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LAST CALL! Spring Thing April 16th

*If you haven't signed up yet, Call Dave Visser
TODAY
(616) 399-6436*

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

After dinner, Meteorologist Bill Steffens from WOODTV will speak to the group about a sailer's most near and dear subject the **WEATHER**. Be sure to come with a few questions concerning Lake Michigan weather and/or marine forecasting for Bill. How about "Who is that guy on the VHF weather channel and why does he mispronounce so many words?"

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.

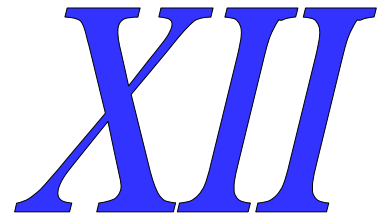
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Here Comes Summertime

So grab your calendars, as we all know those summer weekends fill up fast and this is the event we all want to build our cruising schedules and other summer activities around.

Mac Bay



July 15th through the 17th are the dates for this year's Rendezvous and the location, as in the past is Macatawa Bay Yacht Club.

This years theme for the rendezvous is Gilligan's Island and I, personally, am trying to picture a 50's something Marianne. How about you, maybe you're the professor type or do we all like to think of ourselves as having just a little of Gilligan in us. Plans are well under way, for this years program with some thoughts for a bit of a change for opening evening to be mentioned in the next issue of Inland C's. And hopefully you will notice, later in this article that we are looking for volunteers to help with many of your favorite activities. So write it down , give Rod or one of us a call and get involved. You know it's one of the best times you'll have all summer.

Janet Standish

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Share the Load

By Rod Schmidt

When my sons were young we used to go backpacking. It was great fun and it was a great learning experience for them. They found that they enjoyed the trips more and felt greater satisfaction when they carried a share of the load. Even the youngest, when he was just six years old, could carry his own sleeping bag and some smaller “common use” items. Because they shared the load, we were able to go farther, do more and stay longer.

I see a similarity with LMCA. The Board of Directors is actively planning activities for the year. If each of us would share a small portion of the load, we will be able to do more without overburdening anyone. Planning for the summer rendezvous is underway. We could use help with:

- Handing out Registration Materials
- Heading up the Dockbox & Bilge Sale
- Racing...Fulbright Cup and/or Pickle Factory Race
 - o Committee Boat
 - o Scoring, etc.
 - o Heading up Saturday’s Hot Dog Lunch Providing “boom box music” for Saturday evening after dinner.

We have already had a volunteer step forward to organize the Tour de Boats de Vino on Saturday afternoon. If you would like to share the load, contact me...rschmidt@i2k.com or phone 616-846-1361.

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

Just think, if you received your Inland C’s by E-mail, you would have had it three days ago!

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 (www.lmca.com / Members only)



Looking Ahead.. August Sunflower Raftup

Last August, LMCA members together with the Grand Haven Sailing Club held our first annual Sunflower Raftup. Altogether 19 boats participated in the event. Boats from Holland to Muskegon began arriving around 1:00 pm Saturday and

by 4:00 pm we had formed our “picture perfect” sunflower (see pictures above and below). Then began the party! Everyone brought their own liquid refreshment and an appetizer to share, which made wandering each others boats and visiting great fun. By late afternoon Larry D’Haem led the group into a spirited water gun and balloon fight. I don’t believe anyone escaped that activity completely dry but it was a great time. As evening set in the socializing continued and some captains and crew began preparing dinner. I will never forget Chef Steve Magennis, always looking to improve on an old recipe, tried his own version of “surf and Turf” on the grill attached to his stern rail. Unfortunately the experiment sank



like a rock. So, if any of this sounds fun to you, save Saturday August 27th and plan to join us as we again meet to share fun times, great food and company and try to form another, hopefully even bigger, sunflower.

These pictures are courtesy of Ed Post Photography. To view or purchase these or many more pictures of last year’s raftup see www.edpostphotography.com/sunflower. Also check out the Photo Gallery at the LMCA website www.lmca.com

View from the Helm



By: Commodore Rod Schmidt

Although we may not think about it very often, our sport has numerous safety hazards. Even the most cautious skipper and his/her crew are at risk when they slip their lines and head out on the waterways. Equipment can malfunction, injuring people who may be

nearby. Weather can combine with lake conditions to make our ventures perilous.

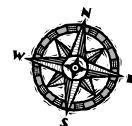
My recent annual visit to my dermatologist reminded me of yet another hazard...the dangers inherent in exposure to UV radiation. Unfortunately, according to my dermatologist, much of the damage was done during my youth when I worked hard to acquire a glowing tan. Now, older and much wiser (I like to think,) I try to limit my excess exposure to UV rays. Maybe that's one reason I am so attached to my dodger/bimini combination??? This past week when I have looked in the mirror and seen the scabs on my face where the doctor treated the

actinic keratosis lesions with liquid nitrogen, I have been telling myself I really need to be much more diligent about using sunscreen! Those days of strutting around with a toasted marshmallow tan are long gone.

Spring is here and it won't be too long before we are able to launch our boats. LMCA has several activities planned during the coming months. I hope you will be able to participate in some of them. Your presence will make them more successful and fun.

Warm breezes and moderate seas to you....

Rod



New Members and Directory Changes

These missed the 2005 membership Roster. For your convenience, this section is formatted so you can just cut and paste these in the space provided in your new roster.

Seif, Andrew and Kathy

Address: 6925 Edgeview Ave. SW, Byron Center MI 49315
Phone: (616) 455-5416
E-mail: adkseif@comcast.net
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Port:

Helmstetter, Tom and Madeline

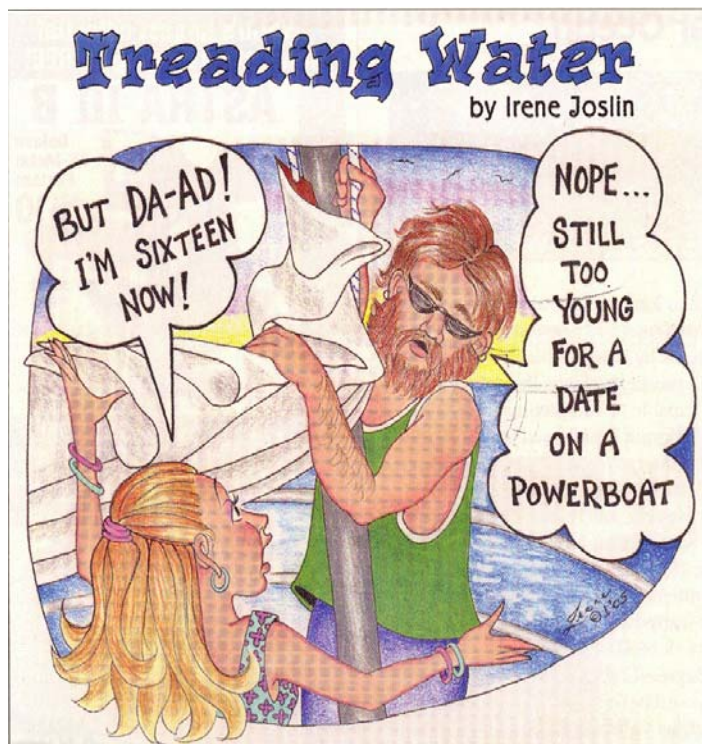
Address: 88 West 13th Street, Holland MI 49423
Phone: H(616) 396-7321 Wk (616) 392-6900
E-mail: mmhelmstetter@yahoo.com
Boat: 2NXS Catalina 42
Port: Macatawa - Eldean's

Nieuwenhuis, John and Jeanne

Address: 60 Monroe Center Suite7-B, Grand Rapids MI 49544
Phone: H(616) 291-4284 Wk (616) 365-3200
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Port: Muskegon - Terrace Point

Zillins, Andrew and Linda

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Phone: H(269) 637-4210 Wk (269) 764-2377
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Boat: LIBERTY Catalina 30 Sail #5717
Port: Holland - Yacht Basin



Stolen from the pages of Latitudes and Attitudes

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. (www.lmca.com)

2005 Membership

Regular Membership (owner)
Associate Membership (non-owner)

Name: _____
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: _____

Please include a check for \$35 (\$10 initiation fee and \$25 membership fee) payable to *Lake Michigan Catalina Association*. Mail to:

Lake Michigan Catalina Association
c/o Jim Meier
1122 Goodwood Court
Holland, MI 49424

"Mainsheet" subscription: \$10 extra

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