

BATTEN THE BREEZE

Caution ! Cold Water

Even though the ice left Lake Arthur many weeks ago, early season sailors should be wary of cold water and the potential of Hypothermia. This is a serious condition that occurs when the body's temperature drops below ninety-five degrees. A few minutes in cold water makes it very difficult to swim and even to keep afloat. In addition, a sudden, unexpected entry into cold water may cause a reflexive "gasp" allowing water to enter the lungs. Drowning can be almost instantaneous.

We urge early sailors to observe these extra precautions:

1. Sail in the company of other boats
2. Avoid taking children - small bodies chill faster in water
3. Don't take chances — don't overestimate your sailing ability in strong wind conditions
4. Wear a personal floatation device (PFD) at all times
5. Carry a horn or whistle to attract attention in an emergency
6. If you capsize, stay with the boat - Even an overturned boat is easier to see than a person in the water
7. Swim for shore only if there is absolutely no chance of rescue and you are sure you can make it
8. Try to pull yourself at least partially out of the water onto the over-turned boat or anything that floats.

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Facility Improvements at Watts Bay

by Betty Larman

Several projects are now underway to upgrade facilities at Watts Bay. The first is a new storage structure to replace the existing shed. It will house equipment for the MSC Community Sailors and the MSC race committee. Storage areas and racks will be designed specifically for the equipment. There will be secure storage for the racing committee papers, horns, radios and equipment needed for our social activities. We hope to include electric outlets and lighting.

In conjunction with this project, we will paint and re-roof the existing nearby restrooms to match the new storage facility. The exact location will be determined by the Park Authorities and depend on limitation of space and possible conflicts with existing sewer, water, electric and telephone lines. They will also determine the size. We have suggested a 16x21 building.

MSC member, Carl Suppo of C&L Construction Company, Belle Vernon, PA will organize and supervise the project. The construction is expected to take seven to ten days. We will need about 4 to 5 MSC volunteer workers each day.

The Park Authorities very generously have offered to make the form and dig the foundation and footings for us. They will also provide the labor for that work. We will pay for material expenses at their price.

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MSC SPRING FLING

*** SUNDAY MAY 6, 2001 ***

Featuring the RAIN GUTTER REGATTA
Adult and Youth Divisions

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

WHERE?

Bongiovanni Residence 5 pm, MAY 6
3174 Beechwood Dr. HOW MUCH?

Allison Park, PA 15101 \$10/PERSON
children \$5

(map & directions, page 4)

RSVP to Jean Bongiovanni with registration

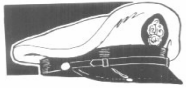
2001 SAILING EVENTS

May 5 Sat.	Opening Race Day (Watt's Bay)
May 6 Sun. 5 pm	Spring Fling
May 26 Sat.	Boating Safety Education Course
June 9 afternoon	Women's Sunfish Regatta 1
June 9-10	GO SAIL (charity event)
June 30 Sat.	Hot N Cool Social (Watt's Bay)
July 16-20	Youth Sailing Camp
August 25 afternoon	Women's Sunfish Regatta 2
August 25-26	Regatta At Lake Arthur
Sep. 22-23	Flying Scot Regatta
Nov 11 Sun	Fall Banquet

BARN TAKE OUT DATES

Sunday, April 22 2 pm-4 pm
Saturday, April 28 10 am-12 noon
All boats must be out by April 28th

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED
MEMBERSHIP FORM NOW TO BE
INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL DIRECTORY



Commodore's Corner

Focus of our 30th year

Thanks to the energetic and enthusiastic leadership of former Commodore Joe Shields and his Board of Directors our club starts its 30th full year of operation with growing membership and increasing interest in our sailing programs. Thank you, Joe for past efforts and thank you in advance for your help as "Dean of sailing instruction". My goal as Commodore is to build on this base and continue our growth by increasing the benefits we offer the membership. If we are to grow, we need to attract new sailors, not just racers. Helping people learn to sail or to improve their skills is our most effective means of attracting new members. Our Spring Seminars generated considerable interest and resulted in several new members who want to learn to sail and crew.

This year, our race Chair, Dan Gelman, has arranged a schedule with an "open" Saturday between pairs of race weeks. This provides additional days to conduct informal on the water activities such as Community Sailing outings, informal skill building seminars, and hands-on sailing instruction. Joe has agreed to encourage the Sunday Sail days, which were popular last year. I encourage you to take new sailors out in your boats, even on race days. Wouldn't it be great if anyone who showed up at the lake could be guaranteed a spot on a boat?

Our growth, particularly that of the Community Sailing Program (CSP), has strained the resources of our 10 year old storage shed. Vice Commodore Betty Larman and contractor Carl Suppo studied the shed with an eye to expanding it. They recommended that the shed is not worth repairing and should be replaced with a roomier facility. Park management has agreed in principle to our new design. This facility will have more space for equipment and include electricity! We will now be able to have hot coffee, warm foods, and show videotapes during our training seminars.

Another construction project is a second rack for our growing Optimist fleet. When we put the roof on our shed we will replace the roof on the restroom building. Likewise, when we paint the shed, we will also paint the restroom exterior. We will pay for the materials for the shed and rack projects and provide labor for all of the projects. Once we receive a schedule from the park, we will issue calls for work parties. As Betty indicated in her article, the

shed project will require additional funding over and above our treasury's reserves. Consider a generous donation to this project that will provide us with a vastly improved facility for the storage of our equipment and spacious enough for some of our social and training activities.

Race committee 101

Much of our sailing season is dedicated to racing and this requires a race committee to set up races, record results, and most important, to oversee safety. I find race duty to be an enjoyable and satisfying function with the club. Since many new members may feel shy about race duty because of unfamiliarity, we will offer training. We have scheduled experienced race stewards for the first two race days, May 5 and May 12 to tutor anyone who wishes to learn the ropes of serving on race committee.

Bill Tingle (May 5) has suggested that some students get the committee boat, others get the crash boat, and others put the equipment together. Students will participate in the committee and safety boat duties subject to boat capacities. We intend to have a second safety boat available for practice in boat handling. I will continue the second sequence on May 12, with groups rotating their assignments. Combined with the Boating Safety Education Course (see article) these tutorials will provide the skills and knowledge needed for race duty. If you are interested, please let me know via phone call or e-mail gbrandt@bellatlantic.net

This year promises to be a very exciting and active year for Moraine Sailing Club. Thank you all in advance for your support and participation in making our projects a reality.

Gerry Brandt

IM MEMORIUM - BOB GELMAN

We very sadly announce the passing of long time member, former Commodore, and accomplished racer Bob Gelman on April 1, 2001. He joined MSC with his wife Ruth in 1978. His son, Dan, is a current board member and Racing Director. Our hearts and condolences go out to his entire family.



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A Second Safety Boat Permanently at Watts Bay

After an incident last fall during which a CSP boat had to be rescued by a pontoon boat, your Board of Directors decided that a safety boat should be available in the water for any club activities on the water. We have been negotiating with the park personnel about the possibility of keeping a boat permanently on shore. We have a 9.9 hp motor in the shed and the old service boat is still available. The major disadvantage of the old boat is that it is very heavy and awkward to launch. An ideal boat would be smaller and lighter. We have considered a 10 foot inflatable, but its purchase price is about \$3600. We are open to suggestions. Does anyone have a smaller jon boat or inflatable that we could borrow or buy? Contact Bernie Wiwel or Gerry Brandt with your ideas

Women’s Sunfish Regatta I

For the fifth straight year we will hold a Women’s Sunfish Regatta on two dates. The first race on June 9th will be in the afternoon after regular morning races and lunch. The second date in the series is August 25th. We need participants, people who can lend us a Sunfish, and helpers to assist the ladies with rigging and moving the boats. If you can help, please call Sara Zavos at 412-241-0659 or email her at: sjzavos@hotmail.com



Davis Hollow Marina Restaurant Reopens

Tired, thirsty, and hungry? You will soon be able to relax and eat at the Davis Hollow Marina Restaurant. Roy and Therisa Dorrier have taken over the franchise and plan to open May 1st and run thru October. They currently run the Snack Bar in Butler Mall. Hours will be 11 to 7 on Tuesday thru Thursday and 7 to 7 on Fri., Sat., and Sun. Closed on Mondays. Therisa will bake her own home made bread and pies. If you are planning a special outing call them at 724-290-4317. Once again we will have hot food available at the lake. Welcome Roy and Therisa and best of luck!

Go Sail for United Cerebral Palsy

Wind and Water Boatworks is sponsoring a fundraising event for United Cerebral Palsy on June 9 & 10. MSC, Lake Arthur Sailing Club and Rita James Rentals are co-sponsors. For a \$10 donation you may take a sailboat ride. Our racing fleet can participate on Saturday since the afternoon is devoted to the Women’s Sunfish Regatta. Joe Shields (412-367-3697) will coordinate on Sunday.

Volunteers Needed for Rack Project & Equipment Repair

Bernie Wiwel will lead a project to build another Optimist rack at Watts Bay. Construction should require one day and will be scheduled in early May and probably on a weekday.

Another project is to repair boats and related equipment for racing. The boats will be retrieved from the barn on April 22 and we will have just two weeks to perform repairs before racing starts.

If you can help please call Bernie at 412-276-1839 or email to: Bernie_wiwel@adc.com

TENTATIVE 2001 RACING SCHEDULE

Date	No. of Races Before/After	Series	Comment
5-May	(1)/2	Spring	First race is a warmup -- does not count toward standings
12-May	2/1	Spring	
19-May	2/1	Spring	
26-May	OFF		
2-Jun	2/1	Summer	
9-Jun	2/(2)	Summer	After lunch races will be women/sunfish regatta only
16-Jun	OFF		
23-Jun	2/1	Summer	
30-Jun	2/0	Summer	Hot/cool Social
7-Jul	OFF		
14-Jul	2/1	Summer	
21-Jul	2/1	Summer	
28-Jul	OFF		
4-Aug	2/1	Summer	
11-Aug	2/1	Summer	
18-Aug	OFF		
25-Aug	2/(2)	Summer	After lunch races will be women/sunfish regatta only
1-Sep	OFF		
8-Sep	2/1	Fall	
15-Sep	2/1	Fall	
22-Sep	2/1		Sail for the Grail - Day 1 (Flying Scots)
23-Sep	2/0		Sail for the Grail - Day 2 (Flying Scots)
29-Sep	2/1	Fall	

Community Sailing Days

Back by popular demand for the 2001 sailing season are MSC Community Sailing Days. These days are devoted to getting help with your sailing skills if you are new and providing help if you are experienced. All members are welcome including kids. If you are a Community Sailor working on your Sunfish or Flying Scot qualification, or just a new MSC member trying to learn how to sail, this will be a good opportunity for you. Format can include on-the-water sailing/coaching, shore-school, minor repairs, and cleaning of Community boats. Our first 2 Community Sailing Days will be from 10am to 3pm on Sunday May 6th and Sunday June 3rd. Bring your own lunch. Other dates will be announced as the season progresses. If you are interested in participating, call or email Sean Marshall (412-921-4431) or Joe Shields (412-367-3697).

Boating Safety Education Course

Commodore Gerry Brandt has arranged for the US Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCGA) Butler Flotilla to offer a one day basic Boating Safety Education course on Saturday May 26 at the Forestry and Regional Park Office (old RT 422 at the Prospect end of the lake) This course will cover six elements: Nomenclature, Boat Types, Rules of the Road, Aids to Navigation and Boat Handling.

Students who pass the Final Exam (70% or better) will receive both a PA Boaters Safety Education Certificate (BSEC) and a USCGA Certificate which is honored by other states. The only charge for this course is \$15 for a safety booklet, which must be studied before taking the course.

Who should take this course? Anyone who operates the club crash boats or committee boat, anyone who operates an auxiliary motor on a sailboat, or just anyone who wants to become a more qualified boater. With your new certifications you can legally operate a motorboat or jet ski when you go to another lake or shore for your summer vacation.

Many states require operators of motorboats to obtain a BSEC. At present, Pennsylvania requires these certificates only for operation of Personal Water Craft (jet skis). For those who are considering obtaining US Sailing Instructor Certification, a mandatory element in the process is motor boat handling and regulations.

We must know how many people are interested in taking the course and order books by the end of April. Please contact Gerry Brandt by e-mail or phone (gbrandt@bellatlantic.net or 412.488.0803) if you are interested in attending.

Summer Youth Sailing Camp July 16-20th

MSC will offer a Summer Youth Sailing Camp similar to last year. The camp will run from 10 am to 3 pm on Monday thru Friday. The student or family must be an MSC member and there will be a nominal charge of \$25. An optional text will be available for \$10. Call Joe Shields at 412-367-3697.

Directions to the Spring Fling at Bongiovanni Residence, Allison Park

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. 3174 is at the end of Beechwood Dr.

Flying Scot Ohio District Calendar 2001

Fleet 165	Cave Run (KY)	May 12-13	Thoroughbred
Fleet 37	Hoover YC (OH)	May 19-20	Buckeye Regatta
Fleet 4	Clear Fork Lake (OH)	June 2-3	Founders Day
Fleet 19	Berlin Lake (OH)	June 16-17	Annual Regatta
Fleet 1	Cowan (OH)	July 14-15	Pig Roast
Fleet 4	Clear Fork Lake (OH)	July 21-22	Districts
Fleet 6	Deep Creek Lake (MD)	July 28-29	Sandy Douglas
Fleet 65	Atwood YC (OH)	Sept. 8-9	Harvest Moon
Fleet 80	Lake Arthur (PA)	Sept. 22-23	Sail for the Grail
Fleet 165	Cave Run (KY)	Sept 29-30	

Flying Scot National/Regional dates

Wife/Husband	Berlin Lake, Berlin, OH	June 23-24
North American Championship	Toms River YC, Toms River, NJ	July 6-13
Eastern Region Women's Regatta	Deep Creek Lake, MD	Aug. 11-12

Regional Regatta Information

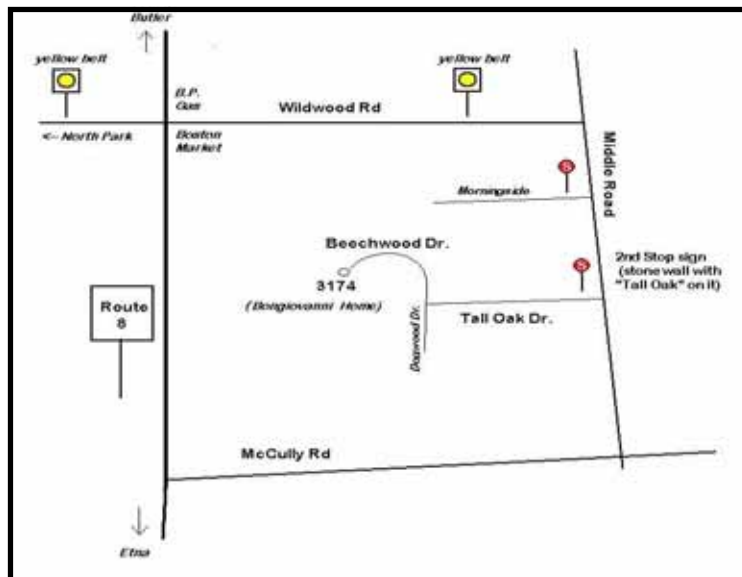
May 19-20 Annual Buckeye Flying Scot Regatta
Hoover Yacht Club Westerville, Ohio (Columbus)
Jay Huling at (614) 882-6464 or jhuling@iwaynet.net.

June 15-17 Berlin Yacht Club Regatta, near Akron Ohio
Flying Scots, Thistles, Highlanders, Lasers and Sunfish
For more information call Harold Bauer at (330) 756-2705

June 22-24 Berlin Wife Husband Flying Scot Regatta.
For more information call David Caldwell at (330) 763 7140

Related Area and National Sailing Club Web Sites:

Berlin Yacht Club	http://berlinyachtclub.com/
Cave Run	http://www.caverunsailing.com/
Conneaut Lake	http://www.clycsailing.com/
Cowan Lake	http://www.ussailing.net/clsa/
Erie Yacht Club	http://www.erieyachtclub.org/
Flying Scot Association	http://www.fssa.com/
Hoover Yacht Club	http:// www.hooveryachtclub.com
US Sailing	http://www.ussailing.org/



Facility Improvements at Watts Bay *(Continued from page 1)*

Our new building will be a replication of the restroom building but scaled down to our size.

We are pushing to completel this by Spring. We are counting on your support, both physical and financial. Park Superintendent Obie Derr and Chuck McQuade have been extremely generous with their time, ideas and support about this project and we hope that you will join us in thanking them. The board members decided to go with the project and are enthusiastic about it. We will need about \$10,000. Now it is up to all of us to make this happen. We hope that you will contribute generously for the new MSC facility.

Caution ! Cold Water *(Continued from page 1)*

- If you can't climb out of the water assume a "heat escape lessening position" (HELP) as show below:



If you rescue a person from cold water be alert to the possibility of hypothermia and observe the following:

- Handle the victim gently — do not massage the extremities as sudden return of cold blood from the extremities may lower the core temperature.
- Remove wet clothing and apply moderate heat
- Do not give anything to drink, especially not alcohol or stimulates such as coffee or tea
- Seek medical attention as soon as possible

Welcome New MSC Members

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| Donald W. Ansman | Butler, PA |
| Vic Wilk and Fred Belack | Gibsonia, Pa |
| Patrick Glen and Sheri R. Rockhill | Aspinwall, PA |
| Judith Linhart | Pittsburgh, PA |
| Ruthelen and Abe Noysser | Ellwood City, PA |
| Scott and Margaret Smith | McMurray, PA |
| Ralph Sprang | Pittsburgh, PA |
| Mika Hoffman and Matt Wall | Pittsburgh, PA |
| Dean, Cindy, Nicole & Deanna | Winner |
| | Pittsburgh PA |

Davis Hollow Marina Construction

Moraine State Park has announced that dock upgrades at Davis Hollow Marina will require that a number of slip-users will have to remove their boats September 9. Discussions with Park Management clarified the following points:

- Renovation of the docks and launch area will be extensive. Old docks will be removed; new sheet piling, new slips, launch ramp, railings, and walkway will be installed. When the project is complete, the slips will be ADA accessible.
- This project is part of a DCNR wide capital improvement project. Moraine State Park management has no control of its scope and schedule.
- September 9 is the earliest possible date and not necessarily the actual date that work will commence. Final approval is unlikely until mid-summer at which time the park will inform us about the actual schedule.
- When the project starts, the marina management will do its best to accommodate the displaced boats on moorings or on-shore facilities.
- Adjustment will be made to 2002 fees to compensate for lost time in 2001. If you do not renew, the fees will be refunded according to a pro rata adjustment.
- Fuel and shuttle services will continue throughout construction.

Park management assures us that they will bend over backwards to accommodate the marina users during this construction. Once finished, the marina will be a much better place for everyone.

Other projects for the marina involve the construction of two pavilions, much like the one at Watts Bay. Offshore moorings are being upgraded to stainless steel chain as the old chain is replaced. Brush is being removed around the Marina Restaurant to improve the view of the water.

by Gerry Brandt

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I have a Catalina 22 at the lake and would like someone with more experience to be Captain or I can crew on your boat.

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Inform the Park When Removing Your Boat

If you remove your boat from your space, slip, or mooring for 5 days or more you **must** inform the staff, or your contract will be void and your space can be leased to another party. For over night periods of less than 5 days and at the end of the Season, we recommend you also inform the park staff. This year it is particularly important to know which spaces have been vacated because of the need to accommodate the displaced sailors from the marina. If you let the park know when you have removed your boat, they will know that your boat hasn't been stolen!

Flying Scot Covers

If you need a new Flying Scot cover contact Tom Hohler at 412-279-8572. He will coordinate a group purchase from Sailor's Tailor to take advantage of multiple unit discounts.



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