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Draft of St. Clair River Report Released for Public Comment

by Dave Wehnes



Just last week, the International Upper Great Lakes Study (IUGLS) was released in draft form for public comment (through July 1). To understand the impact of excessive flow through the St. Clair River, one must first understand the flow of water through the Lake Michigan-Huron system. Water enters these lakes from three main sources: (1) from Lake Superior at a rate of 75,000 cfs (27% of the total); (2) from precipitation directly onto the surface of the lakes at a rate of 110,000 cfs (39% of the total) and (3) water flows into them from the surrounding land area at a rate of 94,000 cfs (34% of the total). Water leaves these lakes through evaporation at a rate of 87,000 cfs (31% of the total), through the Chicago diversion at a rate of 3,000 cfs (1% of the total) and down the St. Clair River at a rate of 189,000 cfs (68% of the total). Water flow into and out of the

lakes via groundwater movement and consumption by industry, agriculture and municipalities are all small volumes and can be considered insignificant.

Climate obviously plays a significant role. Precipitation is a major input, and evaporation is a major output. Most evaporation occurs during the fall and winter months, when the water is warmer than the air, and the air over the lakes has low humidity. A cold winter, with good ice cover over the lakes, reduces evaporation significantly.

Outflow down the St. Clair River has changed over the years as a result of both dredging and erosion. The river was first dredged in 1852 and again in 1920-1921, 1933-1936 and in 1957-1962. The channel was initially dredged to a depth of 20ft, and is now kept at 27 ft. In addition to dredging, the St. Clair River bottom was "mined" for sand and gravel at times over

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The first day of launch was off to a good start on Saturday, May 2, 2009.

Photo by Bruce Nason

Good Stewardship Begins at SSYC

by Trudy Durand

Good stewardship begins wherever you are. In this case at SSYC. The club is leading the way and now it is your turn. The club asks that members practice good stewardship thereby saving resources and cash.

Please save electricity and water and recycle this summer. Being wasteful is not cool. And maybe you can even forgo some convenience without pain.

Slip Committee Chairman, Nello Copen asks slip owners to turn off the water at the dock after using the hose in your slip. Leaky fittings and nozzles waste water and letting the water just run into the lake is very wasteful, of course. The club pays

for each gallon wasted. Turn off air conditioners and appliances if you are not on your boat. Recycle cans, paper and make certain waste (water, oil, paint etc.) are disposed according to regulations. "Don't contaminate. Be a good steward," Nello urges. Also take advantage of the recycling receptacles in the garbage corral. It's easy to recycle cans, paper and glass. Everyone needs to be part of this and every effort saves money and the environment.

The wonderful volunteers at the club are leading the way. Jim Peterson took his membership on the House Committee

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From the Helm



Robert W. Aring
Commodore, SSYC

A proposal came up before the Board of Directors for a "spouse" membership. That proposal, as written was referred to the By-Laws Committee where it was defeated. The concept, however, is an interesting one. Should we be looking at a "family" membership? Here is some information on how other clubs have addressed this question:

- There is an additional amount added to the dues that is less than the amount of another full membership.
- The "family" is made up of a spousal arrangement (i.e. no kids).
- The "family" has one vote at a general meeting. Either party can vote.
- Either member of the "family" can belong to a committee, but that committee

membership is limited to only one member of that family.

• The "family" has only the access to one limited facility; such as a slip, winter storage, etc.

This is a short summary of what a few other clubs are doing. I just don't know. Is this for us? What are your thoughts? Would we be adding to the club's features with something like this? Or, is this a waste of time? Tell me your thoughts on this subject.

In a different direction, we have been attending meetings with a group who is trying to remove styrofoam from Lake Michigan. While their efforts are mostly directed at the Milwaukee River, we have committed to doing our part. Once our supply of styrofoam containers is used up, we'll be looking at buying more ecologically friendly products.

Our other effort at energy conservation at SSYC has been working well and is the subject of an article elsewhere in this issue of the Compass. Being a good steward to the environment is important and we all need to do our part. We can all remember to conserve on electricity, fix water leaks on hoses and clean up debris around and under boats in the storage yard as we wrap up this launch season.

We're approaching the best part of our boating season. I hope it's an enjoyable one for everyone.



Fore & Aft

by James Hutchison

The following Committee Meetings and events have been scheduled as of this press date:

■ The first Powerboater's Thursday event of the new season is scheduled for Thursday, May 21 at 6:30 PM. Bring a quart of warm chili and your flares for the demonstration.

■ The Grounds Clean Up Work Party will be held on Saturday, May 23 at 9 AM. Lunch will be served to all volunteers on completion of the tasks at hand. Be sure to join us!

■ The hours for the Commodore's Cove Dining Room Saturday/Sunday Breakfast have been tweaked and are now 8 AM to Noon, both days. As of now, the only date we won't be serving breakfast will be May 23, the day of the Grounds Work Party.

■ The SSYC Auxiliary will meet and hold their annual picnic on Tuesday, June 2.

■ A parents meeting for Juniors enrolled in sailing lessons will take place on Thursday, June 4 at 7 PM in the Dining Room. Mike Blackwood is the Junior Advisory Chairperson.

■ The Review of the Fleet is scheduled for Saturday, June 6. The Review will begin at 4 PM and will be followed by a Junior Open House. After the Open House will be the traditional Review of the Fleet Picnic Buffet.

■ The Commodore's Cove Dining Room will be open for menu dining on Saturday evening June 13. The theme will be Italian cuisine with Prime Rib specials.

Contact me if you are interested in serving on one of our standing committees.



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"On Board" - Boating Safety Tips

by Gerry Hussin

Recreational boating safety partners are using a consistent campaign message to increase awareness about the importance of always wearing life jackets while on the water. The "Wear it" logo has been updated to reflect a comfortable and lightweight life jacket.

According to the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission's report to the President in 1962, "Water is a focal point of outdoor recreation. Most people seeking outdoor recreation want water — to sit by, to swim and to fish in, to ski across, to dive under, and to run their boats over." This statement is as true today as it was in 1962, with even more people participating in water-based recreation.

Wisconsin has over 15,000 inland lakes, 43,000 miles of rivers, and 650 miles of Great Lakes shoreline. With all the available surface water in the state, it is not surprising that recreational boating is a major part of Wisconsin outdoor recreational activities, as well as a significant part of the state's economy and tourism industry.

SSYC will be offering a Wisconsin DNR approved Safe Boating Class during the middle of June. The class runs from 9 AM until 11:30 AM for 4 days and the 5th day is "On The Water Training". The class size will be limited to a maximum number

of 15 students and is open to all ages from 11 on up. .

Wisconsin boating safety certification or out of state equivalent certification is required for operators born on or after January 1, 1989 and at least 16 years of age. Operators 12 to 15 years of age must either have a certificate or have an adult on board while operating. Anyone is eligible to take the class and receive a safety education completion certificate. For children under 12 years of age, the certificate does not become valid until the

child reaches 12 years of age. (read the boating regulations for full details)

REMEMBER TAKE A SAFE BOATING CLASS - "WEAR IT" 



Don't forget the USCG Auxiliary Vessel Exam

Saturday, June 6, 2009

9 AM to 1 PM

Sign up at the SSYC

South Patio Area

This is a good opportunity to make sure your vessel has all the necessary safety equipment to meet the Coast Guard requirements and receive your "Safety Decal" for 2009.

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The Annual Review of the Fleet

Saturday, June 6, 2009

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the Front Lawn

3:30 PM - Participating yachts
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May 17 Lakeside Lounge 8:00 AM - 10 PM Commodore's Cove Breakfast 8:00 AM - Noon	18 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 10 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM	19-Taco Tuesday Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM No Commodore's Cove Lunch ASC Luncheon Board of Director's Mtng. 6:30 PM	20 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM	21 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM <i>PB Thursday Chili Dump & Flare Shoot</i>	22 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - Midnight Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM Menu Dining 5 - 9:00 PM	23 Lakeside Lounge 8:00 AM - Midnight Grounds Clean Up Work Party - 9 AM No Commodore's Cove Breakfast
24 Lakeside Lounge 8:00 AM - Midnight Commodore's Cove Breakfast 8:00 AM - Noon	25 Lakeside Lounge 8 AM - 10 PM No Commodore's Cove Lunch Memorial Day	26-Taco Tuesday Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM	27 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM	28 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM	29 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - Midnight Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM Menu Dining 5 - 9:30 PM	30 Lakeside Lounge 8:00 AM - Midnight Commodore's Cove Breakfast 8:00 AM - Noon
31 Lakeside Lounge 8:00 AM - 10 PM Commodore's Cove Breakfast 8:00 AM - Noon	June 1 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 10 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM	2-Taco Tuesday Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM SSSC Auxiliary Annual Picnic	3 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM SS/SSS Race #1 Wed. Night Buffet	4 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM <i>PB Thursday Foreign Exchange Student Boat Ride</i>	5 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - Midnight Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM Menu Dining 5 - 9:30 PM	6 Lakeside Lounge 8:00 AM - Midnight Commodore's Cove Breakfast 8:00 AM - Noon Review of the Fleet
7 Lakeside Lounge 8:00 AM - 10 PM Commodore's Cove Breakfast 8:00 AM - Noon Schnagl Party	8 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 10 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM	9-Taco Tuesday Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM	10 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM SS/SSS Race #2 Wed. Night Buffet	11 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM <i>PB Thursday Spaghetti Night</i>	12 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - Midnight Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM Menu Dining 5 - 9:30 PM	13 Lakeside Lounge 8:00 AM - Midnight Commodore's Cove Breakfast 8:00 AM - Noon Menu Dining 5:30 - 8:30 PM
14 Lakeside Lounge 8:00 AM - 10 PM Commodore's Cove Breakfast 8:00 AM - Noon Jursik Party	15 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 10 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM	16-Taco Tuesday Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM Board of Director's Mtng. 6:30 PM	17 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM SS/SSS Race #3 Wed. Night Buffet	18 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM General Membership Meeting - 7 PM	19 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - Midnight Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM Menu Dining 5 - 9:30 PM	20 Lakeside Lounge 8:00 AM - Midnight Commodore's Cove Breakfast 8:00 AM - Noon Berger Party

Trash Facts: The Life of Litter

- Glass Bottle - 1 million years
- Plastic Soda bottle - 1,000 years
- Plastic 6 Pack rings - 450 years
- Aluminum can - 200-500 years
- Tin can - 80-100 years
- Leather boot - 50 years
- Disposable diaper - 10-20 years
- Plastic bag - 10-20 years
- Cigarette butt - 1-5 years
- Apple core - 2 months
- Newspaper - 6 weeks

Let's all work to keep our waterways clean!

Sources: California Waste Management Bulletin, Federal Bureau of Land Management and Lake Pontchartrain Foundation

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Manager's News

by James Hutchison

The spring launch season is progressing and soon we'll be in the full glory of summer on beautiful Lake Michigan. Time to enjoy boating, friends and all that SSYC has to offer. The slips and piers are open for business, the Tender will soon be in operation and our boating activities will soon be underway.

Our Commodore's Cove dining room is now open seven days per week, with lunch on Monday through Friday and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. The support of our membership has been fantastic and I'm very pleased with these operational changes.

The biggest work party of the year, the Grounds Clean Up Day, is scheduled for Saturday, May 24. Be sure to be here to help out as we change our grounds over to our summer mode.

Coming soon also is the annual Review of the Fleet. Mark your calendars for the event that really kicks off the summer season at SSYC - Saturday, June 6. After the Review, plan to stay for the Juniors Open House - see the new Junior Boathouse and tour their facilities. Music, fellowship and a great meal will complete a wonderful day. Be sure to participate and let's get this season off to a super start! Hope to see you soon.

Short Bights

by Bruce Nason

A dream coming true. On Saturday morning, June 6th, the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center will break ground for their 2.1 million dollar Administrative and Educational Center to be located just west of the present facility. An "all you can eat" pancake breakfast starts at 8:30 AM with the Ground breaking ceremony scheduled for 10 AM. Let's show our support for this fantastic event.

Are you in to Wii games? The House and Entertainment committees have purchased a Wii game with four controllers for the 52 inch TV in the Lakeside Lounge. Feel free to ask the office or a bartender for the controllers.

Good news with the lake level this spring. By our unofficial measuring post, the water seems to be up nearly a foot. Long term, who knows. For more information read Dave Wehnes' article on page 1.

We haven't heard of instances of it happening around here, but news reports of derelict and scuttled yachts along the East coast are becoming common. With the downturn in the economy, older boats are being abandoned in remote areas or scuttled for the insurance money. Let's hope that it's a practice that doesn't find its way to Lake Michigan.

MBWSO Update

by Heather Rippl

There were no problems making quorum at the Milwaukee Bay Women's Sailing Organization's annual Spring meeting on April 8th. Fifty-plus sailors were on hand to kick off the 2009 race season with high spirits and Wednesday Wings at South Shore Yacht Club, including eight new members looking for crew positions, and eleven of the fifteen returning skippers.

The biggest change to the 2009 series will be the division of the fleet into two classes. After much discussion of the pros and cons of implementing a second start, a successful motion to have two starts if enough boats are entered was carried on the strength of the argument that concentrating the finish would synchronize the arrival of the fleet to the apres-race festivities, benefiting all. Janice Shoman, MBWSO's NOR/SI chairperson, announced that the details will be published in the 2009 Sailing Instructions, which will be emailed to all entrants. The 2009 Notice of Race was handed out at the meeting and will also be emailed to all past skippers and posted on the website.

The MBWSO membership is made up of an active group of women who are as committed to the local sailing community during the off-season as they are at the height of summer. Updates from the fleet on their activities this Spring included a thank you from Milwaukee Community Sailing Center Board Member Jane Larson for MBWSO members' participation in the 2009 Sailor's Ball, a report from Deb Bruesewitz on a program she co-produced for the Milwaukee Bay fleet on yoga and nutrition, called "Ship Shape" and an announcement from fleet Co-Captain, Phyllis McDonald that she's making her storehouse of sailing knowledge available to the rest of us by teaching a "Marinating Marine Woodwork" course at MCSC, as well as supporting MCSC Director Holly Davenport for her class, "Women's Introduction to Sailing".

MYC race committee Chair Cindy Kraus solicited volunteers for RC duties during upcoming regattas, to volunteer contact Cindy at chance323@sbcglobal.net.

Finally, thanks to the hard work of Webmistress Cheryl Kelly, MBWSO's new website design is complete and almost ready to go live. Keep checking our home page at www.mbws.org to be the first to spot the new changes!

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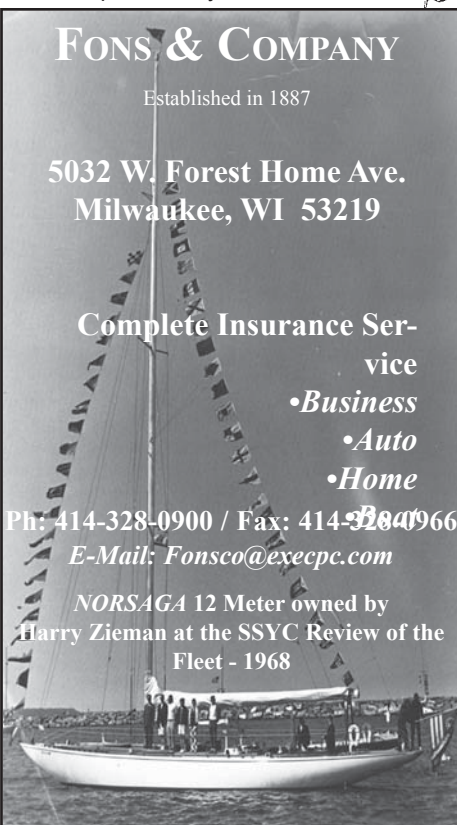
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Good Stewards

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very seriously. "I felt we could save something on our utility bills. I knew about energy audits and the rebates to small businesses for saving energy," he said. The energy audit was done and Jim replaced every light bulb that could be replaced, with a Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) bulb. That's 110 light bulbs! The cost was \$16 after subtracting the rebate. They use less energy and last longer, resulting in a 75 percent savings.

Jim then took on the task of programming the "set back" thermostats for the Clubhouse. "The thermostats are very sophisticated and can be made tamper proof. They are programmed for each day of the week in accordance with the hours we are open. The club is set at about 68 degrees in winter and 74 degrees during summer," Jim said.

Jim is also conscious of members comfort as he tweaks the systems. When he walks into the club, he is immediately aware of the atmosphere. The men's and women's rest rooms were very cold in winter. Jim crawled around and discovered some items that needed correcting and we had the contractor make some changes. It is warmer now but next winter will be the test and it should be more comfortable.

Energy costs have increased dramatically in recent years and SSYC needs to be conscious of costs like every other business. Club Manager James Hutchison watches these costs closely. He has to in this economic environment. "Jim Peterson has contributed many hours of work and expertise to the club. We save real money thanks to his efforts. It is volunteers like Jim that make this such a great club," James said.



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Auxiliary News

by Jan-Marie Weiler

What do hypertufa troughs, Queen's Cup merchandise and Smoke-free have in common? They are some of the topics discussed at the April 7th Auxiliary meeting. The business meeting was held with discussions on various topics. The seasonal upcoming events were discussed as we get ready for our Queen's Cup merchandise sale.



Nancy Grabowski, Kathy Dukes-Hubbard and Nancy Nikolaus at the Auxiliary Life Member and Past Presidents Appreciation Dinner.

Photo by Ruth Predith

Cookie Mueller brought us up to date on the House Committee items of interest. The general membership voted for the club to go smoke-free as of June 1, 2009. This year will be the year to plan bathroom renovations. An Auxiliary member has been requested to serve on the House Committee which will spend this year in the planning stage with next year implementing the renovation.

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The Juniors will begin Sail Lessons on June 22nd. There are forms in the club office for signing up. The Juniors have a long history of providing first rate sailing lessons to the youth of our community. The Auxiliary is proud to assist in their programs. The Easter Egg Hunt and lunch held Saturday April 11th was sold out and great fun according to some of the participants of this year's gala.

Finally, Jane Schneider presented her most unusual and decorative recipe and method for making hypertufa troughs or pots. The historical background of them is that they hail from across the big pond in England. The mixing of the ingredients is quite therapeutic according to Jane. The trick for a successful pot is in the Portland Cement. Stay tuned for more information from our members who went home with the pots as to the curing and planting success.

Mark your calendars for the June meeting. We'll have a Picnic and White Elephant exchange - White Elephant exchanges need to be wrapped or bagged. We all have one in our house that we have been saving for just the right occasion. This is it!

See you at the picnic!



In Memoriam



Lois Rehberg

Lois Rehberg (Nee Lawrie) passed away on May 4, 2009, age 86 years. Lois was a Life Surviving Spouse member of SSYC and a Life member of the Auxiliary. Preceded in death by her husband Bill Rehberg, she is survived by daughter Briana Lawrie and nephew Scott (Linda) Lawrie. Further survived by many other family members and friends.

Lois' family was among the founding members of SSYC with the yacht club's first organizational meetings taking place in the Lawrie basement. The history of the Rehberg/Lawrie families and their involvement at SSYC is rich.

Instrumental in the donation of the Queen's Cup to SSYC, the Lawrie family was involved in SSYC in every way. Lois was active in so many organizations and her volunteer work will be remembered for many years to come. She will be missed by her many family and friends at SSYC.

Helping Hands

by Carolyn Nason

Some helpful hints: Hands-free help at the grocery store. Clip your shopping list to your cart with a clothes pin.

Thanks to Bob Gaertner (Tigress) for his great tip last month. Here's one more from Bob. Check out www.fieggen.com. It explains the secret to a correctly tied shoe. Sounds simple, right? But this site guarantees you'll never again suffer the frustration of untied boat shoes. Thanks Bob.

Plastic wrap will cling to a bowl better if you moisten the rim first.

Green cleaner for your boat. Sprinkle a damp cloth with baking soda and wipe to clean chrome and stainless steel.

Aluminum Foil as Paint Protector. Protect hardware when you're painting by wrapping foil around them to catch dribbles. The foil molds to the shape of whatever it's covering and stays firmly in place until the job is complete.

Nothing says summer like corn on the cob. Use a damp paper towel to remove the silk from the cob.

Place a couple drops of your favorite scent on the inside of a toilet-paper tube. Every time the paper is used the fragrance will be released.

A Polident denture cleaning tablet dropped into a vase filled with water and left overnight will clean out the debris left from those beautiful Mother's Day flowers.

Need a mold fighter? Try tea tree oil, a natural fungicide and antiseptic. Mix 2 teaspoons with 2 cups water. Apply with a sponge, let it dry then wipe with a damp cloth.

Did you know Goodwill has an auction website similar to Ebay? You'll find it at www.Shopgoodwill.com. Take a look at the tool section.

Finally, wrap a rubber band around each end of a hanger. It will keep camisoles and sundresses from slipping off their hangers.

Planning a cruise to the North Channel this summer? There is one more thing you need to pack. Don't forget to bring your passport. As of June 1, the laws are changing and require that you have your passport to get back in to the U.S. This applies to trips returning from Mexico, too.

As always, keep your hints coming.



St. Clair River Report

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the past 100 years. The general consensus is that this dredging and mining has lowered the Lake Michigan-Huron system by 16 inches.

Gravity drives the flow through the St. Clair River. It is the difference in height between Lake Huron and Lake Erie that provides this gravitational force. The study found that between 1962 and 2006 this difference has decreased, on average, by 9 inches. What caused this decrease?

Three key factors have contributed to this decline:

1. A change in the conveyance of the St. Clair River accounts for 3.9 to 7 inches. A relatively dramatic and rapid change in conveyance appears to have occurred in the mid-1980s, possibly resulting from a single event, such as a major ice jam in the river.
2. Changes in climatic patterns account for 3.5 to 10.6 inches. This factor has become even more important in recent years, accounting for an estimated 75 percent of the decline between 1996 and 2005.
3. Glacial isostatic adjustment (the rebounding of the earth's crust after the melting of the glaciers about 10,000 years ago) accounts for about 1.6 inches, but varies greatly throughout the basin.

The key finding, compared to the Baird report funded by the Georgian Bay Association, is that there has been no ongoing erosion of the St. Clair riverbed since at least 2000. As a result of this finding, the study does not recommend any remedial measures be taken at this time.

A summary of the report (18 pages) is available at:

http://pub.iugls.org/en/Other_Publications/SummaryDraftReportStClair.pdf

The full report (214 pages) is available at:

http://pub.iugls.org/en/Other_Publications/DraftReportStClair.pdf

Twenty public information sessions, with an opportunity for people to express their views and comments, will be held in May and June. The meeting closest to Milwaukee will be held at 6:00 PM on May 20 at the Hotel Orrington, Heritage Room, 1710 Orrington Ave., Evanston, Illinois.

The study board is also accepting comments on-line, at: <http://www.iugls.org/en/comment.asp>

SSYC members are urged to read the summary report and provide their comments.



The SSYC Power Fleet Committee

Announces the Annual

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July 3, 4 & 5, 2009

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In Memoriam



Thomas J. Reading Sr.

Tom Reading passed away on May 1, 2009 at the age of 81. Tom was an active member at SSSC, joining in 1989. Survived by his wife Nancy and daughter Kathy (Bob Harley) and children Patricia, Thomas Jr. and grandchildren and many other family members.

Tom and Nancy co-owned ALELUIA with Kathy & Bob Harley (also Club members) and enjoyed his time sailing with family and friends.

Tom was a graduate of Marquette with a degree in journalism. He owned Reading's Quick Print and was involved in advertising throughout his career. Many will remember his "Ancient Mariner" columns in the McBoat publication.

Having retired, he enjoyed sailing and spending time with family and friends and he had many here at SSSC. He will be missed by all.

Queen's Cup Merchandise

by Helen "Cookie" Mueller PC

To celebrate the 71st sailing of the Queen's Cup race, the SSSC Auxiliary has again sponsored the Queen's Cup t-shirt design contest. This year seventeen designs were entered in the contest. Junior Kyle Putney submitted the winning entry. He received a check for \$150 from the Auxiliary for his efforts. All of the entrants received a coupon good for \$5 off the purchase of 2009 Queen's Cup merchandise.

The Queen's Cup merchandise will go on sale in early June. Merchandise will be sold on the following dates:

- Auxiliary meeting - June 2
- Wednesday evenings - June 3, 10, 17 & 24
- Friday evenings - June 5, 12, 19
- Father's Day - June 21
- All day on June 25th and June 26th

Prices for merchandise are as follows:

- Short sleeve red T-shirt - \$15
- Men's highland blue polo shirt - \$35
- Women's light fleece - red or blue - \$38
- Navy blue hooded sweatshirt - \$35
- 2009 Queen's Cup Hat - \$10

There are a limited number of women's fleece pullovers available. Shop early so you're not disappointed. The polo shirts look great! They're a blueish grey color and the words "Queen's Cup" are embroidered on them. A new polo shirt would make a great Father's Day gift!

Selling Queen's Cup merchandise is the largest fund-raiser of the year for the Auxiliary. All of the proceeds from the sale of the Queen's Cup merchandise are returned to the Club in the form of a donation toward a major project of the Club. Show your support for the Club and the Queen's Cup Race by purchasing several items today.

Anyone wishing to help with the sale of shirts should contact Pat Rakowski at 383-8402 or Helen "Cookie" Mueller at cookiemueller@wi.rr.com 

In Memoriam



June J. Giencke

June Giencke passed away on April 7, 2009, age 83. A Life Surviving Spouse member of SSSC and Life member of the Auxiliary June and her family have had an active and long history at SSSC. Preceded in death by her husband Donald P. Giencke.

Survived by daughter Gale (Craig) McCann, grand children Brian (Kimberly) Kuptz and Patric Kuptz and other family and friends.

Always active in club and Auxiliary activities, June will be greatly missed by her many family members and friends at SSSC.

We're having a June Dining Event!

Viva Italia

Saturday, June 13, 2009

Join us for a night of fine dining featuring Prime Rib plus the fabulous foods of Italy!

5:30 to 8:30 PM in the

Commodore's Cove Dining Room.

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Wing Wednesday is Moving...

to Monday Nights beginning June 1st.

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Life Lines - Reflections of a Life Member at SSYC

by Bruce Nason

As a twenty something right out of college, Vic Weiler started hanging around SSYC. It wasn't long until he was crewing on Ted Mueller's DAWN.

In the early 70's, newly married and starting a family it was time to buy his own boat and join SSYC. That first boat, an English Channel design (twin keels) was a real 'fixer-upper'. "We needed four quarts of 'Git-Rot' to save it", Vic laughingly recalls. After several years a move was made to Catalina 22.



About the time that he and Donna's third of five children arrived a larger boat was in order so a Catalina 25 was purchased.

Lowell Marks PC, then a Director, persuaded him to serve as Club Treasurer. That was the start of 25 years of Board service including two terms as Commodore in 1990 and 1991.

Again with a wry smile, Vic recounts that he and Donna and the five kids, all SSYC Juniors, were returning from Port

Washington during a particularly bad Northeaster, when a decision was made that a larger boat was in order. A new Beneteau 30 was soon the Weiler's 'Chateau' on Lake Michigan. The kids are all grown and scattered around the country now but Vic boasts that three of them still actively sail.

Vic also remains active in service to the club. He's the expert on the Audit Committee and he and Donna host the SE Wisconsin Rotary Foreign Exchange Student picnic every June. Living in Kenosha he says there must be grooves in Highway 32 from all the trips to and from SSYC. The friendships, our Junior organization and SSYC's contributions to the community are why he continues to drive past five other yacht clubs to get to SSYC.



Grow Your Club

by Gary Mattson PC

The greatest resource for new Members comes from our current Membership and that is why we are continuing our "Grow Your Club" campaign. Tom Gale suggested, at our last orientation, that we move to the "patio". Sun was out, temp was comfortable, and the wind behaving, what a great idea. A great setting - upper patio, looking over the docks with Lake Michigan in front of us - to explain that now is a great time to be a SSYC Member. The Club house has been updated, our Lease is secure, and the slips/grounds are in good shape. Explaining this to any prospective Yacht Club Member, with a discussion of the Programs and Activities available at SSYC will show them why now is a great time to be a SSYC Member.

There is currently no waiting list and after application (available on line or at the office) and interview, your friends can be sworn in just in time for another super summer. As a special incentive, we are continuing the "Promote The Club" \$50 gift certificate for dinner in our Club dining room. Promote the Club, share the fun, and get a free dinner, what a great deal! Offer good for all new members who are signed up between March 1st and August 30, 2009. Just download an application from the web site and attach a note, "Here's my new Member" (with your name) when the application is turned in.



Power Fleet News

by Russ Berg

Mark your calendars - the Thursday night Power Boater's events begin on May 21st with the annual "Chili Dump and Flare Shoot". This first "Summer" event is coordinated by Craig Lake, Dan Danowski, Keith Ponath and Erv Bluemner. Bring along a quart of warm chili, your old flares and rockets, and learn how to use them properly at this event.

We begin the month of June with the Foreign Exchange Boat Ride on the 4th, followed by Spaghetti Night on the 11th. Vic and Donna Weiler will again host the Foreign Exchange Boat Ride. Pete & Bonnie Merryfield, Dan & Donna Danowski and Bruce & Carolyn Nason have volunteered to head up the Spaghetti Night.

Although these events are labeled "Power Boater Events", all club members are welcomed - so show up and have a good time. Check the web site for further events in July, as we have three fun-filled evenings planned for that month in addition to our LMYA Open House Weekend!



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