

### *Club Update, Commodore Steve Scherschel*

The days are getting longer and the sun is higher in the sky so there's a promise of a return to those days we all cherish on the water, despite the zero degree wind chill we have as I type this. The trees may not be budding yet but there are signs of spring. Larry Reddin is working on plans for the Spring Banquet and word will be out on that soon. We have the materials on hand and as soon as it warms enough, Steve Christman will be calling a crew together to repair and improve the dock sections so they'll be ready for Dock Day.

On February 13, Larry Reddin and I met a studio class from Ball State's College of Architecture. They came out to the reservoir and will be drawing up a series of site plans for the Club. A group of us will meet with the stu-

dents and review their plans. The objective is to develop a coordinated approach to future club improvements by drawing on the expertise provided by their instructor's guidance. We also have the benefit of fresh perspectives to help us better realize the potential of a wonderful facility. I'm sure some ideas will be very appealing but not really feasible. I think it was Larry who threw out the idea of a water slide from the shelter down into the reservoir. I think it would be fantastic but maybe not the best use of club assets. It does make one think of a giant slip-n-slide for the 4th of July though. Keep that kind of warm and fun thought in mind to get you through and start thinking about getting the boat ready for launch.

Fair winds to all.



### *MSC Samaritans*



This October past, club member Ray Steele sent a card to the Muncie Sailing Club. Though the exact details of the event are rather sketchy, I think the chase, that impatient types are always trying to cut to, is that Mr. Steele and his wife loaded up his Catalina, his sailing season having drawn to a close. Apparently, as Mr. Steele pulled out of the parking lot and began the journey, his trailer and his Jeep parted ways. Whether boat and trailer actually succeeded in their attempt to pass the Jeep, I cannot say. Still, in either case, I believe I'm correct when I say that every man jack of us, when given a choice, would prefer that our boats and

trailers stay behind our vehicles when hauling is going on. In true Muncie Sailing Club Spirit, a number of members rushed to help and managed to save the boat.

Mr. Steele wrote:

*"To the very kind fellow club members who helped save my Catalina when it tried to pass my Jeep on the road in front of the club. My wife and I are very grateful. It was an example of the Sailing Club's great spirit of helping one another. Thanks!"*

- Ray Steele

## Coming Events



"There is no better bilge pump than a scared sailor with a bucket."

- Indianapolis Boat, Sport, & Travel Show, Feb. 20—Mar 1, 2009, State Fair Grounds, Indianapolis, IN
- MSC has winter "socials" on the second Tuesday of the month at the Fickle Peach downtown Muncie. They have beer/wine but no food. The next "social" will be on Tuesday, March 10.
- Northwest Sportshow, March 12-15, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- **Sun, March 15—MSC Membership Due**

- **April 24 - Dock Days !!!!**



## Announcements

- Muncie Sailing Club T-Shirts are available for both 2008 (\$10) and 2007 (\$5). If you are interested, please contact Bill Morgan ( [morgansins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:morgansins@sbcglobal.net) ). License plate covers are also available for \$1. Contact Laura Heupel ( [l.heupel@comcast.net](mailto:l.heupel@comcast.net) ).
- If anyone has a working electric dryer, they'd like to donate to MSC, it would be appreciated.
- Sailor "Social" at the Fickle Peach, Tuesday, February 10, 2009. The Fickle Peach is located on Walnut Street in downtown Muncie.

## Telltale Update - Tales Wanted; Tall and Short

If you have a chance, send in a note telling MSC members about the first time you sailed.

- **What was the first boat?**
- **When was it?**
- **Where was it?**
- **Who were you with?**
- **Did it go well?**
- **Any mishaps?**

As a teller of the tale, you have the right, even the duty, to embellish the tale as you see fit. Send it to:

[telltale@netdirect.net](mailto:telltale@netdirect.net)

**The Telltale needs input.**

- If you have a boat, trailer, or motor for sale or want to buy one, please email the information and I'll pop it in the newsletter.
- If you have a hint or tip for fellow sailors, please send it in.
- If you have an adventure or misadventure, please send it in.

If you buy a new boat or go sailing someplace new, fellow club members would be interested.

Please send newsletter information and contributions to:

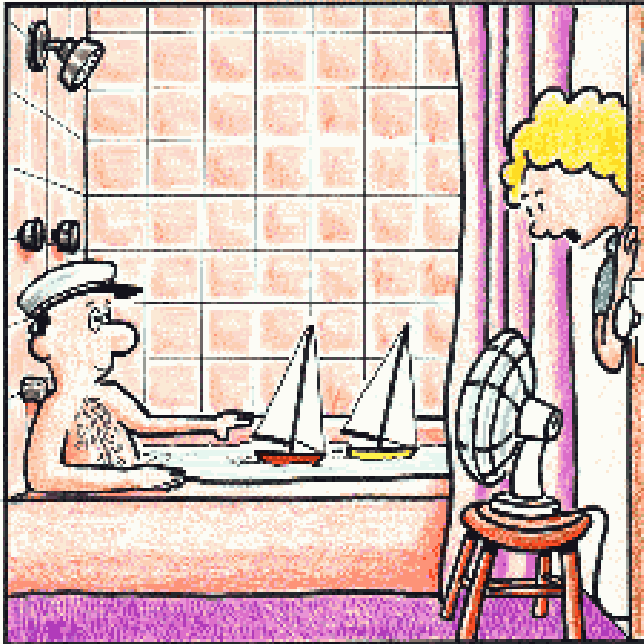
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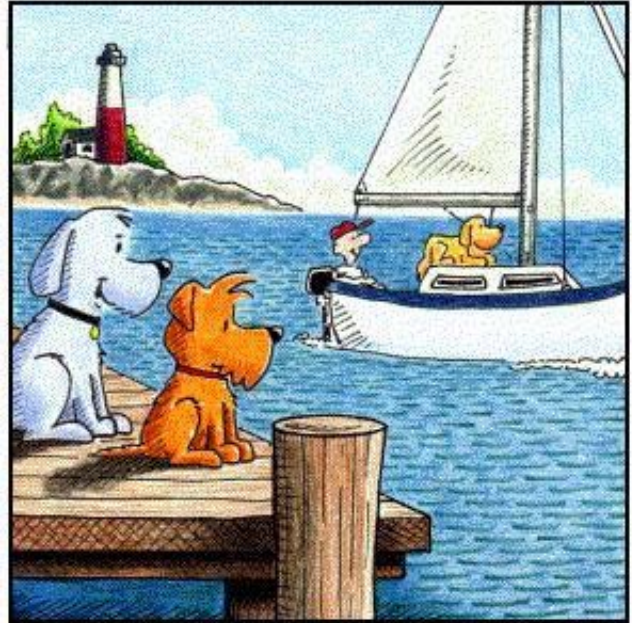
*February 2009 Board Meeting - Minutes Not Available*

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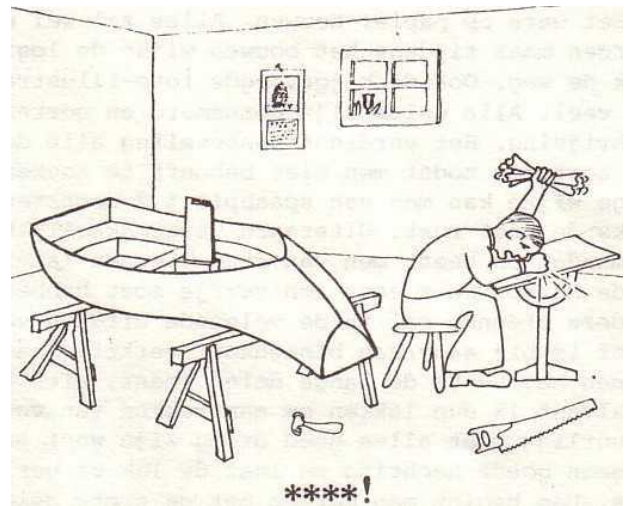
by Michael Mazone



**You can come out now... it's Spring!**



**HE SAYS IT'S LIKE HANGING YOUR HEAD OUT THE CAR WINDOW BUT MUCH BETTER!**



## *The 2009 Calendar of Events*

### **March**

MSC Board Meeting  
Thu, 3/5, 7pm – 8pm

MSC Fickle Peach - Raft Up  
Tue, 3/10, 7pm – 9pm

MSC Dues Deadline  
Sun, 3/15

### **April**

MSC Board Meeting  
Thu, 4/2, 7pm – 8pm

MSC Spring Banquet  
Wed, 4/22

Spring Dock Days  
Fri, 4/24, 12pm – 5pm

Spring Dock Days  
Sat, 4/25, 8am – 5pm

### **May**

MSC Board Meeting  
Thu, 5/7, 7pm – 8pm

Potters' Weekend  
Fri-Sun, 5/15-5/17

Memorial Day Breakfast  
Mon, 5/25, 9am – 11am

Memorial Day Regatta  
Mon, 5/25, 2pm – 5pm

### **June**

MSC Board Meeting  
Thu, 6/4, 7pm – 8pm

Full Moon Sail - Strawberry Moon  
Sun, 6/7

Women Only Regatta  
Sat, 6/13

Club Series Race #1  
Sun, 6/14, 2pm – 4pm

Summer Sailstice Activities  
Sat & Sun, Jun 20 – 21

Sailing in Concert  
Sat, 6/20, 2pm – 4pm

Venetian Night  
Sat, 6/20, 7pm - Midnight

Commodore's Cup Regatta  
Sun, 6/21, 2pm – 4pm

Midsummer Day  
Wed, 6/24

Club Series Race #2  
Sun, 6/28, 2pm – 4pm

### **July**

MSC Board Meeting  
Thu, 7/2, 7pm – 8pm

Sailing in Concert  
Sat, 7/4, 2pm – 3pm

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs  
Sat, 7/4, 5pm – 7pm

Class Warfare Race - Multi-class  
regatta open to all classes  
Sun, 7/5, 2pm – 4pm

Full Moon Sail - Buck Moon  
Tue, 7/7

Muncie Endurathon  
Sat, 7/11, 6:00am – 3:30pm

Club Series Race #3  
Sun, 7/12, 2pm – 4pm

Club Series Race #4  
Sun, 7/26, 2pm – 4pm

### **August**

MSC Raft Up  
Sat, 8/1, 7pm-Midnight

Full Moon Sail - Sturgeon Moon  
Wed, 8/5

MSC Board Meeting  
Thu, 8/6, 7pm – 8pm

Club Series Race #5  
Sun, 8/9, 2pm – 4pm

Club Series Race #6  
Sun, 8/23, 2pm – 4pm

### **September**

MSC Board Meeting  
Thu, 9/3, 7pm – 8pm

Full Moon Sail - Corn Moon  
Fri, 9/4

Harbor Dance  
Sat, 9/5, 7pm - Midnight

Club Series Race #7  
Sun, 9/6, 2pm – 4pm

Load the Lake  
Mon, 9/7, 2pm – 4pm

Labor Day Pitch In  
Mon, 9/7, 5pm – 7pm

Club Series Makeup  
Sun, 9/20, 2pm – 4pm

### **October**

Full Moon Sail - Harvest Moon  
Sun, 10/4

Oktoberfest  
Sun, 10/4, 5pm – 7pm

Potters' Weekend  
Fri - Sun, 10/16 - 10/17

Annual Meeting / Rib Roast  
Sun, 10/18, 5pm – 8pm

Fall Dock Days  
Fri & Sat, 10/23 - 10/24

## For Sale

### 1984 Com-Pac 19/1 -

1984 Hutchins trailer with spare-tire, shoal keel, Port-a-pottie, sea-swing-type stove, mainsail, 110% working jib, 150% Genoa, foiled-rudder, foam-block flotation, boom-vang, tactical compass, transom-mounted swim ladder, mainsail cover, jib cover, large cooler, danforth anchor with rope-chain rode, anchor bracket, lifting out-board-bracket. Very well-built, sails great. Very stiff in a heavy breeze. Asking \$4300 without 2006 Tohatsu 3.5 hp Four-stroke long-shaft outboard motor, or \$4800 with it.

Call Max at (765)599-2640 or (765)623-0983.  
max47362@comcast.net

### 1982 Catalina 22

This popular open cockpit design with end boom sheeting features swing keel, roller furling 150 Genoa and main manufactured by U.S. Sail. The boat is white with dark blue striping with pop top, sleeps four and includes winterized 4 HP Yamaha 2cycl engine, pull out galley, flotation cushions, swim ladder, working lights and switches, porta-potty, blue covers for main sail, Genoa, engine and tiller cover, anchor with 75ft of line, whisker pole, stand-off pole, extra lines and hardware, cleaning supplies, four life jackets, fit for two batteries. Boat has fresh bottom paint, waxed and buffed hull and topside, and refinished teak. Trailer has new tires, wheel bearings were repacked this fall. Start your spring ready to sail, priced at \$4,500. Contact: Richard Douglass Phone 765-744-1320. Email:munciedst@aol.com.

## Cabin Fever, Mark Terry

**An Inaccurate Assessment:** Two weeks back, I went to the Strictly Sail Boat Show in Chicago for the first time. I toured a few of the new boats, went to some workshops, and bought a few books. I went aboard one of the large Hunter Sailboats and, for whatever reason, one of the salesmen must have mistaken me for “a player.” It was my own fault really because I was sporting a new pair of jeans and I had on new hiking boots. In retrospect, I can see how that combination was bound to make any salesman swoon in these economic times. Nonetheless, I got the works... the proverbial grand tour and sales speech. Then, he leaned in to show me the “boat show special” price. Serendipity... I think that’s the term... for when one realizes that he has made a particularly good decision. At the moment I got the “special” price, I experienced serendipity realizing the wisdom of my decision to abandon my refreshing Diet-Pepsi before I boarded the boat. Otherwise, the moment I got the “special” price would have coincided with the moment that some portion of that Diet Pepsi would have shot out of my nose. Though a cola incident was happily averted, something else must spurred the salesman to reclassify me as a “non-player” because he rather looked like a man about to hand your humble Telltale editor a one way ticket to the nearest leper colony. Come to think of it, I’m not particularly certain that I have the slightest clue what “serendipity” means at all.

**A Moment of Clarity:** I wandered out to the Sailing Club last weekend or maybe it was the week before with

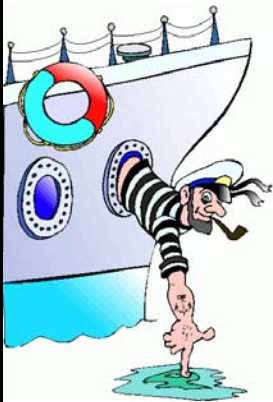
Maggie, my golden retriever who is the only sailing companion who has never uttered verbal complaint about my sailing abilities. Standing in the parking lot in ankle deep snow, I stared disconsolately at the frozen lake. When I turned to look at the dry dock area, I had what, at the risk of immodesty, seemed to be an idea warranting immediate classification as belonging to the brilliant type. “*Hey! We should put the docks in now... while the lake is still frozen!*” It all seemed so clear... no more lost tools... no need for the floating u-shaped dock things. All we’d need to do is to cut some holes in the ice and screw in those poles. We could be done in no time! “*Why haven’t they thought of this before?*” I could rather imagine the astonishment and admiration of Harbormaster Christman when he heard the idea. “*You know Mark, this all makes perfect sense. I wish I’d thought of it.*” However, while I stood there working out the details, a blasted duck quacked, Maggie barked, and then bolted in hot pursuit of the aforementioned duck. I followed suit and it was off to the races.

**Warning Labels:** Regrettably... I’m rather out of space here, but your humble Telltale editor had a couple of unpleasant run-ins with a can of polyurethane, a battery charger, and some bath towels. Hopefully, there will be a bit of room in the March Telltale, because, I assure you, though the tale may be chilling, there is much to be learned.



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### *MSC Telltale Back Cover... chock full of useless information*



- **Ahoy!** - Old traditional greeting for hailing other vessels was originally a Viking battle cry.
- **Earrings** - Scottish law once required fishermen to wear a gold earring, which was used to pay for funeral expenses if they were drowned and washed ashore.
- **Let the Cat out of the Bag** - Today this expression usually means that you have said something to someone that you should have kept to yourself. In the days when sails ruled the oceans such an expression brought fear to even the strongest sailor. The sailor would have been guilty of a crime that would have brought out the whip, or "cat-o'-nine-tails," from its bag, and a brutal whipping would be administered.

### **Keel Haul !**

This term was made famous by pirates. This is the act of throwing a man overboard, tied to a rope that goes beneath the ship, and then dragging him from one side to the other and hauling him out. Besides the torment of being dragged under water, this would drag the victim across the barnacle studded ship's hull and cause great pain and injury. This was a serious punishment and not administered lightly.