

Wind Scoop

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COMMODORE'S REPORT



Past Commodore Cathy Getz frequently used a term which, until then, I never really associated with boats or yacht clubs. The word was 'gitty up;' and it nicely fits the current high energy level at your Club.

For example, our Spring Fling Party in the end of

April was packed and the fantastic Steel Drum Band which played in the dining room had a hard time competing with the party sounds in the bar. The recent Mother's Day Brunch was also extremely well attended and compliments go to our own Chef Jim for preparing a fantastic brunch.

Coming up, we have our 2nd Annual *Father's Day Fishing Tournament and Cookout* on June 15th. Last year, this was a great time for kids and their dads and, much to my surprise, the fishing was great. Bring your fishing rods (and a fishing license for Dad),- the Club provides the bait,- and join in the fun.

The *New Member Party* is on June 21st and has been expanded to be a "Class Reunion" for all members. Do you remember what year you joined? Do you remember the other new members that year? The talented Scott Seth will be performing that evening under the tent and it is a perfect excuse to reacquaint yourself with old "classmates" and to meet our current new members.

We wrap up June with the Mini-Rendezvous which is a great excuse to spend the afternoon at anchor with a group of friends and, to extend Cathy's cowboy slang, to bend your elbow for awhile. July will start with the proverbial bang with the Patriotic Picnic on the 4th and Golf Tournament on the morning of the 5th. Look for further details at the Club and on the website as the events get closer.

OK, gitty up.

Paul D. Brown, Jr

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO ATTEND THE

M.B.Y.C.
New Member Welcome
and the
Class Reunion Party



SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2008
7 PM

“RE-ACQUAINT YOURSELF WITH FRIENDS
OF OLD AND MEET THE NEW MEMBER
CLASS OF '08!”

**\$10 per person* for music,
dancing, and Chef Jim's
hors d'oeuvres buffet**

*excluding tax & gratuity

Music by Scott Seth

A Note About Parking.....

Though we are lucky to have sufficient parking on our campus most of the time, some of our members are so conditioned to parking in a garage that they prefer the covered parking of our neighbor.

In Macatawa, the biggest faux pas one can make is parking in someone else's space without permission. So, unless you are an Eldean's slipholder or have permission from Roger or Herb, please do not park on their property - and this includes the Post Office parking lot across the street from MBYC.

Front Cover Photo

Don Thinschmidt's 'Tyrant' gets serious in the Wednesday night series. Photo provided by Dave Sligh Sr. The *Wind Scoop's* front page needs entries for future issues. We want to feature a new color photo each month. Photos should be representative of MBYC's mission of boating and fun - and a minimum size of 5 megapixels. Please email your top quality photo entries to Commodore Paul Brown or WS editor Jon Bontekoe at jonbontekoe@gmail.com (or bring them to the Club office).

Macatawa Bay



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Mac stories from our members: Do you have a Mac Race story? For the next issues of the Windscoop, we will publish one story per issue and the author of the story will receive a \$25 dining certificate to the Club. Stories highlighting MBYC boats/crews will receive extra credit!

MBJA Sailing Lessons Update

JUNE IS HERE! That means that sailing lessons are right around the corner! We have a great season of sailing instruction and racing lined up for kids of all levels as well as adults. All of our programming begins the week of June 16. We welcome new instructors Sam Padnos, Breanna McGann, and Phillip Norris to our program. We're very excited to have them join veteran Ken Kuper in leading our up and coming sailors. We also have a very talented and eager group of helpers ready to assist on shore and water to make learning to sail as non-threatening as possible.

ADULTS! Marc Palma is looking forward to being your instructor on Tuesday and Friday nights! Charter JY-15's are available on a first come, first served basis. Come and join the fun and learn how to sail with friends! Looking for a new sailing buddy? We'll partner you with another student. Remember, the option of JY-15 racing on Friday nights is part of the package during your session!

Early registrations for youth and adult lessons have been strong and are starting to fill up. Please take advantage of registering before May 31 to help us allocate our teaching staff appropriately. Interested in a racing clinic? JP DeSolar Goldsmith will be running an Opti clinic July 2 & 3 and a Laser clinic July 31 & August 1. Registration forms are available online at www.mbyc.com or www.mbj.org.

West Michigan Youth Sailing Association has its first Intra-City regatta at MBYC on Thursday June 26! Registration forms will be available at the sailing school office on June 16. We will be hosting Opti's, Lasers and 420's from Grand Rapids, South Haven, Muskegon, Spring Lake and St. Joe for an afternoon of excitement. Let's show our support and have a strong participation for our home event!



Want to help out financially? We have opportunities for you as well! West Marine will be hosting MBJA Sailing School on Saturday July 26. We will be roasting hot dogs, advertising our sailing school and they will donate a percentage of their sales back to our program. Mark your calendar also for Saturday August 2! We will be having a Chinese Fundraiser Dinner at MBYC with exquisite cuisine prepared by our own Chef Jim and items to bid on that you can't leave without!

Don't forget about the O'PEN BIC demo day on Tuesday June 24 from noon to 4pm. You don't have to pre-register, just come down to the launching area and do a test run! Check them out at www.OPENBIC.com.

See you on the water! (Marie Mell)

WiFi AT MBYC

OUR NETWORK (www.MBYC08.NET) HAS BEEN UPGRADED AND IS NOW ALSO PASSWORD PROTECTED.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? YOU WILL NEED A PASSWORD TO ACCESS OUR SERVICE WHICH WILL LIMIT THE PIRATING OF OUR BANDWIDTH BY NON-MEMBERS.

SIGN-ON IS SIMPLE, AND INSTRUCTIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CLUB OFFICE.



Memorial Day Fun @MBYC



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A, B & C Kids' bonfire picnic.
 D Flag officers with Pastor Zell
 F Lucy Baldwin, Gwen Post, Dick
 Becker, Dan Baldwin, and Lorie
 Becker enjoy the music under the
 tent.
 E, G, H, I, J,L - Despite chilly winds and
 fog, many boats lined up for the
 traditional 'Blessing of the Fleet'.
 K The kids served breakfast Monday
 morning. (Photos by JB, Paul Brown,
 Lucy Baldwin.)



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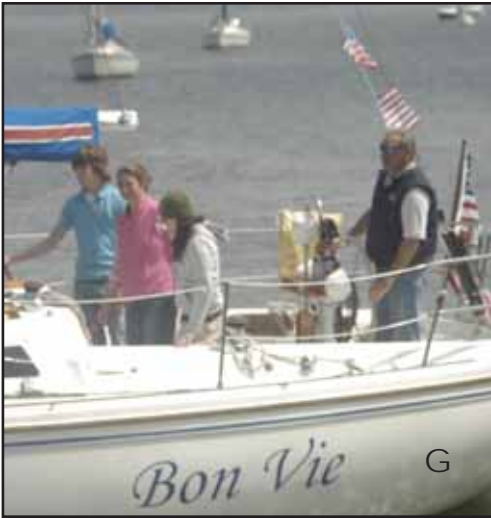
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With the boom of the cannon the fleet was blessed

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MBYC 2008 Racing Schedule

JY-15s

- Friday evening racing begins May 23
- *Midwest District Championships July 26/27, MYC*

Lasers

- Thursday evening racing begins May 29
 - Fall Series Oct 5/12/19/26 & Nov 2 9/16/23
 - Cold Turkey Regatta November 29/30
 - *WMYA championships August 6-9, MYC*
- www.wmya.org

Optimists (see also MBJA events)

- Thursday evening racing begins June 19
 - Junior Patriot's Regatta July 4
 - Junior Labor Day Regatta September 31
 - *WMYA championships August 6-9, MYC*
- www.wmya.org

MBJA Classes/Events

- Session #1 June 16-27
- Session #2 June 30-July 11
- Session #3 July 14-25
- Session #4 July 28-Aug 8
- Bic O'pen Demo Day June 24
- *Regional Youth Regatta June 26, Saugatuck YC*
- Opti Intermediate Race Clinic July 2/3
- *Regional Youth Regatta July 9, Spring Lake YC (Opti Green Fleet only)*
- *Regional Youth Regatta July 25, St. Joseph YC*
- *Regional Youth Regatta July 30, Muskegon YC*
- Laser Race Clinic July 31/Aug 1
- Regional Youth Championships August 17
- Junior Olympic Regatta October 11/12

www.mbj.org

S2 7.9/Etchells/Melges 24

- Series #1 May 24/25
- Series #2 May 31/June 1
- Series #3 June 21 (no Etchells)
- Series #4 July 12/13
- Series #5 August 2/3
- Series #6 August 30/31 (no 7.9s)

Note: 7.9s race only on Saturdays

- *S2 7.9 Canadian Championships June 28/29, Sarnia YC*
- *One-Design Verve Cup August 9/10*
chicagoyachtclub.org

PHRF

- PHRF #1 May 31
- PHRF #2 June 21
- PHRF Ladies Race July 6
- PHRF #3 July 12
- Commodore's Cup August 2/3
- Vanderleek Hospice Cup August 23
- *Bayshore YC Wednesday Night racing June 4/11/18, July 9/16/23/30, August 6/13/20/27, September 3/10/17*

www.bayshoreyachtclub.org

- *South Haven Invitational June 7/8*
- *Chicago NOODs June 13-15*
- *Tripp Memorial June 25*
- *Queen's Cup June 27*

www.ssy.org

- *Chicago-Mac July 19*
- *Clipper Cup August 8*

www.clippercup.com

- *Offshore Verve Cup August 15-17*
chicagoyachtclub.org
- *Governor's Cup August 30/31, MYC*
- *Anchorage Cup September 6*
www.anchoragemarine.com

Note:

- *Away events in Italics*
- *Schedule subject to change*
- *Additional MBYC event info posted at mbyc.com*

Board of Directors Meeting for April 2008 Abridged Meeting Notes

Requests for a new membership, requests for inactive status and a resignation were reviewed and approved. GM Baker reported that docks and grounds staff and lifeguards had been hired. Treasurer D'Haem reviewed the year-to-date financials and noted that income for the year was down primarily due to the Club not renting the proposed four new slips and that we had five un-rented slips.

The regional Army Corp of Engineers office is still working on our request for dredging and the slip expansion. Thirteen attended the recent racing seminar, five from MBYC. After testing, three more Club members will be certified local race officers, bringing additional

insurance coverage through USYRU. Barb Gamache, our PRO, is working toward national certification in race management. US Junior Women's Singlehanded Championship is at our Club in August with participants from around the country. Canada's Cup activity is quiet and we do not yet have an official challenge from RCYC. A revised proposal to initiate sponsorship for regattas was reviewed and approved. An update was provided in the change of our website and hosting company. Update on our WiFi service. The Logbook is almost ready for printing and it is expected that we will have significant savings on printing and postage expenses this year.

A Mackinac Story from our members.....

Double Yolk Eggs, An Exploded Spinnaker, and Two Mac Wins

Past Commodore Rudy Vredovell (1974) reports that in the middle of a summer celebrating new MBYC dock & slips and the purchase of the land East of the club up to the creek, his 37' Ranger 1-ton sailing vessel 'Patriot' filled out his MBYC summer with a 20-second loss in the Queen's cup and wins in both Mac races. His story follows on right:

We left Port Huron for Mackinac Island sailing great with our double-headed rig, leaving all of the one-tonners behind us, despite the fact that our lower shroud's chain plate had been damaged in a storm on the long delivery to the start line. As Patriot approached our rounding mark, the Cove Island Sea Buoy in Georgian Bay, Sunday night, we rounded the wrong mark, not realizing that the Canadian Government had deployed an environmental study buoy with a quick flashing light four miles south of the Cove Island Buoy, which had its normal short-long flashing light. We cleared via radio our rounding to the race committee, as did the other boats. Most of the fleet rounded this wrong mark, but we went back soon after realizing the short-long light was the correct one. Soon after the rounding we were in a tacking duel for over 24 hours fighting for advantage over another one-tonner. On our wounded tack with the damaged chain plate we had to let up, but after tacking onto our strong tack we managed to stay competitive. Approaching the finish line our opponent stalled and we crossed seconds ahead of him – only to sadly learn that another one-tonner had finished two hours earlier! How could that be? We protested, convinced that he had rounded the wrong mark and even described the differences of the buoys' flashing patterns, but to no avail. Their skipper lied and we were awarded second place. Later that summer Bayview YC held a formal review and because so many boats had made the same rounding mistake and our opponent never admitted his error, we were stuck with

second place, despite the race captain's acknowledgement that we were correct with our protest. But we knew who had really won.

Leaving Mackinac Island for Chicago, we prepared for our second Mac race of the summer, featuring many of the same one-tonners. We got off a great start using our powerful double-headed rig in close reaching conditions. We snuck through the Manitou Passage, the Mac Sailors' Death Trap, ahead of all the one-tonners, sailing with our No. 1 Genoa that pulled us forward in light winds and rough seas. We celebrated eating a breakfast of fried eggs – every one of which had a double yolk. But soon after our breakfast celebration, we spotted our nemesis rounding Gray's Reef, just 1 minute 24 seconds behind us. With 26 miles to the line we knew it would be exciting with another duel to the finish. He'd stolen the first Mac race from us but we would not allow it to happen again. Unfortunately we had put up our light-air spinnaker for the downwind run to the Island. But the wind piped up to 30 knots with six-foot seas. Changing sails would give him his chance to pass – so we kept it flying until we suddenly heard it explode with a bang, just before the Mac Bridge. All hands scrambled and in no time we had the 1 ½ oz spinnaker flying and it carried us to a first place – he never gained on us despite the unplanned sail change. So the summer of 1974 rewarded us with two Mac wins, although history reports only one first and one second. *Rudy Vredovell*

On Course Side....

Racing began in April with Lasers on Lake Mac. Congratulations to Don Bergman, Tracy Brand, Nick Honor, Dave Sligh Jr, Anne Gamache, Mark Bremmer, Mitch Padnos and Mitchell Kiss, for braving the cold water to kick off the season. Speaking of Mitchell Kiss, he and Alex Post were recently observed sailing into the channel in a 25 knot Nor-Wester with 10' swells after having a "great ride" from Port Sheldon to Holland "working on their downwind technique". For safety, they were accompanied by their coach in a RIB. However we can only imagine where this level of skill and enthusiasm will lead...

Take a moment to congratulate Bill and Lisa Ruoff for their overall win in the second Wednesday Nite series race. Their Dufour 44' *Bearly Movin* is a stable, comfortable boat that "weighs in" at the top of their class, so it takes a lot of skill to achieve that type of result.




We'll have a lot more to report next month... *Roger Gamache*

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JUNE 2008

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1 <i>MBYC #2</i>	2	 3	4 <i>Bayshore Summer Series</i>	5 <i>Laser Racing</i>	6 <i>JY15, etc. Racing Shareholders' Meet Past Commodores' Luncheon</i>	7 <i>Coast Guard Aux Inspections South Haven Invitational</i>
8 <i>South Haven Invitational</i>	 9	10	11 <i>Bayshore Summer Series</i>	12 <i>Laser & Junior Racing</i>	13 <i>Chicago NOOD JY15 & others Racing</i>	14 <i>Chicago NOOD</i>
15 Father's Day Fishing Tournament & Cookout <i>Chicago NOOD</i>	16 Windscoop Copy Due	 17	18 <i>Bayshore Summer Series</i>	19 <i>Laser & Junior Racing</i>	20 <i>JY15 & others Racing</i>	21 <i>MBYC #3 Offshore #2 'Class Reunion' New Members' Party</i>
22	 23	24 O'PEN BIC sailboat demo	25 <i>Tripp Memorial</i>	26 <i>Laser & Junior Racing</i>	27 <i>JY15 & others Racing Queens Cup</i>	28 <i>East greets West MBYC #1</i>
29 Mini-Rendezvous	30					<i>Race Events Social Events Private Parties</i>