



LAKE MICHIGAN  
HUNTER SAILING ASSOCIATION



# THE HUNTER HAILER

## THE COMMODORE'S CORNER

In case you haven't noticed, it's been a while since we've had a newsletter. A lot has happened in the last few months. We had a Rendezvous, a Luncheon, and a Winter Party. And coming up soon we will have our Spring Brunch.

Wow!!! Wasn't the rendezvous great? Can you remember back that far? It was warm then. Aside from moving the boats around too often and some rough seas getting there and back, it looked like everyone had a good time. If you didn't, it was your own fault. Most everyone at the seminars learned something new and the dinners were excellent. Thank you Chicago Yacht Club-Belmont. According to the wait staff, the Saturday evening party far out did the one on the next barge over (attended by a bunch of 20-something year olds).

We have to thank all of those who helped make this such a wonderful event:  
Dwain & Lydia Lutzow

Rich & Kathy Osten

Tom & Sonya Wiora

Andy & Liz Yanovich

Ray & Nancy Olson

Dick & Jean Gabrys

Keith & Lori McConnell and daughters

Daria and Dreannan

Chicago Yacht Club-Belmont

Racine Riverside Marine

Jan Guthrie (seminars)

Kurt Lasson (DJ)

It was because of their help, the Rendezvous was such a huge success.



## Upcoming Events

### Spring Brunch

April 6, 2014 11:00 AM

Drury Lane in  
Oakbrook, IL

### Summer Hunter Rendezvous

July 25 thru 27, 2014

Racine Riverside Marine

*Note: Dues are also due! If you haven't done so, please send to Ray and Nancy Olson or bring to the Brunch.*

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Cruising afterwards was a little rough. The group went for a rough ride to South Haven. Rough to a point of questioning our sanity at being out in such weather. This was to be the first stop on a trip up the lake. The weather got so bad we decided to stay a bit longer and watch the 8 foot waves crash over the harbor entrance and roll down the channel. Fortunately we were parked on the north side of the river at the new municipal marina and had no problems with the waves. An early trip home on Thursday between wind and waves was in flat seas most of the way. Those that went farther north had to endure the rough part a little longer. All in all it was a fantastic time with great friends. Thanks to the Engledow's for arranging the accommodations at this, their new home port.

Next up was to be the Fall Brunch at Drury Lane in Oak Brook on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Last minute changes had us going to the Chicago Yacht Club at Monroe St. They really know how to treat non-members. A special thanks to Dwain and Lydia for their efforts in arranging the transfer to the new location. The food was delicious and far more than we could possibly eat. The room had a splendid view of the harbor and it was great to see so many of our friends on a cold Fall day.

The Holiday Party was on January 11<sup>th</sup>. at the Black Cow in Mount Prospect. Cocktails at 6:30 PM, dinner at 7:30 PM. It seemed that everyone had a fabulous time. The wait staff was excellent and the food delicious. I personally would recommend going there again.

Strictly Sail was from January 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>. I understand we gained a few new members and Racine Riverside sold a few boats so that may bring a few new members.

The Spring Brunch will be at Drury Lane in Oakbrook on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. They have a to-die-for buffet so come hungry and be prepared to be stuffed.

The Rendezvous will be in Racine on July 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>.

Of course we are looking for help organizing it. The organizing is not hard if we have enough people and it is a good time to be among friends.

Spring and Sailing Season are just around the corner. We just have to get through this Winter first! The good news is that with the lakes being frozen, the water levels are up almost 14 inches. The bad news is with all that ice, a cold Spring is predicted.

Speaking of Spring and the Sailing Season, it's time to start thinking about commissioning. Let's not forget our Dinghy and Outboard. Also, our sponsoring dealership, Racine Riverside Marine, has many services available. Their web site is [www.racineriverside.com](http://www.racineriverside.com).

Hope to see you all at the Spring Luncheon.

Peace and Purple Sunsets,  
Captain Rich



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## AN UPDATE...

“The Only Thing That Is Constant Is Change -” (wrote Heraclitus, a Greek philosopher, in approximately 500 B.C. and now...According to Captain Rich...)

The following are changes for LMHSA:

Newsletter and Web Site are now being handled by Dick and Jean Gabrys. (Thanks to Steve and Sherry Engledow and Keith and Lori McConnell for their help.)

Vice Commodore and Vice Commodorable will now be Tom and Sonja Wiora. (Thanks to Jim McDonald and Ada Parlanti for their help.)

The LMHSA officers serve two year terms, which will be ending in Nov. 2014. We are looking for new volunteers to begin in Nov. 2014. Please consider helping the group and let Tom Wiora ([swiora@aol.com](mailto:swiora@aol.com)) or Susan Cain ([scain40481@aol.com](mailto:scain40481@aol.com)) know if you are interested. The amount of commitment varies, and everyone has a great time.

Thanks for your consideration.

Captain Rich

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

### Spring Luncheon

**April 6, 2014**

As we are no doubt tired of the cold and snow, let's take a small break from our Spring commissioning activities and plans and get together at our **Spring Luncheon**. This year's event is being held once again at Drury Lane in Oakbrook. These folks continue to do a bang-up job for us. The cost is \$33 per person with a cash bar. This includes a wonderful buffet and certainly the chance to rub elbows with all and renew acquaintances from last year. Remember when it was warm? The reservation forms were sent out by Rich and Kathy Osten and must be sent back to Ray and Nancy Olson with your intentions and check by March 31st. If you can't find your reservation form, please contact Rich and Kathy at [rdosten@aol.com](mailto:rdosten@aol.com).

### The 2014 LMHSA Rendezvous

**Save The Dates: July 25, 26, and 27, 2014 at Racine Riverside Marine.**

Brad and the entire gang at Racine Riverside Marine have invited us back in spite of all of our past rowdiness, gluttony and raucous singing. We will be sending out emails to all of you as the preparations are done. We really look forward to this great event and the fine times to be had by all.

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## BETTER NEWS FOR THE GREAT LAKES

The Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit Section, says Great Lakes water levels rebounded sharply last year after a prolonged low period dating from the late 1990s. A report issued in late February 2014 said Lakes Michigan and Huron rose 20 inches, which was nearly double their average seasonal rise. It was a strong comeback from January 2013, when those lakes hit their lowest recorded level. Scientists say heavy evaporation caused by the milder climate and dry spells caused the decline. Heavy snowfall the past two winters and a wet spring helped the recovery. The most current forecast calls for Lake Michigan-Huron to rise 13.5 inches from the current level, reports the Army Corps of Engineers. The LMHSA website will be including a link to the Great Lakes Information Network for your future reference.



## LAKE MICHIGAN WATER LEVELS

[Link to Great Lakes Information Network](#)

You can click on individual gauges for Lake Michigan and monitor the water levels.

## WE'RE LOOKING FOR HELP...

In previous issues, we included a section, **“Float Plan”**, devoted to stories from our members about places they have sailed to on Lake Michigan and beyond. As you recall, the response was great and we had a number of compelling and enlightening stories shared with us. I would like to continue this so please, if you have a story from a recent cruise you wish to share, please send it in to me at [caribsoul46@gmail.com](mailto:caribsoul46@gmail.com). “Float Plan” will feature cruising and vacation ports, hopefully providing members with highlights of some of the ports they have visited with tips for entering the harbors and marinas, good restaurants, sources for provisions, and fun things to do. Come on folks...lets share the wealth of how we enjoy these beautiful boats and waters we wait so long for to sail. Pictures Welcome!!

**Speaking of Pictures!** We're looking for pictures that may have been taken last year at our events, specifically the 2013 Rendezvous and the 2014 Strictly Sail Show but also the various luncheons and parties. These will be posted on our website for all to enjoy. Please send what you have to our website coordinator, Jean Gabrys at [jclaireg@icloud.com](mailto:jclaireg@icloud.com). We are really looking for the LMHSA group picture that was taken during the 2013 Rendezvous at Belmont Station. Please forward these and any others to Jean for inclusion in our website feature. Along with that thought, we are also looking for any pictures you may have of what we do with boats! Sailing shots, sunsets, sunrises, or any other interesting photos you would like to share.

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## GREAT LAKES PIRACY REPORT..

Speaking of the Great Lakes, I suppose many of you have forgotten about the dire threats reported on in these pages just a few months ago. My, how time flies. Well, I've got to tell you, in my absence I have not been negligent in keeping alert to the reports of threats that lurk out there. Not too long ago, while snow shoeing on the thick ice of Mother Lake Michigan a few miles east of the Milwaukee skyline, I came across this motley crew. After observing them from afar, I was able to sneak up on the suspected scofflaws and was able to discern that they were in fact, looking for the Milwaukee harbor entrance. One can only guess what they were looking for, can one? Can't one?



*Above Right: Seen from a distance, one can see the rudimentary supplies these miscreants plan to use as they take on the unsuspecting yachts soon to be found in the harbor. Note the burlap sacks!*

*Right: Upon being surprised by my sudden appearance, note how the privateers try to put forth a look of innocence! I was able to escape before they knew who I was and who I represented.*



## Get Ready for the Water.

Sail Magazine has an excellent article in the April 2014 issue covering plans for launching our boats. It's too easy to overlook things in the spring rush and the magazine has prepared a checklist for us to jog our memories. While I would really like to include a link to the article in this location...I can't. It won't work. So go buy the April 2014 magazine if you haven't already. The article appears in the "Boat Works" section on page 62. Good stuff. I even saw a few things that I have been overlooking the past few years so I should pay a bit more attention to this stuff.

In the future, I'll be including various boat maintenance tips gleaned from many sources...including you folks. So if you have any really cool ideas (or even if they're bad, they may work somewhere!) send them in to me at [caribsoul46@gmail.com](mailto:caribsoul46@gmail.com) and I'll consider putting it in the issue. So it better be good.

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## Editors Note...

As this is my first time back in the saddle as the Newsletter guy, I'm a bit rusty on my style, methods and type of content. Please bear with me a bit as I sort through all of the new stuff to present to you folks.

We were very fortunate this year to get a group of new members added to our roll. I'd like to welcome you folks to our association and hope you find it as enjoyable as my family has. As any social association like ours is concerned, we depend pretty much on everyone for a lot of what we do to have fun and be informed.

I would like to thank Steve Engledow for his efforts with the newsletter over the past year plus. I really enjoyed his work and hope I can present this thing to you folks in the same funny but informative manner. As before, if any of you have any suggestions along the way for added content, please let me know.

Our website will be beefed up a bit with new information in the coming months as Jean works with Keith McConnell and they complete the hand-off of that responsibility. Thanks very much Keith for bringing us the package you did. I can't wait to see how we can make this thing grow.

As soon as we can see real water out in the marina and harbor instead of that hard stuff that is out there now, I'm sure we'll be seeing all of you on the lake somewhere. I'm sure many of us will bump into each other at the boatyard too.

So between the boat yard, the Spring Luncheon, boat launch, and the Rendezvous, I'm looking forward to seeing all of you quite soon. Hey, I hear Steve Engledow is buying drinks!

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