

## *Club Update, Commodore Steve Scherschel*



**Thanks** to the diligent leadership provided by our Harbormaster, Steve Christman, and the hard work of a third or more of the members, the devil winds were conquered and the docks are in!

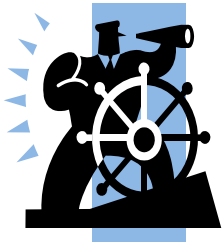
All who contributed, and particularly Steve, deserve a lot of credit for a job well done. And despite many early predictions, no one went swimming! It will certainly be comforting to see the docks filling in over the next few weeks. After the work was done, Margie Morgan's culinary efforts provided a welcome reward for everyone who pitched in. Thanks to her and those who assisted her as well.

The Muncie-Delaware County Planning Commission is meeting at 6:30 PM on Thursday, May 7, 2009 in the Heartland Building at the

Delaware County Fairgrounds. This meeting will permit public input on the matter of zoning changes for the Prairie Creek area. Since this is seen as a matter critical to the future of the Club, the regular Club board meeting is being postponed a week so that board members can attend the Commission meeting. A high level of attendance will clearly send the message that development of the reservoir area is not what is wanted by the people the Commission members and the County Commissioners are supposed to be representing. If you share the concern for the future of the reservoir, I encourage you to attend the meeting.

Either way, I look forward to seeing you on the water.

## *Harbor Update, Harbormaster Steve Christman*



**Spring is in the air and the docks are in the water!**

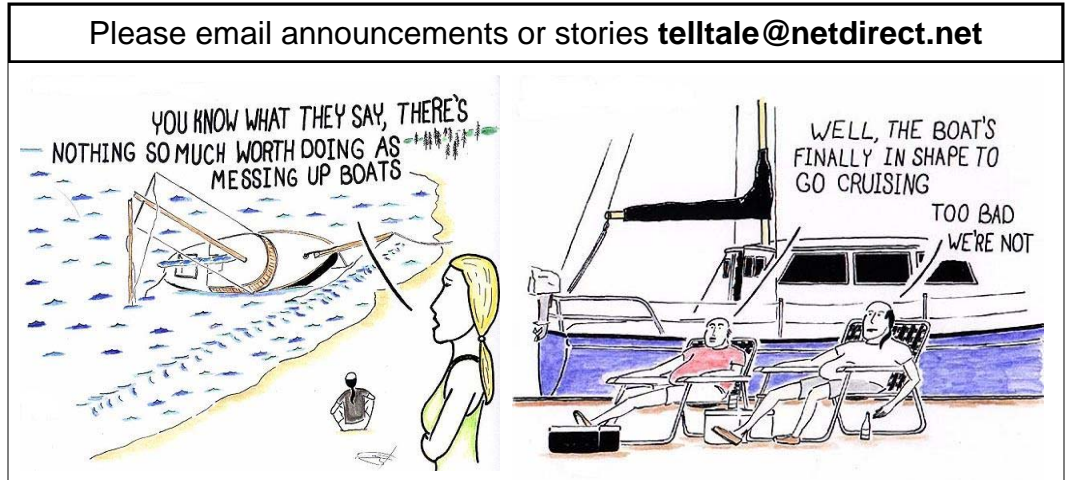
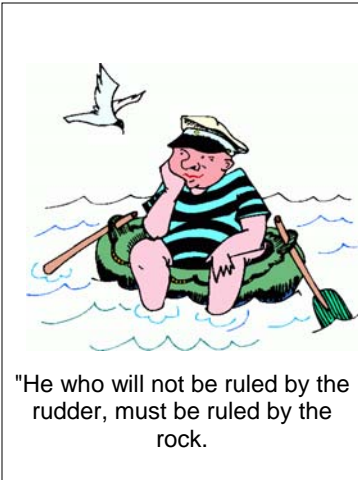
By 2 pm Saturday, the Dock House door closed on another successful spring event.

It is always amazing to watch the symphony unfold as dedicated sailors transform a barren bay into the beautiful harbor we all enjoy each season. I am pleased to report that no one got

wet this year, but those unable to attend still missed out on two sun filled days chocked full of good fun, great food, and fantastic entertainment.... thank you to Donnie McDaniel, for proving it is possible to chat on the phone while sinking a stern pole; and to Frank Thomas for proving our barges cannot be sunk by steel javelins.... your special efforts did not go unnoticed.

A heartfelt thank you to all who attended and worked so hard to make this spring dock days a success; our summers would be lost without your efforts.

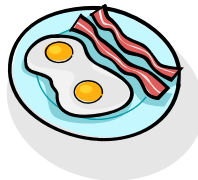
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## Announcements

### Memorial Day Breakfast

**Monday, May 25**  
**9:30 am - 11:00 AM**



Please join your fellow MSC members for breakfast at the Muncie Sailing Club this Memorial Day.

Doc & Peggy Taylor are your reservation-taking, grocery-buying, organizing, cooks, and clean-up for this event.

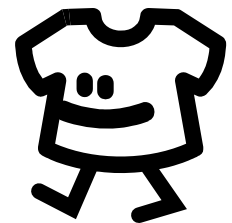
Though there is probably nothing that Peggy and Doc like better than shopping and cooking breakfast for 100 people, they could **really** use some volunteers to help make the Memorial Day Breakfast a success. One couple just can't do it alone. By volunteering, you will get a chance to meet new people and you will enjoy working with Peggy & Doc. Volunteers will not be flown to France with The Taylors to pickup truffles for gourmet omelets.



Please understand that you must make a reservation for this social event. Please RSVP by May 19. You can call The Taylors at 765-287-1320 or email your RSVP to [telltale@netdirect.net](mailto:telltale@netdirect.net).

### MSC T-Shirt Design Contest

The season is about to get underway and it's time to get the 2009 MSC T-Shirts designed and ordered.



So get creative and see what you can come up with. If you have kids, encourage them to submit designs too.

Please submit your T-Shirt designs to Laura Heupel at:

[l.heupel@comcast.net](mailto:l.heupel@comcast.net)

T-Shirt designs are due by May 17.

### Summer Sailstice 2009

For information on Summer Sailstice, this is the website to use.

<http://www.summersailstice.com>

By signing up online, you are registering for any number of prizes. Check the website for details.

## Odds & Ends, Mark Terry



Your humble Telltale editor participated in dock days last weekend. It was the first time I helped put in the docks and it was a lot of hard work, but I had a great time. Working along side all of those experienced

sailors was a great learning opportunity. Among the many valuable lessons of those two days:

- I learned that, as a preventive measure, one should attach the grappling hook to objects being tossed to the barge.
- I learned that former Commodore (Bill Morgan) has a convertible.
- I learned that one should not park one's

convertible within the proximity of the leaf blower brigade unless one wants that convertible to become a leaf collection repository.

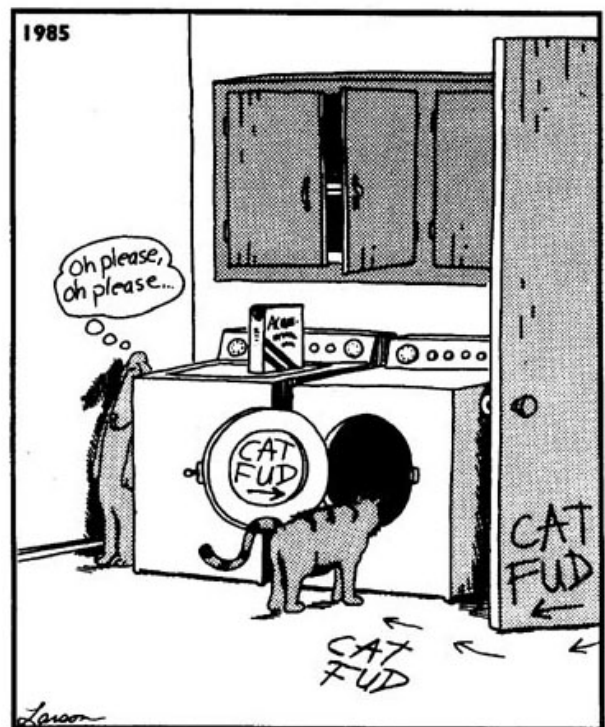
- I learned that a leaf blower is an excellent tool for cleaning leaves out of a convertible.
- I learned a lot of new ways to use colorful language. Though many of the terms were old standards, they were strung together in new and interesting ways.
- I learned that when one is assigned rope duties, one is not supposed to tie it off and go wondering around unless one wants to incur the colorful language of those drifting around on the barge to which the aforementioned rope was tied.

"You want to be happy? Then find the wind, find where it's coming from and where it's going. For it is only when your boat has a bellyful of wind in her sails and her hull is ripping through the sea, and the salt spray is stinging your face, that you will know you're alive. You will know who you are and where you're going. You will know your dream."

### Special Thanks To:

- Steve & Jen Christman for donating a dryer to the club.
- Stuart Wright & Larry Redden for getting the utility room spruced up.
- Stuart Wright and one of his daughters for painting the room. It must be noted that though both Stewart and his daughter were both in possession of rollers, only his daughter was observed in the actual act of painting. There were, regrettably, no witnesses to Stewart's application of actual paint.
- Mark Hoyt who is going to run a 220 volt line down for the dryer.

Their combined efforts will make for greater comfort for all.



## The 2009 Calendar of Events

### 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  
Sun, 7/5, 2pm – 4pm
- Full Moon Sail - Buck Moon  
Tue, 7/7
- Muncie Endurathon  
Sat, 7/11
- 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

### Sunfish & Trailer For Sale

In the early '70's I bought a Sunfish from MSC member Tom Grimes and joined the MSC. Back problems forced me to hang the boat in my garage for many years. Last year, I rejoined the MSC, but never got the boat into the water. So I've decided to sell the Sunfish and the trailer. The boat has a white hull and a sea blue deck, with a blue and yellow striped sail. The trailer has a red frame, 16" wheels, lights and a 4' x 8' blue deck of 3/4" plywood with carpet covered boat supports shaped to conform to the hull. The hull is on the order of 40 years old and has acquired a number

of scratches. The dagger board/keel is wood and has some dents.

As far as I know the boat is sound but won't earn any beauty prizes. The trailer is in great shape and can be used as a 4 x 8 flat-bed trailer. It can be easily modified by adding upright side panels. It is a unique design in that it can be folded in half and stored in an upright position and moved about on small wheels. I am asking \$400 for the boat and \$400 for the trailer.

Harlan H. Roepke, 765-284-7929  
hroepke1@comcast.net

## *Club Racing Update, MSC Racing Director Jeff McCallister*

Hello fellow Muncie Sailing Club members. For those of you who I have not had the chance to meet yet, my name is Jeff McCallister and I am now serving as the club race director.

I would like to explain some additions and changes that have been made to the club racing program. After spending several months speaking to members about concerns such as scoring, safety on the race course, finding it difficult to sailing a one's boat to its PHRF ( Performance Handicap Racing Fleet), along with the number of rules to remember, my goal is to make adjustments accordingly.

This season, I am introducing two fleets for our club racing program. There will be the A Fleet for seasoned racers, who will be competing for points and awards that will be distributed at the end of the racing season. The B Fleet will be for new or less experienced sailing competitors. While competitors in this fleet will not be racing for points or awards, participants will receive ribbons along with knowledge that can be used off the race course. After each race has come to an end, I plan to host a cookout for everyone involved. I extend this invitation not only to participants, but onlookers as well.

As of this year, US Sailing has updated the racing rules of sailing in a newly published book, which would require every racer in our fleet to read and understand the numerous changes. To combat confusion and protests, I have chosen to have everyone race under a more simplified set of rules similar to the "Harken 8" that was introduced in the mid-1990s. The Harken 8 rules were was an easy to memorize set of rules, which will allow everyone interested in getting out on the race course to compete at, or near, the same level, no matter how experienced they may be.

There will only be one new rule update, which was not included in the Harken 8 and that would be the distance between boats at marks. In order to avoid costly boat collisions, there will be a 75 foot radius (3 boat length) kept around the mark. (These updated rules will be published online and available for everyone to view or print to keep with them on their boat.)

In order to provide everyone with a competitive yet fun environment, I will be emphasizing the following points this racing season:

1. Starboard right of way
2. Same tack Leeward or clear ahead boat have right of way,
3. Changing tacks: boats tacking or jibing keep clear .
4. Right-of-way boat changing course or when gaining right of way must at first give others room to keep clear.
5. Giving room - room is room.
6. Proper course - a boat must sail a proper course line .
7. Avoiding contact.
8. Windward boat shall keep clear of leeward boat on same tack.

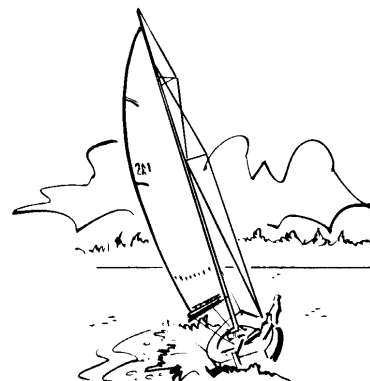
If there are further questions, please feel free to contact me by phone or by email

( [jeffreymccallister@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreymccallister@gmail.com) )

I look forward to seeing all of you this summer.

Happy sailing!

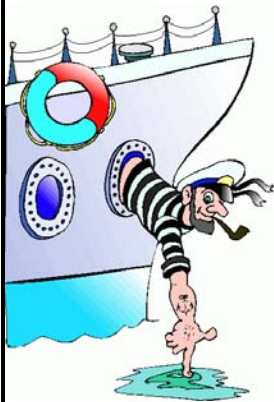
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**Cup of Joe**

Navy lore: Josephus Daniels (18 May 1862-15 January 1948) was appointed Secretary of the Navy by President Woodrow Wilson in 1913. Among his reforms of the Navy were inaugurating the practice of making 100 Sailors from the Fleet eligible for entrance into the Naval Academy, the introduction of women into the service, and the abolishment of the officers' wine mess. From that time on, the strongest drink aboard Navy ships could only be coffee and over the years, a cup of coffee became known as "a cup of Joe".

**Clean Slate**

Prior to GPS and onboard computers, courses and distances were recorded on a slate. At the end of each watch these were transcribed into the ship's log and the slate wiped clean for the next watch. Has come to mean starting anew.

**P's & Q's:** "Mind your P's and Q's" is a phrase generally meaning to "be on your best behavior." Sailors could always get credit at the waterfront taverns until they got their advance pay for their next voyage. The tavern keepers would have a score board where they would place a mark for each pint ("P's") and quart ("Q's") that the sailor ordered. It was up to the tavern keeper to be careful that no pints or quarts had been left off the customer's list. And it was up to the sailor to insure that no extra marks were made by the tavern keeper.