

# BATTEN THE BREEZE

Moraine Sailing Club Newsletter

September/October 2003



We have been a little short on Race Committee Volunteers this Summer so we have recruited Piper to help out. His job is to watch the starting line and bark twice if anyone is over early. Day Steward Sean Marshall checks out the wind direction and Michelle Ray, Piper's owner, is at far right

## 2003 SAILING EVENTS

Wednesday Sails - Watts Bay 2PM  
Sep. 14 CSP Picnic and CSD - see page 5  
Sep. 20-21 Flying Scot Regatta  
Sep. 27 Champion of Championship Regatta  
Sep. 28 Community Sailing Day (CSD)  
Nov. 15 Fall Banquet

## Barn Dates

Sunday, October 12, 2003 2-4 pm  
Saturday, October 18, 2003 2-4 pm

Anyone who is interested in renting a storage spot for the first time this year should contact: Tom Hohler at 412-279-8572 or send email to: [thomas.hohler@mindspring.com](mailto:thomas.hohler@mindspring.com)



## Flying Scot Regatta Set for Sep. 20/21

The Sail for the Grail Regatta is scheduled for the weekend of September 20/21. This is a Flying Scot only racing regatta hosted by local Fleet 80 and it is part of the FS Ohio District Series. Last year we had about 12 local participants and 9 out of town participants. In addition to the racing there will be a Friday night chili extravaganza, lunches on both Sat. and Sun. and an informal dinner on Saturday night. The evening festivities will be at a rented house just outside the park. It is a fun time with lots of boats, lots of socializing, nice dinner at the House, bridge-to-bridge race on Sunday, and a chance to meet people from other lakes in the region.

This year we want to make a special effort to encourage Community Sailing Program members to participate. In response to those CSP sailors and other beginners who would like to race in the Grail, but are nervous about being on the starting line with all the hotshots, we agreed that there would be two starts: Championship and Challenger. All the CSP boats will be in the Challenger division (second start). Furthermore, Celia Marlin (Fleet Captain) plans to award a trophy for the highest finisher in the Challenger division that has never raced in the Grail before. All of this is to encourage beginners and CSP sailors to race. Other new or inexperienced racers with their own boats may also start in the Challenger Fleet.

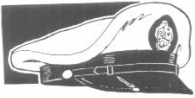
You are welcome to race, join in the socializing or both. We have waived the racing fee for those CSP members who would like to participate. However, there would still be fees for the fleet provided lunches and dinner (you have the option of bringing your own food). CSP members who are interested in being a skipper or crew should contact Sean Marshall. Application and more details are on page 6.

## 2004 Board Nominations Solicited

"All ashore that's goin' ashore" was the last cry heard before a passenger liner set off on a new voyage. In no way do we want to suggest that some of our hard working committee members are passengers, but some of them are due to leave our ship and we must take on others for our voyage into 2004. Carl Suppo has been appointed chairman of our Nominating Committee assisted by Wolf Goethert and Chris Neuwirth. We are looking for replacements for Editor of Batten the Breeze, Social Director, Secretary and Treasurer. Community Sailing is also looking for an understudy to eventually take over. In some cases we could use a co-chair or an assistant.

This is an organization run by volunteers. We offer great sailing opportunities, great people, and a wonderful place at beautiful Lake Arthur. The club needs your support so please tell Carl if you can volunteer for any position on the Board. Don't forget that if there is anything you don't like about the club's activities, this is your chance to do something about it! The club needs your input.

*John Bridges*



# Commodore's Corner

Whenever I find myself lying awake at night or drifting around, becalmed, at Lake Arthur, my thoughts revolve round and round as if I had committed a series of fouls and was trying to perform myriad 360s. These thoughts concern "participation" and "What are we not doing, or not doing well?"

Looking through the Directory I see that there are 35 members with Flying Scots and yet seldom do we get a third of these out for a Saturday race. What is the club doing or not doing for those that don't want to race?

We hold a successful Youth Camp each year, but hardly see a sign of all these kids for another 51 weeks. (Two boys did show up for one of our Wednesday group sails and picnic this year.) There has been very little contact between our experienced racers and Community Sailors who would benefit from, and frequently ask for, more instruction.

On the positive side it has been encouraging this year to see more use of the Sunfish fleet. By this I mean by people, and I am not referring to the mice who tried to make full use of the sails. We saw increased activity by our friends at CMU. Keith Otto has kept busy with the Venture program, and Sean Marshall continues to lead an active Community Sailing Program. The response to taking out would-be sailors from the Butler Outdoor Club and Pittsburgh Field Institute was gratifying to all concerned.

Over the next few weeks there will be an opportunity to consider and act upon these subjects. We need to replace several key Board Members at the Annual Meeting and Banquet in November. If you would be willing to serve and bring along your fresh ideas, please contact Carl Suppo who will be heading

our Nominating Committee. Even if you can't consider giving up one evening a month to attend our Board meetings, please don't hesitate to make your ideas known so that I can sleep more peacefully at night and just enjoy the surroundings when the wind falls away.

*John Bridges*

## Wednesday Sails

Wednesday afternoon sails are still running until we have to put the boats away for the Winter. John Bridges usually opens the shed by 2 pm and sailors are welcome to come at any time. We usually take out a Flying Scot or two and there is always someone to help take out a Sunfish or any other boat. Many new members have had a chance to gain experience in Flying Scots in spite of the many adverse weather dates. With more encouraging weather reports we hope more people can come up after work or school.

## Letter to the Editor

Thank you for putting that exciting finish between me and Dan Gelman on the front page of the last issue. I'd just like to point out that Celia Marlin and Michelle Ray provided the winning crew work on my boat. And Jeff Sherer (showing excellent hiking form in your photo) crewed for Dan. Michelle and Jeff are in the Community Sailing Program, and are excited about getting into racing!

Dan Goldberg

## Sailing Related Web Sites:

**MSC Website:** [www.morainesailingclub.org](http://www.morainesailingclub.org)  
**MSC Listserver:** <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/morainesailingclub>  
**Other Key Sailing Sites**  
 Erie Bayfront Center [goerie.com/bcms/index.html](http://goerie.com/bcms/index.html)  
 Flying Scot Association [fssa.com](http://fssa.com)  
 Flying Scot, Inc. [flyingscot.com](http://flyingscot.com)  
 Moraine Sailing School [morainesailingschool.com/](http://morainesailingschool.com/)  
 Sunfish Class [sunfishclass.org](http://sunfishclass.org)  
 US Sailing [ussailing.org](http://ussailing.org)  
 Wind & Water Boatworks [windwaterboatworks.com](http://windwaterboatworks.com)

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## Batten the Breeze Publication Schedule

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## Regatta at Lake Arthur

This years Regatta at Lake Arthur went very well. We cut the typically ambitious MSC activities down just a bit and still had two full racing days plus the Flying Scot Fleet sponsored picnic on Saturday. The Regatta itself was very successful under the new management team and crowds were very large throughout the park under beautiful weather conditions.

Greg Madzelonka was Day Steward on Saturday and did a terrific job in orienting many first time racers. He started with a basic M1 race with two starts: Flying Scots and Open Class. In the second race the Scots did a longer M2, and the open class raced a M1. The last race was sailed in decent wind and we all came in for a great picnic sponsored by the Flying Scot Fleet and organized by Celia Marlin.

Jim and Arlene Starr returned to the Lake Arthur racing scene for the first time in a several years and showed they hadn't really missed a beat by winning the Flying Scot Division Gerry Brandt won the Open Class Division with Lake Arthur newcomer racers Peter Taube and Mary-Parmer Taube took 2nd in their Hobie Cat 16.

Sundays Bridge-to-Bridge Race started out with decent wind but after about 15 minutes the wind died and remained very light and fluky for the next two hours. Race Committee



Arlene and Jim Starr Win Flying Scot Division on Saturday and the Bridge-to-Bridge Race on Sunday

shortened the course substantially but still only 6 of the 15 boats were able to finish within the time limit. The good news was that there was no rain considering the very wet weather we have had this Summer. Results are listed below.

2003 Regatta at Lake Arthur -- Open Class - 8/23/03																				
Boat	Sail#	Skipper	PN	Race 1					Race 2					Race 3					Tot	Place
				MM	SS	Elap.	Corr.	pts	MM	SS	Elap.	Corr.	pts	MM	SS	Elap.	Corr.	pts		
				Sec	Sec	Sec	Sec	Sec	Sec	Sec	Sec	Sec	Sec	Sec	Sec	Sec	Sec	Sec		
SF	58639	Brandt	99.7	24	20	1160	1163	1	28	31	1411	1415	1	25	57	1257	1261	2	4	1
Hobie 16	13442	Taube	72.1	20	19	919	1275	2	26	9	1269	1760	4	20	20	920	1276	3	9	2
Cat22	6715	Kirk	96.5	25	32	1232	1277	3	31	4	1564	1621	3	26	3	1263	1309	4	10	3
Cat22	5284	Green	96.5	25	40	1240	1285	4	29	51	1491	1545	2	27	5	1325	1373	5	11	4
SF	17	Jombock	99.7	27	43	1363	1367	6	99	99	5739	5756	7	25	53	1253	1257	1	14	5
Cat22	14594	Hart	96.5	26	31	1291	1338	5	31	51	1611	1669	5	28	3	1383	1433	6	16	6
Cat22	8700	Krivjanivk	96.5	38	55	2035	2109	7	40	3	2103	2179	6	49	3	2643	2739	7	20	7
Newport 15		Siwicki																		dnf
McGreg 25		Jukes																		dnf
Venture 21		DeYoung																		dnf

Flying Scots - 8/23/03						
		R1	R2	R3	TOT	Place
5350	Starr	1	1	5	7	1
5071	Gelman	4	3	3	10	2
3700	Bishop	2	4	4	10	3
4601	Zavos	3	2	6	11	4
4340	Marshall	6	6	1	13	5
4233	Goethert	5	11	2	18	6
5090	Armitage	7	5	7	19	7
4461	Wiwel	8	7	8	23	8
3571	CSP	9	8	9	26	9
2757	Moudy	10	9	10	29	10

2003 Regatta at Lake Arthur - Bridge to Bridge Race 8/24/03										
Fin.	Boat	Sail#	Skipper and C/H	MM	SS	Elap.	PN	Corr.	Place	
						Sec		Sec		
2	FS	5350	Star	1	39	4	5944	90.4	6575	1
3	FS	3708	Bridges	1	42	12	6132	90.4	6783	2
4	FS	4601	Zavos	1	42	55	6175	90.4	6831	3
5	FS	4340	Marshal	1	46	56	6416	90.4	7097	4
6	FS	4233	Goethert	1	49	14	6554	90.4	7250	5
1	Pindle 19	425	Tom Jones	1	36	25	5785	66.5	8699	6
7	FS		Chris Neuwirth							
8	Catalina 22	8700	Krivjanik							
9	Oday 22	1141	Bill Harison							
10	San 121	2379	Chris Harlin							
11	Holden 20	207	Prola							
12	SF	17	John Jombach							
13	SC 23		Joe Shields							
14	Hobie 20	366	Jones							
15	Hobiecat	6	Bobie Blake							

## Summer 2003 Highlights



We had a large and enthusiastic class at Summer Youth Camp



Dan Gelman, head cook, at Flying Scot Picnic



Peter Taube and Mary-Parmer Taube



Top three winners in Bridge to Bridge Race

### Chesapeake Weekend Trip

Would you be interested in sailing on the Chesapeake Bay? Two tentative weekends are October 17 or October 24. We would probably arrive on Friday and leave on Sunday. The cost will be divided among the number of people participating. Size of the boat will dictate cost. If you are interested, contact Carl Suppo at 724-929-2818 or suppo@dp.net.

### Former Members Sailing on West Coast

Matt Wall and Mika Hoffman send greetings from Monterey Bay, California, where we and our 1957 Woody, The Altair, late of Davis Hollow, relocated at the end of the 2001 season. The Altair can't handle the ocean waters, which as rumors had it were just a little bit rougher than Lake Arthur, but we're sailing out of the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) sailing club here, where, by one of those miraculous coincidences, we were check-sailed by a Western PA native who'd learned to sail on Lake Arthur, Steve Kennedy! They keep a little fleet of community boats, including multiple Shields - class racers, at dock right in Monterey harbor. We miss the MSC, though, and invite any wayward members who happen to be visiting out in our area to drop us a note if they want a sail -- email us at wallmatt@comcast.net.

### Summer Race Results Lost for July 19

The Summer Race Series Final Results should be on our Web Site shortly. The last race day is scheduled for September 6. Race results from July 19th have been lost. If anyone knows what happened please contact Race Director Dan Vito.

### Flying Scot North Americans Report:

An all-time record 90 boats sailed in the 2003 Flying Scot North Americans, (NAC) held at Lake Norman in Charlotte, NC July 21-25. Sail maker Bill Draheim of Dallas, TX won the three-race Championship Series event. There were nice medium winds for the Qualification Series on Monday and Tuesday, heavy winds on Wednesday, no wind on Wednesday, no wind on Thursday, and light wind Friday. Dan Goldberg and Joni Reis represented Fleet 80. They made the cut for the Championship Division, but Dan's hip problems only allowed them to sail in one race after that.



In other news, Bill Ross of Fleet 48 (Lake Norman) was elected FSSA President. FSSA membership is slightly up, reversing a three-year decline. Scots N Water has a new Editor (Kay Summerfield) and a new look. FSSA membership renewals will be available on-line in September. A new event for skippers over 60 will be held in the Chesapeake Bay in September 2003. The 2004 Wife-Husband will be near Detroit, and the North Americans will be at Carlyle Lake near St. Louis. Look for details on the FSSA Web Site.

*Dan Goldberg*

## Horsepower Limit Changed Again

The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) quietly raised the motor limits to 20 hp on 6 major PA lakes including Lake Arthur in a surprising move on August 1. This action followed a 17 month study in which the limit was raised from 9.9 to a test limit of 18 HP.

DCNR Secretary Michael DiBernardinis said, "the 18-horsepower pilot program clearly shows little or no adverse impacts as noted by state park officials and very few objections from park boaters, anglers and other visitors. While these observations are not likely to change with this 2-horsepower increase, the 20-horsepower limit will enable boaters to choose from a larger selection of outboard motors, as production of 18-horsepower models is limited".

If you have an opinion on the new limits you might want to contact:

Secretary Michael DiBernardinis  
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Executive Office: 7th Floor  
Rachel Carson State Office Building,  
P.O. Box 8767  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8767 Phone: (717) 772-9084

## Classified ads

**Sunfish Sailboat.** Brand New 13-1/2 foot 2002 model was in the water only once. White Hull, red stripes, and red cockpit hiking strap, white racing sail, trailer, racing board cover and sail bag. \$2800! Owner's health requires sale. Barbara Trautmann at 724-586-1175

**Mutineer Sailboat** 15' 6, Main, jib, spinnaker, Harken roller furling jib. Recently re-rigged and re-finished, easily seats 2 Adults and 2 kids, Excellent condition. Includes trailer and extras. \$1200. Barbara Trautmann 724-586-1175

**Aquarius Sailboat** 21', Trailer 9.9 hp Mariner Motor, full set of sails, 412-352-4661

**Flying Scot 3498** Douglas, White hull and white deck. Gel coat in excellent condition. Tee Nee Trailer with new crank and belt. Two sets of sails, one is still crisp. New spinnaker, used once. Custom fitted boat cover Extra parts and accessories. - \$3,900 Kevin Kearns, 412-344-2316 kkearns@pitt.edu

**Flying Scot 4440** Douglass built in 1988, excellent condition. white deck, white hull with orange stripe, 1987 galvanized Tee Nee trailer with spare- main, jib, spinnaker. blue boat cover, motor bracket, extras. Asking \$5000.00 Or Best Offer.

## THANK YOU BARBARA

Barbara Trautmann, has donated to our CSP and youth programs a 12-1/2 foot Escape. This is a single sailed dinghy built by Vanguard specifically aimed at the youth and learn-to-sail market. The simple rig designed by Gary Hoyt of Freedom Yachts fame, consists of a fixed boom with a roller-furled main using a single continuous line ingeniously deployed. The open transom makes launching from the beach a snap, just jump in, unfurl and go. Thank you Barbara for your generous donation to our kids programs.

## MSC Volunteers Introduce WPMI to Sailing on Lake Arthur

by Gerry Brandt

On Sunday August 3, the Western Pennsylvania Field Institute (WPMI) held an outing for 150 of its members on the North Shore of Lake Arthur. Activities included a picnic, hiking, biking, fishing, and sailing. WPMI is an umbrella organization promoting outdoor activities in the area. Gerry Brandt organized the MSC effort and WPMI chose to use the large pavilion at McDaniel's launch as their base and to car-pool folks to Watts Bay for an introduction to MSC sailing.

Weather appeared inauspicious from the start. In Pittsburgh it was raining and the weather radar showed a river of storms moving northwest from the southwest, apparently directly across Butler County. When I arrived about 10:30, it was not raining and the sky, while gray, was not stormy. Our intrepid commodore, John Bridges, had launched one CSP Scot and since it was a Venture Crew day, Keith Otto agreed to take out a second Scot. Sean Marshall launched a third and we were ready to greet our first group of 15 WPMI 'ers.

I gave everyone the MSC pitch and Cindy Phillips used her USAir skills to doff and adjust life jackets. Keith gave his boatload somewhat of a start when he ambled up holding a copy of "Sailing for Dummies" and asked the group if any of them had sailed before. When one person said "yes" then Keith deadpanned "Good, because this is my first time." Holding up the book he continued "I just read this on the way up". Though the wind was very light near the docks, it picked up in the middle of the lake towards the south shore and 422 bridge so this group had a pleasant, but certainly not taxing sail.

Meanwhile Becky Jarold and Wolf Goethert arrived and Chris Harlan had launched his San Juan 21. To accommodate the second group (now swollen to 25) we launched two more Scots. Just then it started to drizzle but the wind picked up to 5-6 mph. Outdoor people aren't made of sugar and a little moisture didn't deter anyone from having a great time as our volunteers regaled them with sailing lore and sea stories.

Thank you volunteers for your help in showing WPMI what a great club MSC is. The de-briefing gave uniformly enthusiastic response to our efforts. We gained one new family membership on the spot and many folks left with membership applications. MSC is an easy sell when so many help out. Thanks again!

**Club Sailing Days** are instructional events which are primarily for new sailors but are open to all including racing members, social members, and student members. Experienced members are invited to help. We usually take out one or more Flying Scots and Sunfish are also available.

**Club Sailing Picnics** are open to all MSC members. Community Sailing Program sponsors the main dishes, drinks, cooking facilities, picnic supplies. Attendees are requested to bring a dessert or side dish.

## MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Memberships are due for each calendar year. If you haven't renewed or are a recent visitor, this may be your last issue of Batten the Breeze. Please download a copy of the application from our Web Site and send it in right away.

## Sail-For-The-Grail Regatta Regatta

### Schedule

#### Champion & Challenger Divisions Four Races

#### Friday

4:00 on - Pre Registration at Watts Bay

Evening - Welcome Chili

#### Saturday

8:30 - Bagels, donuts, coffee, etc.

Final Registration

9:30 - Skippers Meeting

10:30 - First Race

(1 race before lunch, 2 after lunch)

6:00 - Dinner and Whiskey Sours

#### Sunday

8:30 - Bagels, donuts, coffee, etc.

9:30 - Skippers Meeting

10:30 - Start (Bridge-to-Bridge Race)

Awards presentation after race

### Regatta Help Needed!

If you can help on Race Committee please contact Gerry Brandt. If you can help with other Regatta functions such as Registration, house set-up, breakfast prep, food organization, or cleanup please contact Celia Marlin at number below

### Housing

Limited on-site housing and camping available.

Any local who can house an out-of-town participant should also contact Celia at the number listed below.

### Crewing

If you need a crew or want to crew contact Bob Zavos at 412-241-0659 or email: rzavos@hotmail.com

### Directions to the "House"

From Watts Bay head east (toward Davis Hollow Marina) for about 1 mile until the first road (Mt Union). Turn left and go North about 1/2 mile to the "Resort in the Woods" on the left.

## Sail-For-The-Grail Regatta

Lake Arthur, Moraine State Park, North of Pittsburgh

**September 20-21, 2003**

Skippers Name \_\_\_\_\_ FS# \_\_\_\_\_

Crews Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Fleet \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Select One: Championship Challenger

Entry Fee

\$70.00 US Sailing Member

\$75.00 Non US Sailing Member

Entry fee will cover skipper and 1 crew for lunches and dinner for Championship and Challenger Division. Additional lunch and dinner tickets available at registration

\$40.00 racing fee only

Use this application or facsimile and bring it to Watts Bay or mail to **Celia Marlin, 222 7th Street, Oakmont PA 15139. 412-828-8598** or email: **bigfish@stargate.net**

## Flying Scot Fleet 80 News

**Regatta Up-Date:** Arrangements are underway for our Sail for the Grail Regatta scheduled for September 20-21. I am looking for volunteers and will call fleet members for assistance. Several people have stepped forward to help and I am deeply grateful for any and all help. It only works if everyone lends a hand. If you have any questions, either send me an email or call, bigfish@stargate.net or 412.828.8598.

**Regatta House:** Since the cost of the "Regatta House" that we have used for the past three years has gone up considerably, we will need to search out a new location. I will contact the park concerning the restaurant and cabins for next year. If you have any other ideas, please let me know. This must be done by this September as things book-up early.

**New Award:** In an effort to get more sailors interested in our regatta and involved in sailing, I will be giving a new award, "The Squire Award." The squire in medieval time was a knight in training, hence the title. The award will go to a first time regatta skipper in the Challenger division with the highest finish.

**Future of Fleet 80 at Moraine:** In speaking to fleet and other MSC members, it seems to me that we all have the same desire to build a stronger sailing presence and leave our place in the park a much better one than we found. To this end, I suggest we continue close cooperation on projects that leave our mark. The club shed has been a wonderful addition. I suggest a two-year commitment to add to this project. A large picnic pavilion, with park approval, on the hill behind the shed will create a greater club presence. Around this pavilion, we could erect benches that overlook the lake and dedicate them with a small plaque to remember former members.

**Board Position:** Several fleet members have expressed the concern for having a member on the MSC board. I spoke to the board in August, and they agreed that the fleet captain or designated person could fill a now vacant seat. It will require attending monthly meetings and any other work required of that position. I plan to ask the board to make that position available unless I hear differently from the membership.

**Treasury Report:** Members have asked for a treasury report and our treasurer, Tom Hohler, has offered to send information to any member requesting this via email. Contact thomas.hohler@mindspring.com.

**New Fleet Captain Needed:** Fleet 80 is in need of a new fleet captain. This is a position that requires few technical skills, just patience and a bit of organization. Fleet members have always been very helpful, therefore the workload is light.

*Celia Marlin  
Fleet Captain*

## Annapolis Boat Show Oct 10-13, 2003

The World's Oldest & Largest Sailboat Show is held each year in early October at the Docks in downtown Annapolis Maryland. This is a great opportunity to see the latest boats and equipment. If you are thinking of going contact Club Secretary Dave Bishop who can give you some general information and help coordinate any car pools, etc. Their Web site is: [www.USBOAT.com](http://www.USBOAT.com)

## Beyond the Water with Jonathon Miller

*By Bette McDevitt*

*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.*

I could write a book about how people find Lake Arthur. There is the fellow who saw Watts Bay from the bridge and drove around for hours, maybe days, trying to find the entrance. Then there is Jonathon Miller, who spied the lake dotted with sailboats from Glacier Ridge Trail. He used, not a compass nor a map, but a trusty Google search on the Internet and found the Moraine Sailing Club web site.

Jonathon, born in Sheffield, England, was ready. "I had been thinking about sailing for some years. We moved here from Rock island, Illinois, on the banks of the Mississippi and there was a club that sailed above the lock and dam on the river there. If you think the winds on Lake Arthur are fickle, imagine adding a river current too! I never did get involved in that club, but I was primed and ready for you guys."

He had some sailing experience as a youngster, and was ready to give it a go again. "I first sailed as a kid at summer camp off the coast of south Wales and then learned to sail myself when the family joined a club in Southport on the west coast of England just north of Liverpool. We sailed Enterprise dinghies. I crewed for my brother, a cruel task master, by the way."

There was also a cruel race involved there. "My brother and I would race in a series held every year in January and called The Frostbite Series. You could tell how cold it was by the number of fingers that turned blue. Once your index finger started to turn blue, you knew it was time to come in. Come to think of it, that was probably what caused me to give up sailing in the first place."

"My brother is still racing Enterprises on a very small lake in Cheshire," said Jonathon, "but I gave it up when I went off to university and now I am having to relearn everything." 'Everything' means demonstrating that he can capsize and right the boat, and do a man overboard drill, so that he can take out the sunfish. "It is actually really good, because I am having to concentrate on the basics that, as a teenager I was far too confident of my abilities to take any notice of."

Jonathon is a librarian at the Hillman Library in Oakland. "My title is Head of Hillman Public Services, which means I manage the reference, instruction, government documents, periodicals, and microforms services in the main library of the University of Pittsburgh. Basically, if you have questions about how the library is organized or how to find and use information we are there to help you."

Jonathon lives with his wife Bethany and ten year old son, Sam in Wexford, where he has created a perennial herb garden "I also practice Tai Chi, love cooking, eating, reading, cycling and we are really enjoying the theater and opera available in Pittsburgh," he said. Bethany is interested in learning to sail, but Sam is a little more cautious.

Like our other European sailors, Jonathon is appreciative of the vast spaces we have. "I think Lake Arthur is very beautiful and not so little. It is about the same size as Lake Windermere in the English Lake District, which, if I am not mistaken, is the largest lake in England. The lake I sailed on in Southport was a salt-water tidal lake behind a sea wall. It was about five feet deep at its deepest point -at least we could not turn turtle- and probably no more than half a mile long. We are very lucky in America to have so much space. It is marvelous to have such a lake and the land around it just a few miles up the road from my home."

Now that he is sailing, Jonathon thinks he may be able to persuade his brother to come for a visit. After the Frostbite Series, Jonathon said, April and May does not seem so bad and the prospect of the summer is wonderful.

## Park Swimming Change

Swimming off your boat is permitted, however a new rule requires the boat to be anchored and you must stay within a distance limit that equals the length of your boat.

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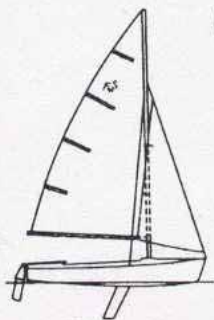
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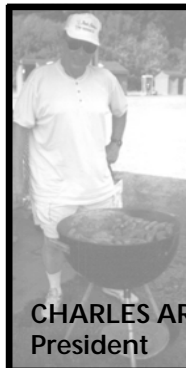
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