



BATTEN THE BREEZE

Moraine Sailing Club Newsletter

September/October 2001



Joe Shields, Bernie Wiwel, Joy Goethert, Carl Suppo sail on Presque Isle Bay. See story on page 3

Lake Arthur Regatta and Sail for the Grail Regatta Highlight a Great Summer Sailing Season

Two major regattas in a three week period in late August and September kept MSC and Flying Scot Fleet 80 quite busy just as the sailing season normally begins to wind down.

On August 25th & 26th MSC hosted the sailing events for the Regatta at Lake Arthur under beautiful sunny skies and fairly decent winds. Saturday's events included two regular morning races, the Women's Sunfish regatta, the Venture Group Activities including Sunfish Racing with the Women, Open Sailboat Rides for the General Public, a Corn roast at Watts Bay, the dedication for the new storage facility, and a Boat Parade.

While these were going on, dozens of other water, music, and aerial events were also going on around the lake. The Butler County Chamber of Commerce reported attendance at over 60,000 for the two

days! At one time, we thought we heard Commodore Brandt mutter something about being "over-subscribed", but everything seemed to work out well thanks to a great job by so many people that we can't even begin to mention.

Sunday was a bit less hectic, but the sailing was especially exciting in the famous Lake Arthur Bridge to Bridge Race. The winds picked up considerably and a large contingent of different sailboats competed with a Portsmouth handicap in one start. Bo Jones was the first boat to cross the finish line in his ultra-fast Hobie 20, but with the PN correction Konstantin Beznosov came in a very close 2nd in Flying Scot 375. The corrected time difference was less than 45 seconds after the long race which covered about 6 miles. See pictures and results on page 5.

The world had changed greatly when the second major regatta occurred just 3 weeks later. After the tragic events on Tuesday, September 11th, most people were in a somber mood as Flying Scot Fleet 80 and MSC held the annual Sail for the Grail on September 15 & 16.

The general consensus was to continue as usual and as a result this was another successful regatta. Activities started with the Friday evening Chili Dinner at the rented "House" on Reichert Road just north of the State Park. Event co-chairperson, Joy Goethert, did a tremendous job in organizing and coordinating the lodgings and food at the house over the entire weekend.

Attendance was down a little due to travel delays and other rescheduled

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2001 MSC Fall Banquet and Awards Presentation

November 11, 5:00 pm
Fox Chapel Racquet Club 355 Hunt Rd.

5:00 Cash bar and Chinese Auction
6:00 Dinner: Chicken Marsala, Penne Pasta,
Vegetables, Salad, Bread, Cake

Awards and Presentations immediately following dinner

\$25 per person
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Please send them to Jean Bongiovanni
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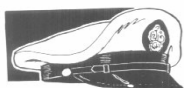
directions to the Racket Club are on page 7

BARN STORAGE DATES

Saturday, October 20, 2-4 PM

Saturday October 27, 2-4 PM

Previous storage users will receive renewal letters. New people should contact Tom Hohler at 412-279-8572 or thomas.hohler@mindspring.com



Commodore's Corner

This year has been one of building and rebuilding, thanks to all of your efforts. We have a record number (32) of Community Sailing Program (CSP) members, as well as 50 new members for a total of 158. Participation in our activities also increased. Our social and racing events were well attended, the sailing camp in July drew over 20 youth, and the Community Sailing Sundays drew unprecedented participation.

To meet the growing needs of our programs, Betty Larman and I proposed in February that we build a larger equipment building (shed). By June we received permission to construct a 14 by 24 foot structure on an ideal location next to the Watts Bay launch. Construction began July 29 and it was put under lock and key before the Regatta opening on August 25 thanks to the hard work of many volunteers under demanding direction of Carl Suppo. The exterior is complete. The interior is still under design and is directed by Betty Larman (shed mistress) and construction is coordinated by John Bridges (club woodworker).

Your board decided to go ahead with this project "on speculation". We are counting on you, the membership, to support this facility that adds considerably to the support of our programs. We have already raised about 1/2 the funds we need to pay the bills. Please contribute generously. Send your checks to PO Box 692 Pittsburgh, PA 15230 or directly to Wolf Goethert, Treasurer MSC, 430 Locust Street, Edgewood, PA 15218.

Another addition to our "hardware" ensued when John Bridges determined, after assaying our "old" crash boat, that replacing the rotted transom, re-glassing it, and re-painting the hull could rescue it. The result of John's effort was a useful, restored crash boat, which was used (and needed) during the Youth sailing camp. Thanks to John's effort, we now have two serviceable crash boats to support our on-water activities.

Last fall, a new member, Rob Martin (Jet 14) noticed that the sandwich board showing our courses and signals had become pretty ratty through the years. He volunteered to take it home and re-paint it. Our gateway to the public now looks like new and presents a very positive image for our club. Thanks Rob!

Keith Otto loosed an untapped desire of club members by organizing the Lake Erie charter on Labor Day weekend. Thirty-seven participated, showing the wish for many MSC members to move outside of the confines of Lake Arthur. Great job, Keith, let's go for repeats.

During all our activities, starting with planning meetings in January, running through our construction and racing activities, Obie Derr and his staff have been extremely helpful. Prior to the sailing season, the docks were refurbished so that those of us who launch from them do not get

splinters in our behinds. Sand was added to the Sunfish launch area and gravel added to the parking spaces. Before we started the shed, the park folk graded the site and installed the concrete slab; after we finished the structure, they re-graded the site so that we have a gravel drive around the building. During construction they loaned us generators and ladders. The park supplied the paint to finish the project.

These folks work hard to keep our park attractive and clean. It is an important, but often-thankless task that they perform. Their staff field a lot of complaints during the year and rarely get compliments. When you see park staff, **please** thank them for what they do for us, they really appreciate the recognition.

Chuck McQuaid updated me on the progress of the Davis Hollow Marina upgrade. To date, 4 docks have been evacuated but the contractor does not yet have material in hand to re-work them. At best, 4 additional docks may be re-worked by the end of the season. Anyone who must evacuate his or her dock space will have at least 2 weeks notice. In all likelihood, the docks from the fuel dock to AA will not be touched this year. Once this project is completed, the steep ramp at the office will be removed. All launching will take place at the public ramp. The dry sail areas for pontoon boats and sail boats will be interchanged, providing more space for sail boats. From the rate of progress this Fall, it is likely that this project will continue next year. In any event, the displacement of dock patrons for this year will only be for 8 docks.

Due to state imposed budget reductions there will be no shuttle or gas service from 11PM to 8AM for the rest of this season. Park security will continue with at least one Ranger II on patrol through the night. This is intended to be a temporary measure for this season only.

Sailing season isn't quite over, even though it is autumn. We still have the End Of Season race on September 29. Don't forget the Awards Banquet November 11 at the Fox Chapel Racquet Club where we will have a good time and honor those who have made this year a success.

Thank you all for your help for this year; we've accomplished a lot to promote sailing in western Pennsylvania. It's been a successful upwind leg on which to build our programs for next year.

Gerry Brandt

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Horsepower Limits

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are concerned that allowing bigger motors would create stronger wakes and make it more difficult to maneuver their boats." The exact new proposed limit has not been officially announced.

The PFBC is the only state agency with the authority to establish boating regulations. DCNR and PFBC Officials have indicated public opinion will be important in deciding this issue. If opinion favors raising the limits, then DCNR will review each Lake. Proposed changes will be submitted for public review and comment. Opinion from the Butler County regional meeting last year favored leaving the motor limits as they are. Chuck McQuaid, assistant manager for Moraine and McConnells Mill state parks has also stated "we do not believe that it would be advantageous to increase the limit at Moraine.

In addition to Lake Arthur, changes are being considered at five other 10-horsepower lakes: Codorus, York County; Maurice Goddard, Mercer County; Nockamixon, Bucks County; Prince Gallitizin, Vambria County; and Pymatuning, Crawford County

Written comment on horsepower limits will be accepted through September 28. Send comments to: Gary Smith, Chief, Park Operations and Maintenance, Bureau of State Parks, Rachel Carson State Office Building, P.O. Box 8767, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8767. Personal letters were requested however the Email address is garysmi@state.pa.us. More information, including PA DCNR Press releases and key PA Contacts, is available at the WEB sites listed on page 8.

Due to the fact that we only recently learned of this initiative the deadline for the first round of public opinion is very close. However, we urge continued vigilance and action on this item as the consequences of a change will be very harmful to sailors, naturalists, environmentalists, most fishermen, and all of us who enjoy the peaceful, friendly waters at Lake Arthur.

Two Regattas

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events, but still there were 23 Flying Scots including 6 from out of town at the starting line in two fleets. The weather cooperated and sailing conditions were great both days.

In the Championship Fleet, the first 5 finishers were all from out of town - well sort of. Actually, 2nd place winners Jim and Arlene Starr are former long time MSC members who have been sailing at Lake Chautauqua for the past two Summers. The Starr's had a great competition with Don and Barbara Griffin who live in Pittsburgh and sail out of the Deep Creek Lake, Maryland club. Each boat alternated 1st place finishes for the four race series. In fact total scores, were identical but the Griffins won the 2nd tie breaker with one 2nd place finish. The third, fourth, and fifth places were also tied on points and had to be differentiated by additional tie-breakers.

In the Challenger Fleet, out-of-towners also did well with Paul & Debbie Stipkovic taking 1st place. MSC member Bernie Wiwel took second with crew Carol Thomas. Art and Elliott Bernstein were third. Results and pictures can be found on page 6.

Erie Charter trip

Over 35 MSC members and friends headed north to the big water at Erie Pennsylvania on Saturday, September 1st. The trip was organized by MSC member Keith Otto and coordinated with the Erie Bayfront Center for Marine Studies (BCMS). We bare-boated five of the BCMS boats and chartered two additional 42 ft sloops with Captains. One member also brought his own boat. The BCMS staff was very friendly and helpful and recommended for future charters. They have a great website which is listed on page 8.

The contingent consisted of regular MSC racers, social members, and Community Sailors. It was a great trip and the sailing in Presque Isle Bay was exciting. Many members stayed over for dinner and to tour the charming city of Erie, PA. Another group added a two day extension to nearby Lake Chautauqua, New York.

Proposed MSC Board Members for 2002

To be elected at Fall Banquet:

- Treasurer: Wolf Goethert, re-up for 2 years
- Secretary: Dave Bishop, re-up for 2 years
- BTB Editor: Bob Zavos, re-up for 2 years
- Race Director: Dan Vito; 3 years
- Youth: John Bridges; 3 years
- Social and special events: Jointly Dave & Melissa Haun and Dawn & Rich Marcus; 3 years

Continuing Board Members:

- Commodore: Gerry Brandt
- Vice-Commodore: Betty Larman
- Publicity Betty McDevitt
- Community Sailing: Sean Marshall
- Maintenance: Bernie Wiwel
- Membership: Cindy Phillips
- Explorers: Keith Otto (and Boy Scouts)
- Ex-Officio and Education: Joe Shields

Dan Goldberg Wins Atwood Regatta

Dan Goldberg, with John McAdoo III crewing, won the Flying Scot Harvest Moon Regatta at Atwood Lake, OH held on September 8-9. Dan and John won all three races in strong winds on Saturday and medium winds on Sunday. The only close race was on Saturday afternoon when they caught Don and Barbara Griffin on the last beat to eke out a narrow win. Then they won the Sunday race convincingly to ice their regatta victory.

Welcome New MSC Members

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| Michele & Al Austgen | Pittsburgh, PA |
| Allen & Carol Campbell | Pittsburgh, PA |
| Daniel Coen-Pirani | Pittsburgh, PA |
| Carol & David Hamilton | Pittsburgh, PA |
| David & Melissa Haun | Pittsburgh, PA |
| Joseph & Theresa Kamon | Pittsburgh, PA |
| Ed & Kathleen Schoeneck | Beaver Fall, PA |
| Larry and Virginia Wainwright | Rices Landing, PA |



Bobbi Jones Holds the Annual Lake Arthur Regatta Bridge to Bridge Trophy Surrounded By the Entire Fleet and Committee

Finish	Boat	Sail#	Skipper and Crew	H	MM	SS	Elap. Sec	PN	Corr.Sec	Place
1	Hobie20	366	Bo Jones & Bobbi Jones & Matt Macik	1	2	55	3775	65.5	5763	1
4	FS	375	Konstantin Beznosov & Olga Kniazeva	1	27	30	5250	90.4	5808	2
2	Prindle19	425	Tom Jones & Shirley Minner	1	9	52	4192	66.5	6304	3
5	FS	4233	Wolf & Joy Goethert & John Bridges	1	37	42	5862	90.4	6485	4
10	SJ21	2379	Chris Harlan	1	44	40	6280	95.6	6569	5
3	Prindle 18-2	622	Paul and Matthew Baker	1	15	44	4544	69.1	6576	6
6	FS	3347	Bob and Sara Zavos	1	40	5	6005	90.4	6643	7
7	FS	4461	Bernie & Keith Wiwel	1	40	13	6013	90.4	6652	8
8	FS	4799	Carl & Lois Suppo	1	40	22	6022	90.4	6662	9
9	FS	4716	Bill Ringle & Abe Noyser	1	42	25	6145	90.4	6798	10
12	P23		<unknown>	1	55	52	6952	95.9	7249	11
11	FS	708	Tim & Griffin Patterson & Cindy Phillips	1	52	4	6724	90.4	7438	12
13	C22		<unknown>	2	6	45	7605	96.7	7865	13
14	O22	1141	Bill Harrison	2	12	33	7953	97.9	8124	13
15	WR	2	Forrest and Mary White	2	35	31	9331	102.1	9139	15
16	C-22		<unknown> DNF							16

Women/Venturer Sunfish Race

Women/Venturer Sunfish Results

Sail#	Skipper	R1	R2	Total	Final
17	CindyPhillips	1	1	2	1
55315	Sara Zavos	2	4	6	2
blue/white	Tim Muckian	4	3	7	3
2		3	5	8	4
4	Jenny Tomal	8	2	10	5
55559		6	6	12	6
11		5	12	17	7
9		12	7	19	8
60500		9	10	19	8
Blue/tail		7	12	19	8
6	Chris Czableski	11	9	20	9
41018		13	8	21	10
58639		10	12	22	11

The MSC Women and Venture Groups participated in a joint Sunfish series with a total of 13 boats at the Regatta at Lake Arthur. All of the club's Sunfish were out on the lake and several women brought and borrowed others. The ladies had a great time and were joined by many of the Venturers who had never raced before. A special thanks go out to Keith, Amanda, Maggie, and Matt Otto, the Venture Group, John Jombock, Tom Hohler, Bob Zavos and all of the people who helped move and rig Sunfish, and especially to the committee of Dan Gelman and Joe Shields who did overtime in running 4 great races before lunch. A special thanks also goes out to Jean Bongiovanni for organizing the Corn roast. We had a tight schedule but everything went off very smoothly.

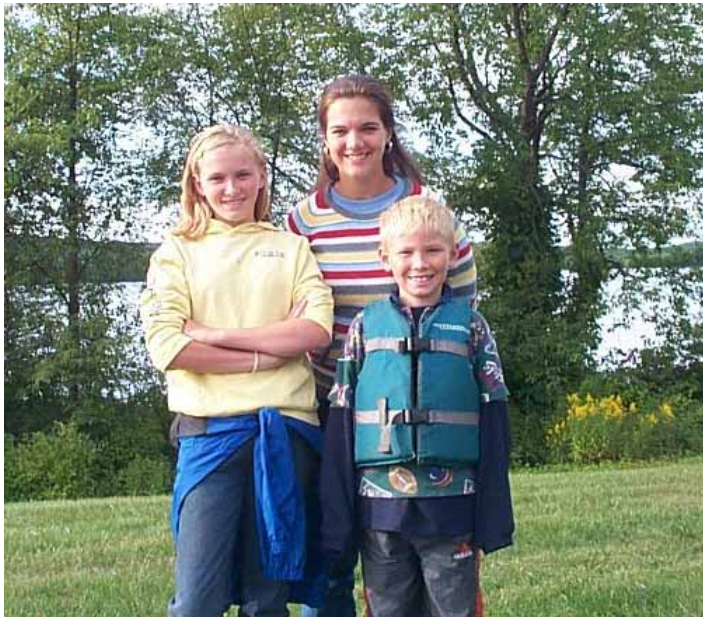
MSC Membership Director, Cindy Phillips, was first in both races and Sara Zavos took second place for the day. Tim Muckian was the winner in the Venture group.

Note, the Race Committee did not get all of the names matched with sail numbers and asks for your help in identifying the missing names. Please report corrections to Dan Gelman or Joe Shields.

Beyond the Water with Maggie, Amanda and Matt Otto

This is the second of what will be a regular 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

Matt Otto, age 7, has been sailing smoothly since he was six, “even when it’s 10-15 knots,” he says. “When I was at the sailing camp, I was cruising along pretty good,” he said. Cruising along alone, that is, in the Optimist, which he, his father, and two sisters built along with John Bridges. Matt credits Sean Marshall and Joe Shields with teaching him everything he knows about sailing. And that’s a lot. The most important thing, says, Matt, is to put on your



life jacket. “And you might want to pull in your jib,” he offers.

He has more advice, which he gives nicely. “When you come into the dock, luff your sails, about two boat lengths from the dock, and turn into the wind.” Matt will be a second grader this fall at Connequenessing Valley Elementary School. When he is not sailing, he likes to ride in the safety boat. At home, in Evans City, he plays baseball, hockey and tennis. He likes to play Game Boy and eat pizza.

There is also Maggie Otto, age 12½, a seventh grader. Maggie sails in the Optimist, as well. She feels safe in that boat. “I don’t have enough body weight yet to right a Sunfish if it capsizes.” Maggie has two dogs, four cats, two birds (a parrot and a cockatoo) and fish. This menagerie is distributed between the homes of her father, Keith Otto, and her mother, Robin Korneff. Maggie likes to ride her bike, and her favorite music group is Blink-182. Her favorite food is macaroni and cheese, and she doesn’t eat red meat.

Amanda, age 15, a tenth grader, rounds out the Otto family. She’s the only one with brown hair. She can be seen on the lake in a Sunfish, most often with her friend, Andrea Holler in a Laser, or with other friends. Amanda helped with the Kids Sailing Camp this summer, and is active with the Venturing Ship group and played a key role in recruiting membership. Amanda also would like to crew on the USS Niagara, Commodore Perry’s flag ship, which sails from Erie. She would also like to learn how to race and crew on a Flying Scot. When not sailing Amanda enjoys spending time with friends.

MSC Raffles Walt Disney Artifact to Raise Funds



John Bridges is shown in the picture above holding a Chinese Block from a sailing Junk he made around 1968 for the Walt Disney Company’s movie, “Swiss Family Robinson”. At the time John was living and working in Trinidad where he built the boat used as the Pirate Ship in the movie. We would have liked to auction the entire boat except that it was blown up in the movie. Many of the parts were salvaged and re-used on other boats in the West Indies. John saved this unique part and generously donated it to the club to help raise money for our building projects.

Raffle tickets are only \$5 each and can be purchased at Watts Bay during racing events as well as at the Fall Banquet on November 11th where the winning ticket will be drawn.

Auction Items Needed

Items are needed for the Chinese (silent) Auction that will be held at the Fall Banquet. In the past we have had housewares, clothing items, ceramics, art, hand made cards, nautical items, tickets to activities, restaurant vouchers. In short, anything you have that could help us raise money for our building fund is welcome. Please contact Jean Bongiovanni to let her know what you have: 412-487-3918 or email to: sloopjeanb@aol.com. Items may be brought to the Banquet or dropped off with Jean.

DIRECTIONS TO FOX CHAPEL RACKET CLUB

Directions from Rt. 28(N & S): Take Rt. 28 to Fox Chapel exit. Follow Fox Chapel Rd. (left) to Field Club Rd (intersection has a street light: Church on R). L onto Field Club. At bottom of hill, R onto Squaw Run East. After soccer field on L, turn L onto Hunt Rd. Racquet Club is on R corner. (1st driveway is for tennis courts)

From points North: Rt. 8 south to Rt. 28 North: follow directions above.

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