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SSYC Junior Team Advances to Nationals

Congratulations to SSYC Juniors Whitney Kent, Luke Franke and John Dondero for winning the US Sailing Area K Triple-Handed Jr. Championship Sears Cup. We are all so proud of their accomplishments!

They are headed to Marblehead, Massachusetts to compete in the US Sears Cup Finals on August 9th - 13th.

Help support our SSYC Juniors! The SSYC Junior Foundation is accepting donations to help offset the costs of sending the Juniors to the US Sears Cup Finals.

The Junior Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization. All donors will receive a donor letter from the Foundation for tax purposes. If you have any questions, please contact Foundation President, Cookie Mueller at cookiemueller@wi.rr.com

Let's support our Juniors and wish them luck as they show the world how great the SSYC Juniors are!

Check out – www.wayzatasailing.org/searsbemissmythe



SSYC Junior Sailing Team Winners, from left Luke Franke, John Dondero and Whitney Kent.
Photo by Robb Harris



The fleet of dinghies are dwarfed by the downtown buildings.

Photo by Bruce Nason

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Cannon Salutes Review of the Fleet

by *Trudy Durand*

Cannon salutes began the June 7 Review of the Fleet. The wind was stiff and cold. Demonstrating the versatility of SSYC, the event began promptly at 4 PM in front of the fireplace.

Master of Ceremonies, Vice Commodore Bruce Nason explained there would be no parade of boats, and the Memorial wreath held by Whitney Kent, Commodore of the Juniors, and the ceremonial beer would be dropped at the bell buoy at the start of the Wind Point Race the next day. Officers and Board Members as well as visiting yacht club officers were introduced.

The National Anthem was played, and Pastor Kristine Ruffatto gave the invocation and blessing of SSYC boats and those aboard them. The names of club members and Auxiliary Members who have passed away during the past year were read.

Two important recognition ceremonies were the high lights. Auxiliary President Bonnie Merryfield accepted a plaque from Commodore Bob Aring acknowledging the outstanding contributions of the Auxiliary over the years. Nearly \$100,000 raised by the group's energetic women has improved life at SSYC for all members and guests.

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From the Helm



Robert W. Aring
Commodore, SSYC

My last report started with the weather, which had been fairly cold. Right after that, it turned and we started on a normal summer. As I write this, the temperature is again in the 60's. Oh well ... this is Wisconsin.

Boats are leaving for the Mac and the Hook Races. I wish them all a safe race. Yesterday, Fran and I were at a Powerboat Thursday. If you haven't attended any of these, you are missing out on a lot of fun. This is what a yacht club is about. Sure, we have slips, docks, and run races; but these various social events are also a part of the club and you should definitely partake of these offerings, too.

This year's Queen's Cup was very successful and we actually have a winner

too! Congratulations go to Doug DeVos on WINDQUEST, a Maxi 86, who finished just before 2 AM, to take first place over all.

Past Commodore Dave Tucholka again put on a successful LMYA Open House. Without the drive and enthusiasm that he and his committee display, these events just wouldn't be the success that they always are.

The Kaszube Cup also is one of the largest events that we host. Past Commodore Cookie Mueller and her committee, has again worked her magic in getting all those loose threads tied together to put on a classy event for the juniors.

Our all too brief season is more than half over, but we still have many fun events ahead. Plan to attend and enjoy as many as you can.



SS/SSS News

by Barbara Drake, Fleet Capt.

In spite of the strange summer weather we have had this year, we did manage to get in all of our races. The results of the Spring Season are as follows:

Section I

- FIRST Tango in Blue - Rick Trisco
- SECOND Rogue - Peter Engel
- THIRD Redrum - Reinhard/Bruesewitz
- FOURTH Mrs. Jones - Eric & Cheri Jones
- FIFTH Syrena - Hayes Family

Section II

- FIRST Eclipse - Quant/Klemm
- SECOND Blue Moon - Moll/Ricketts
- THIRD Bacchus - Bob Aring
- FOURTH Wild Goose - Glyn Livermore
- FIFTH Zyklon - Hans Asmussen

Section III

- FIRST Rag Doll - Peter Reiske
- SECOND Chautauqua - Mark Ernst
- THIRD Meltdown - Mike Emery
- FOURTH Chance - Steve Smiley
- FIFTH Scurvy Dog - James Baker

Section IV

- FIRST Apache - Hans Schlimbach
- SECOND Kato - Don Rychlinski
- THIRD Electra - James Jaeschke
- FOURTH Wind Chaser - Larry Mueller
- FIFTH Phantom - Rick Schoos

Section V

- FIRST Mr. Grumpy - Mike Pastorek
- SECOND Adventure - John Liebenstein
- THIRD Heineken - Blomberg/Heup/Tole
- FOURTH Buzz Lightyear - Bob Franke
- FIFTH Kindred Spirit - Karl Krueger

Section VI

- FIRST Tri-N-Catch-Me - John Achim

From the beginning of our Club, there have been a group of individuals who have sailed and served the Club in various other capacities. These are the sailors to whom Wednesday Night Races are being dedicated.

Race 3 was dedicated to Ray Sabinash. Quoting his family..."Wednesday Night meant a great deal to Ray because it brought family and friends together competing in a sport he enjoyed." Joyelle, and then Sabotage, was a consistent participant in Wednesday Night Races since 1975.

Race 4 was dedicated to Ted Mueller, who built and sailed a 32 foot wooden boat named the Dawn. Ted was an excellent

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“On Board” - Boating Safety Tips

by Gerry Hussin

El Nino - what is it and how is it predicted? The National Weather Service has predicted that the heating up of the oceans above average will be producing an El Nino. Expected El Niño impacts during July-September 2009 include enhanced precipitation over the central and west-central Pacific Ocean, along with the continuation of drier than average conditions over Indonesia. Temperature and precipitation impacts over the United States are typically weak during the Northern Hemisphere Summer and early Fall, and generally strengthen during the late Fall and Winter. El Niño can help to suppress Atlantic hurricane activity by increasing the vertical wind shear over the Caribbean Sea and tropical Atlantic Ocean.

New type of El Niño could produce more landfalling hurricanes — Climatologists at the Georgia Institute of Technology hypothesize that the types of El Niño events recently occurring could be evolving into a new type that permits a greater than average number of Atlantic hurricanes, along with a higher potential for landfall. While El Niño events are associated with warming of the eastern Pacific and fewer Atlantic hurricanes, this new type is identified as El Niño Modoki (from the Japanese meaning “similar, but different”), has warming in the central equatorial Pacific

Several Web sites focusing on the El Niño and La Niña provide up-to-date information concerning the Sea Surface Temperatures SST and other El Niño indicators. You can use these sources to monitor the present conditions across the tropical Pacific, compare the recent El Niño event with other historic predecessors, and learn how these events may affect the weather and climate elsewhere on the planet. A special El Niño theme page produced by NOAA’s Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory (PMEL) in Seattle, WA contains background information and various current information sources. One

such source is the set of real time plots of sea surface temperature and wind observations provided by an array of moored ocean buoys in the Pacific Ocean. Other links from this page provide El Niño forecasts and information in a question and answer format. A NOAA La Niña theme page is also available. 

Hayes to Publish Book on Sailing

At a time when sailing would be the last thing on most people’s minds, one might wonder why anyone would take the time to write a book called Saving Sailing. After all, isn’t sailing something that other people do? Isn’t it risky and inaccessible? Isn’t it for wealthy people?

While participation in sailing is down more than 40% since 1997 and 70% since 1979, it is not for the reasons that one might think.

SSYC member, researcher and avid sailor Nicholas Hayes talked with more than a thousand sailors and sailor wannabes, and uses their stories to set the record straight: Risky? In the greater scheme of things, it may be riskier not to sail. Inaccessible? That depends: If you think that sailing takes time and is complex, you’re right. But these are the things that

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Entertainment Update

by Bruce Nason

By all accounts, the SSYC Dinghy Drift was a complete success. This ‘first ever’ event was organized by Carolyn Nason and Tom Gale and staffed by volunteers Dave & Nancy Tucholka, Jonna Rakoski and Jordan Gale.

Thirteen dinghies began the ‘drift’ hoping sunshine would replace the cloudy skies. A couple of casualties required the assistance of Ralph Bruesewitz’s “rescue boat”. Once the fleet began the journey up the river, all went well including a surprise squirt gun attack at the Water Street Bridge.

There were a couple of stops for adult beverages and cards for the poker run were distributed at several strategic locations. By the time we reached the location of our picnic, the sun was shining brightly, jackets were off and it was a fun filled conclusion to the day. In the wake of this success, the committee is already talking about a repeat in 2010.

Our next huge event is the Corn Roast August 15th. Plans are taking shape, team leaders and volunteers from previous years should expect a call. And as most things these days, most costs have gone up drastically, so even with a slight increase in our price, it will still be one of the biggest bargains of the summer. 

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 26 Lakeside Lounge 8:00 AM - 10 PM Commodore's Cove Breakfast 8:00 AM - Noon	27 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 10 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM	28-Taco Tuesday Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM Membership Committee Meeting - 7 PM	29 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM SS/SSS Race #8 <i>Wed. Night Buffet</i>	30 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM PB Thursday	31 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - Midnight Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM Menu Dining 5 - 9:30 PM	August 1 Lakeside Lounge 8:00 AM - Midnight The Great PS'R
2 Lakeside Lounge 8:00 AM - 10 PM Commodore's Cove Breakfast 8:00 AM - Noon	3 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 10 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM	4-Taco Tuesday Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM SSYC Auxiliary Meeting - 7 PM	5 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM SS/SSS Race #9 <i>Wed. Night Buffet</i>	6 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM Vagabond Ski Club Sail Outing	7 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - Midnight Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM Menu Dining 5 - 9:30 PM	8 Lakeside Lounge 8:00 AM - Midnight Big Brother/Big Sister Benefit Boat Ride Overmyer Wedding Recept.
9 Lakeside Lounge 8:00 AM - 10 PM Commodore's Cove Breakfast 8:00 AM - Noon	10 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 10 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM	11-Taco Tuesday Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM	12 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM SS/SSS Race #10 <i>Wed. Night Buffet</i>	13 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM PB Thursday	14 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - Midnight Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM Menu Dining 5 - 9:30 PM	15 Lakeside Lounge 8:00 AM - Midnight Corn Roast 5 PM until ??
16 Lakeside Lounge 8:00 AM - 10 PM Commodore's Cove Breakfast 8:00 AM - Noon	17 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 10 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM	18-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	19 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM SS/SSS Race #11 <i>Wed. Night Buffet</i>	20 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM PB Thursday <i>Margarita Night</i>	21 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - Midnight Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM Menu Dining 5 - 9:30 PM	22 Lakeside Lounge 8:00 AM - Midnight Tamm Wedding Recept.
23 Lakeside Lounge 8:00 AM - 10 PM Commodore's Cove Breakfast 8:00 AM - Noon	24 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 10 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM	25-Taco Tuesday Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM NECA Regatta	26 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM SS/SSS Race #12 <i>Wed. Night Buffet</i>	27 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM Gallus Sail Outing	28 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - Midnight Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM Menu Dining 5 - 9:30 PM	29 Lakeside Lounge 8:00 AM - Midnight Eilers Party

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Manager's News

by James Hutchison

The summer has reached the mid point and we're all trying to fit in as much of it as we can. Someone said the other day, "this is what we wait nine months for...better enjoy it" and I thought, wow that's so true!

Our big events have been well received and again I've heard comments from visitors about how beautiful our facilities are and how much they enjoy coming here. It's such a pleasure to be a part of this wonderful "Harbor of Hospitality" and all that goes with it.

Congratulations to our Junior Sailing Team with their advancement in the Sears Cup competition! We are all so proud of their accomplishments and that South Shore Yacht Club will be represented again at the National level! Please help support our SSSYC Juniors. Fundraising efforts are underway so every little bit will help.

There are still many great fleet and entertainment activities to enjoy this summer. Mark your calendars for the Corn Roast on Saturday, August 15. The fun begins at 5 PM and we'll again have the Command Performance Band as our entertainment. Members and guests are sure to find this one of SSSYC's greatest events.

See you at the Club soon! 

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Short Bights

by Bruce Nason

A whole bunch of dos and don'ts for this month. It's a good idea to have a copy of your insurance certificate on your boat if you go cruising. I've just learned some marinas and clubs are requiring it.

Speaking of cruising, many slip licensees are still not notifying the DockMasters when their slips will be vacant for extended periods of time. Did you know that the DockMasters now have their own cell phone number? You can call the on duty DockMaster direct at 414-861-8015.

Several other 'gentle' reminders; there's no more parking on the North side of the clubhouse between the tent and clubhouse. As stated in our Handbook, swimming and fishing are not permitted from the club's docks, slips or grounds. And when leaving or entering slips and channels, go slow and keep a sharp lookout. A couple of 'close-calls' have been reported. 


Saving Sailing

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make sailing valuable. Expensive? Not so. Sailing can be among the most affordable things a family and friends might do in their free time.

Sailing isn't alone in the downward participation trend. Pastimes like sailing, fishing and even sewing, once enjoyed in family groups or among life-long friends, have fallen prey to massive changes in social dynamics in the last 30 years that segregate, separate and isolate generations and genders.

Saving Sailing — The Story of Choices, Families, Time Commitments, and How We Can Create a Better Future, is a bold, back-to-basics book that all sailors, but especially sailors who are or will be parents or grandparents, will find provocative, inspirational and right for this time.

Saving Sailing combines facts from new primary research with the sailing stories of about a dozen composite characters based on real people and real places. The book features a foreword by Sailing Magazine Publisher William F. Schanen III and an original oil painting by artist Curt Crain on its cover. The book will be available in select fine bookstores and online in October, 2009. More information about the book and the author is available at www.savingsailing.com. 

Auxiliary News


by Jan Marie Weiler

Yikes, there are those that like to remind me that summer is half over just because we are past the July 4th weekend. Hopefully, you are all enjoying this terrific boating weather. We've roasted in the 90's and then froze in the 60's, but I'm really not complaining because this is what makes Lake Michigan interesting. Since the last issue of the Compass, we've enjoyed the Queen's Cup festivities, perfect weather for a party but not much for a sailing race. But then the race back home was windy, of course the wind was out of the wrong direction for most of the boats.

The Auxiliary does not have a meeting in July but there have been many opportunities for members to get together at the club. We are enjoying the longer hours that the club is opened, more hours of restaurant and food service, and many activities on the grounds or in the water. Hope to continue to see you all enjoying yourselves at SSSYC, this is what we wait nine months for!



Pat Rakowski and Fran Airing want to get the word out that if you haven't purchased this year's Queen's Cup merchandise you will have a chance at some of the upcoming summer events. The award winning t-shirt design by Kyle Putney on the red shirt is very attractive and was seen being worn by many before the race. For those of you who put off buying the navy blue sweatshirt, you may have kicked yourself this last week in June but you can purchase one for the upcoming cold snap. A heartfelt "thank you" to all the Auxiliary members who helped with the sale.

So let's look forward to our next meeting on Tuesday, August 4th at 7:00 p.m. After socializing and enjoying delicious treats, we will have a short meeting and our guest speaker who is Jackie Mattson, Woman Baseball Legend. Keep working on those items to share at our September 1st meeting at 7:00 p.m. Some suggestions for sharing might be a great book read this summer and photos of activities pursued these months. If you were one of the 42 people in attendance at the June meeting, you recall the fun had at our white elephant exchange. If you missed the June meeting, don't miss the next two meetings. The door prizes are fun, but the time spent together is priceless. See you soon! 

PHRF Fleet News

by Larry Mueller, Fleet Captain

Skippers and crew were at the top of their game on Saturday, July 11th as the SSYC PHRF/T-10 Fleet celebrated the annual Richard Tanger Memorial Regatta. The Tanger Family was on hand for the day, represented by Tom and Gail Tanger and our own Phil Fons, who really appreciate the participation and support given to this special regatta. The breeze was on for the day and seemed to increase in all three races creating some very close competition and even closer finishes (at times a real challenge for the RC).

It took a couple of days but, here are the results for the Tanger Memorial Regatta.

Division 1

- 1 Mrs. Jones - Eric & Cheri Jones
- 2 Scout - Jamie Hummert
- 3 Impetuous - Adam & Chrissy Berger

Division 2

- 1 REDRUM - Scott Brueswitz
- 2 Snow Goose - Art Mitchell
- 3 Syrena - Nicholas Hayes

Division 3

- 1 Rag Doll - Peter Reiske
- 2 Showdown - Keith Nordahl
- 3 Snake Bite - Ted Bailey

T 10

- 1 Snowball - Blackwood/Putney
- 2 Blue Moon - Chris & Monica Moll
- 3 Strait Jacket - Tom & Deb Pease

Jib & Main

- 1 Dolce Vita - Nello Copen
- 2 My Darlen' - Toni Buck

The Overall Tanger Memorial Trophy was awarded to Mrs. Jones. Congratulations to all!

As we move into our summer break for the Mac, Hook and some cruising adventures, please be sure to look at the schedule and plan for the MYC Racine Race on Aug. 8th, the SSYC Spinnaker Drag Race on Aug 16th and the MYC Commodores Regatta on Aug 22nd. There is lots of racing still ahead of us.

We have also scheduled the make-up for the Mark Stever Single Handed Race on Sunday, August 30th. New entries are welcome and are encouraged to enter. Watch for more details to come.



Green Jobs for Clean Water

by Rosemary Wehnes

Please join us in the morning for continental breakfast and panel discussions with government officials who will discuss funding opportunities for Great Lakes restoration projects, and scientists, advocates and labor leaders, who will discuss ongoing green investment needs in the Milwaukee area.

The panel discussions will be followed by a keynote speech with John C. Austin, a Senior Fellow from the Brookings Institution. Green Jobs for Clean Water will also include press conference with Congresswoman Gwen Moore and others, and a tour of Milwaukee-area restoration projects.

This event is sponsored by the Healing Our Waters® — Great Lakes Coalition (HOW) and the Wisconsin Blue Green Alliance. Register for this free event at <http://action.sierraclub.org/site/Calendar?view=Detail&id=112001>. Space for the tour is limited. Questions can be directed to Rosemary Wehnes at 414-453-3127.

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Review of the Fleet

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The ceremony was short, but very significant.

Also honored with a plaque was the generous donation by Rosemary Giesfeldt some 15 years ago of the SSYC emblem on the lake side of the club house. With its ship's wheel and the word "Welcome", it has become the symbol that signifies our "Harbor of Hospitality" to visiting yachtsmen and women.

The winner of the coveted parking space raffle held by the Juniors was announced. Bob Czubek was the lucky winner and will have the parking space right next to that of the Commodore for the year.

Manager James Hutchison presented the 2008 Employee of the Year Award to Sam Pangallo for his outstanding service as a club employee.

SSYC Juniors held an Open House in their new clubhouse. The very attractive new building provides the Juniors with a professional space for sail lessons, meetings and just gathering. The Junior boats are stored in the club house in winter. An immense improvement from the crowded old facility, Junior Commodore Whitney Kent, and PC Cookie Mueller a wonderful advocate for the Juniors greeted visitors. The spinnaker drapes and nautical decor was fun. Currently there are 82 juniors in the program. Young people from eight to 18 years of age are welcome to join and their parents need not be club members. They meet year round for fun and camaraderie.

Before Chef Peter's wonderful buffet in the dining room, the Milwaukee Fire Department boat showed its stuff in the horseshoe. The fire boat virtually danced on the water. It was magnificent!



Bonnie Merryfield, Auxiliary President accepts plaque from Commodore Bob Aring at the Review of the Fleet. Behind Bonnie is Past Commodore Jerry Schlosser.

Photo by
Chris
Gribble

Helping Hands

by Carolyn Nason

Some helpful hints: We all know WD-40 is a fantastic product to have on hand during boating season. But Tom Gale (Gale Force) tells us there are so many more uses for this stuff. Here's a few:

1. Removes road tar and grime from cars.
2. For you teachers out there: Restores and cleans chalkboards.
3. Untangles jewelry chains.
4. Removes tomato stains from clothing.
5. Removes splattered grease on stove.
6. Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging.
7. Removes duct tape.
8. Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell). Hmmm, I wonder if it works on geese.

Watch for more from Tom next month. Way to go, Tom!

Heavy dirt on canvas can be cleaned by mixing one-half cup hydrogen peroxide to three tablespoons of laundry detergent. Apply, wait 30 minutes then brush it off. Repeat if needed and wait 60 minutes. You will probably need a stronger peroxide than the 3% you find in the grocery store, call a health food store for 35% peroxide or look for a powdered peroxide. It says "Safe for colored clothes." Be careful and test on an inconspicuous spot.

Angela Hayes (Syrena) offers this fantastic idea. She writes: "Did you know that pizza boxes make great storage containers for end-of-school-year art projects and papers? Unused boxes that is. Your local pizza place will sell you pizza boxes for a reasonable price and the boxes are the perfect size for art work. Simply turn the box inside out and label the outside with child's name, grade and year. Buy extra for future years and you will have a storage place for paintings, awards, projects and other memorabilia throughout the school year. If a project is too big, take a photograph and toss the photo in the box. At an inch a year, this system is a great and easy way to save your child's work from the elementary years through high school!" Wow, what an outstanding idea. Thanks Angela.

Looking for a bargain get-away? Check out Vacation Rentals by Owners at www.vrbo.com. This site directly connects

wanna-be vacationers with home/condo owners offering vacation rentals all over the world.

Warren and Joan Sass (Sassy, Too) sent in this great idea for getting rid of pesky mosquitoes. Try spraying your lawn and deck or patio with Listerine. Just put some in a spray bottle, and spray away those skeeters! It's less expensive than bug spray and leaves you with that clean, minty-fresh feeling. Three cheers for the Sasses.

For those hot summer days. Katie, from the kitchen staff, uses lemonade to cool her iced tea. She freezes the lemonade in an ice cube tray and puts the cubes in her drink. How refreshing. Great idea Katie.

As always, keep your hints coming.



Nominating Committee Update

by Dave Tucholka PC

The Nominating Committee is currently meeting to prepare a slate of Officers and Directors for 2010. After receiving resumes from interested members wishing to serve on the Club Board, the Committee will develop a slate of Officers and Directors for Club members.

By the time you read this article, you should have received an E-Alert or post card requesting resumes from any interested member. Please include a list of your talents and how you see them working for the Club and members to maintain and/or improve the operation of our Club.

Flag Officers serve one year terms and Directors serve three year terms. Submit your resume prior to August 17th so the Committee can review them and be able to present a list of candidates prior to the September 17th General Membership and Elections of Officers Meeting.





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Slow Ride for Queen's Cup

by Dave Wehnes

1 87 boats participated in the 71st running of the Queen's Cup race, from South Shore Yacht Club to Muskegon, Michigan.

Wonderful weather greeted the skippers and crews for the pre-race party at SSSYC. Music was provided by Gizzae. Temperatures were in the upper 70's and the bugs stayed away until nearly 10 PM. Muskegon Yacht Club hosted the finish and provided food, music and libations throughout the day on Saturday.

The winds were light and shifty throughout the race, with large areas of calm. It seemed that the "wind gods" were especially fickle at the finish, with a large "hole" surrounding the finish line at several times during the race.

Because of the light air, the boats that were able to make use of the aloft (more than 50 feet above the surface) were able to maintain better momentum than the smaller boats.

Windquest, the largest boat in the fleet, crossed the finish line at 01:51:39, with an elapsed time of 7:01:39, and was more than 2 1/2 hours ahead of the next boat. She and Windancer were the only boats to finish in the dark.

157 boats finished the race, half of them before noon. Whisper, a Cal 27, was the last boat to cross the finish line, and did so at 16:11, earning 12th place in division 14.

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by James Hutchison

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

■The Membership Committee will hold a meeting on Tuesday, July 28 at 7 PM in the dining room. The focus of the meeting will be the status of "Life" membership. Gary Mattson PC is the Chairperson and all interested members are encouraged to attend.

■The SSYC Auxiliary meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4 at 7 PM. Bonnie Merryfield is the President and the agenda will be announced at the meeting.

■The hours in the restaurant are changing. Breakfast on Saturdays will be discontinued, but Sunday Breakfast continues through August.


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

Grow Your Club

by Gary Mattson PC

The summer is rolling along and the Membership Committee is continuing our "Grow Your Club" campaign. With the great events that SSYC offers - weekly events like the Wednesday sail race program and Power Boat Thursdays; special events like the LMYA, Queens Cup, Kaszube Cup, the PS'R or the up coming Corn Roast, we have a great opportunity to show our non-member friends what the Club has to offer first hand. The punch line here is that our greatest resource for new members comes from our current membership.


There currently is no waiting list and after application (available on line or at the office) and Orientation, your friends can be sworn in just in time for the next event. The Membership Orientation consists of 3 parts: overview, pointing out how the Club operates; a slide presentation illustrating events and introducing candidates to our Membership; and interview, an opportunity for the candidate to ask any specific questions they might have - their chance to interview the Club. Not every new Member has been able to attend the full Orientation and therefore we would like to point out that if you inform the office that you would like to attend one (primarily for the slide presentation) we can email you when the next one is scheduled. This is also an excellent opportunity for current members to refresh their "talking points" when promoting the Club.

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 now 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. 

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sailor and through his guidance many learned how to lovingly care for a wooden boat. I'll always remember Ted's comment on spinnakers. He called them the Devil's Handiwork.

Race 5 was dedicated to Dr. Robert Blackwood. Bob grew up at South Shore Yacht Club. He was a recipient of the Erv and Al Nickel Award. His boat, Bobtail, was used to start the Queen's Cup Race for which he often served as a judge. When the flag pole needed replacement, Bob designed the new one and supervised the project in his backyard. 

Race 6 was dedicated to Jerry Jonas. Most of Jerry's sailing was done on his boat Ketchus which he sailed in the Queen's Cup when he won the Silver Jubilee Cup. Jerry also was a recipient of the Erv and Al Nickel Award for his many hours of volunteering. One of his projects was keeping the bar stools in good repair.

On August 2 we will be running the Lady's Skipper Race which has long been a tradition at South Shore. I hope many of you will consider entering this race. You are considered a participant in this race by crossing the start line.

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Giesfeldt Donation Honored at Review of the Fleet


by *Trudy Durand*

Memories flooded back when Rosemary Giesfeldt accepted a plaque thanking her for her generous donation of the "Welcome" sign and the SSYC with the ship's wheel in the center, emblem on the lake side of the clubhouse. She received it as part of the ceremonies at the June Review of the Fleet.

It was her donation 15 years ago, in memory of her late husband John, that has welcomed visiting yachts with simplicity and elegance these many years. "The plaque is just beautiful. It has a photograph of the clubhouse on it, and I love it," Rosemary said. Resplendent in a sequined jacket in a patriotic motif, she was teary as she voiced her thanks.

John was an artist, and taught art. Rosemary was an art teacher also. They met at Layton School of Art. They joined SSYC in 1985, and shortly thereafter, John died suddenly of a stroke. Rosemary was looking for a significant way to honor John. Club Manager James Hutchison found the ship's wheel and the design came together.

"When we sailed into SSYC, John would say that visitors didn't know where they were, there should be something to tell them. I thought my gift to the club and to John, would do just that," she said. The design is excellent and has held up well all these many years.

The memories of John, her years at SSYC, her friendliness and hospitality are an inspiration to all. Her lovely Welcome to SSYC is fulfilled by us. 



Rosemary Giesfeldt accepts the plaque honoring her donation at the Review of the Fleet.

Photo by Chris Gribble


Queen's Cup Race

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Windquest, owned by Doug DeVos of Macatawa Bay YC, was the overall winner. Windquest was awarded the Queen's Cup and the Silvie Trophy.

First Light, skippered by Tim Kent, was the top placing SSYC entry and was awarded the America Trophy.

A short-handed option was added for this year's race and it was quite popular. 28 boats registered for this option, and they were divided into two divisions. Because there were enough boats for two divisions, we decided to break the Silver Jubilee Trophy out of mothballs and award it to the top placing short-handed entry. Hasten, owned by Fred Stritt of Racine YC, was awarded the Silver Jubilee Trophy.

The financial success of this year's race is due, in part, to a host of sponsors. South Shore Yacht Club thanks: Mount Gay Rum, Sprecher Brewery, Goose Island Brewery, Milwaukee Ale House, G.Groppi Food Market, Palomino Bar, Cheri Kent Realty Executives, World Yachts Brokerage & Consulting, Carol Busche, CFP® & Dana Felton, a private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, Jeanneau, Nautical Silks, Bert's Beer & Liquor, Straight Shots, Curtis Ambulance, Dom & Phil's DeMarinis, Puddler's Hall, SoloSailor and Barnacle Bud's. 

Power Fleet News

by *Russ Berg*


The LMYA weekend of the 4th of July began with "Grill Your Own", which was hosted by Leo Wagner and Sue Ring Wagner and their team. Since Chuck Lustig was recovering from surgery, both Chuck and Sharon were unable to physically attend but were there in spirit and sent along a trivia game for all to enjoy.

The LYMA Open House weekend followed on Friday with music by Celebration, and a dance contest, capably run by the Dave & Nancy Tucholka, and a large group of volunteers. This large event is a destination for many boaters on Lake Michigan. The horseshoe was full with boats, and the atmosphere was festive. The club staff helped us in every possible way.



This year the Saturday afternoon auction was organized by Bruce and Carolyn Nason who again called upon the 'glib' Roger Tolfa to handle the auctioneering duties. The Saturday night steaks were grilled to perfection, and everyone enjoyed the band, Four on the Floor, who brought along extra musicians and played beyond their "legal limit".

Our classic car buff, Jerry Hedtke, is still recovering. Jerry and his volunteers have requested that we take a pass on the car show this Labor Day weekend, until everyone heals up. Look for this event in 2010.

Our thanks to George & Janet Artka, Dan & Donna Danowski, Pete & Bonnie Merryfield and Bruce & Carolyn Nason for a stomach filling Spaghetti Night. The weather that night forced us in-doors, but we had outdoor fun. The Thursday nights continue with "Grill Your Own" on the 30th of July and "Margarita Night" on August 13th with the band Gizzae. 

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