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Mac Bay Get-Away XI

Mark June 23-25th on your calendar now. The annual gathering of Catalina owners will occur for the eleventh time that weekend. If you have attended before, you know how much fun it is. If you have never attended...you're missing a great time with other owners of Catalina sailboats. This year's theme is "It's 5 o'clock Somewhere." So it will be time to relax and have a good time, any time. A tentative schedule for the weekend is found on page 3 of this newsletter. A registration form is found on page 2. Hope to see lots of you there.

Port Sheldon Update

Dave Visser - Port Sheldon - Captain of the Port

During the past few years there has been concern by sailors about the shallow water depth of the Port Sheldon channel. Consumers Energy, who owns and maintains the channel, has just completed (week of May 10) dredging the entire length of the channel to a depth of 12 feet. For boaters, it gives a place to escape to as a harbor of refuge or just a great stop-over for a night or a weekend.

Consumers Energy dredged the channel in preparation for a major project of adding scrubbers to both smoke stacks. This project will eliminate more emissions into the atmosphere. Many of the large parts for these scrubbers will be transported on barges from Milwaukee starting AFTER Labor Day.

While coming into the channel and approaching the narrow section three sets of pilings have been driven in just lake ward from the narrow section. This is to guide these barges into the narrow section when they come in, if necessary.

If you have any questions please get in touch with me at vphoenix@atelco.net Remember that after a couple of weeks after the rendezvous we will have the "Sunflower" anchor out August 14 & 15. Since we have good water depth in the channel we would like to see you come out.

Sunflower Raft-Up

LMCA is joining forces with the Grand River Sailing Club of Grand Haven to organize a Sunflower Raft-Up the weekend of August 14 & 15. Pigeon Lake, at Port Sheldon will be the site of what could be one of the largest Sunflowers to be constructed in the Great Lakes. With combined participation of both organizations, we are hoping for up to 40 boats to be in the circle.

The fun will include a band playing live on the fly bridge of a trawler for a couple of hours in the afternoon. A photographic flyover is scheduled for late afternoon and photos will be available for purchase at very reasonable prices. To offset some of the basic expenses, LMCA members will be asked to pay a \$10 registration fee, on site, the weekend of the event.

To aid in planning, it would be helpful if you would complete the pre-registration form below. Mailing it in does not commit you to attending, it merely gives the organizers a heads-up on the potential participation. Hope to see many of you there.



Pre-registration...Sunflower

I anticipate joining everyone at Port Sheldon on May 14th & 15th.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Number attending: _____

Mail to: **Rod Schmidt**
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Grand Haven, MI 49417

Or
E-mail: rschmidt@i2k.com

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Register for *Mac Bay Get-Away*

All-Catalina Rendezvous - July 23-25, 2004



Name: _____
 First Mate: _____
 Street: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ e-mail: _____
 Boat Name: _____ LOA: _____
 Home Port/Marina: _____

Persons Attending:	Adult	Child / Age	Shirt Size (adult S,M,L,XL,XXL)

- I am planning to bring my favorite hors d'oeuvre to share at Friday evening's Potluck.
- I am planning to participate in the Fulbright Cup.
- I am planning to participate in the Tour de Boats de Vino Saturday afternoon.

Registration Fee: Adults \$80, Children 12 and under \$45.

Early Bird Special, if postmarked by June 28th.:

Adults \$60, Children 12 and under \$35.

Each registration fee includes Saturday breakfast, lunch & dinner, Sunday breakfast and Buffet plus an official Rendezvous t-shirt.

Make checks payable to *Lake Michigan Catalina Association* and mail to:

**Summer Rendezvous
c/o Bill Krater
11252 Avocet Court
Holland, MI 49424**

**If you have questions; Call Nancy Andreano (616) 868-7617
e-mail: nan0716@juno.com**

Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday, July 23rd

5:00pm - 7:00pm	Registration for Rendezvous
6:00pm	Dockbox & Bilge Sale
7:00pm	Hors d'oeuvre Potluck & Socializing
8:00pm	On land Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, July 24th

8:00am - 9:00am	Registration for Mac Bay
8:00am - 10:00am	Breakfast Buffet
9:30am	Skippers' Meeting for Fulbright Cup
10:00am	Harbor Gun
11:00am	Fulbright Cup
1:00pm	Hot Dog Cook Out Lunch
2:30pm - 3:30pm	MOB Seminar in front of MBYC Clubhouse
4:00pm	Tour de Boats de Vino
7:00pm	Dinner & Socialize
8:00pm - 11:00pm	Entertainment (The Swinging Stem Cells)

Sunday, July 25th

8:00am	Continental Breakfast
10:00am	Skippers' Meeting for Pickle Factory Race
10:30am	Harbor Gun
11:00am	Pickle Factory Race
1:00pm	Buffet Luncheon & Awards



Spring Thing Report

Man Overboard Demo



The Saturday afternoon seminar at this year's Rendezvous will be a Man Overboard Demonstration. We have all read about and hopefully done MOB drills...throw the cushion over the side and go back a retrieve it.

However, retrieving the other half of a double-handed crew just might not be so straight forward. Throw in the variable of high seas, and it becomes even more difficult. How do you do it? Hopefully you will leave the seminar with the answer to that question. This is a topic that should be of utmost interest to every skipper, especially those who sail with just one other crew member aboard.

This years LMCA Spring Thing get together was held Saturday, April 24 at the Pigeon Lake Lodge. Twenty four members came to the event. Topics of conversation centered on members' boats, the best boats for a couple, the past winter's activities, getting primed for Spring activities on

each of their boats and preparing for the up and coming season. All this while having a cocktail or two and munching on some hors d'oeuvres.

Following a great meal, LMCA member Bill Wertz gave a talk on cruising the North Channel. Bill not only talked about many of the great places at which to stop in the North Channel but also talked about boat preparation, crew preparation, US and Canadian Custom requirements and many other things. Bill's talk was very informative. Thanks Bill, and wife Maria. A great time was had by all.



Bill Wertz, 3rd from left, was the featured speaker at Spring Thing 2004. Bill & Barb Krater, left, Mary & Dave Visser, right, enjoy conversation with Bill and his wife Maria.

Reach Out...and Touch

Someone! Beginning with the June issue, you (or someone you know) will be able to place business card-sized advertisements in *the Inland C's*. Whether you have a marine related business or just a business that sailors might patronize, you can reach out and touch the entire LMCA membership for the modest fee of \$30.00 per year.

Fall Color Tour

Mark your calendar now for the 2004 edition of the LMCA Fall Color Tour and Winery Tour. This year it's the southern tour...visiting the wineries of Southwest Lower Michigan. The date will be **October 23rd**.

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View from the Helm

by: Commodore, Nancy Andreano

I hope this letter finds you with your boat in the water and a number of enjoyable sailing experiences already under your belt! After that wet spring, I wasn't sure if we would ever get to sail, but summer is finally here and with it, LMCA has a number of fun events taking place!

Of course, the biggest activity on the list is the upcoming 11th Mac Bay Get Away from July 23-25 and **you don't want to miss it!** This year's Rendezvous, the theme being "It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere", is sure to have something for everyone and it's always just a great time to catch up with old acquaintances and meet new friends! I urge you to fill out your registration form **NOW** and get it into us so you make the Early Bird deadline!

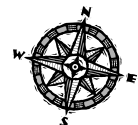
The Marine Rummage sale at Macatawa Bay Yacht Club turned out to be somewhat of a bust, BUT it was the first year for the event and so I hope they try it again next year so we can give it another try ourselves. Thanks go out to Larry and Lenore D'Haem for setting up an LMCA table. Save your unwanted marine items now and perhaps the weather and crowds will be more conducive next year! We'll keep you posted on that one!

And don't forget, while you are starting to fill your calendar, that August will hold the Sunflower Anchor Out Party in Port Sheldon and that should be a blast! We hope to see many faces there, too!

If you are in any type of marine store or business that might want to advertise in this newsletter, please remember to pass on the word or give them our web site or even my phone number! It's a great, CHEAP way to advertise!

One final note, please join me in welcoming our newest member to the Board, John Stark, who has taken over the Catalina 30 Fleet Captain position for Rod Schmidt. Welcome aboard, John, and thanks in advance for your participation in LMCA! I hope all of you get involved in one LMCA event or another, too, this summer and I hope to see you all at the Rendezvous! Until then, happy sailing!

Nancy Andreano



Catalina Racing

Again this summer, skippers will be able to test themselves against other Catalina skippers at the Summer Rendezvous when the Fulbright Cup will be sailed. The race will be held on Saturday and there will be two divisions...racing and cruising. Yes, our Catalinas have wonderful accommodations, but they also sail really well! See you on the starting line!

Another opportunity to go up against the competition will be presented Sunday morning during the Pickle Factory Race. Sailed on Lake Macatawa, the Pickle Factory Race, conceived as a fun race, is in many ways more challenging than the Fulbright Cup due to the constraints of sailing on Lake Macatawa.

Roster Corrections and Updates

Since the 2004 Roster was printed there have been corrections and additions to it. Please paste these in your roster to make it current.

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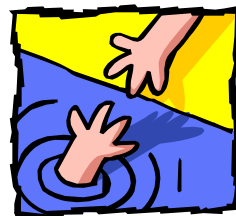
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Time is of the Essence

“Anytime mariners feel they may be in a dangerous situation, we highly recommend they immediately contact the Coast Guard to make us aware of the problem regardless of how severe it may appear,” said Cmdr. Mike Kendall, 17th Coast Guard District Chief of Search and Rescue.



Speed of response is of the essence, when it comes to any type of rescue. Examples can be drawn from fire services and emergency medical services world-wide, that the sooner they are notified, the faster they can respond. How many times have we read reports of fires that spread with unbelievable speed, just before the fire department arrived, only to find that the call to the fire department was delayed.

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Last year's Pickle Factory Race “winners,” the crew of IRIE will be defending their title during Mac Bay Get-Away XI, July 23rd-25th.

To access the Members Only section of the website, the username is **Catalina** and the password is **Family**. Be certain to use upper-case letters at beginning of both words.

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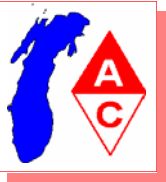
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