



THE HUNTER HAILER

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Commodore's Corner

During June, I have had the privilege of being an instructor for the Racine Yacht Club adult sailing classes. Part of that experience is working with a friend who is a good sailor and is teaching me some things I didn't know. But the real pleasure is working with the students. They are two young married couples who are quite enthusiastic about sailing and are soaking up the basic knowledge and skills we are providing.

Unfortunately, I also see that their new found skills and knowledge may lay dormant since neither couple has a boat to sail or plans to buy one. They are also in a busy time of life, and adding one more activity, regardless of how much fun it is, may be problematic. There are some discussions at RYC to figure out a way to get them

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Upcoming Events

**July 14-16 Summer
Rendezvous**

**South Shore Yacht Club
Milwaukee**

Fall Meeting - TBD

out for more sailing once the lessons are over.

By now your boat should be ship shape and perhaps you've been out sailing several or more times. Is there someone you know who isn't sailing but would enjoy spending a few hours sailing with you? As much as we share our experiences with fellow LMHSA members, can we share just a little more with aspiring sailors? Think about it. Interested? Let me know.

Providing access to more sailing is another way we can add value to LMHSA membership. But we have to have that outreach. Perhaps it is something we can discuss further at the upcoming Rendezvous.

Speaking of membership, please note that the "Commodore's Membership Challenge" is still in effect. Be a member in good standing and bring in one new member by Rendezvous and get free dues in 2018 as well as qualify for a prize to be given out that weekend.

There's about three months of good sailing weather ahead of us so take advantage of it. Here's to a good breeze and safe journeys. See you at the Rendezvous.

Joe and Carolyn Caruso

Summer

Good bye Spring, Hello Summer, Good riddance May. What a difference a couple of weeks can make. After some pleasant days in April, the weather wasn't very cooperative last month. Usually, more boats are in the water earlier than this year. In mid May, it looked like there were still a lot of empty slips. In at least one instance, the start of the racing season was delayed. But now the harbors are looking fuller and more boats are out on the water.

June means long days, warmer weather, sailing and outdoor parties. And it means the LMHSA Annual Rendezvous is coming up. Be sure and make your plans to attend July 14-16 at the South Shore Yacht Club. Check in begins Friday with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Saturday morning there are several presentations scheduled and Saturday evening is the group photo, dinner and a band for entertainment. Sunday morning, members cruising after Rendezvous will be taking off. A separate sign up sheet with more information was sent out earlier.

This year has also apparently been a big sailing/racing period. I don't usually follow America's Cup but this year it seems to be fairly interesting. Earlier in the month the New Zealand boat took a header and flipped over its bow, pretty spectacular crash shown on Sail's newsletter, but they recovered and are now leading in the finals.

This is also the year for the single handed and double handed trans Atlantic race (every 4 years). Sailing westward against the prevailing winds, they got caught in a 60 knot storm with 15 meter seas. One yacht sank, 2 were dismasted and several crews had to be rescued. The most interesting was a highly experienced sailor doing his 19th Atlantic crossing who was rescued by the Queen Mary 2. We did a trans Atlantic cruise on the QM2 a couple of years ago, it would have been very interesting to see them make a rescue at sea.



Association News: The season may have gotten off to a slow start, but the deadline for the Commodore's Challenge to sign up new members before Rendezvous in order to be entered in a special drawing is approaching. Recruit a new paid up member by Rendezvous and get your 2018 dues free and get entered in the drawing. What better way to introduce a new member than to invite them to Rendezvous?

Website – www.lmhsa.org

The calendar on the website has been updated. A password protected copy of the membership list with contact information is available to members on the website. The secret password is **member*#** .

Rendezvous – With Rendezvous next month, we will be looking for photos to post to the website. If you take any photos you'd like to share please send copies to Susan.

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

Message from the Commodore

Would you like to get more involved? LMHSA is currently without a Vice Commodore and it is an important position to fill. The Vice Commodore serves for 2 years and then becomes the Commodore for 2 years. The duties are fairly easy, are not particularly time consuming, and are well supported by current and past officers, committee chairs and other volunteers. They consist mostly of assisting with the planning of our events via phone or email, attending brief meetings which usually occur in conjunction with one of our events. Typically, a couple has filled the role, but individuals are welcome to do so. It's a great way to serve LMHSA. Want to talk about it? Please contact Joe Caruso (M:262-490-1928, E:jcaruso1938@gmail.com)

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