



BATTEN THE BREEZE

Moraine Sailing Club Newsletter

March/April 2000

Ice Boating Returns to Lake Arthur

by John Jombock

The snows of January finally melted and gave us ice we could sail on. A dozen boats from Eastern Ohio and Western PA sailed under glorious blue skies the weekend of Feb. 12-13. We set up and beam reached on about 10 inches of snow ice – the most we've seen in the last three years. The wind was not sufficient to do any racing.

Winds were better the next weekend, Feb. 19-20. Sailing was good from Nealey's Point to the Route 422 bridge. Joe Shields, Commodore of Moraine Sailing Club and a guest of Paul Rowan, brought a handheld GPS receiver that allowed skippers to determine their speeds across the ice. The top speed I heard was Larry Feevey's 42 mph. The mild temperatures caused the ice surface to be granular and soft – not conducive to really fast runs.

Alas, air temperatures wildly above average toasted the ice and put an end to iceboating in late February. But we were thankful, we did have a couple of fun weekends. We saw the Barth DN's up on two runners again, their normal sailing mode. The Oviatt's three boats were sailing, often with young skippers at the helm – a good omen for the future. Dave Bishop, a former East Coast sailor and experienced summer helmsman, got a taste of DN sailing. We've got to find a good DN for Dave! Bill Young and the PLIYA Officers were itching to run a racing



program, but were thwarted by unfavorable weather. Let's keep our fingers crossed for next year – "2001, a Race Odyssey" maybe?
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2000 Social Events

April 30, 5pm – Spring Fling
(Bongiovanni's residence)

May 6, 9am -- Coffee/Donuts
Opening Race Day (Watt's Bay)

June 3, lunch time
Hot N Cool Social (Watt's Bay)

June 10-11, 9am-5pm –Go Sailing
charity event (Crescent Bay)

July 8, 4:30pm
Corn Roast/MSc 30th anniversary

August 26-27 – Regatta At Lake
Arthur

Sep. 23-24 -- Sail For The Grail
(Flying Scot Regional Regatta)

BARN DATES

APRIL 22ND & 29TH

10AM - NOON

all boats must be out by 4/29

- Tom Hohler

MSC ANNUAL SPRING FLING

*** SUNDAY APRIL 30, 2000 ***

*Featuring the ever popular RAIN GUTTER REGATTA
and
a new event — VIRTUAL MATCH RACING*

*Dinner, Beer, Soft Drinks provided
(other drinks — BYOB)*

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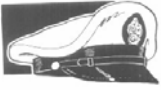
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WHEN?

5 pm, APRIL 30

HOW MUCH?

\$10/PERSON children \$5



Commodore's Corner

Since the point of a newsletter is to keep members informed of important club news, it is necessary to communicate to you that Jim Starr has resigned from the MSC Board of Directors. For the sake of new members, let me explain that Jim has served uninterrupted on the MSC Board for the past 19 years, giving generously of his time and energy to the club. Recently Jim has felt the need to redirect more time and energy to personal family matters. I speak for many in saying, "Well done, Jim -- good and faithful servant -- we wish you well. If we can be of assistance to you and your family, just call. We are all in your debt".

Sometimes I think we take for granted what a good thing we have in Moraine Sailing Club. The other night I got a call from a Chesapeake Bay sailor who found us on the Internet, and called about trading time on his boat for time on a boat at Lake Arthur (his offer appears on page 4 in this issue). Surprisingly, while talking to him, he stated that he was a little envious of us. Though his sailing club has more boats, a bigger body of water to sail upon, and a longer sailing season, it seemed to him that we were much more organized with social events, programs, races and seminars.

He felt that there was a greater sense of community within our club. Maybe it's just a case of the other man's grass looking greener (or should that be water blue-er), and then again maybe he has a good point. Maybe we do have a good thing going. Let's keep it going. It does take some work, but if we all pitch in, it's more like play. I urge you to send in your membership application early and take time to indicate those areas where you are willing to help out. For those handy with

tools, Bernie Wiwel has a boat rack project he'd like to talk to you about. We are especially in need of people willing to help out with the Community Sailing Program. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, give Gerry Brandt (our Nominating Committee Chairman) a call.

While I am on the topic of volunteering, let me remind you of a worthwhile charity event on June 10-11. "Go Sailing" sponsored by Wind & Water, Rita James, Moraine Sailing Club, and Sail America, benefits United Cerebral Palsy of Butler County. From 11am-3pm, volunteers will provide sailboat rides for a \$10 donation. It is a great way to introduce people to sailing and raise money for a worthwhile charity. If you would like to participate (either providing rides or going for one) give me a call (Joe, 412-367-3697).

Our schedule begins with the Spring Fling on April 30th (see details in this issue), and opening day of racing on May 6th. Plan to come regardless of the weather and its suitability for racing. The last two opening days, we made it out on the water! We will have coffee and donuts and a racing rules workshop at the Watts Bay pavilion.

If you like good chili, ice cream, corn bread and pop, mark June 3rd on your calendar as the day not to pack a lunch, and enjoy the annual 'Hot N Cool Social' at Watts Bay during our normal lunch time. Reserve July 8th for our annual 'Corn Roast' and big 30th anniversary celebration. Want to help plan it? Give Jean Rowan a call at 412-366-2925.

Butler County will again sponsor a "Regatta at Lake Arthur" on August 26-27. They are asking MSC to help provide sailboat races as part of the entertainment.

A regatta planning committee meets every month. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee, please contact me.

This is your sailing club. If it is the envy of sailors elsewhere, it is because you have made it so. For those who helped make our seminars last month a big success, and for all of you who will help in making this a great sailing season, I thank you.

— Joe Shields

Welcome New Members

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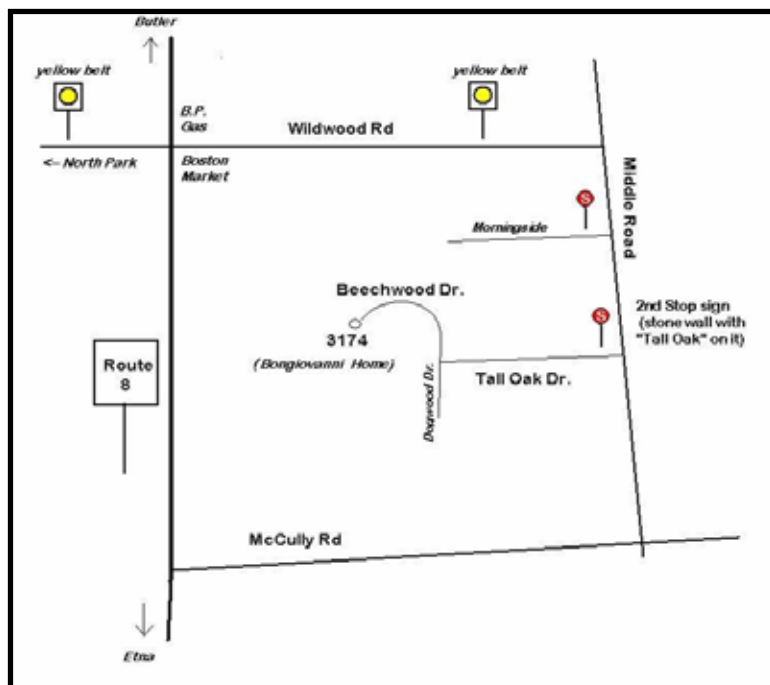
Safety First

Cold water and gusty winds -- these two conditions found in early spring and late fall invite trouble for the unprepared sailor. Water temperatures even in late May can render you unconscious from exposure in a matter of minutes unless you are not properly clothed and protected. Wet suits are strongly advised, and life jackets are an absolute necessity (wear them!).

If you have little sailing experience, or are sailing a new boat, postpone your "maiden" voyage if the wind is gusty and the water cold. Wait for a better day. Sail with others as much as possible using the "buddy system" and if you have a cell phone, keep these numbers handy:

911 -- Emergency Response
 724-368-8811 -- Moraine State Park Office
 724-368-9346 -- Moraine State Park Marina (open 24 hours)

Navigating to Spring Fling



Directions from Points South: Take Rt 28 to Rt 8 North to the Yellow Belt (Wildwood Rd). Boston Market and BP Gas at intersection.

Directions from Points North: Take Rt 8 South to the Yellow Belt (Wildwood Rd). Boston Market and BP Gas at intersection.

Directions from Intersection of Rt 8 & Wildwood Rd (Yellow Belt):

Head east on Wildwood Rd as far as you can until you come to a T which is Middle Rd. Turn right (heading south) on Middle Road. Go past first street (with a stop sign) which is Morningside, to second street with a stop sign which is Tall Oak Dr. Turn right (heading west) on Tall Oak Dr. When you come to a T, turn right. Sign will say Dogwood, but will lead to Beechwood Dr. which elbows to the left.

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Highlander class sailboat. 20 ft. dark blue fiberglass hull, white deck, two sets of working sails, spinnaker, cover, trailer. \$1200. Contact **Jim Starr** at starrs@zbzoom.net or 724-935-1987.

Surprise class sailboat. 14 ft. \$1200. Jim Starr.

Snark Sunchaser sailboat 12 ft. \$650. Jim Starr.

Sunfish class sailboat 14ft \$300. Jim Starr.

Jon Boat Old MSC Safety Boat. Includes motor & trailer. \$1000 or b.o. Call Joe (412) 367-3697.

Flying Scot 3714, with trailer and 4hp Johnson Motor. Chris Hague 412-967-9671 chague@gocollect.com

YOUTH SAILING NEWS

We need a lot of help this year. Sharing your knowledge and enthusiasm for sailing with interested youth can be a lot of fun and a rewarding experience. If you know how to sail and can share a few hours of your time, you are qualified to help us out in this area. Two new junior sailing program activities are planned for this year.

The first is a week long (Monday through Friday) youth sailing camp the week of June 26th utilizing Sunfish and targeting primarily 6th-8th grade youth. Contact Jean Rowan, Jean Bongiovanni or Joe Shields if you know any interested youth or can help.

Another new activity is planned for the four Sunday's in June for up to 20 younger aged youths from the Waldorf School of Pittsburgh. This activity will be conducted using Optimists built by MSC members. The Optimist was designed for sailors weighing 50-120 lbs and has become the standard for introductory junior trainers. Please contact Dan Vito if you would be willing to help.

We will sponsor the Boy Scout small boat sailing merit badge program again this year. Jim and Arleen Starr will hold the weekday merit badge sessions on the following Tuesdays and Thursdays: July 6, 8, 13,15, 20, 22, 27,29. Joe Shields will lead a special merit badge activity on Saturday and Sunday, August 12th and 13th, for a large group of enthusiastic scouts planning to visit the BSA Florida Sea Base next winter. If you can help teach the scouts how to sail, contact Jim, Arleen or Joe.

For the 17th straight year, we will sponsor Venture Crew 715, a BSA Venture Crew (formerly Explorer Post for high school aged boys and girls). Their primary activity is sailing on Lake Arthur with general supervision provided by experienced Venturers and adult advisors. In addition to their own boats they also have access to boats owned by adult volunteers under direct supervision of the boat owners. We generally have about fifteen youth registered as members. Typical activities involve two adults and four or five youth.

In the past, Venture Crew activities were scheduled to coincide with the MSC races, but this year the plan is to meet on Sunday afternoons about every other week during the summer. Jim and Arleen Starr will serve as the Venturer's adult advisors this year. If you know of any high school aged youth or you would be willing to help out please contact Jim or Arleen. Please note that they have a new E-Mail address (starrs@zbzoom.net).

Optimist Youth Boat Building Program

Parents and children are invited to build a boat or help build a boat. Participants need not be MSC members. Completed boats may become the property of the builders or be donated to the MSC, to be used by the club to train young sailors. Boat building will begin in early May. Dan Vito, John Bridges and Jeff Kramer have been working on templates for producing the parts necessary to build wooden Optimist sailboats.

With a group effort it should be possible to complete a boat in a day, except for painting.

The cost of our boat should be about \$300 to \$500 depending on the materials you select. Store bought wooden Optimists cost about \$2000 and fiberglass Optimists run about \$2500. If you want to build an Optimist or want more information about building one contact Dan at 412-488-6835 or email to: dan@fireborn.com

We also need help in building racks at Watts Bay for the new boats. Contact Bernie Wiwel at 412-276-1839 or email to bernie_wiwel@adc.com

COMMUNITY SAILING PROGRAM

The MSC Community Sailing Program (CSP) is designed to provide inexpensive access to club-maintained boats for day sailing and racing at Lake Arthur. For a very reasonable price of \$225 members have access to the CSP Flying Scots and Sunfish as well racing privileges and a social membership. By comparison a trailer space at Watts Bay is \$130 and a racing membership is \$90. And then you may have to pay a few thousand or more for the boat!

This year will be essentially the same as last year. We plan to keep seven Sunfish and two Flying Scots at Watts Bay and another Flying Scot in the water at the Davis Hollow Marina. The updated program description will be sent out to CSP members separately. If you have questions or ideas or would like a copy of the program description, contact Joe Shields (412) 367-3697.

SANDY DOUGLASS REGATTA AT DEEP CREEK

Flying Scot Sailors are invited to the Sandy Douglas Regatta at Deep Creek Lake, MD. There are a number of inexpensive motels and B&B's available. There may also be accommodations in members homes if necessary. This is also a good opportunity to visit the nearby Flying Scot factory at Oakland, MD. and see how Scots are built and pick up those odds and ends. For further information call Tom Scannell at 412-255-1400 x139 (w) or 412-563-5368 (h) or email to: Tscannell@AMLP.com

CHESAPEAKE SAILOR WILL TRADE TIME

I currently own a 1988 O'Day 272 LE sailboat in excellent condition and berthed at Worton Creek Marina on the Upper Chesapeake Bay. This summer we will be attending a family reunion in New Castle and will be in town for several days around the weekend of July 22. Would an owner of a 272 or similar boat, be interested in trading time on their boat for time on my boat. Our boat has all necessary safety equipment and many upgrades. Worton Creek Marina is a full service marina with air-conditioned heads, swimming pool, on site restaurant and picnic areas. From the marina it is an easy day sail to Annapolis or Baltimore. If you're a responsible, qualified sailor and would be interested in trading use of boats, this would be great opportunity to explore the Chesapeake and expand your sailing horizons. If you're interested give me a call:

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Moraine Sailing Club 2000 Race Committees

(First race at 10:30 AM unless indicated otherwise)

Date	Day Steward	Committee	No Races	Comment
Spring Series				
May 6	Bill Tingle	Jim Hastings, George Reed	2	AM: Rigging/Shakedown PM: Back-to Back Races
May 13	Gerry Brandt	Steigerwald, DiDomenico	3	AM: 2 Races PM: 1 Race
May 20	Dave Green	Kirk, Keiser Cathy & Brian Norton	3	AM: 2 Races PM: 1 Race
Championship/Challenger Series				
May 27	Paul Rowan	Jean Rowan, Lucarelli	2	Championship Day 1
June 3	Betty Harris	Larman, Williams, Johnson	2	Championship Day 2 Challenger Day 1 Race Fees Due
June 10	Bob Zavos	Ringle, Jombock	2	Championship Day 3 Women's Regatta 1
June 24	Dean Marlin	Chris Peters, Celia Marlin, Dave Bishop	2	Championship Day 4 Challenger Day 2
July 1	Uncle Charley Armitage	Goethert, Suppo	2	Championship Day 5 Challenger Day 3
July 8	John McAdoo III	Eberhardt, Jarold	2	Championship Day 6 Challenger Day 4
July 15-16	Bob Gelman	Dan Gelman, Kadri Flying Scot Fleet	Sat. & Sun	Tentative PA Catamaran Regatta, Catamaran Invitational
July 22	Dennis Snyder	Vito, Linaberger	2	Championship Day 7
July 29	Greg Madzelonka	Kennedy & Thad, Capone	2	Women's Regatta 2 & Crew/Youth Regatta
August 5	Jim Starr	Explorer Fleet, Arleen Starr	2	Championship Day 8
August 12	Charlie Cullen	Boyles, McCall	2	Championship Day 9 Challenger Day 5
August 19	John Onstott	McAdoo Sr., Tomal	2	Championship Day 10 Challenger Day 6
August 26	Dan Goldberg	Reis, Hare	2	Championship Day 11
September 2	Joe Shields	Lou Ann Shields, J. Hynds	2	Championship Day 12 Challenger Day 7
Fall Sailing				
September 9	Tom Hohler	Kearns, Wiwel brothers	3	End o' Summer Regatta Women's Regatta 3
September 16	TBA	TBA	3	Fall Race Day
September 23-24	Mark Wiggins	Catamaran Fleet	3 Sat 1 Sun	Flying Scot "Sail for the Grail" Invitational & Ohio District Championship

On Championship days there will be **two** starts, Flying Scots and All Others. On Challenger days a third start **may** be added for Catamarans. Canceled Championship/Challenger days will be made up at the next possible Championship/Challenger day. Missed Championship Day races will be thrown out. **Day Steward may cancel races for any reason.**

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OLYMPIC SAILING UPDATE

After 13 out of 15 races Erik Goethert and Mike Ingham were in 7th place out of 18 entrants in the US Olympic Tornado Class Trials at Santa Cruz, California. Erik is well known to MSC as he is the son of members Wolf and Joy Goethert. Last year he was the keynote speaker at the annual Spring Fling where he talked about his incredible effort for an Olympic berth.

The Tornado catamaran is the fastest Olympic class boat with 15-20 knots average speed. At maximum, Tornados reach 30 knots. Designed in 1966 in England, specifically to be the Olympic class catamaran, the Tornado entered Olympic competition in 1976. The Olympic Games are scheduled for Sydney, Australia from September 15-October 1, 2000. Nine one-design class boats have been chosen for the eleven

Olympic sailing events:

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| Europe | Women's Single-handed Dinghy |
| Finn | Men's Single-handed Dinghy |
| 470 | Women's Two-Person Dinghy |
| 470 | Men's Two Person Dinghy |
| 49er | Open High Performance Dinghy |
| Laser | Open Centerboard Dinghy |
| Mistral | Women's Windsurfer |
| Mistral | Men's Windsurfer |
| Soling | Open Keelboat/Match Racing |
| Star | Open Two-Person Keelboat |
| Tornado | Open Two-Person Multihull |

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