



LAKE MICHIGAN HUNTER SAILING ASSOCIATION

The Lake Michigan Hunter Sailing Association is comprised of Hunter sailboat owners who live in the Midwest and sail on Lake Michigan and surrounding waters. The group meets to share experiences, trade information and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow Hunter owners.

Ned and Tani served as Vice Commodore(s) in 2003, 2004 and 2005 and as Commodore(s) in 2006. Their active involvement in the group has helped foster the camaraderie and friendships that are invaluable in an organization of this type.

Ned's quick wit, his larger than life smile, and the ever-present twinkle in his eye were truly gifts to all of us. His tireless efforts to find sponsors for our annual Rendezvous will never be equaled. LMHSA membership and Rendezvous participation grew significantly with Commodore Ned at the helm. Even after hosting the largest LMHSA Rendezvous this past July, Ned's attitude was, "That was great, but what can we do to make next year even better?"

Ned's enthusiasm for life is unmistakable. Here is a quote from an article (written by Ned) in the LMHSA publication, *The Hunter Hailer*, Spring 2006: "Winter is over! At last...the snow has melted and our boat work has started. Some of us have already splashed. What a great time of the year - everything is being reborn including our passion for sailing!"

Ned's exuberance and passion for sailing clearly showed he understood the sage words from *The Wind in the Willows*, "Believe me, my young friend, there is NOTHING--absolute nothing--half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."

The pictures say it all. Ned was always a pleasure to spend time with and made everyone feel welcome and at ease. Ned will be deeply missed by all who knew him.