



The Hunter Hailer

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Upcoming Events

- **January 16** – Winter Party, details to follow
- **January 28 – 31st** – *Strictly Sail*, Volunteers needed for LMHSA Booth
- **April 11th** – Spring Meeting (tentative date)
- **Rendezvous** - July 30, 31, August 1, 2010 in Racine

JANUARY WINTER PARTY!

The winter party will be held on Saturday, January 16th. Reserve the date. Details will follow!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

STRICTLY SAIL: We need volunteers for *Strictly Sail* (January 28 – 31). If you will attend *Strictly Sail*, please “person” our booth for two hours. It’s fun and introduces new folks to the LMHSA. Call (219-923-7450) or email (roxydog2003@sbcglobal.net) Andy to lend a hand.

RENDEZVOUS 2010: The following members have volunteered for the Rendezvous 2010 Committee. Join the crew – it’s fun and rewarding!

Liz Yonovich
Jim Bechtel (will help with getting raffle donations)
Robin Bultman
Dick and Jean Gabrys
Connie and Dan Lane
Susan and Rich Cain

Call (219-923-7450) or email (roxydog2003@sbcglobal.net) Liz to join the group.

NOVEMBER 2010 MEETING: Looking ahead, we need a volunteer to plan the November 2010, Meeting-Luncheon. To volunteer, call (219-923-7450) or email (roxydog2003@sbcglobal.net) Andy.

FALL LUNCHEON & RENDEZVOUS DVD

Over 30 people attended the Fall Luncheon held at the Racine Yacht Club. Members enjoyed a great lunch and were treated to Dan Lane’s Rendezvous DVD. For a copy, please contact Dan Lane at (danlane23@earthlink.net).

Dan, thanks for your creativity and effort!

THE COMMODORE’S CORNER

What should we do with the off-season, a big question? The first thing to do is prioritize what needs to be done. You know, the things that should normally be done in the warm weather of summer. You only have a short time to get these things done because the cold is on its way. Painting should get done now; okay, buy the paint. Oh wait, we need to pick a color. Okay, now that we selected a color, we need to look for a good weekend. Oops, not many left, so, we will have to wait for next spring. The good news is, at least we have the color.

What else needs to be done? We should get some new furniture; what we have is old and worn out. I really don’t know why because we hardly use it during the summers. Okay, let’s look around for furniture, not an easy thing to do. Picking new furniture involves two people coming to a decision. Actually, it is just one person and her job is to convince me that we really need the new pieces. Now, we must look for sales. However, the mention of “sails” starts me day dreaming about next summer and where we would like to cruise. So, it’s too late for furniture. Christmas is right around the corner and we need to watch our spending.

Another thing to do in the off-season is to clean and organize the garage. Unfortunately most of the stuff that is crammed into the garage is boat stuff; so, what’s the point in organizing boat stuff? I will just put this job on my to do list for the next boating season.



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Okay I got it. I will clean the basement; it certainly could use a good re-organization. Let's start by making a bracket for our skis; I've wanted to do that for a long time. Then, I need to make shelves for cleaning material and old paint cans that I keep just for touch up. That's a good project to do in the off-season... WOW, as I look around the basement, I didn't realize how much stuff I have for the boat. Everything that would freeze in the garage I put in the basement. Also, my sails are right where I wanted to put the ski rack. So, I can't get close to my bracket wall.

Okay, now that much is not going to get done in the basement, I've got it, something I know I do every year and I am pretty good at it. I'm just going to dream about being back on the boat next year, think about all the good times and all the sailing we are going to do. Yes, dream about being with friends, planning rendezvous, and hoping for some hot weather. And, I am really looking forward to seeing everyone from LMHSA. Happy Holidays and see you all soon.

Andy

THE SAFETY HARNESS

This feature will provide safety suggestions. Please share your favorite safety measures with the LMHSA by sending them to Nelson Armour, Hunter Hailer, at nwarmour@comcast.net.

Here's a list of safety equipment required or suggested for your sailboat. Probably, you have most of these items. However, which ones are not on board your boat? Also, are your flares and fire extinguishers current? Here's the list:

- U.S. Coast Guard Required Equipment (e.g. bell, horn, flares, fire extinguishers, etc.)
- Horseshoe and strobe
- Life Sling, block and tackle, spare halyard
- PFD (serviceable life vest for each crew member)
- Additional flotation cushions
- Safety harnesses, tethers and jacklines
- Man Overboard Pole
- Emergency Tiller

Now, take this quiz:

1. When do you wear your PDF? Circle all applicable items
 - A. All the time
 - B. Never
 - C. When leaving and docking
 - D. When weather threatens
 - E. When sailing solo
 - F. On Lake Michigan crossings
 - G. When I leave the cockpit
2. Do you know where your emergency tiller is and have you ever tried it?
3. When is the last time you practiced a man/woman overboard drill?

Check it out: In the December 2009 issue of *Sailing*, see the article, "Suddenly Alone," which provides some basic ideas for the "First Mate" when the Captain needs help!

FLOAT PLAN

"Float Plan" features Lake Michigan cruising ports. LMHSA members will highlight some of the ports they have visited with tips for entering the harbor, marinas, restaurants and things to do. Please contact Nelson (nwarmour@comcast.net) with a cruising port that you can add to the list.

Fish Creek (Susan and Rich Cain)

Fish Creek is very easy to enter. There is a very small bay on the East side of Green Bay and the Fish Creek harbor is on the South side of that bay.

There are two marinas in Fish Creek, Alibi Dock and Fish Creek Town Dock. Alibi Dock takes reservations, but they are definitely difficult to deal with and their Wi-Fi is unreliable at best. You need to make the reservations well in advance, and it is one of the priciest marinas on the lake. If you cancel, you still have to pay for the slip. The Town Dock doesn't take reservations, but you can call at 7 AM the morning you want a slip and they will let you know if one is available and hold it for you. The cost is slightly less than Alibi and they do not have Wi-Fi. The



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two marinas are right next to each other. It is a short walk to town.

There are many shops, at least three ice cream shops, and a number of restaurants. I highly recommend going to a Fish Boil if you have not done so in the past. It is a "Door County" experience you won't forget. Peninsula State Park is less than a mile from the marinas. It has hiking and bicycle trails. I would recommend spending two days in Fish Creek.

Snug Harbor. Pentwater MI (Andy and Liz)

This summer we were fortunate enough to find a break in the weather and do a little bit of cruising. After our rendezvous we headed to Sheboygan for two days and then crossed the lake to Pentwater Michigan. While in Pentwater, we stayed at a tiny harbor called Snug Harbor. What a nice harbor, situated at the end of Main Street of Pentwater. You are within crawling distance of the shops and eateries. One of the first shops you come across is a cross between a boating museum and a West Marine. It is a shop with some old boating artifacts, but you can buy current products as well.

Pentwater (Snug Harbor) also has a very narrow entry. Coming off of the four to six footers on the lake, I was fortunate our boat wasn't longer. We came in sideways! So, be sure you have your "iron" sail running and try to enter in daylight.

The marina was one of the friendliest I have ever been in. They are right there to help you dock, a necessity due to the way they dock you. There are two boats in each slip, more if the boats are small, docked bow to stern, bow-to-bow, stern-to-stern, anyway you want to dock.

The gas dock is right there. If you need fuel, this is the place to go, The attendant, who was also part of the crew that helped us dock, treated me to some of his home made venison spicy jerky, which was the best I ever tasted. Snug harbor costs about \$65 per day (2009) and reservations are a must. Call (616) 846-8400.

A must see is the sunset in Pentwater. If you can go to the Yacht club and sit on the balcony for dinner or a drink, you will see the sun set right into the harbor entrance.

If you can not get in the yacht club, walk down Main Street a couple of blocks and find a huge "Bell" with a dedication plaque on it. Sit there and enjoy the sunset.

TIPS

"Tips" features ideas big and small to make your sailing a tad better. Individual members or magazines, not the LMHSA as an organization, offer these ideas. Please send your "Tips" to Nelson Armour, (nwarmour@comcast.net).

Clean sail foil- Attach a thin 3M sanding sheet to a block of wood. The block of wood is attached to the Halyard with a messenger and then using a sawing motion run the block of wood up and down the foil. Dave Knight

To help install raw water impellor pre compress the blades with a hose clamp. This makes the impellor easier to slide in. Ron Wiggins

Marine #67- Great for removing scuffs and bird stains from boat, doesn't scratch gel coat and leaves a great shine. Anonymous

Use magic eraser to clean bottom sides of cushions. Anonymous

What can you do with old sails? See *Sailing (November 2009)*, which recommended donations (www.sailsforsustenance), purchase (www.seabags.com) or discounts (www.northsails.com or www.ellavickers.com).

BULLETIN BOARD

If you have information and news for the next newsletter, please e-mail Nelson at (nwarmour@comcast.net).



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ROSTER UPDATE

Welcome new members Dan and Anne Sullivan (sundog15@verizon.net) and Tom and Anne Rank (tarporsche@charter.net). Note, Lervy Jones has a new email address, (lervyj@gmail.com).

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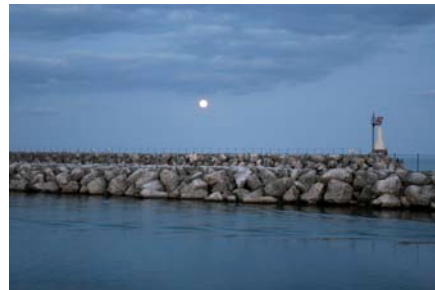
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SAILING SCENES, 2009



Reef Point Rainbow



Moonrise in Port Washington



Off of South Milwaukee

To share a sailing photo, please email an image to Nelson (nwarmour@comcast.net).



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Membership Application

Please return with your \$30 membership fee for 2010.

Name: _____

First Mate/Co-Owner: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Cell/Boat Phone: _____

Name of Boat: _____

Length: _____ Year: _____

Marina: _____ City: _____

Some of the great strengths of LMHSA are the knowledge and ambition of our members. Do you have any special strengths or knowledge you'd be willing to share with other association members?

Please explain (Tales & Tips):

Please make check payable to:

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