



THE HUNTER HAILER

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Commodore's Corner

The Challenge

Crossing Lake Michigan this summer, we reflected on it's great vastness; an inland ocean with many moods, infinite challenges and countless rewards. We are fortunate to be among those who can experience it from the water.

That's where the value of our association lies. LMHSA enhances the Lake Michigan sailing experience through fun, friendships and the exchange of ideas, experiences and hard won knowledge. We are friends sharing a common interest and so as an organization, 2017 will be a time to refocus on those things that make us comrades under sail.

Our biggest focus area will be recruiting new

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Upcoming Events

Jan. 7 Winter Party
Draft Picks, Mt. Prospect

Jan. 11-15 Strictly Sail
McCormick Place

May 20 Spring Meeting
Riverside Marine, Racine

July 14-16 Summer
Rendezvous
South Shore Yacht Club
Milwaukee

members, and it will require an “all hands on deck” effort. Think about how much more fun LMHSA would be if we had 50 percent more members enjoying it as we do!

So we are challenging every existing member to bring in at least one new member. It'll work this way...if you are a current member in good standing and recruit a new member who is signed up with their dues paid by Rendezvous, your dues in 2018 will be free. In addition, we'll enter you in a drawing for a special prize to be given at the Rendezvous. Get out there and look for boat neighbors, sailing buddies and friends who haven't discovered LMHSA and bring them aboard.

As you think about who to approach, keep in mind, that even though we have a strong affinity to the Marlow-Hunter brand, we always welcome owners of other types of boats. No boat at all? No problem! Non-boat owners are welcome to join as well.

Newly revised membership brochures are being mailed out to support this challenge. If you need additional brochures, please let us know or pick some up at one of our events.

Before we cast off, on behalf of all our members, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our Staff Commodores and friends, Sonja and Tom Wiora. We thank them for their service and leadership these past two years, and wish them nothing but gentle breezes and smooth sailing.

Joe and Carolyn Caruso
Commodores

JANUARY

Happy New Year.

Wow, it's been awhile since the last newsletter. My bad.

A lot has happened since then. Among other things, the Cubs won the World Series. That hasn't happened for awhile. The college and pro football seasons are coming to a close with playoffs starting. Bears are out, Packers are in, so what's new? There was an election. And while Chicago harbors are still safe, the city just set new records for shootings.

Closer to home, we had a successful Rendezvous in Racine last July with over 40 people and 15 boats. During the Rendezvous we had an excellent presentation on winch maintenance from Harken. And the excursion to the SC Johnson, 14,000 sq. ft. Frank Lloyd Wright house at Wingspread was a huge success. Thank you to Carolyn Buckman for suggesting and setting that up.

Photos from the Rendezvous can be seen on the website. And if you have photos you would like to share, please submit them to Susan so that we can post them as well.

At the November meeting, new Commodores Joe and Carolyn Caruso were installed as past Commodores Tom and Sonja Wiora's 2 year term ended and they moved to Staff Commodore.

This issue includes the first Commodore's Corner from our new Commodore who is issuing a membership challenge.

January is also the start of the boat show season with the Boat, RV & Strictly Sail Show in Chicago the 11th- 15th. A schedule for the show and seminars is available at www.chicagoboatshow.com I can always find a couple of good seminars.

Rich Osten



Association News: If you haven't sent in your member renewal, it is not too late. If you have questions on membership, please contact Andy and Liz Yonovich. We have an open spot on the board for a Vice Commodore. A great way to become more involved with the organization and gain experience.

Website –The website has recently been updated. You can find information on membership, a current member application, and calendar on the website along with links to past newsletters. If you have photos from last year's Rendezvous or that you would like to share please send them to Susan.

Rendezvous – Volunteers will be needed to plan and coordinate this year's Rendezvous. If you would like to help or have ideas or suggestions for the Rendezvous or seminars, please contact a board member.

Staff Photographer – If you like to take pictures, the association wants your support in taking photos at association events.

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