



the Inland Cs

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STRICTLY SAIL / CHICAGO

Weather certainly played a part in this year's attendance at Strictly Sail in Chicago last weekend. Sunny days and highs in the mid-fifties gave everyone the "boating bug". Saturday found every boat display with long lines and every seminar standing room only. The Catalina display was no exception. The new CatalinaMorgan 440 had a line that extended one quarter of the way around the booth all day.

Quite a few of the board members spent time at the membership counter and got a chance to visit with lots of our members as well as reach out to prospective new members during the day. From 7:00 – 8:00 pm Catalina Yachts hosted a small cocktail party for Catalina owners on the display floor. Frank Butler and Sharon Day stopped by and greeted the Catalina owners who all seemed to be having a grand time sharing boat stories.



The party continued on into the evening back at the hotel, thanks to the annual event hosted by Chicago's Fleet 21 . This years party was a bit upscale thanks to

the negotiating talents of Madalyn Duerr with our appetizers and the hotel's beverages being served by hotel staff. We were all pretty much



free to just have a great time and that we did. Frank Butler and Sharon Day joined us and gave away lots of nifty Catalina Gear and two, one week vacation trips to Frank's condo in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Needless to say, your editors didn't win either trip nor unfortunately did anyone else from LMCA, maybe next year!



What a great evening and a big thank you to Fleet 21, Madalyn Duerr, Frank Butler and Sharon Day.

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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Getting Involved

As we are starting to get more into the 2005 LMCA calendar, the LMCA Board would like to invite each and every one of you to not only get involved and take part in the many LMCA events that are coming up BUT to also help, volunteer to organize and run these fun activities! As we have said many times, this organization is only as good as you make it and we would love to have help in the planning or volunteering for our events, big and little! It's a great way to meet more members and it's lots of fun, so if you are interested, please contact Commodore Rod Schmidt, myself or any of the other LMCA Board members! Happy Sailing!

Nancy Andreano-Past Commodore

Cross Country Skiing

As of this printing, the cross country skiing event is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon at Pigeon Creek Park. Peggy Kleinert has done a great job of putting this event together and it looks like there will be snow and plenty of cold, a concern until just a day or two ago. So we will look forward to telling you all about this event in the next article.

It's Membership Renewal time Again!

All memberships expire December 31 each year. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please take a few minutes and complete the enrollment form in this newsletter or print the form from the lmca website and send it in with your annual dues today. Be sure to indicate whether you are renewing your Main-sheet subscription as well.

Would you like to receive your Inland C's by E-mail?

If you would like to do your part to "save a tree" or two, not to mention ink, paper and POSTAGE, we can E-mail the Inland C's directly to you. Just send an E-mail to webmaster@lmca.com and we will compile a list in time for the April issue. You can also review past issues on the lmca website

Spring Thing

This years Spring Thing will be held Saturday, April 16, at Damon's in Grand Haven. We will start the evening with drinks at 1800 and a chance to visit with other members. Dinner will begin around 1830. There will be three menu options available for the evening. They are:

Damon's Famous Barbecued Ribs	
Full Rack	\$18.75
Prime Rib - 16 oz	\$19.25
Flame Grilled Chicken Breast	\$14.75

The dinner will be followed by our guest speaker - Meteorologist Bill Steffens from WOODTV. You're encouraged to come with a few questions concerning West Michigan - Lake Michigan weather that you would like to ask Bill, as he will set aside some time for questions.

Please RSVP Dave Visser 616 - 399-6436 or email me at vyphoenix@altelco.net no later than Monday, April 11, 2005. This would be a good time to take your mate - captain - admiral - our for a date. Also, if you have friends that you would like to take along - do so. Damon's address is 1506 South Beacon Blvd. (US-31). This is on the East side of the road as you come into Grand Haven from the South. Details to follow.

Save The Date

***Mac Bay
Get-Away*** 

The date for the Mac Bay Getaway has been set. This year's event will be held July 15th —17th at the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club. The theme of this years getaway will be "Gilligan's Island" Be sure to set aside that weekend and think about just who you picture yourself as, on that very famous island.

View from the Helm

by: Commodore,
Rod Schmidt



View from the Helm

First things first...I am delighted to be allowed to serve as commodore of LMCA. For the past 11 years I have had the pleasure of working with some really talented people who have done a great job as commodore. I know I can never fill their boat shoes. I can only try to live up to the mark they have set. I am also reassured knowing there are dedicated folks

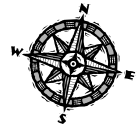
serving in the other flag positions and as directors. 2005 promises to be an activity-filled year. I hope you are able to join in the fun.

Even though we all share a common interest/obsession with sailing, I have learned that members have many other varied interests. LMCA's "off season" activities attempt to satisfy some of those interests. Winter sports enthusiasts will certainly enjoy the cross country ski outing planned for February 19th. You will find more details about it elsewhere in this newsletter. If you have an idea of something you would like to see LMCA undertake as an activity, please contact me or another member of the board. We really would like to provide those activities that members feel give them

"added value" for their membership.

With this issue of *the Inland C's* I turn over the wheel for communications to Bob & Janet Standish (C-350, **BRIGADOON**) who have graciously volunteered to keep everyone informed. Bob will also assume the webmaster duties for lmca.com. I know they would appreciate any contributions you might want to make... photos, stories, news, etc.

Rod Schmidt



Sail Place Open House 2005

This will be your best chance to make your best deal on your new boat for spring delivery.

This year's Open House will feature a new twist. Along with our always popular Cedar Springs, Michigan Open House we are happy to announce the first ever Sail Place Waukegan, Illinois Open House. That's right, after over 5 successful years in Waukegan it's time to celebrate. We'll have some of our best pricing and packages of the year, food and door prizes.

Sail Place Open House Cedar Springs, February 26, 2005 from 9:00am-4pm

Cedar Springs office:
Sail Place Inc.
142 W. Cherry St.
Cedar Springs, MI 49319
PH. 616 696 0250
E-mail sailplace@aol.com

Sail Place Open House Waukegan, March 5th, 2005 from 9:00am-5pm

Waukegan office:
Sail Place Inc.
27 E. Madison St.
Waukegan, IL 60085
PH. 847 623 7240
spwaukegan@aol.com

2005 Membership

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: _____

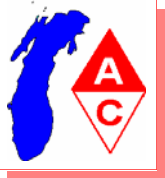
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