



BATTEN THE BREEZE

2006 Fall Banquet

This year's Fall Banquet was an exquisite event hosted by Mary Campbell and Alive Uhling at the Churchill Valley County Club. The lively group of over 65 members enjoyed a delightful evening ala Jimmy Buffet. The buffet dinner was so plentiful, the members were sated long before the food was even half finished and everyone delighted in the savory meal.

Racing awards winners were announced following dinner with the following named trophy winners:

Flying Scot Class: 1. Dan and Eva Gelman 2. Dave and Jane Bishop 3. Bob and Sarah Zavos

Moraine Open Class: 1. Juan Lora (Laser and Sunfish), 2. Joe Kirk and Don Carpenter (Catalina 22), 3. Chris Harlan and Sylvia Tan (Johnson).

Congratulations to our winning racers and to all who participated in this year's racing and learn to race program.

Awards were also given out for

Most Improved: Bob Zavos

Sportsmanship Award: Wolf Goethert

Vice Commodore's Award: Ken, Wolf and Carl

Commodore's Cup: Chris Neuwirth

John Bridges Award for Excellence: John Bridges

Special thanks go out to everyone who contributed gifts for the Sailor's Auction. There was an incredible array of sailing related items which attracted significant donations to the club through the auction.

Thanks go out to all of our junior sailors who met and greeted guests at the Fall Banquet. Good Job, sailors ! We are very proud of you !



Dan and Eva Gelman's newest sailor

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

Our new MSC board was elected at the Fall Banquet. The new officers are:

Commodore:	Wolf Goethert
Vice Commodore:	Jason Harrison
Ex Officio:	Carl Suppo
Social Director:	Mary Campbell
CSP:	Chris Neuwirth
Membership:	Jim Reinhard
Publicity:	Dan Gelman
Race Chairman:	Barb Keiser
Equipment:	John Bridges



The New Flying Scot Award

The new Flying Scot award which was given out to the three winners of this year's Flying Scot Racing is a tribute to craftsmanship and artistry.

CABIN FEVER CURES

SUNDAY Jan. 21 : Choosing your First Boat and Learning to Sail.

Experienced sailors will be on hand to answer your questions after you listen to illustrated talks telling you what you need to know. **NORTHLAND LIBRARY 1:30-5 p.m.**

FRIDAY, Jan. 26: The Arts of a Sailor.

While you enjoy anything from a cup of coffee to a full meal at Perkin's Restaurant on Rt 19 N, you can learn and practice how to tie fancy knots, splice ropes and whip the ends with plain or fancy whippings. Perkins Restaurant, Rt. 19 N From 6 p.m. onwards.

SUNDAY Feb. 18: Sailing on Different Waters

Members will recount their experiences, sailing on different lakes and oceans,. Lake Erie and the Chesapeake are close at hand, the Caribbean is not all that far away whereas Lake Naivasha in Kenya where sailors share it with Hippopotomi and the warm lakes and cold seas of Chile are on the other side of the world. This will again be held at the Northland Library from 1.30 – 5 pm.

SUNDAY Feb. 24: Looking After a Boat

Members will discuss what needs to be done to keep your boat in tip top condition whilst you relax in the comfortable (warm) surroundings of the Perkins Restaurant in Cranberry. Outside it may be snowing but this day you will be able to dream of, and discuss those idyllic summer days after the rush of spring preparation. 3 pm until ?



Capt. Bill Tingle mans the Sailor's Auction

The secret of a clean room

At the Annapolis boat show, our 10-year sailed in the Opti corral for demo-ing boats. He came out

saying: "dad, can we can get one?" I replied he needed to show us he could take care of the boat on his own (I sail with our kids on big boats and on Penguins. As Chip observed, like most parents and

A-type skippers, I don't take the time to give rigging and clean up assignments when I can just do it myself more quickly). He countered: "How can I show you unless we get the boat?" I said "We could start with your room. Do you think you could sail a boat in the same condition as your room?" That night and since: bed made, room spotless. Mr. Johns, I'm proud to say we're a new customer. We parents have precious few moments of leverage in life.

Chip Johns



The Campbell's Jimmy Buffet attire !



SAIL SPEED

A long-awaited sold wingsail has been fitted to Paul Larsen's SailRocket, the boat in which he hopes to break the 50-knot barrier, and this photo by Mark Lloyd shows Paul taking it for a spin in Portland Harbour.

The top speed in the previous soft sail rig was 31 knots. This new version is 16 sq m, weighs 50kg and, says Paul: "according to our VPP (velocity prediction program) SAIL-ROCKET should be capable of hitting 55 knots of boat speed in 22 knots of wind assuming ideal conditions."

The orange appendage at the stern, by the way, is the air rudder part of SailRocket's rudder system. SEE: http://www.ybw.com/yw/blog/elaine_bunting.html



Alice Uhling

WORLD'S STRANGEST SAILING EVENT

One of the strangest annual sailing races in the world will take place again next month. Strange, because there's no water for over 1000 kilometres – even stranger than Switzerland winning the America's Cup!

It's called the Henley-on-Todd. Well, I hear you say, that sounds like a river, so how come there's no water? Because the Henley-on-Todd is situated almost in the exact centre of Australia, and when the Henley-on-Todd flows, it makes the local newspapers across Australia.

But that doesn't stop the annual **Henley-on-Todd Sailing race** one little bit. According to veteran Reg Smith, it all started in 1962, when he and his compatriots at the Alice Springs Meteorological Bureau proposed they hold an actual regatta along the lines of the famous Henley-on-Thames, a race between Cambridge and Oxford Universities. The idea was taken up by the Rotary club of Alice Springs, and the fact that the town was 1,500 km's from the nearest large body of water was never seen as a problem.



In Reg's memory, a race has been dedicated in his honour with the idea that each year a different charity will receive 10% of all profits raised from the Henley-On-Todd event. that each year a different charity will receive 10% of all profits raised from the Henley-On-Todd event.

Let's Build an Optimist!

Sunday, 11th February 2pm – 9 pm

An introduction to Wooden Boat Building will be based on the construction of an Optimist Dinghy, using the original plans drawn up by Clark Mills for the Optimist Club of Florida. Starting with a set of pre built frames we will set them up on a base and finish the day with a completed boat up to the first coat of paint.

Materials will cost \$300. Either 6 participants will donate \$50 each and the completed boat will belong to MSC and be available for Sail Camp, or one of the participants will want to own the finished boat and provide the \$300.

A sail will be made from Tyvek using double sided tape and no sewing.

Numbers will be limited to six adults, so apply early if you are interested. Children wanting to help and learn are welcome.

I am flexible regarding dates, so if the majority want to change it, let me know.

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SMILES:

"Did you hear about the play boy who always managed to get the girls to accept his invitation to go out on his yacht, using the line" But you *must* come, I've named the boat after you." When they reached the dock they saw, in large letters on the transom "After You".

SAILING: the fine art of getting wet and becoming ill while slowly going nowhere at great expense .

Winter Activities

Sitting in front of a log fire, reading a good book is some folks idea of heaven. But before doing that why not visit Moraine State Park and get some exercise walking to watch for deer, Bears, or trees cut down by beavers, or use the Cycle Track. Either way you will get to see some sights that never appear in the middle of the lake. Whilst you are there check to see whether the Optimists are still safely tucked up in the shed for their annual hibernation. This would also be your chance to borrow a book with cruising yarns or tips on improving your racing skills from the **Bill Tingle** Library. (Please don't forget to sign out, using the book kept in the cupboard with the books) If you thought that Catamarans were fast, then you have probably never seen an Ice Yacht. When conditions are right you can find an enthusiastic group tearing around the lake at very high speeds, starting from Pleasant Valley on the South Shore. These Ice Yachts like Ice but not deep snow so it might be a good idea to call John Jombock first to check that they will be out on the day you propose to be thrilled. (724 794 4425)



The scary thing is that one day she may be attempting to squeeze a 50-footer into the 40-foot slip next to yours

2007 Proposed Schedule (subject to change)

January 21	Chosing your first boat and learning to sail	Northland Library	1:30-5:00
January 22	The arts of a sailor	Perkins Rest. Rt 19 N	6:00-
February 11	Let's Build an Optimist		2:00-9:00
February 18	Sailing on Different Waters	Northland Library	1:30-5:00
February 24	Looking after a Boat	Perkins Rest. Rt 19 N	6:00-
TBA	First Aid for Sailors	TBA	
March 27	Learn to Sail	Squirrel Hill Library	TBA

May19 Sat	"Learn to Race" Series -- 10:30 AM start			Goldberg	Wolf Dave, Cathy August
	Regular Series Races - 1:30 PM start	2	2		
20 Sun	Learn To Sail - 10am-3pm			Shields	TBD
26 Sat	Memorial day weekend races	no			
27 Sun	Learn To Sail - 10am-3pm			Shields	TBD
June 2 Sat	Regular Series Races - 10:30 AM Start	3	1	Goethert	Schwarzmueller
9 Sat	"Learn to Race" Series -- 10:30 AM start			Hart	Wolf, Hart
	Regular Series Races - 1:30 AM Start	3	1		Hart, Keiser
16 Sat	Regular Series Races - 1:30 PM start			Bishop	Kirk
23 Sat	Regular Series Races - 10:30 AM Start	3	1	Cullen	Boyles
28-30	FS 50th Anniversary Celebration Deep Creek				
30 Sat	No races -- 2-day 9to5 Learn To Sail days			Shields	TBD
15 Sun	2-day 9to5 Learn To Sail days				
July 7 Sat	Regular Series Races - 10:30 AM Start	3	1	Williams	Marshall, August
14 Sat	No races -- 2-day 9to5 Learn To Sail days			Shields	TBD
15 Sun	2-day 9to5 Learn To Sail days				
16 Mon	Sail Camp week				
21 Sat	"Learn to Race" Series -- 10:30 AM start			Gelman	Wolf, Jon
	Regular Series Races - 1:30 PM start	2			J. Harrison
28 Sat	Regular Series Races - 10:30 AM Start	3	1	Armitage	Tingle, Harlan
Aug 4-5 Sat	Regatta At Lake Arthur - Sail For Grail?			Brandt	Hastings
11 Sat	No races -- 2-day 9to5 Learn To Sail days				
12 Sun	2-day 9to5 Learn To Sail days			Shields	TBD
18 Sat	Regular Series Races - 10:30 AM Start	3	1	Uehling	Ingersoll
25 Sat	"Learn to Race" Series -- 10:30 AM start			Shields	Wolf, Jon
	Regular Series Races - 1:30 PM start	2	1		
Sept 1 Sat	Regular Series Races - 10:30 AM Start	3	1	Hohler	Juan Lora
2-Sun	Learn To Sail - 10am-3pm			Shields	TBD
8 Sat	Regular Series Races - 10:30 AM Start	3	1	Zavos	Kamenetzky
9-Sun	Learn To Sail - 10am-3pm			Shields	TBD
15 Sat	Sail-for-the-Grail or OFF				
22 Sat	Regular Series Races - 10:30 AM Start	3	1	D.Marlin	Madxlenka
29 Sat	Regular Series Races - 10:30 AM Start	3	1	Suppo	Jombock

The Commodore's Page

By Wolf Goethert

As my first duty as your new commodore, I would like to thank our past commodore Carl Suppo on a leadership job well done! I just hope that the board and I can lay out a program that will continue his high standards.

Our MSC membership has evolved into three major interest areas: sailors who enjoy racing, community sailors who enjoy just sailing and learning to sail, and those members who enjoy sailing and cruising in larger boats. We hope that the activities we have planned for this year address the interests of each group. We will continue the highly successful "learn to race" series under the expert guidance of Dan Goldberg. From personal experience, I learned more boat skills and how to sail safely in a large variety of weather conditions in my first year of racing than in all the years of pleasure sailing. Come out and take advantage of Dan's expert tutelage in racing to sharpen your skills and gain confidence in your boat handling.

This year for new sailors, Joe Shields has planned to expand some "learn-to-sail" events into a more formally structured two-day 9-5 event on race-free weekends. They would be patterned after the classes that used to be held at Crescent Bay. This will be a great opportunity for new sailors in developing their skills.

Last year due to safety reasons, we had to take a number of Scots out of service. The club was able to purchase a number of boats hence we are back up to five Flying Scots, all in excellent condition. The board will re-look at the procedure on the use of the FSs to ensure that the conflict between using the FSs for leaning-to-sail and community sailing is minimized. Besides Flying Scots, the club also owns a large number of Sunfish and some Optimists for sailors who do not own their own boat. I'm hoping this year that there will be an increased usage of these boats. Won't it be nice to see a large number of these on the lake instead of on the rack?



As a future reminder, the Flying Scots will celebrate their 50th Anniversary at Deep Creek Lake 28-30 June. More details can be found in *Scots n' Water*. I would encourage you to drive down and join in the celebration. Not many one-design classes survive for 50 years.

Only the hard work of volunteers makes the Moraine Sailing Club successful. So please if asked (or better yet volunteer), help out in the many tasks required to have successful sailing experiences at Lake Arthur. With your help we can make this upcoming sailing season one of the best. Hope to see some of you at the winter sailing seminars to be held at the Northland library.