



# BATTEN THE BREEZE

Moraine Sailing Club Newsletter

May/June/July 2005

## PICNICS PICNICS PICNICS!!!

*Yikes! We haven't had a club picnic since April. Well, get out that famous recipe you've been dieing to share with fellow club members, because here comes a whole boat load of picnics. Grab your calendar and start sending in your RSVPs!*

### SailAway Weekend July 23-25, 2005

This is a planned weekend for all MSC members and is a chance for us to get together and do some serious sailing as a club. As of the Friday before, we will have 42 newly certified sailors.. all between the ages of 8-13. This is a record number for the club's Sailing Camp. These children will be a huge asset to the world of sailing and to Moraine Sailing Club. Please join us for the whole weekend or even part of the weekend to sail on the lake, cheer them on in their sailing and racing.

Camping is still available at the campground Friday and Saturday nights. The club picked up the additional night's costs, so please come and join us for evening campfires laced with seafarer's tales, toasted marshmallows, s'mores and fire grilled late night hotdogs. Please send me an email to let me know you are coming for the camping and or the weekend activities and cookouts at [june-  
bugpgh@comcast.net](mailto:june-bugpgh@comcast.net)

There are two planned picnics at 1:00 p.m. each day. Please bring a side dish to share. MSC is providing hamburgers, hot dogs and "fixin's". I will need a head count for each day's cookout. Please email me to let me know that you are coming and bringing a dish to share.

There are planned sailing games, land games for kids and us 'old timers'.

Jackie Stevens

### Community Sail Program (CSP) Picnic

All Moraine Sailing Club members and potential members are welcome.

Bring your family and friends.

When: Sunday, Sep 11 from 10-am-3pm. Picnic lunch from noon-1. We will get started sailing around 10am, however, those who are qualified to use the CSP Club boats can start as early as you like. Will start grilling for lunch around 11:30 - shooting for eating around noon. More sailing and socializing after lunch.

Where: Watts Bay Picnic Pavilion Cost: FREE!

Food: We will supply hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments and soft drinks. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you house number starts with an even number then please bring a dessert, odd number please bring a side dish.

RSVP: Please respond if you are interested in attending so that we can get an idea of how much food we will need. RSVP to: Chris Neuwirth, 412 441 5590, [cmn@cmu.edu](mailto:cmn@cmu.edu)

Volunteer: We need members to help out with procuring supplies, setting up and cleaning up. Many hands make light work, so when you RSVP, please volunteer if you're able.

## FLYING SCOT NEWS

By Bob Zavos, Fleet 80 Captain

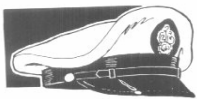
### MSC sponsored picnics August 13th and Sept. 24th

These picnics will take place at noon or shortly after any races at Watts Bay. These picnics are open to all MSC members and their friends, racers and non racers alike. MSC will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please RSVP to [Bruce.Stemplewski@stempsoft.com](mailto:Bruce.Stemplewski@stempsoft.com) or 412-787-0135 (prefer email), with the picnic or picnics you will be attending. Please mention any special dietary requirements such as veggie burgers etc. We will need help with food and drink purchase, setup, cooking and clean up. Please mention how you would like to help out in your RSVP if you can help.

### THREE RIVERS REGATTA SAILING EVENT

Fleet 80 members participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Flying Scot Regatta at the 28<sup>th</sup> annual Three Rivers Regatta on July 4, 2005. Logistics and launching were very smooth thanks to event organizer Joe Kirk. He has been working hard to expand this event as well as start a Point of Pittsburgh Sailing league where high school and college students can learn and participate in sailboat racing much like the very successful Three Rivers Rowing Association.

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## Commodore's Corner

Well, summer has finally arrived in Western Pennsylvania and it is sweltering hot as I am writing this. We did manage to get two races in on Saturday before the winds died. This is probably a sign of more to come in July. Predictions are for a hot dry summer. However, the water at the Lakeview beach was fantastic and rejuvenating. It was sure a nice way to end a blistering hot day.

Some of the sailing instructors met to discuss the summer sailing camp and as usual, Joe Shields was very busy with the plans with Barb Keiser and John Bridges, discussing how to make the instructional part of sailing course more interesting to the varied age groups of children enrolled. We understand that the children that have been through the camp before, want to get out on the water and not necessarily get involved with the lectures. The group was spending their Saturday afternoon kicking around ideas and planning activities.

As some of you may or may not know, Joe has been actively involved with becoming a certified instructor trainer. This means that he can now teach others to become certified instructors on small boats. Through the winter Joe ran several seminars for instructor trainer candidates. These candidates are now finished with the course and will be helping Barb, Joe and John at the sailing camp. A heartfelt thank you to Joe for his gracious effort and time away from his family in spending as much time as needed to help the participants get through the instructional material of this certified US Sailing course.

The learning process was certainly not all bookwork. Kinesthetic teaching includes the hands-on skills of the safety boat and the teaching and coaching fundamentals of sailing with land drills, as well as on-the-water training. Joe conducted various sessions to see that the future instructors were proficient in teaching all of these skills.

As you can see, the fundamentals of being a beginning sailor as well as an instructor are very important. It is not just a matter of jumping into a boat and getting out on the water, perhaps running into problems and not knowing the appropriate boating techniques. Where would all of the new sailors be without people like Joe who endlessly give of their time and effort?

Fair winds and good sailing to Joe and the other instructors and helpers at this year's sailing camp.

Carl Suppo

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### FSSA BUDDY SYSTEM

FSAA has recommended fleets adopt a "Buddy" system where experienced Flying Scot Sailors mentor relatively new Flying Scot sailors. If you can be a mentor or would like to get help from a mentor please contact me and I will make arrangements.

### SAIL FOR THE GRAIL, SEPTEMBER 17-18

Fleet 80 will again host Sail for the Grail on September 17th and 18th. Format will be similar to last year where we had nine out of town boats and about the same from MSC. Unfortunately the five top regatta trophies went to the out of town boats. Hopefully we can have a better showing this year. At least our number of participants is up nicely this year in the season series. On June 11<sup>th</sup> we had 13 boats in the FS start in spite of high temperatures and very light winds. Hopefully we can do even better. All participants must be FSSA members to be trophy eligible.

### OHIO DISTRICT WEBSITE

The Flying Scot Ohio District now has a website as part of the Flying Scot Sailing Association Website. [[www.fssa.com/ohiodist](http://www.fssa.com/ohiodist)] I am the webmaster for this site. There are currently three other District Sites and we expect to add more this year. We will be adding information on District activities such as the eight FSSA sanctioned District regattas. The site also discusses national issues such as the proposed use of VHS radios between Race Committees and racers. If you have a pop-up blocker such as in Windows XP you may have to turn it off to use the FSSA site.

## Remaining 2005 MSC Racing Schedule

Revised 7/13/05

Mon	Day	Note	Event Description (Day Steward)
July	17 Sun	2	Sunday Series Races - 2 PM start (Hart)
	23 Sat	4	Sail Away Weekend, informal racing (O'Brien)
	30 Sat	1	Series Races (Zavos)
Aug.	6 Sat	1	Series Races (Shields) Regatta at Lake Arthur - open to everyone
	13-14	5	(Suppo)
	21 Sun	2	Sunday Series Races -- 2 PM start (Uehling)
	27 Sat	1	Series Races (Goldberg)
Sept.	3 Sat		No races - Labor Day
	10 Sat	1	Series Races (Kirk)
	17-18	6	"Sail for the Grail" - Flying Scot regatta (O'Brien)
	24 Sat	7	"Champion of Champions" regatta (Lorenz)

### Notes

1 Regular Series races open to all MSC racing and Community Sailing Program members. The first race starts at 10:30 AM.

2 Sunday Series Races are intended for inexperienced racing skippers. Please RSVP to the Race Director at least one week before the Sunday. No fee for MSC members; a club boat will be provided. See website for further details.

3 Flying Scot regatta away from Lake Arthur; not a Club event.

4 See "Batten the Breeze" for more details. All MSC members and non-members encouraged to participate.

5 Park event with MSC race committee. Not part of the racing series; open to the public. See flyer or website for more information.

6 Flying Scot regatta at Lake Arthur, Saturday and Sunday. No open-class racing.

7 Open regatta for MSC racing and non-racing members. Portsmouth Handicap scoring. Saturday only; the first race starts at 10:30.



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