



BATTEN THE BREEZE

Moraine Sailing Club Newsletter

March/April 2004

Learn to Sail Seminar March 28

The 2nd Spring seminar, co-sponsored by the Carnegie Mellon Explorers Club, will be held at Baker Hall, Carnegie Mellon University, Room A53 on Sunday, March 28 from 2 to 5 pm. Directions and a map are available on the MSC Website.

The seminar includes an overview on how to sail using video, displays, and hands-on drills. It will cover the basics of sailing and provide information on opportunities to continue training "on the water" this summer. If you can't make it in March, we will be repeating the event at other locations later in the year. Watch our Web site and Batten the Breeze for further information.

KEY 2004 SAILING EVENTS

Learn to Sail Seminar	March 28
Sail at the Point	April 18 (page 5)
Spring Fling	April 25
1st Race Date	May 8
Race Committee Seminars	May 15 & 22 (page 5)
1st Wednesday Sail	May 19 (page 2)
Opti Sail 2004 and Sunfish Regatta	June 26
Flying Scot Picnic	July 4 (page 2)
Youth Sailing Camp	July 19-23
Lake Arthur Regatta	Aug 14-15
Flying Scot Sail for the Grail	Sep 18-19

Pennsylvania DCNR Dates

Boats Allowed at Park after Registering	April 15
Boats Must Occupy Assigned Spaces	June 15
Last Date Allowed at Park	October 31

Combination Locks will be used for access to Davis Hollow and Watts Bay. The combination will be given to lease holders at registration.

Barn Dates:

Saturday, April 17, 10 am to Noon
Saturday, April 24, 10 am to Noon



All boats MUST BE REMOVED by Saturday, April 24. The barn is reserved for another activity starting Sunday.

Join us at MSC Spring Fling 2004

When: April 25th from 4 pm to 8 pm

**Where: the NEW Three Rivers Rowing Club
MILLVALE BOATHOUSE (directions page 5)**

Food: Pot luck format. Hot dogs & hamburgers grilled out on the deck and soft drinks provided.

Attendees asked to bring an hors d'vor or side dish if they have an even number house number, a dessert if they live at an odd number house.

Attire: Casual

Activities and amenities: plenty of free parking, bike trail, public dock, adult and children games (with prizes!)

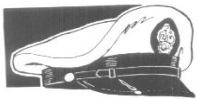
**Cost: \$10 per adult, \$5 per child under 15
RSVP: to Joe Shields (412-367-3697,
jshields@post-gazette.com)**

New Calendar

Be sure to see our new calendar insert in this issue. Some of the dates are preliminary and could change so be sure to re-check far out dates with the activity leaders or future editions of BTB and our Website.

Send in Your Membership Forms

All MSC and prospective members are reminded to send in the colored application form included in this newsletter. Be sure to complete your Sailing interests on the back of the application. Racing Members must be paid up prior to the start of the Racing Schedule. The 2004 Membership Directory will be available at the Spring Fling.



Commodore's Corner

Park Projects I have received a note from Moraine State Park Superintendent Obie Derr listing all the things the Park is doing to make it a better place for all concerned. They are obviously working under difficulties with all the budget cuts and would appreciate help from MSC in the following areas:

- A Grass planting and drainage of the washed out area
- B Staining the Watts Bay pavilion
- C Continue to trim brush along the lake shore
- D Paint the Watts Bay Comfort Station.

When the weather gets warmer I will be setting dates and asking for volunteers to help with these tasks.

Wednesday Sails begin May 19 with the same informal structure as last year, depending on who turns up and what they want. Some group cruises to secluded coves for an evening picnic will be arranged from time to time. We particularly welcome our younger members to participate this year.

Sunfish. The Community Sailing program has 10 Sunfish and individual members own about a dozen more. We would like to see even more of these out on the water this year and not just sitting on racks or trailers. We will instruct the Race Officer of the day to set a special course for Sunfish any time there are enough to make this worth while. In this way the Sunfish won't run the risk of being bullied at the start by bigger boats and the course can be set to meet the demands of the Sunfish Skippers. We hope to see a large fleet each Saturday race once the lake water has warmed up. But if you really don't want to have race and don't feel up to going out on the Lake by yourself on a weekday, you can always join the Wednesday sailors.

There will also be special Sunfish events on Saturday, June 26th alongside our OPTI SAIL 2004.

John Bridges

Batten the Breeze Publication Schedule

Issue	(deadline/distribution)
May/June 2004	(May 11/May 15)
July/Aug 2004	(July 6/July 10)
Sep/Oct 2004	(Sept. 1/Sept 4)

Flying Scot News

by Bob Zavos, Fleet 80 Captain



As you probably read last Fall I will be the Fleet 80 Captain this year and will also be turning over my job as BTB Editor to Joe Shields starting with the next issue. It has been a lot of fun and a great learning experience to bring you the MSC Newsletter for the past 5 years. I have mixed emotions in giving up this job, but am very glad to know that it will be in great hands with Joe Shields who was the previous editor.

A number of newer MSC members may wonder exactly what the Fleet 80 Captain does. Basically, this involves organizing activities and representing the local Flying Scot Fleet. We have a strong Fleet and hope to continue growth and interesting events for our members. I would like to hold picnics over July 4th weekend and possibly Labor Day. These are open to all MSC members. Our biggest event is our annual Sail for the Grail Regatta in September. I will need volunteers for these events. I am also looking for an assistant Fleet Captain. If you can help, please contact me via email:

rzavos@hotmail.com or phone 412.241.0659

One other important activity is to promote interest in the regional and national Flying Scot regattas. Along these lines I asked Race Director Dan Vito to schedule some of the non-racing dates to coincide with a few nearby local Flying Scot Regattas. He was able to do this for the Berlin Ohio and Deep Creek Maryland regattas. These are among the closest District Regattas. I hope that more Flying Scot racers will give these a try. See the list below. It is fun to see new places, try some new sailing waters and meet many terrific people. Sara and I have attended a few out of town races in the Ohio District as well as the Florida District. We have always had a truly outstanding experience. You can even learn some pointers to improve your racing. Hope to see you at one of these Regattas.

2004 Flying Scot District/National Regattas

Hoover OH - May 22-23
 Berlin OH - June 19-20
 Detroit MI - Wife-Husband - June 25-27
 Mansfield OH, - July 10-11
 St. Louis, North American Championship (NAC) - July 18-23
 Deep Creek MD - July 31 - Aug 1
 Atwood OH- Sept 11-12
 Cowan OH - Sept 25-26
 Cave Run KY- Oct 2-3, Ohio District Championship



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Race and Race Committee Schedule 2004

Date	note	Event	Race Committee
May 8	1	Series Race 1	Vito
May 15	1	Series Race 2	Altomari
May 22	1	Series Race 3	Ringle
May 29	x	No Races, Holiday	xxxxx
Jun 5	1	Series Race 4	Suppo
Jun 12	1	Series Race 5	Neuwirth
Jun 19	x	No Race	xxxxx FS Berlin Regatta
Jun 26	1	Series Race 6, OPTI 2004 - SF	Armitage
Jul 3	x	No Races, Holiday	xxxxx
Jul 10	1	Series Race 7	Cullen
Jul 17	1	Series Race 8	Wiwel
Jul 24	2	SF, Optimist, CSP, Juniors, informal racing	Shields
Jul 31	2	SF, Optimist, CSP, Juniors, informal racing	Ansman FS Deep Creek R
Aug 7	1	Series Race 9	Marshall
Aug 14	3	Regatta At Lake Arthur	Brant
Aug 15	4	Regatta At Lake Arthur	Kirk
Aug 21	1	Series Race 10	Hart
Aug 28	1	Series Race 11	Hastings
Sep 4	x	No Races, Holiday	xxxxx
Sep 11	1	Series Race 12	Jombock
Sep 18	5	FS Sail for the Grail Regatta	Harlen
Sep 19	5	FS Sail for the Grail Regatta	Uehling
Sep 25	6	Champion of Champions Regatta	Tingle

Notes

- 1 Regular Series race open to all MSC racing and CSP members.
SF, Optimist, CSP, Juniors, and informal racing are defined as AM races in the bay for small boats and PM races for anyone who wants to sail outside the bay, so any youths brave enough to venture out could sail on a larger course. Separate starts for Opti, SF and Big Boats. Non-series race day, all MSC members and non-members welcome to participate. No trophies will be given for this day's events. Liability waiver forms required for non members.
- 2 Park Event, with MSC providing race committee. Non-series race day, all MSC members and non-members welcome to participate. Trophies will be given for this days events.
- 3 Park Event, with MSC providing race committee. Non-series race day, all MSC members and non-members welcome to participate. Includes a race from bridge to bridge. Trophies will be given for this day's events.
- 4 Flying Scott Regatta, Saturday and Sunday
- 5 Open Regatta for MSC racing and CSP members- Portsmouth Handicaps Scoring. Trophies will be given for this days events.

Races start at Watts Bay on the North Shore of Lake Arthur in Moraine State Park. Races usually start at 10:30 AM. and normally right after lunch. Non-racing members or visitors are always welcome. The first race day is free, subsequent days require a nominal day fee. The MSC Race Director and Board are currently working on some changes to the racing procedures and rules. These will be in the next BTB and on the MSC Website.

Moraine Sailing Club Cruising Experiences

by John Hart

A turnout of 30+ hearty sailors met at Carnegie Mellon University, Baker Hall on a blustery Sunday February 8, 2004. Commodore Bridges welcomed the crew, regaled us with his sea stories and poetry and set the stage for those who followed. Jon Hart spoke about MSC Membership benefits and upcoming events for the benefit of prospective members in the audience.

Bruce Stemplewski gave an informative presentation on the upcoming Chesapeake Memorial Day Cruise. While there was additional interest generated from this presentation, unfortunately all of the berths are full and there is now a waiting list. Bruce is talking about planning a Caribbean cruise later this year, so watch for information in future Batten the Breezes.

Bruce moved on to discuss his experiences at Sun Sail Resort. He gave us tips about good times to travel, different levels of accommodation, types of sailboats and Eco-Tours. If you like to sail and are looking for a cross between a resort and bare boat chartering, this sounds like a great choice!

During a refreshment break, MSC Dean of Education Joe Shields demonstrated gadgets and gizmos. Joe explained how sextants are used for sun lines, dead reckoning and GPS technology. Lois and Carl Suppo were up next to talk about

their experiences last summer on a Windjammer "Cruise". They explained that while the experience is described as a cruise, it is far different from what comes to mind of people that have been on a more conventional cruise. The food was great, the scenery was beautiful, and the crew was friendly. What were different were the myriad of weather conditions, on-deck head and shower facilities, swimming in the "brisk Maine waters" instead of a heated pool and cozy living quarters. We watched a brief video that confirmed Lois and Carl's assertion that it is a great experience that they want to do again some time.

Lastly, Gerri Goclan and Dan Fix, told us about their experience cruising the southwest coast of Florida. Gerri and Dan took turns describing a 10-day bare boat charter on Pine Island Sound and the Gulf Coast of Florida. It was a great experience that tested their navigating skills and introduced them to something they are not familiar with--strong tidal currents. The pictures were great and the talk was a wonderful compliment to the other experiences shared that day.

By the end of the session, the sugar from the cookies and pop, and the visions of the warm sailing breezes had transported us to a place far more hospitable than a cold winter afternoon in Pittsburgh.

Many thanks to Chris Neuwirth for organizing the logistics and the venue!



Photos by
Cindy Phillips

Sail at the Point, Sunday, April 18

Plans are set for a sailing demonstration on Sunday April 18, 12:00 to 4:30 p.m. on the Allegheny River near PNC Park. The "Come Sail Down by the Point" event is a cooperative effort with the Three Rivers Rowing Association and other groups and is intended to help determine the feasibility of developing a high school/Intercollegiate sailboat racing program near the Point. This is not a MSC activity however MSC members are welcome to participate as individuals.

We expect some media. It's your chance to show off your sailing skills. PFD's must be worn by skippers and crew during the event. Boat launching will be at the ramp next to PNC Park with parking of cars and trailers in Lot # 4 See map at:

http://pittsburgh.pirates.mlb.com/pit/photo/map_north_parking.jpg

Sailors must pre-register for the event. For more information please contact Joe Kirk (jkirk@dp.net or call at 412 997-9305)

A crash boat will be on the water at all times during the event and will have radio/cell phone contact with commercial boats. Pittsburgh River Rescue will be present. A safety procedure for commercial traffic will be provided to all sailors. The river will remain open during the event for all river traffic. Sailing area will be in the Allegheny River channel between the Sixth Street Bridge and the Point.

Itinerary for "Come Sail Down at the Point"

- 12:00 Skippers meeting
- 12:45 Boat launching begins
- 1:00 - 4:00 Sailing
- 4:30 Conclusion of sailing event

Proposed Community Sailing Program (CSP) Dates:

May 16	Learn to Sail
June 6	Learn to Sail
June 27	CSP Picnic
July 11	Learn to Sail
August 1	Learn to Sail
August 8	CSP Picnic
August 22	Learn to Sail
Sept 12	Learn to Sail



August 14th and 15th
Moraine State Park
North and South Shores

Splashing Fun!

Plans are currently underway for the 6th annual Regatta at Lake Arthur on August 14th and 15th. Save this date for a terrific event. There are numerous sponsorship and vendor opportunities. For more information call 866-856-8444

Race Committee Seminars

Race Committee Seminars are scheduled between morning and afternoon races (about noon) on May 15 and 22. We expect to talk about Race Committee equipment and motors and Race Management (RM). Dan Goldberg will cover the following topics for RM:

- Basic philosophy: If you were racing that day, what would you want?
- Other basic philosophy: Safety First!
- Determining mean wind direction and setting up the course
- Selecting the course - Olympic vs. Windward-Leeward
- Setting the starting line
- How to tell if the line is good
- What to do if the wind shifts
- Signals and flags
- RC personnel functions (Day steward, timer, recorder, line sighter, etc.)
- How to deal with Lake Arthur winds, especially the light and fluky stuff in the summertime.
- What can go wrong and what to do about it: drifting marks, big wind shifts, wind disappears, mistakes during starting sequence.
- Communication with racers.

MSC Web Forum (email server)

Are you a member of the Moraine Sailing Club Web Forum? This is an Internet based forum that is used to facilitate information sharing about sailing and Moraine Sailing Club activities and events. The forum is hosted by Yahoo Groups and provides features such as message board postings, photo sharing, polls and much more.

It's easy to join, just click on the forums link (upper right) on the MSC home page (www.morainesailingclub.org) or go directly to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/morainesailingclub/>.

If you are a member, it's a good idea to sign in and make sure that your email address is current as we have quite a few registered members with old email addresses.

Directions to Three Rivers Rowing Club Millvale Boathouse:

The Millvale boathouse is located just off of Rt. 28 at the Millvale exit. On the ramp leading to 28 south, turn left under the underpass following sign to Millvale Riverfront Park, cross the tracks, turn right at the stop sign and continue about 1/4 mile to the red, white and blue TRRA building at the end.

Classified ads

CREW WANTED to sail Flying Dutchman (FD) at MSC races and in regattas around the Northeast. Seeking experienced sailor but will train crew if necessary. Should be strong and athletic (5'-9" to 6'-6" tall and from 175 to 250 pounds). Call Dan Vito, 412-488-3604.


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