

The Elements

Milwaukee Bay Women's Sailing Organization

New MBWSO Sportsmanship Trophy

We are proud to announce the dedication of a Trophy for MBWSO by the MYC Foundation. The recipient is to be chosen by the skipper members of MBWSO. We plan to award this trophy each year to a deserving skipper in our fleet.

Below are the criteria that each of our skippers consider when casting their ballots for this Sportsmanship Trophy:

This trophy will be awarded in recognition of all the non-quantitative skills and actions that are touched upon by our Bylaws Mission Statement. Taken into consideration will be such qualities as courtesy, determination, perseverance, and willingness to lead by example and share sailing knowledge with newer, less experienced women sailors.

Bylaws Mission Statement: "The object of the organization is to encourage and promote



women in the sport of yachting and create a spirit of good fellowship among members and fellow yachters. And to encourage women to become more actively involved in the sport of sailing by developing and improving their skills and confidence in the sport."

Here's a little background on the trophy. The petite loving cup style trophy was originally awarded to a boat named Myosotis at a regatta on

July 4, 1912 t MYC. The boat was skippered by a woman from the Uehein family and her Milwaukee Downer College team,. Milwaukee Downer College was an all women's college. Unfortunately we don't know much of the events of the regatta but we do know that Marv Whalen of MYC and the MYC Foundation discovered and rescued the cup.

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Midwinter Potluck February 20th

The MBWSO Midwinter Potluck will be February 20, 2010. The fun starts at 6:30 p.m. Now is the time to start thinking about that interesting potluck item that you planning to bring. Phyllis and Bill purchased a Cayenne 41 at the end of last season and have been refurbishing and upgrading. There have been lots of hardware changes, new lifelines and modified stem fitting so

far. "No Varnish!" says Phyllis. Come to hear what they have done and IF they are done. Does the boat have a name yet?

If you go to the North U Trim session at SSSC on the 20th, you will be just a couple of blocks away. Phyllis' address is 2525 S. Superior Street and her phone number is 481-9242. Come over after the seminar and share what you have

learned.

Ladies who had expressed interest in the fleet last Spring but did not find a crew position have been invited. If you are looking for crew, this get together is a great place to start. Bring friends, spouses and lovers of sailing to the now infamous Midwinter Party.

By Phyllis McDonald

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Save the Date

- SSSC Junior Foundation Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, January 27, 2010, 5:00 p.m.
- Strictly Sail show, January 28—January 31, 2010.
- Mid-Winter Pot Luck, February 20, 2010, 6:30 p.m.
- MBWSO Spring Meeting, April 13, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
- Crew search party at SSSC, April 17, 2010, 3:00—6:00 p.m.

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The MYC Foundation decided that this women's trophy should stay with the women's fleet.

For the 2009 season, our first year awarding this trophy, we are very pleased to announce that Phyllis McDonald received the most votes and was awarded the trophy on January 9th at MYC's Awards

Banquet.

I managed to keep the results secret until the award was announced and Phyllis was quite surprised to receive this honor. Quoting from one of our skipper's ballots, "she seems to fit the bill quite nicely, always teaching newbies and her excitement is tremendous."

Phyllis has been a member of MBWSO since 2002 and began skippering a boat in the fleet in 2005. I was sorry to lose her as a crew member but very happy to gain a skipper and new boat for the fleet. She has been a great asset to the fleet and a great help to many of us. Well done, Phyllis!!

By – Fran Aring



The 16th annual Milwaukee Community Sailing Center's Sailors Ball will be held on Saturday, March 6th at the Italian Community Center. The theme of this year's Ball is "Escape to Puerto Rico."

This year, the Sailing Center will embark on a new future with the opening of a new building. The new facility will enable the Sailing Center to provide broader programs for at-risk youth, the financially disadvantaged and the disabled. Your attendance at the Sailors Ball will contribute to this

worthy cause.

This year the Sailors Ball will honor local sailors and MCSC members Doug and Jared Drake. This father-son team have competed around the world, but they still have time to share their knowledge and love of sailing with Milwaukee and the Sailing Center.

Don your island casual attire and plan to enjoy a fun filled evening in Puerto Rico. Activities include a silent auction, Caribbean inspired buffet and salsa dance lessons.

Purchase raffle tickets and you might be the winner of a week vacation on the isle of Vieques in Puerto Rico.

For more information about attending the 2010 Sailors Ball, contact the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center at 414-277-9094 or at www.sailingcenter.org

Check out the Sailors Ball website at www.sailorsball.info

By: Helen "Cookie" Mueller

2010, A New Decade Begins!

The 2009 Awards Banquet was a gala evening, with over 100 trophies, presented to about 40 different owners, skippers, or crew. Highlights of the evening included the presentation of the new Milwaukee Bay Woman's Sportsmanship Permanent Trophy to Phyllis

McDonald, and the Merritt Hayes Award to Steve Dolan. Lisa Alberte won the MBWOS Coast Guard permanent trophy for First Place overall in the MBWSO Season Series. Four beautiful traveling plaques were presented to the PHRF Boat of the Year Winners; Section 1

Scout (Jamie Hummert), Section 2 REDRUM (Team Redrum), Section 3 Showdown (Keith Nordahl), and Section 4 (JAM) Dolce Vita (Nello Copen).

Now a new decade begins...2010!
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Spring Meeting Date Set

Mark your calendars for Tuesday April 13, 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the upstairs dining room at SSYC. This meeting is open to all members and prospective members. Spread the word to anyone who might be interested in our organization. Come to the meeting and help plan the Summer season. It's just around the corner.

Tuesday night is Taco Tuesday at SSYC. Plan on meeting your crewmates for tacos before the

meeting and socialize after.

By—Fran Aring

MBWSO Racing Schedule (as of 2/12/2010)

June 7, 2010—Practice Race SSYC
June 14, 2010—Race #1
June 21, 2010—Race #2
July 12, 2010—Race #3
July 19, 2010—Race #4
August 2, 2010—Race #5
August 9, 2010—Race #6

Make-up Dates
August 16, 2010
August 16, 2010

Please remember the Notice of Race is the official document for the race dates so be sure to check that document for any race date schedule changes.



Wednesday Night Programs and Junior Fundraiser at SSYC

Wednesday evening programs will be held at South Shore Yacht Club throughout the winter months. All programs begin at 7:00 pm in the upstairs dining room. All MBWSO members are welcome to attend these programs. If you have any questions, please contact Cookie Mueller at cookiemueller@wi.rr.com

Here's the 2010 schedule.

January 27th – “Early SSYC Films”
John Ebersol and the SSYC Archives Committee will show films about ice boating at SSYC in 1937. Also included will be film footage of the 1945 storm.

A Junior Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser will be served from 5:00 – 6:30. \$7 for all you can eat spaghetti. Join us and help support the Juniors.

February 24th – “Saving Sailing”
Participation in sailing in America has been declining since the 1970's. Club member Nick Hayes, author of Saving Sailing will present an action plan for the revival of family sailing. He will also offer suggestions for ways that yacht clubs can secure their future by making time for sailing.

March 31st – “Journey to the Stars”
Ever wonder what you are looking at when you gaze up into the night sky? Robert Bonadurer from the Daniel M. Soref Planetarium will take us on a voyage of discovery as we explore the Wisconsin sky.

By Helen “Cookie” Mueller



MBWSO Winter Fleet Update

The Milwaukee Bay Women's Sailing Organization met for its Fall Meeting on October 27, 2009, and voted to retain the two-start division split implemented for the first time in the 2009 season. A request will be made to the race committee to have rolling starts instead of the five minutes between starts as was done last year. For the 2010 season, however, each division will be separately scored, with prizes for each division's top three finishers. The U.S. Coast Guard/MYC perpetual trophy will continue to be awarded to the overall season fleet winner as per the Deed of Gift.

It was also proposed that the T10's be scored separately as a one design fleet, instead of splitting the entire fleet at PHRF 126

as was done for the 2009 series. Discussion on exactly how the division splits will be implemented was tabled until a subcommittee of next year's participating skippers could convene to discuss this issue further. NOR/SI Committee Chair, **Janice Shoman**, will coordinate a meeting or teleconference for this purpose during the off-season.

Several winter events were also announced. The U.S. Coast Guard/MYC perpetual trophy was awarded to the 2009 MBWSO overall winner – **Lisa Alberte** and the crew of the Laser 28, *Veloce* – at the MYC Awards Banquet on January 9, 2010. All MBWSO members were invited to attend. Also, the MBWSO Annual Winter Pot-Luck

will be held Saturday, February 20, 2010 at the home of re-elected Fleet Co-Captain, **Phyllis McDonald**. Both Phyllis and Fleet Captain, **Fran Aring**, were unanimously and enthusiastically returned to their posts for another season. In light of their many years' of service to the fleet, **Cindy Kraus** successfully moved to establish a MBWSO historical plaque commemorating the service of all past and future MBWSO's fleet captains, and agreed to head up a subcommittee to discuss its purchase and implementation.

For more information about MBWSO, or for a membership application, check out our newly redesigned website at: www.mbwsso.org.

By Heather Rippl

2010, A New Decade Begins! (continued from page 2)

The Race Schedule is set, and MYC Race Committee Chair, Dave Baum, is planning an exciting summer. So is the Fleet & Regatta Committee. The committee is working on several initiatives to promote sailing at MYC, and on the Milwaukee Bay. There is an effort to purchase new sails for the six Ideal 18s, and possibly get them out racing on Wednesday nights!

Another initiative is the Summer Sailstice, scheduled for Saturday June 19th. It will be a collaborative Milwaukee Bay effort, supported by MCSC, SSSC, Mast, and MYC.

The primary objective of the Sailstice is to get as many people out sailing on June 19th, the longest day of the summer. Summer Sailstice is the global holiday celebrating sailing held annually on the Saturday closest to the summer Solstice. Visit their website at www.sailstice.com. MYC is in the early stages of planning an open house, food drive, and the Milwaukee Bay Challenge that day. More

details will be available on the MYC website www.milwaukeeeyc.com over the next few months.

MYC will be hosting the 2010 Laser Nationals from 8/12 - 8/15/2010. Finally, there is a continuing effort to document all of the Permanent Trophies at MYC. Each trophy has a historical value to the club, and it's important to have an appraisal done, and a narrative on file for each trophy. The Fleet and Regatta committee plans to do this so the tradition of the Club continues for many generations.

By Cindy Kraus



U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

District Nine - Western Region (9th Western)

<http://a095.uscgaux.info/visitors/classes/index.html>

Navigation Classes from Pencil and GPS. State Boating Certification and of course boating safety.

Wisconsin Boating Safety Course and License Test



Study and Self Test On Line: Program promotes it's self by saying you can get a discount on PWC or Boat Insurance. Call your own agent to be sure.

<http://www.boat-ed.com/wi/index.htm>

US Coast Guard Boating Safety

Beyond the basics: Wear Your Life Jacket and Take a Boating Safety Course Information on this web site has announcements and articles concerning Boating Equipment recalls.

Get a FREE Vessel Safety Check. This link will tell you how.

<http://uscgboating.org/>

BoatSafe.com

[BoatSafeKids](http://BoatSafeKids.com)

These web sites are the soup to nuts of information. The boating tips section has pages and pages of articles from Anchoring Advice to Retrieving Crew Overboard. You can take online basic quizzes or prepare for your Captains License. Since we are all power boats some time the items on fueling and close quarters maneuvers can apply to Sailboats equally well. There is so much here you may be praying for a blizzard to stay home.

<http://www.boatsafe.com/>

<http://www.boatsafe.com/nauticalknowhow/safetips.htm>



MCSC

Skippers: Be prepared for another good crop of potential crew members for 2010.

The April Women's Introduction to Sailing is already FULL. Are you toying with the idea of becoming a boat owner? "Thinking about Boat Ownership" is on the calendar for April 15th. Weather, Rules, Trim, Tactics are back. "Maintaining your Winches" and "Dealing with the Unexpected" are some newer titles. There is something for everyone. February is not too early to start thinking about sailing.

<http://sailingcenter.org> Go to Learn to Sail, then Winter sessions, for full information.

North U's latest at SSYC 2/20/2010

Sail Trim with Andrew Kerr

To register go to <http://Northu.com>

UKSAILS

<http://www.ukhalsey.com/LearningCenter/index.asp>

after a brief login you can view MOB videos: info on Sail care RRS quizzes great trim articles.



Wisconsin Hoofers

Outdoor recreation for all abilities since 1931

<http://www.hooperlessons.org/>
ground school good check-offs



Milwaukee UWM

SAILING <http://www.uwm.edu/StudentOrg/sailclub/sailinglinks.html>



Women's Match Racing Clinics

Northern Lights Cup Clinic & Regatta

May 27-31, 2010

[http://](http://www.ussailingcentersheboygan.org)

www.ussailingcentersheboygan.org

Look under events.

This ISAF Grade 3 Women's Match Racing Clinic and Regatta will begin with a 2-day WIMRA clinic followed by a 3-day regatta sailed in the Sonar. The highest ranking US skipper will receive an invitation to the US Women's Match Racing Championship being sailed at USSC Sheboygan July 7-11, 2010.

SAVE THE DATE

Jan. 28 - Jan. 31, Strictly Sail, Navy Pier Chicago. Bus Rides Organized by Cramer Marine and Southwind Marine
<http://www.strictlysail.com>

Feb 20, Racing Trim with Andrew Kerr of North U, at SSYC
<http://Northu.com>

Feb. 20, MBWSO Potluck Dinner

March 6, MSCS Sailor's Ball
www.sailorsball.info

March 13-14, Advanced Race Management at Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Harbor
<http://ussailing.org/racemgt/RaceOfficerProg/seminars.asp>
for details

April 13, MBWSO Spring Meeting: Open to Guests

April 17, 15th Annual Crew Search Party at SSYC 3 - 6 p.m.
<http://www.ssy.org/>

June 7, MBWSO Practice Race, dinner at SSYC
<http://www.mbws.org/>