MCSC’s 2005 Sailor’s Ball

Volunteers Still Needed
We still need volunteers for this year’s Sailor’s Ball. Help is needed for setup on the day of the event and for teardown and cleanup after the festivities. Setup will take place between 8:30 am–4:00 pm. Any help during that time will be appreciated. Teardown and cleanup will take place between 11:00 pm–1:00 am. Call the MCSC office at 414-277-9094 to sign up.

Instructor’s Instructor
Congratulations to Jon Breschak for completing U.S. Sailing’s Instructor Trainer course held January 10–13 in Miami, FL. The intense 4-day, 44-hour training didn’t leave much time to see South Beach, but his efforts paid off. Jon is now certified by U.S. Sailing to teach and certify Level 1 sailing instructors for MCSC’s youth programs.

Adaptive Sailing Program
With the installation of the new docks and the ADA compliant ramp, MCSC’s Adaptive Sailing Program (ASP) had a good 2004 season. Many thanks to MCSC staff member and physical therapist Jan Lawrence for her help. For the 2005 season, MCSC needs additional volunteers to provide assistance to ASP sailors. If you have physical or occupational therapy experience, or a medical background, we can use your help. More general help giving lessons and boat rides will also be welcomed. Call the MCSC office at 414-277-9094 and talk to either Holly or Peter.

Around The World
Ellen MacArthur, sailing the 75-foot trimaran B&Q, has broken the solo, non-stop round-the-world record. Starting November 28, MacArthur sailed 27,354 miles in 71 days, 14 hours, 18 minutes and 33 seconds and finished on February 7. The boat’s average speed was 15.9 knots.

Sailing through gales and around icebergs, and sleeping only 20 minutes at a time, MacArthur beat the previous record by 1 day, 8 hours, 35 minutes and 49 seconds. (Continued on next page)
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seconds set only last year by Frenchman Francis Joyon on the
90-foot trimaran IDEC. He knocked an incredible 21 days off
the previous record.

That MacArthur would
break the record was never
a forgone conclusion. After
crossing the Southern
Ocean, MacArthur was 5
days and 2 hours ahead of
Joyon’s record as she
approached to Cape Horn.
Then MacArthur hit the
doldrums of the South
Atlantic and fell 13 hours behind Joyon’s pace.

The 28-year-old MacArthur was born in landlocked Derbyshire,
England and was introduced to sailing at the age of 8 by an
aunt. By the age of 11 she had purchased her first dinghy with
lunch money. In 1995 at the age of 18, MacArthur sailed solo
around Britain in a 21-foot sloop. She won the 1998 Route du
Rhum Open 50 class and placed second in the 2001 Vendée
Globe aboard the Open 60 class boat Kingfisher.

And, as if her résumé weren’t polished enough, MacArthur has
been titled Dame Ellen MacArthur by the Queen of England.