



Batten the Breeze

August 2008

Sail Camp, Racing and Cruising.. A Great Summer on Lake Arthur

Moraine Sailing
Club

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

Picnic at Watt's Bay: August 9th following the races (about 1 p.m.) Bring a main dish if your house number ends in an odd number and a dessert or side dish if it ends in an even number.

Sat & Sun, Aug 2 & 3 [Lake Arthur Regatta.](#)

Get [Registration form.](#) **Sat, Aug 9** [Racing.](#)

Stewards are Hohler, Czepleski &

Lora. **Sat, Aug 9** Picnic **Sat-Sun, Aug 10**

Learn-to-Sail. 9:00-5:00 at Lake Arthur **Sat-**

Sun, Aug 16-17 Learn-to-Sail. 9:00-5:00 at

Lake Arthur **Sat, Aug 23** [Youth](#) Sailing

Championship **Sat, Aug 23** [Racing.](#) Stewards

are Suppo's & Jombock **Sun, Aug 24** Cruising
Fundamentals Seminar and on the water

drills. **Sat, Aug 30** Cruising Fundamentals
Seminar and on the water drills. (see pg 9 for
details)

September

Sat, Sep 6 [Racing.](#) Stewards are Goldberg &

Reis. **Sun, Sep 7** MSC Round the Lake Tour

Cruising [Community](#) Tour, followed by out-

door dinner at Davis Hollow Pavilions. **Sat,**

Sep 13 Picnic **Sat, Sep 13** [Racing.](#) Stewards

are Uehling & Ingersoll. **Sun, Sep 14** Learn-

to-Sail (on the water) **Sat & Sun, Sep 20 & 21**

Sail-for-the-Grail **Sat, Sep 27** [Racing.](#) Stew-

ards are Williams, Ken Andrews. **Sun, Sep 28**

Learn-to-Sail (on the water)

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 4: Aug 10th, 17th, - 9am-5pm each day

Class 5: Sep 14th, 28th, - 9am-5pm each day



Sail Camp 2008

Youth Sailing Championship

Day 2 had 9 competitors show up for three exciting races. Racing was held in club Sunfish, with 7 boats competing. Two had 2 person crews. The first race was a short triangle course, set between the points of Watt's bay that allowed the competitors to be seen from the docks. After a good start, Zack Shaw led to the first mark. He cut the turn a little too tight and fouled with the mark, allowing Ian Behm and Daniel Whitehurst to slip past, and that is how they finished.

The second race started with a bang! 15 seconds before the start, Daniel Whitehurst's halyard let go, and his sail crashed down to the deck. After the start he was towed to the dock for repairs. Luke Gintner had made a rocket start and was leading by a large margin. As he rounded the Gybe mark, the wind started to die, and the RC decided to shorten course from Olympic to Triangle. All competitors were notified of this, and Luke crossed the finish line a minute ahead of his nearest competitor. Zach Shaw came second, and in a thrilling fight to the line, Julia Campbell and Maggie Behm, nipped inside of Maggie's brother Ian for third.

The third race had all boats back at the start, and Daniel Whitehurst, hungry from his equipment failure, hit the line right at the whistle and at full speed. He was determined to make up for race 2's disappointment, and he did, cruising to an easy victory on the Olympic course. Mr. Consistent, Zack Shaw came home second, with Luke Gintner in third.

So after three races the order is:

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|------------------------------|---------|----|
| 1.Zack Shaw | 3,2,2 | 7 |
| 2.Luke Gintner | 4,1,3 | 8 |
| 3.Ian Behm | 1,4,4 | 9 |
| 4.Daniel Whitehurst | 2,DNS,1 | 10 |
| 5.Julia Campbell/Maggie Behm | 6,3,5 | 14 |

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|---------------------------|---------|----|
| 6.Sarah Behm/Annika Chang | 5,DNS,6 | 18 |
| 7.Chris Chang | 7,5,7 | 19 |

Who will return in August? Who will win the championship? Who will come to the Awards Banquet to claim their trophy? Stay tuned to find out!

Jason Harrison

BOAT BUILDING



Almost DONE !
The Lagerquists and Waddington families recently ventured into boat

Building. As you can see, it was quite the success ! The boats were built from the raw wood to completion.



One of the nicest parts of boat building is knowing that you can do something proficiently that you can actually sail in and enjoy for years to come. Many children and adults have been trained in boat building by our own John Bridges. John has built many, many boats, the most recent of which was seen sailing during the Three Rivers Regatta on the Allegheny River. We followed the building of that boat here in the BTB and ultimately saw her sailed up on Lake Arthur.



John would love to teach everyone with any desire to build a boat to make their first boat and learn to sail it themselves ! What a sense of accomplishment.



If you want to know more about building boats and participate in the next Opti building session, please contact John Bridges.



APPLE PIE !

Herewith a photo of a nearly finished Apple Pie yacht tender. We used the Stitch and glue construction method for this alongside a traditional framed Optimist for another club member. Present were Ted Arnn, Chris Neuwirth, Ken Andrews, Mike,

Henrik Lagerquist, The Waddingtons, Warwick

MSC's own John Bridges is creating another work of art in his woodshop. Its so nice to see what is becoming tomorrow's boats which will sail on Lake Arthur. Looks GREAT, boat builders !

Commodore Wolf Turns 39 ! (+)

On June 14th, Wolf came up to sail and have a picnic and got a real surprise.. The "picnic" was wrapped around a surprise birthday party for him. He was stunned by the arrival of his children and grandchildren from ports afar.. totally unexpected



and a grand surprise for him ! Joy was in on the secret and helped pull it all together while keeping it under wraps. Here's some pictures of the great time shared under the rainy sky that prevented sailing that day. Despite the grey skies, the smiles



were abundant and joyous. Wolf was totally absorbed in everything going on around him, enjoying the camaraderie of fellow sailors, friends and family.

Wolf's children and grandchildren arrive and share in the day.



The food was incredible and plentiful too. Everyone was in on the surprise and did their best to make extraordinary dishes for the occasion. Lois whipped out her decorator talents and

made a sailin' cake for Wolf, complete with miniature sailboats.



Joy and Wolf want to thank everyone for the delightful surprise.. and it truly was a special day for Wolf !

SAILCAMP 2008 July 21-25

Sailcamp seems to be getting better every year ! A total of 23 students were in the sailing school this year. Over half the campers had never been to sail camp before, but you would never know it by their sailing. At the end of the first day, you would have thought all the kids had been there before. They were quick to master the basics, and challenged the instructors to expand their skills.



By the end of the week, the Sunfish group was racing around the buoys, and the Opti group was ready for their sail to Lakewood. Swimming, Lunch, and testing took place, and then the sail back to Watt's Bay marked the end of Sail Camp.



The boats were put away, goodbye's were said, and the kids were encouraged to keep sailing. Overall, we had fine weather during camp, with plenty of wind, (sometimes a bit too much), plenty of sunshine, and plenty of FUN!



The 2008 SailCamp teaching staff consisted of Carl Suppo, John Bridges, Jason Harrison, Joe Shields, Greg Medzlonka, and Nicole Winner. Thank you to everyone who taught, assisted and attended. You helped make SailCamp WONDERFUL !

Jason Harrison



WEARING A SHIP ??

After the peace and quiet of the anchorages inside the coral reefs at various Pacific Islands there is a lot of noise and bustle in this busy port and only a few Palm trees to be seen. We have anchored here for the Annual Regattas for the local fishing boats and visiting yachts. I am going to slip ashore tonight and spend three days on shore, but making sure that I get back before the ship sails again. As I get dressed under the tarp which covers the Longboat I think about the term "Dressing The Ship" and will enjoy looking back from a distance at this one with flags from the bow, up over the masts and down to the Stern.

Then my mind started to think about "Wearing The Ship" and just what that means. What's that you say? Wearing Shoes, Yes! Wearing a hat, Yes! But Wearing a ship?

Let me explain, nowadays with handy fore and aft sails the term is synonymous with gybing. But back in the days of Square Rigged Sailing Ships wearing was a common procedure, albeit one that would make the captain bite his fingernails.

Some of you gals may someday wear high heeled shoes for a graduation ball or at some time in the future, you will find them awkward, difficult to maneuver and likely to cause injury. These remarks also apply to Wearing Ship.

If a Square rigged ship is trying to work to windward, finding there is not much sea room and misses a chance to go about (Like Catamarans, Square Rigged ships are more difficult to make go from one tack to the other) and it may be necessary to "Wear Ship".

This will entail backing the head sails 'till the ship comes to a halt and begins to go astern, then, and only then must the square sails be sheeted in for the other tack and the Headsail sheets loosened on the windward side and hauled taut on the lea side. This means a lot of ropes that have to be let go and hauled taut in the shortest possible time. If not and too much stern way occurs the rudder is likely to be ripped off or damaged.

MORE HELP NEEDED!

Hi! I'm the Stowaway who writes articles for kids in the BTB each month. Actually I live most of the time hidden under the covers of the Longboat on a big Sailing

Ship working its way around the world. When we hit ports I sneak ashore and get my ear to the ground listening for scraps of information.

I hear that the number of members actually racing is way down and that these dedicated racers are not doing much to encourage the 42 new members attending the "Learn to Sail Days". Joe Shields is working overtime with a few of his dedicated Instructors but could do with more help from boat owners since only 5 at a time can be taken out in each of the Club boats; and he could do with help from boat owners on the Learn to Sail Days.

The Community Sailors usually help when boat maintenance is needed but their efforts are being taxed by the extra wear and tear resulting from all the "Learn to sail" activities.

The Club's Flying Scot fleet is getting back to Five boats, but two of these have been in storage since last season and need a thorough cleaning. Perhaps some of the new sailors can be encouraged to give the CSP types a helping hand.

Windows in the Jibs are getting broken through incorrect bundling instead of rolling after a sail and more instruction is needed from experienced members on how to use and maintain the fleet. A little oil on trailer winch or "Dry-Lube" on a Mast track can make a big difference. I hear that after last Saturday's race not one member took the interest to look at all the Optimists laid out on the grass ready for the week's Sail Camp programme, let alone to offer help in rigging them.. These youngsters are the future members of the club and the club will die unless greater efforts are made to encourage would be sailors.....and who knows? They might even become interested in racing!

Tonight I must creep back on board and get into the Longboat before the ship sets sail tomorrow to voyage to yet more tropical islands under scudding trade wind clouds and through crystal clear blue water.

The Stowaway....



Sailing to Hawaii on 15,000 plastic bottles

June 2-6, 2008) In order to draw attention to the other masses of recyclables now floating in the pacific, Dr. Marcus Eriksen and Joel Paschal departed Sunday, June 1, 2008 from Long Beach, California on a raft made mostly of plastic bottles - 15,000 plastic bottles - topped by the fuselage of an old private airplane. Marcus and Joel hope to sail their raft all the way to Hawaii in order to help call attention to the problem of plastic pollution in the oceans.

The raft is 30 feet by 20 feet, consisting of thousands of plastic bottles bound together with fishing net into "pontoons," and then set in a deck/framework of old aluminum spars (20 sailboat masts). The "cockpit" of the raft, which will provide shelter for the two man crew, is an old airplane fuselage, which the team overhauled and "made waterproof." They expect to make landfall in six weeks, but are carrying provisions for three months.



To track their progress to Hawaii, log onto:

<http://junkraft.blogspot.com/> The most recent update was August 3, 2008.. This is a "must read" website. The Gyre appears to be an ever-growing area in the ocean with a mass of floating plastic garbage which apparently has a life after tossed out. Sadly enough, this "life" is one of a floating garbage pit. Go look at what they have found.. A disaster which is growing by leaps and bounds.

Source: Algalita Marine Research Foundation



If you want to try something small, you could always build something like this and sail it on Lake Arthur.

Flying Scot RACING RESULTS

Sail #	Avg Finish	# Races	25-May			7-Jun			28-Jun			12-Jul			19-Jul			26-Jul			
			#1	#2	#3	#1	#2	#3	#1	#2	#3	#1	#2	#3	#1	#2	#3	#1	#2	#3	
1 3883	Hohler	1.0	6				1	1	1	1	1	1							RC	RC	RC
2 5350	Star	1.0	2										1	1							
3 3700	Bishop	1.5	6	2	1		3												1	1	1
4 4233	Goethert	2.0	2							RC	RC	RC				3	1				
5 4269	Uehling	2.2	9				5	3	2				2	2	1	1	2	2			
6 4991	Benner	3.1	18	4	2	1	6	4	4	2	2	2	5	3	2	5	4	3	3	2	2
7 2148	Ingersoll	3.2	9	1	4	2							3	7	4	2	5	1			
8 4601	Zavos	3.6	9	3	3	5	2	2	3				RC	RC	RC	4	6	4			
9 200	Cullen	4.0	8	5	2	3	4	5					4	4	5	RC	RC	RC			
10 4114	Suppo	4.7	6										6	5	3	6	3	5			
11 5090	Armitage	4.8	9	6	5	4	7	6								7			2	3	3
12	Bridges	6.3	3										7	6	6						
4991	Goldberg			RC	RC	RC	RC	RC	RC	RC	RC	RC	RC	RC	RC				RC	RC	RC

OPEN CLASS RACING RESULTS '08

Sail Number	Skipper	Boat Type	Avg Finish	# Races	5/25			7-Jun			28-Jun			12-Jul			19-Jul			26-Jul		
					#1	#2	#3	#1	#2	#3	#1	#2	#3	#1	#2	#3	#1	#2	#3	#1	#2	#3
1 152969	Lora	Laser	1.3	6	1	2	1							1	1	2						
2 37708	G. Uehling	Laser Radial	1.4	9				2	1	1	1	1	1				3	1	2			
3 6175	Kirk	Catalina 22	2.4	11	3	1	2		2	3				4	3	4	1	2	1			
4 180	Harlan	Johnson 18	2.4	8	2	3		4	3	2				2	2	1						
5 h170	Cambell	Hunter 170	3.3	9	4	4		5						6	5	3				1	1	1
6 80232	Keiser	Sunfish	4.0	3	RC	RC	RC	3	4	5												
7 2902	Harrison	Buccaneer	4.0	6				1	5	7							4	3	4			
8 56	Shields	SouthCoast 23	4.3	9	RC	RC	RC	7	7	4				3	4	5	2	4	3			
9 25005		Snipe	5.7	3										5	6	6						
10 25005	McBride	Snipe	6.0	1				6														
11 182721	Andrews	Sunfish	6.0	1						6												
12	Lopez (CSP)	Sunfish	7.0	1					7													
13 55	Ken Andrews	MFG-19	7.5	2										8	7							
14	Neuwirth	Sunfish	8.0	1						8												
15 225	Gustarffson	MFG-19	8.0	1										8								
16	Kaufer (CSP)	Sunfish	9.0	1						9												

Sail+Point Event on the Allegheny River at the Point

The Sail+Point event went pretty well. With MSC members, Dan Gelman, Sean Marshall, Val Swartzmuller, and Joe Shields bringing their own Flying Scots along with a CSP Flying Scot (Call Buoy), they joined MSC members John and Sheila Bridges and crew Ken Andrews in their home built Swiftsure replica along with a Catamaran and a 'Windjammer' (about the size of a Day Sailor). A larger keel boat was not able to join us due to a launching limitation of the launch ramp. There were eleven new MSC sailors who showed up for our learn to sail session on the river, and each got a chance to take the helm in what proved to be very shifty winds. Some 180 degree wind shifts were common, but well heralded by dark patches of water coming in from the new direction. I think a good time was enjoyed by all.



At one point, Call Buoy was racing a tugboat pushing a string of coal barges down the Ohio -- the tug on the outside of the marked off and heavily patrolled sailing area, Call Buoy safely on the inside. With a good puff, the speedy Flying Scot had no trouble leaving the Tug in her wake. Joe Kirk (in one of the Safety boats) kept his ear glued to a VHF radio tuned to NOAA and alerted us of the "dicey" weather approaching in plenty of time to get all boats off the rivers. We were no sooner derigged and ready to haul back home when the skies opened up and dumped a ton of wind and water on us. Somebody was watching out for us though because by the time Joe Shields (joined by his son to help muscle up the mast) reached Watts Bay the sun came out and they were able to step mast, ship rudder, and make everything shipshape on Call Buoy before the next storm cell fell upon them.

Moraine Sailing Club has once again made a showing for sailing at the Point. Sailing on the rivers presents some significant challenges with motorized water traffic and commercial boats, but for those brave souls who have ventured forth, it is a challenge met with a great deal of joy and enthusiasm.

Joe Shields

Flying Scot trivia question:

In 1976 there were two builders of Flying Scot boats. Gordon Douglass was one, Whom was the other, and where were they located?

Answer: Customflex Inc. Toledo Oh.

Jason Harrison

Cruising Fundamentals Seminars

Moraine Sailing Club is pleased to offer *two days of Advanced Sailing Techniques on August 24 and 31*. Through the Learn to Sail program which we offer to new sailors, we do a fairly good job of teaching basic sailing skills.

These seminars will address some additional topics and skills which sailors may find useful or interesting.

- Heaving to: a classic sailing technique, which can be thought of as an advanced form of the safety position which we teach in Learn to Sail
- Crew Overboard Recovery: in Learn to Sail, we teach the sailing techniques to get back to a person in the water, but we don't actually bring that person back on board. We will review the sailing techniques to recover an inanimate "crew symbol" [probably a safety cushion], but once we have gotten back to "symbolic crew", we'll actually recover a volunteer from the water.
- Anchoring Theory and Practice: How heavy an anchor do you need? How much chain? How much line? What kind of anchor? What about a sea anchor?
- Docking/Mooring Techniques: We all learn how to dock at launch ramps such as those at Watts Bay. We'll discuss and practice picking up a mooring under sail, as well as the considerations in approaching a slip such as those available at Davis Hollow.
- Outboard Motors: Tips, Hints, and Traps. There are times when a sailor needs the iron spinnaker. We'll spend an hour or so on the characteristics of these mechanical devices.
- Spinnaker: Or how to sail downwind in style. We have four Flying Scot spinnaker poles in the club shed and a variety of spinnakers. We'll spend an hour or two on Spinnaker theory and practice.
- Charts, Sextants, GPS, and Radio. Topics we never touch on in Learn to Sail but which may be both interesting and useful when sailing on other waters.

This is a wonderful hands-on opportunity not to be missed by new or experienced sailors. While we know a lot from years of sailing, we can all learn more to become better sailors.

In Learn to Sail, we teach the safety position as a way to stop a boat under sail on the water. In Cruising Fundamentals, we will present and practice heaving to, an alternate way of stopping your boat on the water which will allow skipper and crew to work with the mainsail, take a coffee break on the water without having to pay attention to the sails or the wind.

These seminars will be offered on a first come-first served member response. We will plan to run the program between 10AM and 4PM on each Sunday, with lunch on the water during a raft up. To run the program, we need at least six boats to participate. If you are willing to add your boat to the group, please let us know when you RSVP.

Please RSVP to Ken Andrews at csp@morainesailingclub.org by August 19th. Priority will be given to club members with any open spaces given to guests after August 20, 2008.

CSP Happenings for August

CSP and other members are invited to join together for an evening/moonlight cruise on Saturday evening August 16. We will meet at Watts Bay at 6:30 to rig and launch Flying Scots, ensure that each Scot going out has a flashlight, and rendezvous with any keel boats from Davis Hollow or Watts Bay for a leisurely sail toward the US 422 bridge where we will raft up, watch the sunset, and then set sail to return to the docks. Please RSVP to csp@morainesailingclub.org

CSP Happenings for September

MSC Around the Lake Tour: MSC members with their own boats, or CSP members who wish to sail CSP Flying Scots are invited to meet at Watts Bay on September 7th at 1 PM to begin a group sail around the lake. We will sail as a group from Watts Bay toward Crescent Bay, then toward Bear Run and the dam by the US 422 bridge, then past Lakeview and back to Watts Bay. Davis Hollow based boats will continue back to Davis Hollow where we will dock and picnic in the Pavilion near the G Dock. This is a bring your own food event. The club will provide charcoal and ice. There is a grill available at the Pavilion, as well as electricity. CSP/MSM members using boats based at Watts Bay should have enough time to put their boats away and drive to Davis Hollow before the cruising fleet arrives at Davis Hollow and secures their boats. RSVP to csp@morainesailingclub.org by August 29th if you wish to participate in this event.

If this is successful in September, we will plan to do it again on Saturday October 4 as a sort of last hurrah of the sailing season before putting the boats away for the winter.



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