny River for the award ceremony.

1:15 PM, Boats Out of Water: Due to other water activities, participants will have to remove boats immediately after the race and return to the parking lot area for de-rigging.

2:00 PM- 3:30 PM, Sailors and Guest Reception: Heinz Field ramp area. Food and beverages provided by the Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta.

6. **COURSE BOUNDRIES:** Course boundaries marked by temporary buoys will be established for a partial river closing. Recreational boating, at harbor speed, will be permitted outside course boundaries. For sailing rules purposes, sailors are to consider course boundaries as shoreline. A map of the boundaries with buoy locations noted will be provided at the skippers meeting.

7. **TROPHIES:** Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers determined by average lowest score of finishing in the races. Ties will be broken by a "heads-up" comparison of finishes. Disqualification or DNF will be awarded last place for the given race.

8. **PROTESTS:** Given the tight schedule for the event, protest will be **highly** discouraged. The Day Steward will provide details on filing protests. Please note that protests will only be considered if the sailor posts a red flag at the time of the incident and will be ruled on the water during the race.

	Day	Event	Day Steward / Assistant
May	3 Sat		
	4 Sun		
	10 Sat	CSP Fleet sail to McDaniel's	
	11 Sun	Learn to Sail 9-5	
	17 Sat	Warm-up Race Day Boating Safety Day	Marlin & Harrison
	18 Sun	Learn to Sail 9-5	
	24 Sat	Schedule Race Day Memorial Day	Shields & TBD
	25 Sun		
	31 Sat	Learn to Sail 9-5	
June	1 Sun	Learn to Sail 9-5	
	7 Sat	Schedule Race Day	Marshall & Hastings
	8 Sun	Sunfish Cruise across the lake	
	14 Sat	Schedule Race Day Picnic - Carl S.	Goetherts & Schwarzmuller
	15 Sun	Learn to Sail 9-5	
	21 Sat	Summer Sailstice CSP/MSC Full Moon Sail	
	22 Sun	Community Cares Sail Event	
	28 Sat	Schedule Race Day Youth Sailing Championship	Bishop & J. Wolf
	29 Sun	Learn to Sail 9-5	
July	5 Sat		
	6 Sun	MSC Sailing Geocache Activity	
	12 Sat	Schedule Race Day Picnic - Jackie S.	B Zavos, S Zavos
	13 Sun	Learn to Sail 9-5	
	19 Sat	Schedule Race Day CSP/MSC Moonlight Sail	Cullen & Boyles
	20 Sun	Learn to Sail 9-5	
	21 - 25	SAIL CAMP	
	26 Sat	Schedule Race Day Youth Sailing Championship Picnic	Gelmans & Glenn Gilbert
	27 Sun	Sunfish Regatta/Swim Party Activities to be developed, but to include overnight raft up/camp	

August	2 Sat	LAKE ARTHUR REGATTA	
	3 Sun		
	9 Sat	Schedule Race Day	Hohler, Czepleski & Lora
		Picnic - Dean M.	
	10 Sun	Learn to Sail 9-5	
	16 Sat	Learn to Sail 9-5	
	17 Sun	Learn to Sail 9-5	
	23 Sat	Schedule Race Day	Suppo's & Jombock
		Youth Sailing Championship	
	24 Sun	Cruising Fundamentals Seminar and on the water drills	
30 Sat	Cruising Fundamentals Seminar and on the water drills		
31 Sun			
September	6 Sat	Schedule Race Day	Goldberg & Reis
	7 Sun	MSC Round the Lake Tour Cruising Community Tour, followed by outdoor dinner at Davis Hollow Pavilions	
	13 Sat	Schedule Race Day	Uehling & Ingersoll
		Picnic - Jason	
	14 Sun	Learn to Sail 9-5	
	20 Sat	Sail for the Grail	
	21 Sun		
27 Sat	Schedule Race Day	Williams & Ken Andrews	
28 Sun	Learn to Sail 9-5		
October	4 Sat	Handicap Regatta	
		CSP round the Lake Tour	Harrison & Marlin
	5 Sun		
	11 Sat	Annapolis Boat Show	
	12 Sun		

KIDZPAGE

Hi Kids,

You may think you are experiencing Cabin Fever after a long winter, but I assure you it is nothing compared to the dose I received after weeks of our trying to get around Cape Horn. The gales from the West continually tried to push us astern in the wrong direction as we were pelted with snow and the ice had to be chipped off the rigging and decks. Finally we made it and sailed North to warmer weather, trade winds, flying fish, coral islands with palm trees and all those pleasant things we have only dreamed about for what seemed to be the last several years.

I hear that an exciting year's activities have been planned for you and I hope that you will make time to participate. The Moraine Sailing Club won't feel like repeating this year's programme unless you show an interest. I see on my portable computer that the biggest ever Optimist Regatta took place with 999 entries, just think how you could participate in the years to come if you practice, practice, practice.

Yes! Yes! Yes! We all know that gasoline is getting expensive and your parents are trying to keep mileage down, but many of you live in the same area so that car pooling is possible and should be used. Tell a club officer when you plan to sail so that we can make sure that Sunfish or Optimists are available and a safety boat can be arranged.

On this big sailing vessel there are many experienced sailors, but they all agree that they can never stop learning about the sea and getting the best out of a sailing ship. Sailing away from the shore and getting back to it is a first step but there are many more to be taken. What you need in Joe Shield's words is "Tiller Time" so that each reaction becomes automatic; you may even find yourself standing on the centerboard before you release the main sheet?

Watch out for Kidznews in the BTB, if the copy doesn't come to you home with the mailman, look for it on the club

website:

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MCHUMOR by T. McCracken





Designed in 1951, the Sunfish is a miracle of simplicity and function:

The Sunfish originally began as a Sailfish and was produced by Alcorn Inc. The Sailfish, introduced in the early 50's and still is considered a miracle of simplicity and function. A decade later the beam was widened, a small cockpit was added including other subtle refinements and, as a result, the Sunfish became the predominate model. Over the years the company changed hands a number of times and is now owned by Vanguard Sailboats in Portsmouth, RI.

Roughly 50 years and 500,000 boats later the Sunfish is still a wonderful design while providing great joy for all ages and skills alike.

The sailplan requires just two lines to control and the boat can be set up in less than five minutes. The patented kick-up rudder system allows full beach landings with no problems. The hard-chined hull and low sail plan provide unmatched stability and a forgiving feel. The Sunfish combines performance, stability and durability in a package that appeals to beginners and experts alike.

The boat sailed well, with a forgiving nature, making it an excellent boat to learn in. The lateen sail naturally depowered when the wind came up. If the boat did go over, it could be righted easily, due to foam blocks at the hull (and a cockpit bailer designed years after the first boat was built). The Sunfish offered sensational planing performance.



Launching of Ice-cream stick Viking ship

A Viking ship made from ice-cream sticks set sail for England from the Netherlands on recently.

The 15-metre (50-foot) long ship, named after the Norse god Thor, is made from **15 million recycled ice-cream sticks** glued together by U.S.-born stuntman Robert McDonald, his son and more than 5,000 children.

'If you can dream it you can do it ... I want to teach children that anything is possible,' McDonald said.

He and his crew hope to cross the Atlantic later on the ancient Viking route to North America via Iceland and Greenland.



Wolf Goethert

Youth Sailing Championship

Moraine Sailing Club will be holding a Youth Sailing Championship on Saturday June 28; July 26; August 23. All youth are welcome to participate. Racing will take place in club Sunfish and Opti's. This is a nine race series (Weather permitting), and trophies will be awarded at the fall banquet. Registration is now open, please contact Jason Harrison by e-mail at: jake_159@yahoo.com; or by phone at 412-931-0670.



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