



THE TELLTALE—MARCH 2009

2009 Spring Banquet - Wednesday, April 22, 2009

At long last, Spring is here and the MSC Spring Banquet is approaching! Please come and join your fellow MSC members for the opening social event of 2009.

The banquet will be held at the AMVETS in Royerton (North edge of Muncie on HWY 3).

Dinner will be catered by Pete's Duck Inn, an establishment known to the far corners of the earth for unrivaled culinary delights certain to make even the pickiest of diners declare not one, but two "yums". You will have your choice of Roasted Beef, BBQ Pork, or Fried Chicken with delectable side dishes. The meal will be completed with Cherry Delight Cheesecake. Included with your meal, will be water and iced tea made from tea leaves grown in exotic and far away places. A cash bar will be available for those wishing a libation of fine spirits.

The cost for this delightful repast is a mere \$17 per person if you send in your reservation by April 17. The price at the door will be \$19. In order to help with event planning, Vice-Commodore Larry Reddin respectfully requests that you send in your reservations by April 17.

The Spring Banquet is a great way to celebrate the end of a long cold winter and kickoff a great sailing season. If you are a new member or have never attended, please join us for this opportunity to discuss the endless merits of sailing with fellow sailors over good food.

MSC Spring Banquet - April 22, 2009

Social 6:30 PM & Dinner 7:00 PM

AMVETS Lodge

7621 N State Road 3 Muncie IN, 47303

You will find a registration form enclosed within this issue of The Telltale.



Dock Days 2009, Harbormaster Steve Christman

Mark your calendar for April 24th and 25th. These are the dates for Spring Dock Days.

Start time on Friday, April 24th is noon. Start time on Saturday, April 25th is 8:00 am sharp. Donuts, coffee and juice will be available by 7:30 am on Saturday. As always, a great lunch will be served on Saturday. Feel free to bring a salad or dessert to pass around for Saturday lunch.

Don't forget to bring your work gloves and 9/16th wrenches. If you plan to work on the

grounds, please bring a rake. Although it can be a lot of hard work; a great time is generally had by all.

For newer members, this is a great opportunity to work alongside veteran sailors ready to pass on decades worth of experience to open ears.

Remember, we can use all the help we can get; so PLEASE consider helping out on Dock Days. Remember, everyone has a boat; so don't leave it up to a neighbor to do your share of the work.

Coming Events



"No amount of skill, no equipment, and no boat will keep you from disaster if you don't develop the most important seagoing skill of all, a complete fear of falling overboard."

- 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, April 14.
- April 22 - MSC Spring Banquet
- **April 24 & 25 - Dock Days !!!!**

"On deck, you scabrous dogs! Man the braces! Let down and haul to run free. Now...bring me that horizon. Drink up me hearties, Yo Ho!"

- Jack Sparrow



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). License plate covers are also available for \$1. Contact Laura Heupel (l.heupel@comcast.net).
- If anyone has a working electric dryer, they'd like to donate to MSC, it would be appreciated.

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

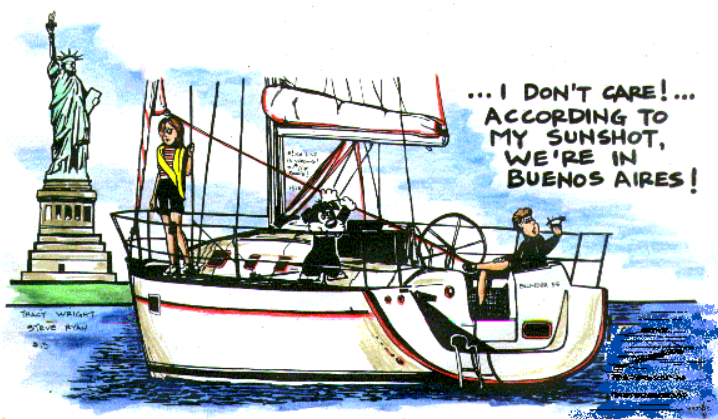
The Telltale needs input.

- 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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Handy Nautical Terms

Anchor: Any of a number of heavy, hook-shaped devices that is dropped over the side of the boat on the end of a length of rope and/or chain, and which is designed to hold a vessel securely in place until (a) the wind exceeds two knots, (b) the owner and crew depart, or (c) 3:00 AM.

Bar: Long, low-lying navigational hazard, usually awash, found at river mouths and harbor entrances, where it is composed of sand or mud, and ashore, where it is made of mahogany or some other dark wood. Sailors can be found in large numbers around both.

Berth: Any horizontal surface whose total area does not exceed one half of the surface area of an average man at rest, onto which at least one liter of some liquid seeps during any 12-hour period and above which there are not less than 10 pounds of improperly secured objects.

Boom: Laterally-mounted pole to which a sail is fastened. Often used during jibing to shift crewmembers to a fixed, horizontal position. Called boom for the sound that's made when it hits crew in the head on its way across the boat.

Calm: Sea condition characterized by the simultaneous disappearance of the wind and the last cold beverage.

Course: The direction in which a skipper wishes to steer his boat and from which the wind is blowing. Also, the language that results by not being able to do this.

Crew: Heavy, stationary objects used on shipboard to dampen sudden movements of the boom.

Cruising: Waterborne pleasure journey embarked on by one or more people. A cruise may be considered successful if the same number of individuals who set out on it arrive, in roughly the same condition they set out in, at some piece of habitable dry land, with or without the boat.

Current: Tidal flow that carries a boat away from its desired destination, or toward a hazard.

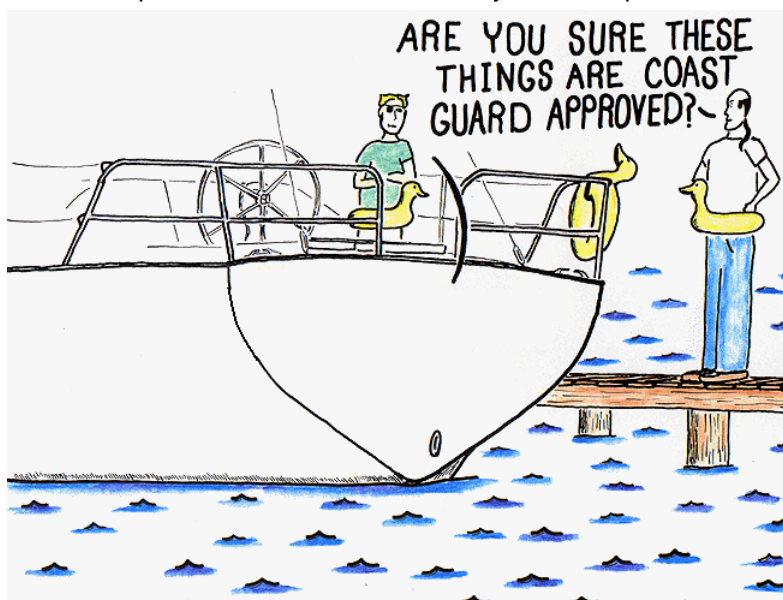
Etiquette: Marine custom establishes a code of social behavior and nautical courtesy for every conceivable occasion. Thus, for example, a boat belonging to another boatman is always referred to as a "scow", a "tub", or a "pig-boat". When one skipper goes aboard another's boat, he does not hesitate to tell him frankly about any drawbacks or disadvantages he finds in comparison to his own craft. Sailors welcome every opportunity to improve their vessels, and so he knows that his remarks will be greatly appreciated. When one sailboat passes another, it is customary for the captain of the passing boat to make a raspberry sound with his lips and tongue, and for the captain of the passed boat to return the courtesy by offering a specialized salute consisting, in part, of a quick upward movement of the right hand.

Figurehead: Decorative dummy found on sailboats. See Captain.

Privileged Vessel: The vessel which, in a collision, was "in the right".

Flashlight: A tubular metal container used on shipboard for storing dead batteries prior to their disposal.

Fluke: The portion of an anchor that digs securely into the bottom, holding the boat in place. Also, any occasion when this occurs on the first try.





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



- **Landlubber** - A term given to one fond of land as opposed to sea. The terms doesn't derive from "land lover" but rather from the root of "lubber" which means clumsy or uncoordinated. Thus, a landlubber is one who is awkward at sea for familiarity with the land. Of course, this terms was used to insult the abilities of one at sea.
- **Salt** - If extracted, the sea contains enough salt to cover all the continents of the world with a layer of salt 500 feet thick.
- **The Bitter End** - The end of an anchor cable is fastened to the bits at the ship's bow. If all of the anchor cable has been payed out you have come to the bitter end.
- **Pooped** - The poop is the stern section of a ship. To be pooped is to be swamped by a high, following sea.

Three Sheets to the Wind -

A sheet is a rope line which controls the tension on the downwind side of a square sail. If, on a three masted fully rigged ship, the sheets of the three lower course sails are loose, the sails will flap and flutter and are said to be "in the wind". A ship in this condition would stagger and wander aimlessly downwind.

The 2009 Calendar of Events

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

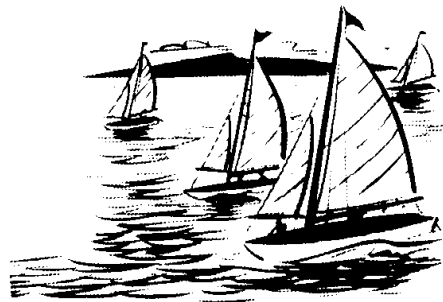
Full Moon Sail - Harvest Moon
Sun, 10/4

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.

MSC Membership Disclaimers

Warning! Muncie Sailing Club membership has been know to cause the following side effects:

- Member lawns may become shaggy due to delayed mowing.
- Member gardens and flower beds may be overcome with weeds due to neglect.
- Membership may cause skin to take on a copper color.

Advice for new sailors or new members:

Before setting out for your first sail, visit the dry dock. Choose a pier and walk to the end. Take along your cell phone, glasses, watch, wallet, purse, or something else of value. Take the item in your hand and throw out into the lake. This is going to happen anyway so you may as well get it over with. The sea demands sacrifice!

