

BATTEN THE BREEZE

Moraine Sailing Club Newsletter

May/June 2001

Bob Gelman

By Dean Marlin

April 1, 2001 was the day that many of us faced the shocking news that young, vital Bob Gelman had passed.

For those who did not have the good fortune to know Bob – you missed someone special. Bob was kind, generous and a dedicated lover of family, friends and life. He had an easy leadership style which he generously donated to the club by serving many club committees and offices. He was our Commodore, Captain of the Flying Scot Fleet and pioneer of a number of policies that have lead to this club's positive growth.

On the race course Bob's frequent successes were achieved only after many losses. For years he was often found among the last place finishers. In the mid-80's he was frequently excited, yea astonished, that he was starting to finish "up with the good guys" (his words). Bob ultimately went on to win just about every award the club and the fleet had to offer - including winning one very memorable "Whiskey Sour Regatta" that I was fortunate enough to share under his command.

More importantly, the personal qualities that Bob demonstrated – those of patience, perspective, and friendly humor – merged to provide him with unique grace, balance and personal bearing. Bob was simply a gentle man who successfully invested himself in life's most important things – and in return was amply rewarded with loving friends and a great family.

For those of us who did know Bob – his passing revealed yet another secret quality – that of a deeply courageous person. Twelve years ago Bob was diagnosed with an incurable condition and given five years. Knowing this, Bob chose to stay the course by telling none of us. He sought neither special treatment nor fanfare. In the face of great adversity he

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General Area for the New Storage Shed at Watts Bay

State Approves New Shed at Watts Bay

By Betty Larman

We have just received State permission to build a larger equipment storage shed at Watts Bay near the Southwest part of the dry mooring area. (see picture above). The shed is going to be a multi- function space. It will store all the gear for the Community Sailing Program and have locked space to stow the equipment for the race committee. It will be a social gathering place and will also give us "classroom" space for sailing lessons to newcomers, Boy Scouts etc.

Park Superintendent Obie Derr has selected a GREAT spot for our new facility. It will be located on the triangular spit of land between the dock area and where Dan Goldberg's boat is moored. It will be close to the road, close to the lake, close to the CSP racks, and close to the picnic tables. In other words it is the perfect spot.

The building itself will be painted with the park color scheme and since it will sit down close to the road, it will not be seen much if at all, in Summer from the lake."

The measurement will be 14' wide by 24' long. The long sides will be parallel to the road. The short sides will have openings, possibly garage doors to maximize the breeze and provide access to all. We hope to have electricity, skylights and other amenities

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MSC Hot and Cool Social Fund Raiser

Saturday June 30th

Watts Bay Pavilion Following the
Morning Races (approx. 12:30 PM)
featuring Chili, Rolls, Fruit Salad

Ice Cream, Drinks

\$10 Adults, \$5 children

Proceeds to the Shed Building Project

2001 SAILING EVENTS

June 30 Sat.

July 16-20

August 25 afternoon

August 25-26

Sep. 15-16

Nov 11 Sun.

Hot N Cool Social (Watt's Bay)

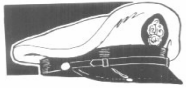
Youth Sailing Camp

Women's Sunfish Regatta 2

Regatta At Lake Arthur

Flying Scot Sail for the Grail Regatta

Fall Banquet



Commodore's Corner

Gelman Memorial

On behalf of the Moraine Sailing Club members, I would like to express our deepest regrets to the family of ex-Commodore Bob Gelman upon his passing early in April. Vice-Commodore Betty Larman and ex-Commodore Dean Marlin have been working with the family to develop a tasteful tribute to Bob, which will be installed in the Watts Bay picnic area. Dean is the lead person for realizing this tribute; see his article in this issue for details.

New Shed

Exciting news! We have received approval from the park to build a new and larger (14 by 24 foot) shed sited away from the bike trail traffic in a location close to the center of all of our activities. With the new space we will be able to provide shelter for training and repair activities as well as a more orderly storage for our race and CSP materials.

Betty and I have been discussing ideas for expanding our space with Obie Derr and Chuck McQuiad since February. What started as a proposal to add to the existing shed has, after several iterations turned into an excellent design for our purposes, which at the same time, has minimum visual impact on the park. Betty Larman is our architect and Carl and Lois Suppo (C&L Construction) will act as our contractor. C&L will direct the skilled and unskilled volunteer labor we will need to complete this project.

If we can get the foundation slab installed by mid July, we should be able to occupy the building by the time of the Corn Roast. All of this has to be paid for. Our club dues and fees cover only our current operating budget so we are soliciting contributions of time, money, and material to make this project go. This project is a win-win situation for both sailors and the park, thanks to all who worked on achieving it.

Improvements at Watts Bay

You may have noted some improvements at Watts Bay for this year. New gravel on the parking lot compliments the access road repaved last fall. A new rack has appeared and more sand has been added in the Sunfish launch area. In May, Gil Gilson and his maintenance staff completely rebuilt the three main docks,

scheduling their replacement to minimize our inconvenience during the Spring race series. Gone are the rotted, splintered, warped boards with exposed nails. What a relief for sailors like me who launch by sitting on the dock! Thank the park folks when you see them. They worked hard to make these improvements while creating minimal impact on our activities.

New Racing Rules

New racing rules for 2001 finally arrived two months after they took effect. Your USSailing membership entitles you to a hard copy which you should have received by now. The rules are also available on-line at www.ussailing.org as a 449 kb pdf file.

Most of the rule changes are minor. One exception is a change in the starting sequence to a 5 minute sequence. Essentially Warning signal is hoisted 5 minutes before the start, the Preparatory is hoisted 4 minutes before the start to be lowered one minute before the start and the start is signaled by removing the class flag which acted as the Warning signal.

Dan Goldberg sailed in a regatta that used this sequence and strongly recommends it to streamline multiple starts. We will try this sometime this year, perhaps for the Fall regattas, and use it next year as our standard. We will, in all likelihood, adapt our current shapes to the new system.

Gerry Brandt

Membership Fees must be Paid by July 14 to be Included in the Club Directory - use form on page 6

Batten the Breeze Publication Schedule

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July/Aug 2001	(July 14/18)
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The Regatta at Lake Arthur August 25 & 26

Planning is underway for "The Regatta at Lake Arthur" on August 25 and 26. MSC is participating in this Lake-wide event in a number of ways. Saturday morning races will count for the Summer series and also feature prizes for positions 1-3. Afternoon women's Sunfish Regatta features trophies that will be supplied by the Regatta. Our annual Corn Roast will start at 4 PM; the Regatta Committee has promised musical entertainment at Watts Bay. A new feature this year is the boat parade from 5 to 7 with fireworks over the Lake at 9 PM. If you aren't exhausted from Saturday's activities, Sunday at 10:30 we will run a "Bridge-to-Bridge" open handicap race with prizes plus a perpetual trophy for first place. All MSC activities including the Corn Roast will be open to the public, so invite your friends for this end of summer spectacular.

Regatta Boat Parade Saturday, August 25

Join the fun! Be part of the big parade! Departure from Bear Run area at 5 PM. Decorated boats or Natural boats of all types wanted--sail, pontoon, canoe, kayak, row boats! The parade will be led from Bear Run past Lakeview Beach and Watts Bay to Nealy Point and conclude at the Pleasant Valley area. Show the Regatta visitors and spectators how many of us enjoy the beauty of Lake Arthur. For further information or to sign up, contact Jane and Gene Petty - 724-772-0656 or genejane@execnet.net.

Youth Optimist Sailboat Project

The new rack in is place by the waters' edge and the first Optimist club boat is ready for use as part of the Community Sailing Program. We now have 8 boats ready for use and a ninth under construction. The Optimists will form an important component of the Summer Youth Sailing Camp. It is hoped that this and the warmer weather will encourage more children and parents to build or purchase additions to our fleet. Anyone interested in the program should contact John Bridges at 724-625-9348 or email Brimor@aol.com

Second Safety Boat

Thanks to John Bridges the original club Fiberglass safety boat is looking resplendent in a new coat of paint after an extensive overhaul. We now have a second Safety boat for special events and to back up the primary boat. While working on the Boat at his house John had a visit from long time member Marty Newcomer who was very interested to see this boat get a new lease of life. John constructed a new transom to replace the old one that had rotted out and patched up with various pieces of metal plates.

Results for the Spring Series were not available at publication time but will be posted to the web as soon as possible. Check out www.morainesailingclub.org

2001 Race Schedule

Date	Day Steward*	Number of Races Before/After lunch**	Series	Comment
5/5	Tingle	(1)/2	spring	First race will be a warmup -- will not count toward standings
5/12	Gerry Brandt	2/1	spring	
5/19	Goethert, Wolf	2/1	spring	
5/26			<i>OFF</i>	
6/2	Madzelonka	2/1	Summer	
6/9	Hohler	2/(2)	Summer	After lunch Women/Sunfish Regatta only
6/16			<i>OFF</i>	
6/23	Williams	2/1	Summer	
6/30	Vito	2/0	Summer	Hot/cool Social
7/7			<i>OFF</i>	
7/14	Armitage	2/1	Summer	
7/21	Zavos	2/1	Summer	
7/28			<i>OFF</i>	
8/4	Bishop	2/1	Summer	
8/11	Goldberg	2/1	Summer	
8/18			<i>OFF</i>	
8/25	Shields/Gelman	2/(2)	Summer	After lunch Womens/Sunfish Regatta only
9/1			<i>OFF</i>	
9/8	Hastings	2/1	Fall	
9/15	Kirk	2/1		Sail for the Grail - Day 1
9/16	Kirk	2/0		Sail for the Grail - Day 2
9/22	Ungar	2/1	Fall	
9/29	Charlie Cullen	2/1	Fall	
* Racers who have not been assigned a committee day and can help on committee duty please contact Dan Gelman or one of the listed Day Stewards.				
** May be adjusted at discretion of race committee.				

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to be decided later. The accoutrements of the building will depend on the amount of money that is raised for the project. We have estimated that it will cost the club approximately \$10,000.

This is a dream come true for the club! We are counting on your physical help if you can (labor) and on your monetary help as well. If each member would donate \$100 we would achieve our goal. We already have received a few very generous contributions.

All contributors will be acknowledged on a plaque which will be affixed inside the shed. All contributions are welcome. Please make your checks payable to MSC New Facilities fund and send it to

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THANK YOU for your generous help! I can't wait to see it finally happen.

Sailing Adventure Camp

Moraine Sailing Club along with the Moraine Trails Council will offer a sailing adventure for Venturer's at Camp Bucoco and Lake Arthur. The sailing portion of the camp is being held at Lake Arthur on June 25 and 26th. The hours will be from 10:00 AM to approximately 3:00 PM on both days. We are limiting the camp to a maximum of 15 youth. Additionally we will be using seven of the Scout's Sunfish Sailboats that are stored on the "C" rack at Watts Bay.

We are attempting to develop an active Venturing Sailing Post. Briefly, venturing is an opportunity for teenagers between 14 and 21 years of age to participate in outdoor activities. Venturing falls under the umbrella of Boy Scouts however, it is coeducational. We are working with Ed Bucchi of the Moraine Trails Council. The initial Sailing Venturing meeting is scheduled June 25, 2001 at the Preston Environmental Center located at Camp Bucoco. Tentatively we plan to sail from Watts Bay twice a month over the summer months. We will be using the Scouts Sunfish Sailboats previously mentioned. For more information contact Keith Otto at 724-538-9649.

Buckeye Regatta

Moraine Sailing Club Flying Scot fleet champion Dan Goldberg won the 22-boat Buckeye Regatta at the Hoover Yacht Club (Columbus, OH) May 19-20. Mark Benner provided the winning crew work.

Four races were sailed in shifty, erratic winds, making it hard for any one boat to dominate. But Dan was the most consistent of the top five finishers, as he played the shifts and puffs better than most. He held a two point lead after the three races on Saturday, and appeared on his way to an easy regatta victory after opening up a big lead half way through the Sunday morning race. But a big shift scrambled the fleet and he held on for fifth, which was just enough to win a tiebreaker with Pat and Sean Glazier (current Cowan Lake fleet champions) based on his best race finish (1st in the third race). Don and Barbara Griffin finished third. Susie and Tim Stombaugh, Jack and Martha Stewart, and Rick and Jo Baugher rounded out the top six.

Flying Scot Ohio District Calendar 2001

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. 15-16	Sail for the Grail
Fleet 165	Cave Run (KY)	Sept 29-30	

Flying Scot National/Regional dates

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

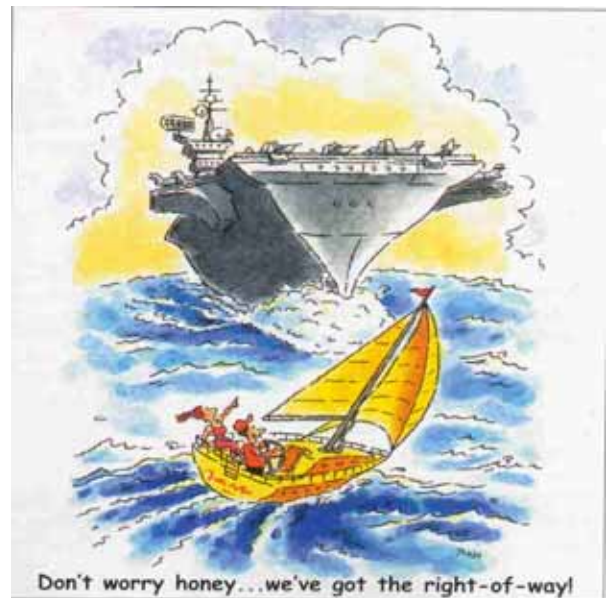
June 22-24 Berlin Wife Husband Flying Scot Regatta.
For more information call David Caldwell at (330) 763-7140

Related Area and National Sailing Club Web Sites:

Berlin Yacht Club	www.berlinyachtclub.com
Cave Run	www.caverunsailing.com
Conneaut Lake	www.clycsailing.com
Cowan Lake	www.ussailing.net/clsa
Erie Yacht Club	www.erieyachtclub.org
Flying Scot Association	www.fssa.com
Hoover Yacht Club	www.hooveryachtclub.com
Moraine State Park	www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/morain.htm
Sunfish Class	www.sunfishclass.org
US Sailing	ussailing.org

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 camp will consist of classroom activities and on water instruction. The Youth will have an opportunity to take an exam at the end of the week to earn certification in small boat sailing under criteria set forth by the U.S. Sailing Association. 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.



Bob Gelman from page 1

considered himself the "luckiest man in the world" and did not care to be perceived otherwise. As Ruth has so well stated – Bob showed us not only how to live – but how to face death.

Our sport and club attracts many different people from a wide variety of backgrounds, ages and professions. No matter the diversity, the race tells much about the skipper. Some of us fret about never winning. Others move from mark to mark looking backwards and worrying about how much ground we're losing. Bob Gelman's style was to move aggressively on all the marks - looking straight down the course with a winning smile and a patient hand. Bob's legacy is for each of us to remember that life is not about the winning – its about how you sail your course.

On June 5 the State approved the design and placement of a tasteful granite bench and a tree in memory of Bob. The Bob Gelman Bench is to be located in the area down the hill (lake side) of the pavilion. This peaceful commemorative is for any and all who share Bob's love of Lake Arthur, sailing and life. The project will cost approximately \$3,000 and will be funded by the Robert Gelman Memorial Fund. Please forward your commemorative gifts to the Robert Gelman Memorial Fund Moraine Sailing Club, P.O. Box 692, Pittsburgh PA 15230

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Moraine Sailing Club FS Fleet 80 hosts:

THE SAIL FOR THE GRAIL REGATTA

14,15,16 Sept. 2001

A Chile Welcome starts
6pm Friday at the "House"

**5 Races! Trophies!
Great Winds!**

*Limited number of
Bunks available
(please pre-register)*

Babysitting Available

For info: Wolf Goethert 412-731-1640 or
email: wbg@sei.cmu.edu

Welcome New MSC Members

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Moraine Sailing Club 2001 Membership Application

First and last name _____ **Home phone** (____) _____
Spouse's first and last name _____ **Business phone** (____) _____
Names of other family members _____ **Member since (yr.)** _____
Mailing address _____
City, state, and zip code _____
E-Mail address _____

Note: The above information will be published in the annual membership directory

	Membership <i>(please select one)</i>		Amount Due
q	Community Sailing Program	Social membership plus priority access to club maintained Sunfish and Scots, all races and race activities, and free qualification instruction. Premium individual member	\$225
q	Racing	Social membership plus registration of one boat for all Racing Series' trophies and activities. Plus fee based access to club maintained Sunfish & Optimists on an as-available basis. Regular member	\$90
q	Social	Social privileges for immediate family, subscription to <i>Batten the Breeze</i> newsletter, access to all social events. plus fee based access to club maintained Sunfish & Optimists on an as-available basis	\$25
q	Student/Junior	Special individual membership for full-time students, 21 years or younger. Includes registration for one boat for all races and race activities.	\$15

Racing *(required)* Class: _____ Sail no.: _____ **Non-Racing** Class: _____ Sail no.: _____

Crewing - Interested in crewing for someone else? Please provide information for our published crew list:

Name: _____ **Experience:** _____
Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

I agree, on behalf of myself, my spouse, members of my household, my guests and other parties of interest, to release and save harmless both the Club and its officers and directors from any claim or claims arising from death or injury to myself, my spouse, members of my household, or my guests, and from loss or damage to boats, equipment or property under ownership or control of myself, my household, or my guests.

Applicant's Signature & Date _____

Spouse's Signature & Date _____

Please mail this completed and signed application, along with a check payable to "Moraine Sailing Club" for the total dues, to:

Moraine Sailing Club,
 c/o Cynthia Phillips
 174 Victory Lane
 Leetsdale PA 15056

Any questions? Don't hesitate to call me at (412) 741-5346

Please check areas of interest below

- Learn to sail
- Informal coaching in sailing skills
- Using club boats (Community Sailing)
- Opportunity to crew on a racing sailboat
- Opportunity to race
- Attend Social activities
- Interested in youth sailing camp (6th-8th grade)
- Interested in Adventurer Post Sailing (High School)
- Interested in group cruising excursions (Chesapeake)

Other: _____

Please check areas where you can help out with club activities:

- Summer picnics and/or corn roast
- Other social events
- Seminars
- Promotion of club and sailing - publicity
- Youth program – Explorers (High School age)
- Youth sailing camp – (6th – 8th graders)
- Community sailing program
- Serving on Race committee (learning how)
- Teaching others to sail
- Club boat maintenance and repair
- Outboard motor maintenance
- Serving on the MSC Board of Directors
- Newsletter - *Batten the Breeze*
- Website – www.morainesailingclub.org

Other: _____



Len Petty (1st) and Sheila Bridges (2nd) - Winners at the Raingutter Regatta, May 6, 2001



John Swanson - Junior Winner at Raingutter Regatta

Women's Sunfish Regatta I - June 10, 2001

Class	Sail #	Helm	#1	#2	Place
Sunfish	6	Andrea Hohler	2	1	1
Sunfish	55315	Sara Zavos	1	3	2
Sunfish	9	Barb Keiser	3	2	3
Sunfish	41018	Chris Czapleski	4	4	4

The first racing day for the Women's Sunfish Regatta was held on a beautiful Saturday afternoon with some pretty decent winds considering the light conditions that prevailed for the women over the past few years. We had four enthusiastic entrants and some interesting races. In the first race Andrea Hohler opened a very large early lead but Sara Zavos overtook her in the middle of a race with many large wind shifts. Sara also built up a large lead but only won by a few feet as Andrea put up a great closing challenge. Barb Keiser and Chris Czapleski were not far behind and did relatively well consider their lack of recent racing experience.

In the second race Sara Zavos was over the line at the start by just a few inches and lost a lot of time restarting as the field went by her. Andrea Hohler again took a large lead that she never relinquished. Sara had a great duel with Barb Keiser for second place and this time Barb edged out Sara. Chris Czapleski was not far behind in fourth.

The final racing day for women will be in the afternoon on Saturday August 25 as Part of the Regatta at Lake Arthur. Please call Sara at 412-241-0659 or email her at sjzavos@hotmail.com if you want to enter or can help out.

Please Support the Club and Give Generously to the MSC New Facilities Fund . Again Please Support the Memory of Bob Gelman by Giving to the Robert Gelman Memorial Fund. Contributions for both may be sent to:

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Community Sailing News

By Sean Marshall

Parking Stickers

Thanks to all the hard work that everyone has been doing, the Community Sailing Program is off to its best start ever. We have at least 25 members signed up to date. However, this success has created a problem. We are running out of parking stickers. So we are soliciting donations of parking stickers from members who have their own boats in mooring spaces at the lake but may not need their second sticker. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Community Sailing Days

Additional Community Sailing Days are scheduled for Sundays July 15 and August 12 from 10am to 3pm. These will be days for getting help with your sailing skills if you are new and providing help if you are experienced and have some time to help. 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 to get it done. Format can include on-the-water sailing/coaching, shore-school, and minor repairs and cleaning of Community boats. 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).

Thanks

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