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Who's At the Helm...?

Mike Mooney!



Joined MCSC: Mid 80's. "I sailed a little before that. My father bought a boat, but as I wasn't vacationing with my family by that time, I didn't sail much at all before joining the sailing center."

Involvement at MCSC: "I've been involved in racing, and have taken a lot of classes having to do with sail trim, up wind and down wind tactics, navigation - some of the classes more than once as the instructors changed."

MCSC Fleet: "My wife and I started sailing Volants and Ensigns, but the Soling appealed to us because, with the self-tacking jib and all the mechanical advantage, it looked easy to sail. (My wife thought it looked sexy.) There's a lot to the boat, and sailing it is a learning experience, but the boat is easy to sail, so you can just take it from there."

Boat Ownership: "About ten years ago I bought a boat, a Soling. It needed a lot of work to begin with, and here, too, the staff at the center helped me make the repairs and the improvements. I own a boat in Door County as well, but I don't have the services up there or even the opportunity to sail that I do here in Milwaukee. The center makes all the difference."

Best Thing About MCSC: "The best thing about the center, from my point of view, is the opportunity to sail and get out on the water without a great deal of expense."

Sage Advice: "As far as advice is concerned, sailing is kind of an addiction, and if it gets you, then you're going to want to take it as far as you can, and MCSC gives you that opportunity."

Enjoying Retirement: "I'm retired, which means, of course, that I'm busier than ever. My wife looks after our two grandsons while our daughter works, and I spend time at my computer trying to write fiction. I've published three books, all collections of short stories, and I'm working on a novel."

By: Mary Livingston

Summer Sailstice ~ June 18, 2011



In celebration of the longest day of the year, the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center (MCSC) will partner with the MAST Yacht Club, Milwaukee Yacht Club (MYC) and South Shore Yacht Club (SSYC) to host Summer Sailstice on June 18. Thousands of sailors from 50 states and 47 countries connected in 2010 for a global celebration of sailing. Milwaukee is one of the many sailing communities from around the world that uses the Saturday closest to

the annual summer solstice as a way to celebrate and introduce sailing to first-time boaters and sailing enthusiasts.
2011 Milwaukee Summer Sailstice Event Details:

- ⊗ MCSC will host an open house of their newly constructed and eco-friendly facility situated on Lake Michigan with free sailboat rides from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Activities include a Rain Gutter Regatta and more!
- ⊗ From 10am to 4pm, MAST will host a Poker Run requiring participants to stop at 5 checkpoints to gather playing cards. The person holding the best poker hand at the end of the race wins a grand prize at the closing Boater's Party.
- ⊗ The Boater's Party starts at 4:30pm at SSYC, 2300 E. Nock St., and is open to the public. Attendees can enjoy music from band Forge Fire, food and fun!
- ⊗ For more information on Milwaukee Bay's Summer Sailstice, interested patrons can visit www.milwaukeesailstice.com.

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Midwest Women's Sailing Conference

By: Helen "Cookie" Mueller

On Saturday, May 14th the first Midwest Women's Sailing Conference was held at MCSC. Thirty knots of wind, pounding rain and two foot waves in the harbor were no match for the enthusiasm of the 100 women that participated in a day of sailing and boating related workshops.

Members of the Milwaukee Bay Women's Sailing Organization and women sailors from the Milwaukee community spent one year planning and organizing the conference. Dawn Riley, internationally recognized sailor and acclaimed author, was the keynote speaker for the conference.

The Sailing Conference attracted attendees and instructors from Wisconsin and Illinois. It featured twenty-two workshops that were taught by women, for women. Workshops covered a variety of topics ranging from sail trim to engine maintenance.

The first Midwest Women's Sailing Conference offered women in sailing an opportunity to learn and network with other women sailors. No matter what the skill level, educational and mentoring experiences existed throughout the day.

With year one successfully completed, plans are in the works for the second Midwest Women's Sailing Conference. Plan on attending the 2012 Midwest Women's Sailing Conference!



Photo Courtesy of Chris Gribble

Meet Traci Mead MCSC Community Relations Manager



Traci Mead has joined MCSC as its first Community Relations Manager. With experience from previous roles at SAILING Magazine and Port Washington Business Improvement District, managing the Maritime Heritage Festival, Mead brings a wealth of knowledge and passion for sailing to the center. "Traci's heartfelt enthusiasm for sailing and experience in event management is a natural fit for us," said Peter Rieck, Executive Director.

In her new role, Mead will support MCSC in development of promotional opportunities, membership efforts and events, and soliciting funds/partnerships for capital campaigns. She will also manage rental use of the MCSC's new lakefront facility.

Prior to joining MCSC, Mead served on the Port Washington Harbor Commission, and Board of Directors of the Port Washington Maritime Heritage Center.

Traci welcomes your feedback and looks forward to meeting you personally at MCSC events in the coming months. She can be reached at: 414.277.9094 or email: traci@sailingcenter.org



Women on the Water

MCSC is introducing a new program this season aimed at helping our female members meet other female members and improve their sailing skills. We'll be meeting on several Monday evenings this summer for sailing with a casual social gathering afterwards. MCSC's female members, regardless of their skill level are invited to participate. Below you will find the dates that we are holding WOW.

Space is limited and reservations are required.

Please call the office to register: 414.277.9094.

WOW DATES:

- Monday, June 13 – 6:00 pm to sunset
- Monday, June 27 – 6:00 pm to sunset
- Monday, July 18 – 6:00 pm to sunset
- Monday, July 25 – 6:00 pm to sunset
- Monday, August 15 – 6:00 pm to sunset
- Monday, August 22 – 6:00 pm to sunset

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Accepting Bookings for Special Events & Corporate Meetings

The Windhover Community Room, Challenge and Integrity Training Rooms, as well as the MCSC grounds may be rented for corporate or personal use. *MCSC Members receive a 20% discount.* Rentals are based upon availability and will vary according to season and days of the week.

Our exclusive caterer is Zilli Hospitality Group, who will create unparalleled events of any size - from picnics to galas - that exceed clients' expectations and fulfill their business needs.

The facility is also available to the general public. (Recommend your organization's event planner to explore hosting their annual "Summer Employee BBQ" or "Festive Holiday" party this winter at MCSC!)



If you are interested in more information about renting the MCSC venue, please contact us at 414.277.9094 or info@sailingcenter.org

Fireworks!

The annual US Bank Fireworks: Sunday, July 3rd. Spectacular fireworks extravaganza is scheduled for 9:20 PM.

As always there will be NO vehicle access to the Sailing Center without paying the county's parking fee. **A limited number of parking passes** will be available via a lottery system to MCSC members who wish to watch the fireworks from MCSC. Contact MCSC Office to register for the lottery at 414.277.9094 or info@sailingcenter.org.

If you do wish to view the fireworks from MCSC, we encourage you to pack a picnic basket and enjoy the day! Remember MCSC has NO charcoal disposal on site. If you bring a charcoal grill, please be advised you will be required to take the used charcoal home with you at the end of the day.



Looking for a unique way to watch the July 3rd fireworks?

MCSC Members Have Extraordinary Options!

~ On the Water! ~

MCSC Ensign on an MCSC Mooring

For just \$25, we will shuttle you and your party out to the boat in time to watch the display, and upon conclusion of the fireworks, we will pick you up from the boat. You will marvel at the firework show and the beauty of the display reflecting off the water in the mooring area. There are a very limited number of boats available, so make your reservation now!

~ Aloft!~

Vantage Point from the Sullivan Deck!: For only \$10, you may reserve a chair on the second floor deck of the sailing center. There is no limit to the number of chairs you may reserve, but only 20 are available on a first come, first served basis.

To reserve your **Ensign** or **Deck Chair** contact the MCSC office 414.277.9094 or info@sailingcenter.org

Weather Reports & New Technology

When phoning into the MCSC Weather Information (414.277.9272), you might have been surprised to hear the newly launched, "automated voice" relaying weather and flag conditions for the Sailing Center. We are rolling out a multi-leveled technology enhancement to keep our members informed of the changing weather patterns that affect activities at the Sailing Center.

Staff will continue to monitor and update the weather on a regular basis as has been the practice, however, through advancements in our capabilities, we will be simultaneously updating www.sailingcenter.org/weather.php, the phone line, Twitter (follow us at twitter.com/MCSCWeather), and via SMS Text Messaging.

(For progress reports and other timely news, please provide your email address to us so that we may relay progress to you via our weekly e-letter, "MCSC UPDATES!" Email your contact information if not currently receiving our electronic newsletter to info@sailingcenter.org.)

Summer Sailstice/Open House	June 18
July Fireworks Celebration	July 3
Mid Season Championships	July 10
Full Moon Sail - July	July 14
MCSC Safety Night	July 19
28 th Annual Quarter Barrel Regatta	August 7
Full Moon Sail - August	August 15,
Lobster Boil/MCSC Event	September 2
Fall Regatta & Chili Chill Out	September 17
MCSC Ensign Championships	September 18

Classes Still Available



June has arrived and we're quickly seeing our rosters fill for the summer months. Reminder that we offer many levels of instruction such as:

- ☞ Prams in the Park
- ☞ Youth Sailing Courses
- ☞ Intermediate Sailing Course
- ☞ Introduction to Solings
- ☞ J-24 Class
- ☞ Introduction to Centerboard Sailing
- ☞ Advanced Sailing Course

Book your class today before the whirlwind season begins and before you know it, it's August and there's no seats remaining for your wished for Soling class!

Volunteer Opportunity



Seeking two or three Volunteers
Saturday, June 11, 2011
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Please consider helping to represent MCSC at Gathering Waters Festival. We are seeking two or three individuals to help hand out brochures and meet the public at our participant location at the festival for two hour shifts. The event is held at Lakeshore State Park, located on Lake Michigan and the shores of Summerfest and Discovery World at Pier Wisconsin. Please call 414.277.9094 or email info@sailingcenter.org for more details.

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