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## Sunflower Raft-up



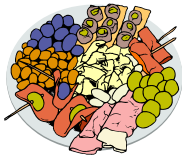
It will be a memorable time, for sure. LMCA is joining forces with the Grand River Sailing Club to create a Sunflower Raft-up on Saturday, **August 14th**. Pigeon Lake at Port Sheldon is the designated venue...it is a well protected body of water and with the recent dredging of the channel, it is easily accessible.

You need to **arrive by 2:00pm** as a flyover with a photographer is scheduled between 3:00pm and 4:00pm. Photos will be available for purchase at very reasonable prices.

A band will be playing live music for a couple of hours in the afternoon from the bridge of a trawler! Bring your favorite beverages and an hors d'oeuvre to share. Boat hopping is definitely encouraged! For those so inclined, the Pigeon Lake Lodge is a short dinghy ride away, if you prefer to have dinner ashore.

All this fun is yours for the low fee of \$10, payable upon your arrival, to help defray the cost of the band, the plane, the photographer and a keg. Our goal is 20 boats representing LMCA.

If you think you might like to be part of the fun or you have questions, give me a call...it will aid us in our planning if we have some idea of how many might be showing up.



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What do you bring???

- ☉ Your boat
- ☉ Overnight "Stuff"
- ☉ Liquids and Solids
- ☉ Fenders and Lines
- ☉ Anchor

Hope to see you there!



## Fall Color / Winery Tour



The 7th annual LMCA Fall Color/Winery Tour will feature Southwestern Lower Michigan this year. Saturday, **October 16th** is the date.

Information about wineries...what they offer, hours and directions...can be found at the website...[www.michiganwines.com](http://www.michiganwines.com).

Following a day of enjoying the fall colors, rural scenery and tasting the products of the area wineries, join with other LMCA members for dinner and camaraderie. We are inviting our friends from Chicago Area Fleet 21 to join us, so it will be an added opportunity to connect and share experiences with them, too.



If you are planning to join us, would you please contact me so we can make dinner reservations?

Rod Schmidt



*A "Crew Over Board" demonstration by the Coast Guard was just one of the highlights of Mac Bay Get-Away XI. See page 2 for more details.*

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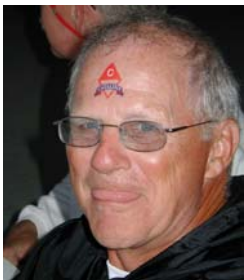
# Mac Bay Get-Away XI



They came by boat, they came by car, they came by hot air balloon...well, okay, I lied about the hot air balloon, but 81 people did find their way to Holland, MI, and the eleventh annual summer rendezvous of LMCA July 23rd - 25th. Twenty-eight boats showed up

and the crews of seven others came by land-yacht. Twenty-three of the participants were from Chicago Area Fleet 21.

Once again the staff at MBYC went out of their way to make certain that the participants had an enjoyable stay. Once again, the leadership of LMCA put together a fun filled weekend.



While the schedule of events was not "crammed" to overflowing, there was plenty to keep people occupied.... It all began Friday evening with the Dock Box and Bilge Sale. Slightly used equipment found new homes! The GPS Scavenger Hunt had folks dusting off their GPS skills.

*Catalina "tatoos" were popular with the crowd.*

The annual sailing of the Fulbright Cup on Saturday morning saw 14 boats attack the course laid out on Lake Michigan. The Holland Coast Guard Station put on an inter-



*A live, on the boat, demonstration of Crew Over Board*



*Tour de Boats de Vino*

esting and informative demonstration/presentation on Crew Over Board situations. The Tour de Boats de Vino gave folks a chance to see other boats and socialize. Music Saturday evening was provided by the Swinging Stem Cells.

Sunday morning, the Pickle Factory Race brought 12 boats out to view for the honor of NOT receiving the award...and finally, the Banquet and Awards topped off

the weekend.

We were most fortunate to enjoy the sponsorship of 13 businesses/organizations/individuals. Without their generous support, we would not have been able to offer the fabulous weekend we did.

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Macatawa Bay Yacht Club

Michigan Rag

White Lake Canvas

Please patronize these businesses and thank these folks, if

## Pickle Race

For the second straight year, the crew of **IRIE** walked away with the jar of pickles and the trophy for the annual Pickle Race.



## Fulbright Cup

### **Cruising Division:**

1st: Kleinert - **PEGASUS**

2nd: Tharin- **ESSENCE**

3rd: Visser - **PHOENIX**

### **Racing Division:**

1st: Kennedy - **LIBERTY**

2nd: VanDooere - **YANKEE GIRL**

3rd: VanTol - **RELENTLESS**



*ESSENCE, PHOENIX & PEGASUS*



## View from the Helm

by:  
Commodore, Nancy Andreano



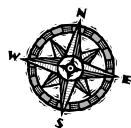
OW, what a GREAT Rendezvous we had! Hope you were there! Of course, I say that every year, don't I? But I TRULY mean it and those of you who were there and participated in all of the activities, I think, will agree with me! It was super having our Fleet 21 friends there, too! One more, BIG thank you from the LMCA Board goes out to our 13 sponsors who made this whole party possible! All the sponsors are listed in this issue. If you are able, please patronize and/or thank these greatly appreciated people and companies. If there was some way to thank Mother Nature, too, I would! We lucked out yet another year on the weather, although the evenings got a little chilly!

This was my second and last Rendezvous to "head up" and I must say it was a great time and a great crowd! One final thanks to the Board members and all others who helped with the planning! Thanks to Annie Van Tol and Dave Visser for taking pictures, to Rod & Jo Schmidt, Steve and Janet Magennis and Jim Meier for being the race committee, to Melinda and Gerritt Wiersma for making the yard sale a hit, to Peg Kleinert for making the GPS scavenger hunt a great success, to John Stark for setting up the coast guard demo, to Tom VanTol for offering to buy another keg if we ran out and to everyone else for coming to the party! I hope I didn't miss anyone!

On other matters, we have a number of Board positions coming available for the coming year and I would like to ask you to seriously think about filling one of the positions, especially if you never have! We only meet once a month and it's a lot of fun and a great way to get more involved and get to know more members. The positions that are available are 2 Director positions (2 year terms), Communications Director (primarily in charge of publishing the Inland C's and maintaining the web site), Treasurer, Vice Commodore and Secretary. If you have ANY questions, please contact Bill Krater or me. I hope to hear from many of you soon! We want and NEED your help and involvement so PLEASE consider one of these positions!

Summer will be over before we know it but don't forget the Sunflower Anchor Out, which should prove to be a blast! Then we'll all enjoy some wine together in the fall and before you know it, the holidays will be here. Yikes! Better get out there and sail before the cold(er) winds get here! Until we meet again, happy sailing!!!

*Nancy Andreano*



## Elections / Leadership



It has been eleven years since the birth of the Lake Michigan Catalina Association. During those eleven years numerous people have taken their turn on watch and the organization has provided an increasingly varied list of activities. Each new person to come to leadership positions has brought new ideas and renewed vitality to the group.

As the calendar year winds down, it is time again for the Board of Directors to place before the membership a slate of candidates for the various leadership positions of the association. The Board invites you to become one of the leaders of LMCA. In her View from the Helm article on this page, Commodore Nancy listed the positions which need to be filled. Please consider putting your name on the watch list. Contact Nancy or any other member of the Board to express your interest. The life of any organization relies on the periodic infusion of new blood. Please share yours!!!

## Roster: Additions & Corrections

### Thomas and Mary Helmstetter

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### Kevin and Carol Kelly

Boat: *LIFE IS GOOD* : Catalina 350 Sail # 187

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### Curt and Barbara Daniels

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### Michael and Carol Morris

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Port: Holland



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- Regular Membership (owner)  
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First Mate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_  
(work) \_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_ LOA: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sail #: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_  
If not a Catalina, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Port/Marina: \_\_\_\_\_  
Children's Names & Ages: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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