

MAST BREEZE

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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

by: Richard Watson

As warmer weather approaches most MAST members are in full process of removing boat covers and preparing boat bottoms for the upcoming boating season. I know most of us will be visiting our favorite boating store(s) to fetch much need boat supplies. To help reduce cost I have recently enrolled the MAST group with Boat U.S. as part of their Cooperation Group Program. MAST members will receive 50% off of annual membership dues when you renew or join the nation's largest association of recreational boat owners. Just mention our Cooperating Group ID number GA84910S to get the specially reduced rate of \$9.50 (regularly \$19.00) at any Boat U.S. store. Also, you can contact me for an application form that can be sent to your attention or if you have any questions about the program.

Please remember to mark your calendars and attend the following exciting upcoming activities:

- April 24th – MAST Spring Brunch at The Grove. (Time: 11:00am).
- April 30th - Skipper/Crew Search Get Together at SSYC. (Time: 3:00pm to 6:00pm).
- May 18th – Spring Race Rules Meeting at McKinley North Pavilion. (Time: 7:00pm).
- May 27th – MAST first Friday race.

I encourage all skippers to attend the spring race rules meeting because the race committee has made significant changes to the starting sequence. Glyn Livermore our race chairman can answer all questions and concerns at this time. I hope you had a very Happy Easter and look forward seeing you out on the water.

Message from your race Chairman.....

by: Glyn Livermore

Well, spring is here and we are all ready for the 2005 race season. The race committee has been meeting regularly through the winter discussing possible rule changes, as well as communicating with the other racing groups in the Milwaukee bay.

I am pleased to announce our fleet is again of similar size to 2004, but, we are still open for new members and to this end we have created the "**MAST Invitational Race**" on the 3rd June. This race is going to be open to all boats (members and non-members) so, get the word out to anyone who is interested. We will provide experienced crew on request to any new boat that is concerned about the starts or the rules. It will be followed by "**drinks and nibbles**" at the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center dock.

This year saw the release of the US sailing rules of racing 2005-2008, and we have taken this as time to align ourselves closer with those rules. We have decided this is the year to move to the **5 minute start rotation**, as used by the other sailing groups in the bay. In order to assist with this change, we have secured the help of John Couillard, an experienced race officer, who has offered to assist committee boats if needed.

Last year we included a new cup for "**Rookie of the Year**" – won by Jim and Micki on Irie. This year we have added an additional cup for the "**Most Entertaining Committee Boat**". So, let's get out there and enjoy ourselves with safe and competitive racing.

MAST Spring Brunch

Sunday 24 April

The Grove Restaurant

Date: Sunday, April 24, 2005

Time: 11:00 am

M.A.S.T. Spring Brunch

2005 Brunch at:

"The Grove"

Enjoy fresh, flavorful FNE food in a casual elegant atmosphere.

Each brunch begins with mini bagels and assorted spreads, fresh fruit, and pastries. Choose your favorite entrée to be cooked to order.

Coffee and juice are included.

**The Grove Restaurant
890 Elm Grove Road
Elm Grove, WI 53122
(262) 814-1891**

*In the village court 890
Directions on back*

*\$14.50 per person
Includes; tax and tip*

Any questions? Please call:

*Laura Livermore (414) 967-9777
or
Micki Reinardy (414) 332-6717*



Please return this portion with your check to RSVP by April 15.

Name: _____

Number of people attending ____

*Check should be made out to **M.A.S.T.** and sent to:
Laura Livermore
2976N. Cambridge Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53211*

M.A.S.T.



APPLICATION FOR 2005 MEMBERSHIP & FRIDAY NIGHT RACING



Skipper: _____

First Mate: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

Telephone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (B) _____

E-mail _____ PHRF Rating (if known) _____

Boat Name _____ Class/Mfg _____

Model _____ Length _____ Sail No _____

Radio: Yes No

(Optional) Location: McKinley: _____ South Shore: _____

Slip No. _____ Mooring: _____ Dry Sail: _____

Trailer: _____ Other: _____

Yes I would like to join MAST (\$20 /year) _____ After March 1st (\$25/year) _____

Yes I want to join and race (\$50/year) _____

I just want to race (\$45/year) _____

AGREEMENT

In consideration of MAST Yacht Club granting me membership and/or racing privileges I hereby agree to hold MAST, its directors, officers, committeemen, and agents harmless from any and all claims arising from personal injury to myself or injury to property, in anyway resulting from MAST activities. I further agree to act in accordance with the Bylaws of MAST and any rules or regulations duly promulgated with respect to any MAST activity and understand that failure to abide by same may result in suspension of my membership and or racing privileges.

Signature _____ (Required to race) Date _____

Mail to: Fergie Locke, 1908 E. Cumberland Blvd., Whitefish Bay, WI 53211

Spring Sailboat Commissioning Check List...

Copied from Cruising World magazine: April 2000

Electrical Systems

Monitor battery voltage with engine/charger off (12.6 volts). Inspect battery electrode and top up as needed. Clean & tighten battery terminals. Exercise Breakers and main switches. Test lights and clean contacts or replace bulbs as needed.

Lights

Side, Stern, Steaming, Anchor, Strobe, Spreader, Cabin, Compass

Engine at Rest

Check oil level. Check transmission-oil level. Check Coolant level. Adjust belt tension on all belt-driven equipment. Verify integrity of the wire on the shaft setscrew. Tighten all hose clamps. Inspect all hoses for chafe or bulging. Snug up all bolts on engine and accessories. Exercise and open fuel-tank petcocks. Inspect engine and exhaust anodes. Inspect shaft nodes. Clean and lubricate articulating props.

Engine Running

Clean raw-water strainer. Exercise, lubricate, and open the inlet seacock. Monitor oil pressure. Exercise and lubricate throttle controls. Test transmission shifting. Look for oil leaks. Look for raw-water and coolant leaks. Look for fuel leaks around hoses and filters. Ensure that exhaust water flows. Verify temperature after running for 15 minutes. Check alternator output (13.5 volts). Monitor tachometer for regularity. Exercise the shaft-brake release. Monitor the packing-gland drip rate (3 to 5 drops per minute)

Systems

Run heater; monitor performance. Run air conditioner; monitor performance. Run watermaker; replace filters as needed; check for leaks. Run refrigerator; clean radiators; monitor performance. Lubricate and adjust steering. Monitor solar- and wind-power generators.

Sailing and Rigging

Operate all sail furlers. Check integrity of mast boot. Inspect turnbuckles and toggles for hairline cracks and rust. Check all cotter pins and rings. Operate winches; grease as needed. Check all running rigging for chafe. Check all lines for proper whipping. Sails; Inspect seams, corners, battens, and pockets. Check all masthead hardware.

Various

Clean and grease porthole gaskets. Touch up paint bare wood. Ensure docking lines and fenders are onboard. List all onboard tools. List all spare bulbs, fuses, hoses, clamps and tapes. Ensure that documentation/registration, licenses and local charts are on board.

Safety

Check onboard safety gear. Verify expiration dates of safety gear. Verify expiration dates of fire extinguishers. Verify expiration dates on first-aid kit. Inspect seizing wires of anchor shackles. Operate Windlass; monitor performance. Inspect lifelines for integrity. Pressure-test propane appliances. Inspect cockpit drains for blockage.

Electronics

Clean and grease VHF coax. Monitor VHF transmission power. Clean and grease depth-sounder and log/speedometer transducer O-rings. Tighten all instrument connections.

Plumbing

Test electric bilge pump. Clean bilge strainer as needed. Test float switch with water in the bilge. Empty the bilge with the manual bilge pump. Exercise and lubricate head pumps and Y-valves. Run and test freshwater pumps. Exercise and lubricate all seacocks. Flush antifreeze from freshwater hoses and pumps. Remove and clean all anti-siphon valves in engine head.

Crew Search Get Together
By: Helen "Cookie" Mueller PC
South Shore Yacht Club
Milwaukee, WI

Skippers are you looking for crew? Crew, do you want to sail and race on Lake Michigan? If so, then South Shore Yacht Club is the place for you on Saturday, April 30, 2005.

The Milwaukee Bay PHRF Fleet will sponsor the 13th annual "Crew Search Get Together." This event will be held from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM at South Shore Yacht Club in Milwaukee. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

The "Crew Search Get Together" is when skippers who are looking for crew and prospective crew members meet. The purpose of the get together is to help skippers meet and bring new crew members into sailboat racing on Lake Michigan. Information about everyone will be collected, printed and distributed. All ages and levels of ability are welcome to attend.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Helen "Cookie" Mueller at cookiemueller@wi.rr.com or Mike Kuptz at 481-2331.

LET'S GET TOGETHER !
APRIL 30, 2005
3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

South Shore Yacht Club
2300 East Nock Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
414-481-2331

www.ssysc.org
e-mail – info@ssyc.org



WANT ADS: FREE TO MEMBERS

For Sale: Islander 28, "JERLU" Built in 1979. Boat is very good shape; Has Real Teak Floor (Ask Lee Konrath) Harkin Roller Furling, New Main in 2003, very little used, 168 / 150/ 140 Dacron Head sails, 155 Mylar used Head sails, Microwave Oven, VC-TAR bottom, VC-17M bottom paint, Atomic 4, Rebuilt Transmission 2004, Mooring at SSYC off #A Dock, Owned by Jerry Crowley.
Contact : Chuck Cerny for particulars, 414-258-2217 Make Offer:

For Sale: MAST Burgees for sale for \$20. Fly with PRIDE. Call Fergie Locke, at ☎ (414) 961-7195.

COMING MAST EVENTS

Sunday, April 24th – MAST Spring Brunch at The Grove Restaurant at 11 AM

Saturday, April 30th – Crew Search Party at South Shore Yacht Club – everyone is invited to attend.

Wednesday, May 18th Spring Race Meeting McKinley North Pavilion Starts at 7 PM

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