



# BATTEN THE BREEZE

Moraine Sailing Club Newsletter

November/December 2001

## Fall Banquet Honors Youth, Racers, and Service



Betty Larman and Jr. Youth Special Award Winners (l to r)  
Thad Madzelonka, Matt Otto, Alissa Kniazeva

It was a fitting end to a great Moraine Sailing Club sailing season. The air outside was a bit nippy but a great fireplace emanated warmth to a very well attended Fall Banquet. The venue was held at the cozy Fox Chapel Racquet Club for the first time. Especially noteworthy was the large attendance by our youth sailors.

Preliminary events included a "Guess the Part" or "Wood Turners Contribution to Sailors" by incoming Vice Commodore John Bridges. John displayed numerous obscure wood parts and items used on older sailing vessels and the game was to name them. A number of old salts and a few younger ones studied the unusual pieces and filled in their answer sheets. Some of the items included were: fid, bullet block, clear block, bulls eye, dead eye,



Summer Series Flying Scot Winners (l to r): Chris Czapleski,  
Tom Hohler, Joni Reis, Dan Goldberg, Charlie Cullen, Cindy  
Phillips, Celia Marlin, Bill Tingle, Dean Marlin

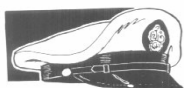
bungs, mouse trap, gangling stick, and the most obscure of all: "anti-contemplative Seagull Truck". The purpose of this item is to keep birds from resting at the top of the mast and leaving a mess. Right before the start of evening activities John Bridges collected and scored the sheets and announced the winner as the venerable John Jombach. This was not real surprising as John Jombach also knows his way around boats quite well.

After the excellent buffet supper and formal club business meeting including voting on new officers, our special guest speaker, Moraine State Park Superintendent Obie Derr gave us an update on Park Activities. Obie has been extremely helpful in our club related endeavors and in numerous facility upgrades throughout the park. In addition to new docks at Watts Bay, there are new docks and offshore moorings at Davis Hollow.

One item of great interest to our members is the State proposal to increase horsepower limits. Obie said that there has been a lot of opposition throughout the six State parks under consideration and its not likely to get far. In the worst case they might consider an increase from 10 hp to 15 hp. We have had a lot of effort from our club members in sending emails and writing letters against the increase and we urge continued efforts. Details were in the September/October 2001 newsletter which is available through the club Web pages.

Obie also mentioned that the current Davis Hollow

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## Commodore's Corner

Commodore's Corner December

This year featured growth in MSC both from the membership and facilities points of view. The Community Sailing Program is at its highest ever membership, Youth programs are booming and the first annual Lake Erie outing was a success. We have been rebuilding our aging equipment and, of course, built our new "shed". All of this happened as a result of a lot of volunteer hours from both the Board members and other interested club members. For the shed project alone I tallied 70 person days volunteered by members. Thank you volunteers, past board members, and current board members. You've been a pleasure to work with and have succeeded in laying a very sound base for MSC's future. I wish you all Season's Greetings and a happy and prosperous New Year. Spring seminars are just around the corner!

Gerry Brandt

### Welcome New MSC Members

Vance Wilson Cabot PA  
 Carol Thomas Cranberry Township, PA

#### Batten the Breeze Publication Schedule

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**EMAIL PROBLEM:** Many ATT @home customers including your editor lost their email on December 2 when Excite@home declared bankruptcy and cut off almost 1 million ATT customers. These @home accounts seem to be permanently lost along with any mail directed to the old address. I have moved to Microsoft's Hotmail service. Hopefully they will be in business for awhile. My new email is rzavos@hotmail.com.

### 2001 MSC FALL BANQUET AWARDS

#### Spring Series

Flying Scot	Moraine Open
1 Wolf Goethert	1 Fred Steward (Fireball)
2 Dan Gelman	2 Chris Harlan (SJ21)
3 Dave Bishop	
4 John Hart	

#### Summer Championship Series

Flying Scot	Moraine Open
1 Tom Hohler	1 Gerry Brandt (Sunfish)
2 Dan Goldberg	2 Dave Green (Catalina 22)
3 Bill Tingle	3 Dan Vito (Flying Dutchman)
4 Dean Marlin	
5 Charlie Cullen	

#### Women's Sunfish Regatta

1 Sara Zavos  
 2 Cindy Phillips

#### Fall Series

Flying Scot	Moraine Open
1 Dean Marlin	1 Dan Vito (Flying Dutchman)
2 Dan Gelman	2 Gerry Brandt (Sunfish)
3 Dan Goldberg	

#### End 'o Season Trophy

Dan Goldberg (Flying Scot)

Vice-Commodore Award: Dan Goldberg

Junior Youth Awards (under 14) Thad Madzelonka, Matt Otto, Alissa Kniazeva

Senior Youth Awards (14 and over) Amanda Otto, Tim Muckian

Sportsmanship Award: Joe Shields

Carol Washabaugh Award: Betty Larman

Commodore's Cup: Carl Suppo

Most Improved: Bernie Wiwel



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## MSC Sailors at the Fall Banquet 2001



Spring Flying Scot Winners and Crew (l to r) Dan Gelman, Ruth Gelman, Joy Goethert, Wolf Goethert, Dave Bishop, Jane Boies, Chris Harlin



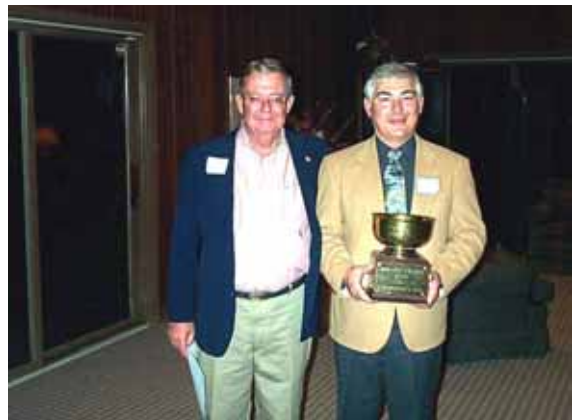
Betty Larman, Dan Goldberg (Vice Commodore Award), Konstantin Beznosov, and Olga Kniazeva



Batty Larman, and Sr. Youth Award Winners: Amanda Otto, Tim Muckian



Most Improved: (l to r) Keith Wiwel, Janet Herczak, Bernie Wiwel (helm), Carol Thomas



Gerry Brandt & Commodore's Cup Winner Carl Suppo

## Beyond the Water with Bill Tingle

*This is the third of a series in the Batten the Breeze, focusing on one of the club members. The intent is to help us know one another better, and establish connections beyond the water.*  
by Bette McDevitt

Bill Tingle tells a story about himself that reveals a lot. First you must know that he worked as a physicist at Alcoa. "When I started racing, I told myself that, being a physicist, I had an advantage over the others because I knew a lot about air, water, and weather. So I got out my old books and reviewed hydrodynamics, aerodynamics, meteorology, etc. The next race we were beaten by a 14 year old boy who had just flunked 8<sup>th</sup> grade arithmetic." Tingle said that took the wind from his sails.

Tingle, who has lived to the fullest for 84 years, has been sailing for over 30 years, and winning races all the while. Modesty prevails here. **"I do not have a list of triumphs, but it might be of interest that we won the season championships at both Lake Glendale and Lake Arthur in the same year, 1979.**

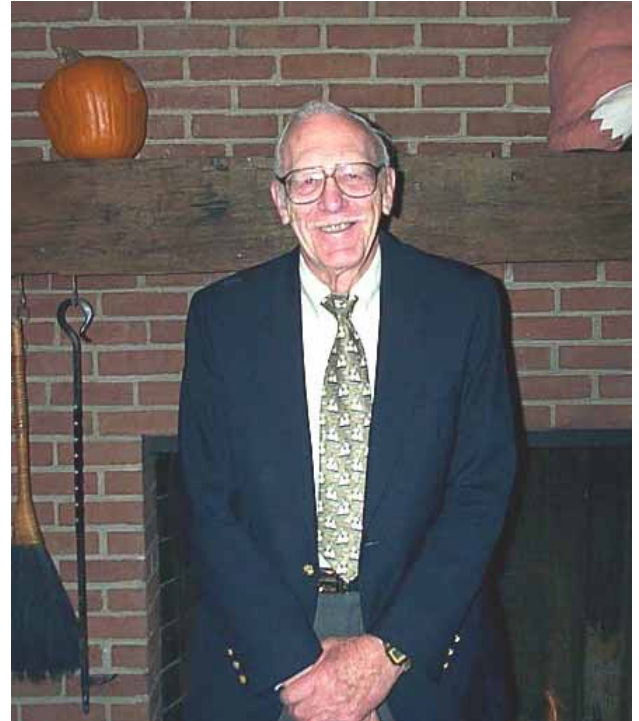
Actually he did far more than that. According to a Batten the Breeze article by Greg Madzelonka, "Bill was one of the "Big Three" of the Flying Scot Fleet. He was always near the top of the pack. One could count on seeing his black and yellow spinnaker leading or near first place each and every race day." And that was written in 1993! Since then he has still been a regular in the top 5 for the main Flying Scot Series and has won several shorter events such as the End O' Season regatta in 1997. This past Season he again placed 3rd in the Flying Scot Season Series.

Bill began sailing at Keystone Park near New Alexander when his children, Bill and Susan, told their parents that there were sailboats on the lake and that they should go see them. "As I had always been rather fascinated by sailboats, it did not take much urging. At Keystone Lake we met George Hickman who gave me a ride in his Robin class sailboat. The next week we bought a Robin, a sloop 10½ feet long. It has no spinnaker but the jib gives a crew reason for being there and it is much more comfortable than is the Sunfish style."

The Tingle family joined Moraine Sailing Club in the second year of its existence. "We actually sailed the Robin at Lake Arthur before the lake was filled, launching off the old road. Jerry Brandt, John Jombock, and a few others raced at Glendale in Prince Gallitzin Park, before there was Lake Arthur." When parking became available at Watts Bay, the family settled in there. Bill bought a Flying Scot and enjoyed racing so much that he has traveled all over the Eastern United States to race. Molly, his wife who died in 1997, crewed for him, and Bill said she was quite good at it.

Bill Tingle is not huddled inside in the winter, crossing off the days until summer. Far from it. **"As of this spring I was still skiing. I make no predictions for the coming year. Playing chess is the only other thing I could classify as a hobby." He also does "a little computer programming" and takes care of two acres, two houses, living in one while sorting through "stuff" in the other that he has accumulated over 55 years.**

In the summer, he'll be at Watts Bay. "For the last few years I have had a more relaxed attitude and have simply been enjoying the sailing involved and the association with old friends and new members of the club. Sailboat racing is a great sport, but I can't decide whether its great because of the sailing or the camaraderie of the people involved. There seems to be something about sailing that attracts our special kind of people."



Bill Tingle at the Fall 2001 Banquet

### Preliminary 2002 Social Calendar

MSC has reserved Northland Library for Feb 10, 2002 and March 10, 2002. The first date is usually a presentation and the second is the "Learn to Sail" seminar. ***These dates and the location are not yet firm.***

Other preliminary dates:

Spring Fling : April 20 or 21

Go Sail - June 8 & 9

Hot 'n Cool Social - one Saturday in June

Regatta at Lake Arthur - August 24 & 25

Corn Roast - August 24

### Preliminary 2002 Race Schedule

Spring: May 4, 11, 18, 25; Jun 1, 8

Summer: June 22, 29; July 13, 20, 27

Fall: August 3, 10, 17, 24; September 7, 14, 28

Sail for the Grail: September 21 & 22

Race chairman Dan Vito is also working with a Committee to update the current Racing Instructions.

We will fully implement the new starting sequence and there is a proposal to include an earlier starting time. There may be minor scoring changes as well as new rules to abandon races in light winds.

# OPTIMIST NEWS

## AN ENCOURAGING START

Our attempt to build a fleet of these boats that are ideal for getting kids afloat and learning how to sail has been very successful. We look forward to a busy season in the coming year. Club members have built a couple and parent/child teams have been busy, not only producing a boat but more importantly having fun together in a worthwhile project.

The Community Sailing Program also includes two Optimists, plus a few more high performance boats for graduates from the safer designs. The two Optimists are available with as much or little instruction as required.

## WHO OWNS THE BOATS ?

- 1 Matt & Maggie Otto (724) 538-9649 Badgers@stargate.net
- 2 Paul Winter
- 3 Noah Vito (412) 488-6835 dan@fireborn.com
- 4 Moraine Sailing Club
- 5 Moraine Sailing Club
- 6 Dan Vito's friend

## WHO WILL HELP YOU BUILD AN OPTIMIST?

The following people have expressed their interest and willingness to help build one of these simple wooden boats:-

- John Bridges (724) 625 9348  
Joe Shields (412) 367 3697  
Marcy Bartolovic (724) 695 7286  
Rob Martin rob\_martin99@hotmail.com  
Fred Belak (724) 444 1134  
Brad holmes Bholmes@tolgrade.com

## HOW CAN WE START ?

- 1 Buy a new Fiberglass Boat \$3000 up
- 2 Buy a new Plywood Boat \$1800
- 3 Buy a used Boat
- 4 IOD 95 registered for National and International Competition \$2000 up
- 5 Build one as a parent/kid/Grandparent project \$500 up.
- 6 Buy a boat constructed by club members and ready to sail for \$500.
- 7 Buy a hull built by club members that is ready for sanding and painting and finishing for \$200

## POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT SEASON:

- Our qualified instructors, Joe Shields and Barbara Keiser will again hold the popular one week **Summer Camp**.
- Informal races will be held on Lake Arthur from time to time
- We will take Optimists to North Park Lake giving the opportunity to sail in different surroundings and introduce a new section of the public to Optimists.
- Mid week cruises & instruction are planned for the summer.
- A demonstration of the kids' abilities will be shown after one of the regular club races.
- An adult's race in Optimists is planned if only to show the kids how clumsy and awkward we are compared to them.



Alexis Thorbecke (left) and Emily Bongiovanni at Summer Camp

## HISTORY

The Optimist Dinghy was designed by Clark Mills for the Optimist Club in Florida who wanted a simple boat that could be easily and cheaply built by a family as a sort of marine equivalent of the land based Soap Box Derbies. Several fleets were quickly established and were seen by the Captain of a Scandinavian Sail Training Ship. He was impressed and took one and the plans back to Denmark. There the idea of a cheap, safe, fun boat to introduce kids to sailing soon took hold and many hundreds were built in the 1960's.

It was some years before the Optimists returned in force to the USA and by then they had become a popular International design and there are now over 300,000 registered Optimists all around the world. However, the design had changed to accommodate the use of Glass Fiber and the modern boats that belong to the North American Optimist Association are designated IOD 95's.

The wooden boats that we are building to the original Clark Mills design do NOT meet these modern specifications and therefore cannot race nationally or internationally. But that is not for the present, our intent. We want kids to learn to sail and have fun with other kids and parents in our Club. Then if they are hooked, an IOD95 can be purchased. Within our club these wooden boats can race competitively with the IOD95's since crew weight, skill and position in the boat will be more important than whether the boat has a \$10 wooden mast or a \$400 Carbon Fiber one.

## Chris Harlan Sails the Chesapeake in his San Juan 21

MSC member Chris Harlan's San Juan 21 is one of the bigger sailboats on Lake Arthur, but out on the Chesapeake Bay it can easily be lost behind a medium size wave. That is why his summer solo sail around the Chesapeake last August was so remarkable.

An internet article inspired and encouraged him to plan and undertake his own adventure. He conferred with other sailors familiar with the Chesapeake as well as the TrailerSailor Forum on the Internet. After much planning he packed his equipment and towed his boat to the Western shore south of Annapolis. He started his 4 day journey to near Edgewater, Maryland. He sailed north



Chris Harlan's Boat - Juan2bFREE

under the Bay Bridge to Swan Creek on the Eastern Shore near Rock Harbor. After an overnight anchorage he proceeded South along the eastern Shore.

Some of the sights included Kent Narrows, Chester River, Corsica River, Wye Island and River, and the Chesapeake Maritime Museum at St. Michaels. Temperatures were in the high 90's but there was good wind and Chris even flew the spinnaker.

Two days later he crossed back to the Western shore and passed Thomas Point and sailed up South River back to his starting point at 7th Pier Marina. The total trip was 115 nautical miles. His complete diary with a map, pictures, and exciting stories are on the Web at [http://www.ruach.net/SJ21\\_cruise1.html](http://www.ruach.net/SJ21_cruise1.html)

### 2002 Flying Scot Ohio District Regattas

May 18-19	Buckeye	Fleet 37	Hoover YC
June 8-9*	Ohio Districts	Fleet 19	Berlin YC
June 22-23	45 <sup>th</sup> Pig Roast	Fleet 1	Cowan
July 27-28	Sandy Douglas	Fleet 6	Deep Creek
Sept. 7-8*	Harvest Moon	Fleet 65	Atwood
Sept. 21-22*	Sail for the Grail	Fleet 80	Lake Arthur
Sept. 28-29*	Cave Run	Fleet 165	Cave Run
	Founder's Day	Fleet 4	Mansfield, OH

### 2002 Flying Scot National Regattas

March 18-22	Mid-Winters	Panama City, FL
June 15-16	Wife/Husband	Lake Delavan, WI
July 20-26	Nationals (NAC's)	Pensacola, FL
Aug. 10-11	E. Region Women's	Fleet 6 Deep Creek

\* probable dates

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## Fall Banquet

Restaurant concessionaire has folded after just one year. This is the 3rd failure in the last 5 years or so. Assistant Park Superintendent Chuck McQuade is looking for a replacement.

Complete award results are listed on page 2. Many of the awards involved significant competition. The actual trophies were outstanding Ceramic mugs from incoming MSC Race Director Dan Vito's Fireborn Studios on the Southside.

Final activities included the Chinese auction prizes. The youth sailors pulled the winning tickets and handed out the numerous great gifts that were donated by generous MSC members.

## New Hunter Sailboat Dealer

Wind and Water Boatworks is now an authorized Hunter Dealer. Located just south of Butler on Route 8 (or 11 miles North of the PA Turnpike), they are the largest sailboat dealer in our area and now the closest authorized dealer for Hunter sailboats as well as Hobie Cats and Sunfish. Winter Hours are

Tue & Thu	10am to 8pm
Wed & Fri	10am to 6pm
Sat	9am to 5pm

They will be open Dec 23 & 24, 9am to 5pm for last minute shopper's. They will also be at the Pittsburgh Boat Show January 11 to 13 and January 18 & 19. Due to construction of the new Pittsburgh Convention Center the show will be at the old Joseph Horne warehouse off Route 60 south at the Crafton Exit of I-79. For more information call Wind and Water at 724-586-2030

## Winter Activities Suggestions

1 Our OPTMIST Program. Build one with your kids or for your Grandchildren with as much or as little help or assistance as you want from Club Members. If 40 hours of fun activity sounds too much like work then consider finishing the hull that we have ready for sanding and painting.

2 Invite a small group of members to your home for coffee and desert and an evening including any of the following activities:

a) Learn how to make Eye and Back splices, whip the end of a rope to prevent fraying or tie some fancy knots and decorative rope work.

b) Ask each member to bring along a maximum of 20 slides for showing and discussion on some aspect of sailing.

c) Discussion group on sail trimming to get the best performance. For instance, should the Jib be flat or have an airfoil shape for best windward beating.

d) Revision course of the elements of sailing to help you remember all that you learned in the past first year of your introduction to the world of Aeolius

John Bridges

## Beyond the Water with Betty Larman

by Bette McDevitt

*Editor's Note: While we normally focus on one individual each issue we have made an exception and include an additional special farewell article for Betty Larman who will be relocating out of the area early next year. This series of articles focuses on MSC club members. The intent is to help us know one another better, and establish connections beyond the water.*



Betty Larman is shown here selling raffle tickets to help raise funds for the club.

You've probably seen Betty Larman at the docks, on her Flying Scot, or working on the new shed, and had not a clue to her international background. I detected a French accent and suspected there was a story there. And so there was. We'll all be the wiser for knowing it, before Betty and her husband Brian leave for Seattle.

Betty was born in Baden-Baden, Germany, after the end of World War II. The French troops, along with the Americans and the British occupied Germany until recently. Her father was stationed in the French Forces of Occupation. He then became the Secretary to the French Ambassador and they moved to Bad Gotesberg. "I was 8 years old when we moved back to Charleville-Mezieres, France in the Ardennes. You might know the name from WWII because of Bastogne not too far away. Verdun is also just an hour away. The family factory and business were gone. For a while, we lived with my grandmother whose house fortunately had not been bombed out. My Dad found work at a metallurgical company," said Betty.

Her father was the one who introduced her to sailing." At the time, after the war, sailing was becoming popular and France had a few prominent sailors. He built a wooden boat in our garage. The boat was called a "Vaurien" which translates 'good for nothing!' It actually was the wooden ancestor of the 420."

Her father became the President of both the Club de Voile

Champagne-Ardenne and of the sailing club at the Ile d'Oleron, an island off La Rochelle, on the Atlantic Coast of France. For Betty, it was not love at first sight. "I started crewing with him when he was learning how to sail. I was scared to death and hated it! I used to pray to God to spare me whenever the boat heeled! I crewed for a lot of my Dad's friends and then when the 420 came out I crewed with another teenager and we went on to do very well on Regional and National Championships. When the 470 and 505 came out I started really enjoying sailing."

When Betty moved to the United States, and married an Army officer, there was little time for sailing. It was 12 years before she took it up again. "A couple of years after I moved to Pittsburgh and found myself a single mother, I discovered Moraine Sailing Club and it changed my life. I crewed on a 470 for a few seasons and then acquired my own Flying Scot."

Her children, Alex and Juli have enjoyed sailing but not racing. All they liked was getting some friends, packing up picnics and sailing to the little islands and just plain having fun." Sometimes that's just the right thing to do!

Betty met her second husband, Brian Larman through sailing at Moraine. "Brian is a wonderful man who was brought to me by a dear friend in exchange for a sail and a picnic. Brian does not like racing and is lukewarm about sailing. So I will not be sailing in Seattle where I am moving this spring, unless I can find a big boat with an engine and a sail! Brian is looking forward to doing some fishing and traveling by sea. First we'll have to get our living quarters built and organized."

Betty and Brian will be returning to Pittsburgh occasionally, which makes the departure a little easier for her. Brian will continue working for the Software Engineering Institute, and Betty will keep her interior design business, "Updated Interiors" going a little bit. She won't be giving up her friendships here.

Betty has invested a lot in the Club and the friendships she made, and it's apparent that she received in return. "I am terribly sad to leave the area and the Moraine Sailing Club. Just like me, it has come a long way and is heading for great things. I loved my years in Pittsburgh, doing all my favorite things: decorating and designing new living quarters for people, entertaining, cooking for friends and traveling a lot. It has been a real good time and the best is yet to come!"

### Dan Goldberg Wins and Donates Block

Dan Goldberg won the Fall Banquet raffle for the Chinese Junk wooden Block that had been donated by John Bridges. Numerous members were very interested in winning the historic Block and over \$400 was raised. Immediately after winning he very generously donated it back to the club to be used in a similar raffle next year. The only question now is "has Dan started a new trend" or will somebody eventually take this home?

## *Batten The Breeze*

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