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COMPASS NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTH SHORE YACHT CLUB MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

April/May, 2009



SSYC to be Smoke Free on June 1st

by *Trudy Durand*

It was standing room only at the March General Membership Meeting. After several routine committee reports, George Artka, House Committee Chair, reported that at his last committee meeting several club members spoke in favor of a smoking ban. The issue was previously publicized in the Compass and e-mails, however, no one attended to speak against the ban. The committee then voted to bring it to the membership for a vote with a June 1st effective date. The summer date was chosen so smokers could go outside in warmer weather. Some sort of shelter from

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Welcome Aboard Party

Saturday, May 2

It's our opportunity to welcome the new members who've joined SSYC in the past year.

We're sharing the date with the Kentucky Derby so come early and cheer for your favorite horse!

After you enjoy Chef Peter's Chili Buffet we'll have Wii games in the Lakeside Lounge



Howard Millard & Ken Kaim install a safety ladder at the April 4th work party.

Photo by Bruce Nason

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Auxiliary Donations Near \$100,000

by *Trudy Durand*

More than \$92,000 has been donated to SSYC by the Auxiliary since 1989, and that's a very impressive achievement! Every time you come to the club, you and your family benefit from the hard work and generosity of these fine women. We all owe them a very "heartfelt thank you."

Auxiliary member Cookie Mueller PC, joined SSYC and the Auxiliary in 1987 and has kept the statistics, which represent twenty years of ingenuity, hard work and good ideas. Each and every time anyone who comes to the club benefits.

Since its inception, the Auxiliary has helped and supported the club with not only money, but in-kind service and donations. In the early years, the support was more service as in food prep and party management. There are some

wonderful old photos of women in long skirts serving food. Back then women were not club members but rather the wives and daughters of club members.

Times have changed. Some women Auxiliary members are members of SSYC. Members or not, the Auxiliary still donates lots of volunteer hours of service. Their presence is evident at club work parties. Women are also members of various club committees, and the committees are better because of their participation.

However their financial support has been invaluable. Most of the money is raised through the sale of Queen's Cup merchandise. The t-shirts, of course, are extremely popular. A contest for the idea is held annually and the shirt is then

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From the Helm



Robert W. Aring
Commodore, SSYC

South Shore Yacht Club is far from a monolith. We have many sub-groups that add to the rich flavor that is our club. Of course, there is the traditional division between the power boaters and the sailors, but even there we find divisions. The sailors are also split between those who race and those who cruise or just day sail. Even the racers are split between those who sail under a handicap system and those racing one design.

As if this isn't enough, cutting across all of those divisions we have those who are the party people and those who ... I guess the best way to put it would be to say that they just want the club to be a place to get away from the world for a while. There's nothing wrong with either of those ideas. You pay your money and you make your choices. One thing that

is always encouraging is that I've noticed that all of these sub-groups get along with and integrate with each other. This is great! All the party people are getting together to party, across all the other lines. This means that power boaters are learning a little something about sailboat racing and sailors are learning a little bit about prop pitch ... but mostly they are all talking to each other.

Another sub group of SSYC whose relationship to the club perhaps doesn't always get the attention it deserves is the Auxiliary. The SSYC Auxiliary has been a stalwart mainstay in support of our operations. Formed in 1915, when the club was only two years old, they have contributed so much support to our operation. As of this year, it is calculated that they've given more than \$92,000 to the club's activities and facilities since 1989. The items that they have purchased or partially purchased is a long one and our members benefit from the Auxiliary's generosity. Support like this deserves a deeply heartfelt thank you from all of us. They definitely have it from me.



Arlene Hansen and a work crew replace light bulbs during the Slip & Waterfront Work Party on April 4.

Photo by
Bruce Nason



Fore & Aft

by James Hutchison

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

■The LMYA Open House Committee will meet on Thursday, April 16 at 7 PM. This meeting will focus on the plans for the LMYA Open House Weekend - scheduled for July 3 - 5. Dave Tucholka PC is the Chairperson and the agenda will be announced at the meeting.

■The Junior Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on Monday, April 20 at 7 PM. This meeting will focus on Sail Lesson plans, 2009 youth regatta schedules and our own Kaszube Cup Regatta. Mike Blackwood is the Chairperson and the remaining agenda will be announced at the meeting.

■The SS/SSS Fleet will hold a meeting on Wednesday, April 22 at 7:30 PM in the Dining Room. Barbara Drake is the Fleet Captain and the agenda will be announced at the meeting.

■Another AED Class is scheduled for Monday, April 27 at 6 PM in the Conference Room. Contact the Club Office if you are interested in being a certified operator of the Defibrillator device. Advanced registration is required and the class is limited to eight participants.

■There will be a Rum Tasting on Wednesday, April 29 at 7 PM in the Dining Room. The cost is \$25 and advanced registration is needed. Call the Club Office.

■The Welcome Aboard Party for new members will be held on Saturday, May 2 beginning at 5 PM.

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



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"On Board" - Boating Safety Tips

by Jim Blackwood

Sooner or later you may be in a position to either require a tow or to assist another boat in need. One of the "laws" of the sea is to help other boaters if they are unable to proceed under their own power. It could be engine failure or some other mechanical problem, unable to raise sails on a sailboat, or the boat could be aground. (Assisting a grounded vessel will be the subject of another article.)

Equipment that would be useful to have onboard include a suitable nylon tow line, bridle, a small diameter throwing line, and a small megaphone for communication between boats. A hand held VHF radio might also be helpful.

However you may plan to assist, do things carefully so you don't end up with two boats in trouble.

If you do come upon a boat with an apparent need for assistance, get close enough to the disabled boat for verbal communication to take place. Be sure to be very clear in your instructions to the boat in need. (There are boaters out there who really don't know what to do without instruction in these procedures.)

If you are in reasonably calm seas, get close enough to the disabled boat so you can throw the actual towing line so the crew members can receive it easily and not have to reach into the water to retrieve the line. Tell them where to cleat the towline on their foredeck. (If towing a sailboat, you may want to tie the line around the base of the mast.)

Should you be some distance from the disabled boat, tie your towline to a lighter line to achieve a longer throwing distance. Be sure the line doesn't get tangled in your prop. Throwing any kind of line takes practice and this can be done in your own backyard. Show your children this skill as it might come in handy someday.

Once your line is connected to the disabled boat, tie your end of the line to

your V shaped towing bridle. Your bridle can be connected to two stern cleats, or each end looped over sheet winches on a sailboat. The towing line needs to be quite long and should dip into the water between the boats when underway. This acts as a shock absorber along with the stretchy nylon tow line.

Someone must be paying attention to the boat being assisted. During this operation there must be easy communication between the person operating the towing vessel and tow watch.

Once you get into calm water proceed to the place where the disabled boat will be dropped off. You may need to go into a side tow for better control of the boats involved. (Again, this will be the subject of a later article related to towing.)



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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Entertainment Update

by Bruce Nason

Your Entertainment Committee met last week to continue planning our summer events. But first, thanks to all who attended the St. Patrick's Day Party. More than 100 persons enjoyed Chef Peter's buffet and close to double that number were on hand for the music of Shinigans. There's no excuse for not having the same numbers for the May 2nd New Member Welcome Aboard Party. Come on down to watch the Kentucky Derby on our HiDef TVs while enjoying Dan & Mark's beverage specials. Then stay for another of Chef Peter's buffets. It'll be a Chili Fest and will only cost \$5. Later in the Lakeside Lounge we'll have all sorts of team events with "new and old" members competing on TV Wii games. This will be the perfect event to establish life-long SSYC friendships.

A printed schedule of the year's events is available at the Club Office. The next big event is Review/Blessing of the Fleet on June 6. Something new this year is a Dinghy/Inflatable boat River Run on July 19th. Tom Gale and Carolyn Nason are planning a fun afternoon of food and games. Of course, you've already marked August 15 on your calendar, that's the date of the Corn Roast. Watch for Compass announcements, e-mails and posters for these and all the 2009 events.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| April 12 Lakeside Lounge 9:00 AM - 10 PM <i>Easter Brunch</i> 10 AM to 1 PM | 13 Club Closed | 14-Taco Tuesday Lakeside Lounge 11:30 AM - 11 PM <i>PHRF & T10 Fleet Meeting - 7 PM</i> | 15 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM | 16 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM <i>LMYA Open House Committee Meeting - 7 PM</i> | 17 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - Midnight Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM Menu Dining 5 - 9:00 PM | 18 Lakeside Lounge 9:00 AM - Midnight <i>Prime Rib Night Serving Prime Rib Specials from 4:30 to 8:30 PM</i> |
| 19 Lakeside Lounge 9:00 AM - 10 PM Commodore's Cove Breakfast 8:30 AM - Noon | 20 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 10 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM <i>Junior Advisory Committee Meeting - 7 PM</i> | 21-Taco Tuesday Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM <i>Board of Director's Meeting - 6:30 PM</i> | 22 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM <i>SS/SSS Fleet Meeting - 7:30 PM</i> | 23 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM BVCC Beer Tasting | 24 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - Midnight Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM Menu Dining 5 - 9:00 PM | 25 Lakeside Lounge 9:00 AM - Midnight <i>Crew Search Party 3 to 6 PM</i> BV Historical Society Party |
| 26 Lakeside Lounge 9:00 AM - 10 PM Commodore's Cove Breakfast 8:30 AM - Noon | 27 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 10 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM AED Class | 28-Taco Tuesday Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM | 29 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM <i>Rum Tasting - 7 PM</i> | 30 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM | May 1 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - Midnight Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM Menu Dining 5 - 9:00 PM | 2 Lakeside Lounge 8:30 AM - Midnight <i>Welcome Aboard Party - 5 PM</i> |
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| 10 Lakeside Lounge 8:30 AM - 10 PM <i>Mother's Day Breakfast 10:00 AM to 1 PM</i> | 11 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 10 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM | 12-Taco Tuesday Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM | 13 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM S. Milwaukee Lions Club Party | 14 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - 11 PM Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM | 15 Lakeside Lounge 2 PM - Midnight Commodore's Cove Lunch 11:30 AM - 2 PM Menu Dining 5 - 9:00 PM | 16 Lakeside Lounge 8:30 AM - Midnight Commodore's Cove Breakfast 8:30 AM - Noon |

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Manager's News

by James Hutchison

Spring Launch season is here. The slips are open for the season and what a welcome sight it will be to have boats in the harbor again!

Our F&B Manager, Dan Hensley, is cooking up a lot of changes for members to enjoy. Some major expansion to the hours of operation get underway this month. Among the changes, beginning this month, breakfast in the Commodore's Cove (except Easter and Mother's Day) and starting May 9th, Saturdays as well. Dan says he'll keep this schedule throughout the summer. We reopen for Monday service on April 20th and lunch will be served in the Commodore's Cove dining room Monday through Friday - 11:30 AM to 2 PM. New menus are also part of Dan and Chef Pete's plans, so look for the exciting new changes in the coming weeks.

As usual, this time of year it's also good to remind people of safety and security. Be safe, wear a life vest when working on your pier, tie your ladder to your boat and also keep the gates locked when entering or exiting the club grounds. If it's particularly blustery and there's not a lot of people around, stop by the office and let us know you're here. If you should need help you'll be glad you did!



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Short Bights

by Bruce Nason

The sound of this past week still seem to be lingering in the air from the accomplishments of the dozens of volunteers. You can't help but notice we're getting ready for the 2009 season. Nello Copen has had a hardy group of volunteers working on updating electrical pedestals, and replacing finger piers. The weekend work party under the direction of Jerry Rakowski and Pat Randa lowered wave boards, ladders, cleaned lights finished assembling and installing the new finger piers. Many hands made a lot of jobs almost fun and that's of course what sets SSSC apart from other organizations.

In another part of this COMPASS check out all the super new changes Food & Beverage Manager Dan Hensley has implemented starting this month.

Just posted on the bulletin board in the North hall and "open letter" regarding Chicago Slip fee rate\$, very interesting.

Our fuel prices have been lowered about 25% from last fall. Club General Manager James Hutchison ordered fuel last December when prices were dropping and now we're able to pass the savings along to you..."Gentlemen and ladies, start your engines".

We invite you to join us for

Mother's Day Breakfast

Sunday, May 10, 2009

The SSSC Juniors are serving their
fabulous Breakfast Buffet from
10 AM to 1 PM.

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inclement weather was mentioned, which the summer would give time to design and build.

Discussion was brisk with about 14 members speaking. Peter Reiske, a member for 55 years, said he was opposed to the smoking ban because it deprived a group of members of their rights. "For 95 years (of the club's existence) we have always had smoking. Ninety percent of the house is smoke-free. New members must realize there is smoking here. The House Committee should explore proper ventilation," Peter said. "I like the club's 'live and let live,' attitude," Michael Burns said. "Smokers pay dues, volunteer, and have sweat equity in the club." But more members spoke in favor of a smoke-free clubhouse. Sally Miles-Heuer said the US Surgeon General pronounced smoking a public health issue with dramatic risk for lung cancer. "Even the most sophisticated ventilation system cannot erase the health hazard," she said. She and her husband are not able to use the lower level because of the smoke.

The ventilation system was discussed. "Smoke eaters" were not installed with the remodeling and the projected cost would be about \$20,000, it was reported. That estimate was challenged.

The discussion was orderly, respectful, and without acrimony. Rob Goodman said he used to smoke four packs a day but quit in 1981. "I don't believe the club or the bar will suffer. We come here for commaderie and boating, not smoking. So let's be healthy," he said. The question was called and a voice vote was held. While it wasn't unanimous, a clear majority favored the smoke free proposal.

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SS/SSS Fleet Meeting

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

7:30 PM

All boat owners, new members
and crew are Welcome!

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Racing and MORE in 2009

Beer & Soda after the meeting.

Auxiliary News

by Jan-Marie Weiler

The Allure of the Little Black Dress was the theme for the March 3rd meeting of the Auxiliary. As members entered, we were treated to savory and sweet treats set out on a table decorated by hostess, Carolyn Blackwood. Carolyn's quilted centerpieces were part of the table decorations as were Little Black Dress gift bags put together for all of us by Mark Miller, our Bar Manager. He coordinated a wine special for the night with the Little Black Dress Wines.

After a short meeting, we were treated to Goodwill Industries historical fashion show of Black Dresses from the 1890's to 1980's. What an entertaining way to spend the evening! The dresses reflected the history of our country. Some of the dresses were right off the sale racks and what a good deal they would be. Goodwill Industries provides many job opportunities for a special group of people in our community. In our present economy, Goodwill is also providing a much needed shopping opportunity. Many thanks to Goodwill Industries!

6 President Bonnie Merryfield presided over the business meeting. Teri Mueller reported that our 2009 membership stands at 152 Auxiliary members as of March 3rd. Our May 5th meeting will honor Life Members and Past Presidents. Cookie Mueller reported that the Sunday Breakfast has been very well received. There will be the traditional Easter Brunch and Father's Day Brunch.

Nancy Tucholka, our sunshine director reported who she has been sending sunshine to. Please contact Nancy if you know of someone who should receive some of Nancy's creative well wishes.

Our Auxiliary Ways and Means committee is requesting T-shirt designs for the Queen's Cup t-shirt. Flyers with the details can be picked up at the Club Office. The winning design receives \$150.00 and all design participants receive a \$5.00 coupon toward the purchase of 2009 Queen's Cup merchandise. Entry deadline is May 1, 2009. Submit your designs today to the South Shore Yacht Club Office.

The House Committee is looking for an Auxiliary member to serve on a sub-committee that will be looking into restroom renovations. If any Auxiliary member is interested, please contact President Bonnie Merryfield.



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professionally designed from the winning entry. Caps, jackets, tote bags, long sleeved shirts and polo shirts are hot sellers to all race participants and spectators. Dues also raise some money.

Cookie is on the club's House Committee and is the liaison between the committee and the Auxiliary. Usually she recommends a contribution to fund some House Committee project or something on the wish list. "We prefer something that will benefit families or is clearly visible to us. Helping with kitchen items and decor projects are our most frequent donations. We talk about it at our board meetings and then we discuss it and vote at an Auxiliary meeting," she said.

The 2008 donation was \$7,300 for refinishing and re-upholstering all the chairs and bar stools in the downstairs lounge and bar areas, and for a display case for club historical items. In 2007 the donation was a multi-purpose kitchen slicer, refinishing the captain's chairs in the Lily E room and money for professional cleaning of the dining room chairs. Donations from previous years include a cook and hold oven, money toward a new dish washer, a new broiler, a gas fryer, help with the new cash register terminal system, computer software, office furniture, the gas log fireplace and upgrades to the serving ware. The list of items purchased or those that the organization helped purchase goes on and on. This year's donation will probably be used towards the upcoming rest room renovations.

The Auxiliary donates \$800 for the annual children's parties put on by the Juniors and helps with the Junior's Kaszube Cup Regatta. Other charities are Daystar (a shelter for abused women), Joy House (the Rescue Mission's help for homeless women and children), and the Bay View Community Center. They also pull gift tags from the Bay View Christmas gift wish list.

"We are very proud of what we do," commented Auxiliary President Bonnie Merryfield. "We give a lot back to the club and to the community. We have interesting and worthwhile meetings and programs. I am very honored to be the president and work with such a dynamic, intelligent and generous group of women," Bonnie said.



Mike Dziubek and Ted Ingrassia remove decking at the April 4 Slip and Waterfront Work Party.

Photo by Bruce Nason

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Helping Hands

by Carolyn Nason

Happy spring everybody! We're getting close. Boats will be heading in the water in no time.

Check out <http://boatsafe.com> for a great place to start your pre-launch spring checklist.

A tortilla warmer will also keep pancakes warm.

Bob Gaertner (Tigress) found this amazing website — www.animatedknots.com — for tying boating, climbing, fishing knots and many more. Not only does it demonstrate each knot step by step, but you can view it from different angles: mirror, inverted, and rotated. Thanks, Bob, for sharing this great site.


Cut a thin slit on the top of a wine cork and use it to hold recipes while you're cooking. Or you can use them as place card holders for dinner parties.

Janet Artka (Freedom III) has a great idea for recycling those perfume samples from magazines. Tuck them in drawers to make your clothes smell extra nice. Don't forget the drawers on your boat, too. Thanks, Janet!

Don't do it! How many times have you seen a car make a u-turn at a controlled intersection? Did you know that it's illegal in Wisconsin?

After uncovering your boat you notice mildew stains on your vinyl upholstery. No problem. Just use a deck brush with medium-soft bristles and scrub with a mixture of water and ammonia (4 parts water to one part ammonia). Rinse and repeat as necessary. If that doesn't work try a commercial stain remover.

Now that it's almost gardening season use this little tip to keep your nails clean. Before heading to the garden, scrape your fingernails across a bar of soap so it jams in under the nails. Soil and other garden debris are blocked from getting in there. When you're finished gardening, just scrub out the soap with a nailbrush.

Finally, here's a great cleaner for your boat windows. Combine 1 pint of rubbing alcohol with 2 tablespoons of ammonia and 2 tablespoons of liquid dish soap. Note: There is NO water in this solution. Wash windows using a scrubbing sponge, rinse and wipe dry. This is great for car windshields too. As always, keep your hints coming! 



Rate a Port - Frankfort, MI

by Charlotte A. Taylor

In early July last year, we found ourselves in Ludington, MI, trying to decide what port to head to for the July 4th. We set our sights on Frankfort, MI and had a great 50+ mile run up the lake. Getting up to that part of the shoreline, the dunes become the major focal point. Frankfort is beautifully nestled at the southern part of Sleeping Bear Dunes. In Michigan, the Waterways Commission, an arm of the DNR, controls the harbors and allocates a lot of funding to the upkeep and improvement of the boating facilities. The Frankfort Municipal Marina is no exception. The small marina boasts 35 transient slips- all of which run along the shore- no long piers to walk out here! Once settled in to our slip, we found ourselves in our own little world. Sitting in our cockpit, we had an un-observed view of Betsie Lake off our stern. Kayakers and waterfowl passed by in the distance, but very little boat traffic to disturb us. The dunes offer great thermals, and we watched sailplane after sailplane come swooping down over the city. It was a perfect Fourth of July evening.

The next day, we decided to go exploring. One of our customs is to walk out to the lighthouses where we visit. This had been

impossible the day before, as the pier was closed for the fireworks display. Several people had told us the fireworks off the pier would be fantastic. I'm sure they were, but we were so tired, we slept through them. The immediate area around the marina is a park- complete with a "fountain of youth". After hiking out to the lighthouse, we walked back to the boat via Main Street. The five-block downtown could be a movie-set; complete with bakeries, pharmacies, post office, bank, library, restaurants, churches and lots of shopping. At the other end of town, a full-service grocery store is within walking or biking distance.

Golfing, gliding and other activities would all require a taxi or car, however. We spent the evening visiting with friends and had a great meal at Dinghy's Restaurant in the heart of Main Street. We were sorry to leave the next day, but Frankfort makes a great "jumping off point" for the return across the lake to Wisconsin. For a relaxing visit in a quiet harbor, with everything you need within walking distance, Frankfort meets all the requirements.



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PHRF Fleet Update

by Larry Mueller, Fleet Captain

Hey, SSSY PHRF Fleet Racers! The Combined PHRF – T-10 Fleet Spring meeting will happen on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, promptly at 7:00 PM with important information and distribution of the 2009 Notice of Race and Entry form. Skippers, want to save some time? Bring your PHRF Certificate, proof of insurance and checkbook and complete your entry at the meeting. There will be brief discussion about the season schedule along with announcements about the Combined Season and Boat of the Year competition for 2009. Please plan to attend.

The PHRF/T-10 committee, with the help of Craig Griffith, Eric Jones, Cheri Kent, Ken Quant, Dorothy Mietz, Teri Mueller and F&B Manager, Dan Hensley are working hard to improve the festivities for all of our SSSY race season events. Watch for some great new menu ideas, and a new rum sponsor for '09.

The Milwaukee Bay Challenge Regatta, a new MYC event on June 13th & 14th will sponsor a 2nd Harvest Food Donation as part of the entry for the Regatta. The SSSY PHRF/T-10 fleet would like to support this good cause with a collection at our club prior to the regatta. SSSY will begin accepting your non-perishable food donations very soon. Watch for the donation site at the club, signs will be posted. We all look forward to your support for a good cause and a great day on the Lake.



Lake Science - Notes on Limnology

by Mark Haase

You may already know that salmon can navigate up to their native streams to spawn, but you may not know that a prominent University of Wisconsin – Madison limnologist is credited with figuring out how they do it. In fact, some of the field studies were conducted in Lake Michigan and streams along the Wisconsin shoreline.

Art Hasler (1908-2001) was born in Utah in 1908. As an undergraduate he attended Brigham Young University and later earned a Ph.D. in zoology at UW-Madison in 1937. Below, he is pictured on the dock of the lake lab he was instrumental in establishing on Lake Mendota and now bears his name.

Art promoted new approaches to limnology such as “whole lake experiments”. This has helped us better understand our own cultural impacts on



these systems.

Anyway, let's get back to the salmon. As the lecture roughly went, while vacationing in the Wasatch Range near his hometown in Utah, Art was hiking to a favorite waterfall he frequented as a youth.

With the waterfall still out of sight, he was struck by how the scents of the setting revived vivid memories of the place. Art thought maybe salmon can smell their way back to the streams of their birth.

When young salmon are still in their native streams before migrating to open water, they pass through what is referred to as the “smolt” stage (see photo below).



In this stage the smolts become “imprinted” with the scent of their native stream. When they are later driven to return to spawn this imprinted information is used to navigate back upstream.

With the stocking of salmon in Lake Michigan following the ecological upset triggered by the lamprey and alewives, a natural laboratory appeared in Art's own backyard. Coho salmon smolts were artificially imprinted with a synthetic chemical. That same chemical was then used to scent streams such as Oak Creek. The salmon were released at various points out in the lake and were tracked using ultrasonic transmitters placed in their stomachs. And sure enough, the salmon found their way back to the scented stream.



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Life Lines - Reflections of a Life Member at SSYC

by Bruce Nason

Jim Peterson qualified for Life Membership this year. He joined SSYC in 1977 but, as he puts it, took a two year hiatus along the way. Jim started boating in his 20's when he and his father purchased the first of several smaller power boats all on Lake Poygan and the Wolf River.

When he bought a Columbia 28 sailboat it was natural to join SSYC. Although he raced a few races on his boat he usually was kept busy crewing on Michelle, Bacchus (the Santana 27) and Exit. He's raced many Queen's Cup and Hook races but he's never raced in a Chicago/Mac.

In 2006 he returned to power boating when he and Kay bought a Grand Banks



Jim Peterson joined SSYC in 1977.

Photo by Bruce Nason

36. However he still gets his racing fix with son Tom in SSYC's Snipe Fleet.

Jim served on the Junior Advisory Committee and since retiring from SBC has become a mainstay of the House, Waterfront Services and Slip Committees. Jim played a major role in the phone and electronic phase of our recent Clubhouse remodeling.

Jim is also an avid marathon and ultra runner. He and Kay take frequent short trips across the lake but he looks forward to Kay's retirement when longer trips are planned. When asked to sum up what Club membership means to him he simply stated that's it's an opportunity for him to give back to the organization that's become a major influence in his life.



Grow Your Club

by Gary Mattson PC

Now is the time to invite your friends to become "Members" of SSYC and enjoy the entire summer boating season. There's no waiting list at this time and after application and interview, your friends can be sworn in just in time for another super summer. And, as a special incentive to existing members, if your prospect becomes a member, you'll receive a \$50 gift certificate for dinner in our beautiful club dining room with our famous million dollar Milwaukee skyline view.

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Power Fleet News

by Russ Berg

It's Spring - time to unwrap your boat and get all of your "to do" lists completed. While your warming yourself from the chill that's still in the air, dig out your old flares and get ready for our annual Flare Shoot and Chili Dump on May 21st. Yes, the first Powerboater's Thursday will be here soon and plans are underway to kick off our season with this fun, educational evening. Watch for more details on the web site and in your e-mail inbox.

Our annual wine tasting hosted by Barry & Pat Goodstein, Dan & Donna Danowski and David & Sue Benscoter, was another fantastic success. The wines were great, and the food prepared by Chef Pete and his crew was terrific. The cheese table, too, was also a big hit. This has become an annual "must attend" Powerboat function, which is open to all members & their guests.

See you in the water soon and at the upcoming Thursday night events.



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