



News from around the club:

December 13th is our annual Christmas Party at Romer's.

Loren Schafer along with "Just a Buck" appear on the front cover of Main Brace Magazine thanks to photo taken by Bryan Retterbush. See story on page 5.

More historic photos are on page 4. I forgot to note the date the photos were taken when I copied them from slides taken by Bob Wilkins but I think they were in the 1970's.

I attempted in one page to sum up the sailing season on page 5. I know that there is so much more that could be said and each of us will have a special sail that had just the right elements of wind and sky and crew that we will cherish and use to help us get through the dark winters.

I hope to see you at the Christmas Party or at the April meeting.

Wind and Waves

EXTRA!! EXTRA!!

We will again collect donations of non perishable food and paper supplies at the Christmas Party for the Call Ministry Food Bank.

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Up Coming Events for SMBC

- December 13 - 6:00 pm Christmas Party
- February 1st - Dues due for 2015
- April 5 - 4:00 pm 1st meeting of the new year
- May 3rd - General Membership meeting
- May 16-17 Catalina 22 Regatta
- May 23-25 Memorial Day Regatta

Notes from the General Membership Meeting

Note: These are just my notes, not a comprehensive set of minutes. - The Editor

- November 2nd, 2014 Gary Brown called meeting to order, with 42 members attending.
- Irv Baltes and Bill Baumann were elected to the Board of Governors.

Commodore Gary Brown Reported:

- Today everything will be put away and the club closed for the season.
- The St. Mary's Boat Club's aid station for the Marathon Race came in second place. A word of thanks was given to all that volunteered.
- Waiting to hear from Brian Miller as to when the seawall and docks will be repaired.
- The Board of Governors voted in the following as permanent members: Note this was a sort of a catch all as most had already been voted in during the year but to make sure no one was missed.
 - Bill and Ty Baumann
 - Mike and Ann Cecil
 - Rich and Becca Deforde
 - Rick and Mary Jane Fellers
 - Phil & Sue Fuerst
 - Matt Niekamp
 - Stephen and Joyce Nudge
 - Richard Siebenthaler
 - Dave Sorg
- Nominations for the Tegethoff were taken. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the Christmas party for the Silver Tongue Award and both winners will be announced.
- Social Committee:
 - Kate Anderson and Beth have agreed to host the 2015 Memorial Weekend Party.
 - The Bergdall's and the Davis's will host the 2015 Shrimp Boil.
 - We still need more volunteers to host events in 2015.
- Sick Report:
 - Yvette Grant is still ill and requires additional surgery.
 - Jean Allen has returned home from the hospital.



This photo is on the front cover of "Main Brace" the Catalina 22 National Sailing Association Magazine.

Note the SMBC logo in the lower left corner of the photo.

Bryan Retterbush and Loren Schafer also appear on page 22 of the magazine. On Page 23 of the magazine is a photo of all of the participants in the SMBC Catalina 22 Regatta on the front steps of SMBC.

You can read the magazine from their website at www.catalina22.org

An early fall misty morning at Cave Run Lake in the Daniel Boone national Forest near Morehead, Kentucky. Loren Schafer of St. Mary's Ohio Boat Club is taking a photograph and ready to go racing at the Cave Run Sailing Association's Grand Annual Regatta. Photo provided by Bryan Retterbush.

Photos from the past



Before there was the "Old Man from the Sea" an attempt was made to carve a dead tree in front of SMBC into a sculpture but the tree turned out to be hollow or rotten in the middle so it did not work.

Note the old Wind Mill tower with flowers under it. Compared to the new Rock Pile derrick, our derrick is bigger than their derrick.

Year in review by John Myers

2014 was the best sailing season in the 14 years that I have been a member of SMBC, mainly due to the weather. Yes to sail you need weather, there is no such thing as a fair weather sailor because the wind seldom blows on fair weather days! Besides wind, the weather brought rain which kept the water level up in the lake all season. Also the weather was cool all season. Cooler air has more mass thus more force to push a sail along. The Spring was a bit chilly but the summer was cool and awesome. The fall however was just cold.

Many of the races this season were held in 8+ knots of wind and a couple I think were canceled due to high wind. My sailing log notes several races where we were way overpowered even with multiple reefs. During the last race of the season with cold temperatures and winds gusting to near 20 mph there were 4 women racing! I was also happy to see several new members racing. So watch out SMBC, we have some new racer/sailors with salt in their veins.

We had awesome parties this year also. Memorial Day weekend, Labor Day weekend, Shrimp Boil, Fish Fry, Wine & hors d'oeuvres and probably some I forgot were all great. Not only can SMBC members sail but they know how to throw a great party too.

This year SMBC did a group sail to Bay View for lunch. It is always fun to do something different. I had been there by car but this was the first time I sailed there and it will not be the last! As a group or by ourselves we also sailed to Behm's Landing and Dock Side , our normal haunts and to get ice cream at the little octagon building in Celina. Having a dozen or so places that you can sail to and dock for free is one of my favorite things about the lake.

SMBC had fewer camp fires this season than normal. I always enjoy sitting around the fire at night, listening to stories and hoping for the potential of witnessing a "Silver Tongue Award" event. Possibly it was too windy or maybe we were just too tired to build a fire, after all of that rail down sailing.

Now for some personal statistics. I went sailing on other club member's boats 10 times this year. Thanks to all of you who invited me or allowed me to invite myself onto your boat Remember that the average sailor only goes out 10 times per season. That means I could have had an average season and not owned a boat! Cindi and I hosted 13 club members who sailed on our boat during the season. Thanks to all of you who shared our hospitality and made our sails more enjoyable. This season we went sailing less than last year but enjoyed it more. This was due to the great fellowship with club members, better wind and less motoring.

P.S. Jay Schafer won again this year as the person who went sailing the most times at SMBC. Jay sailed 43 times in 2014 or one less than in 2013. Jay told me that he thought that 2014 was the best sailing season ever.

If sleeping aboard were a category, I would win as I slept aboard 24 nights but Don and Jane Davis were a close second and might have won had they not pulled their boat early this fall.

A Rope Is A Rope

By Rocky Jones

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I suppose every mariner has had fun telling landlubbers and people new to boating that, once it comes aboard a boat, 'rope' needs to be called 'line,'" says Rocky Jones, who joined the U.S. Navy in 1946, and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in 1988. Over the years, Rocky finally decided that this nomenclature problem wasn't so funny anymore, that a better explanation was needed, and that he was the man to give it. Two decades ago, he wrote this poem, and has handed it out to folks under his command ever since.

A rope is a rope,
but sometimes a line.
Or it might be a painter
towing the dinghy behind.

From fiber to yarn,
then strand into rope.
It's the twisting that does it
which makes strong at the scope.

There's polys and sisal,
manila and hemp.
But when buying nylon
your money's well spent.

The big one's the hawser
with strain to defend.
The little one's the small stuff
for seizing the end.

The rode holds the anchor
in mud, sand, or rock.
The bow, spring, and stern lines
hold the ship to the dock.
You pay out a drogue line
when caught in a gale.
But pay out a halyard
and down comes the sail.

A bell rope it might be
clanging the time of the day.
Or it might be a cable
holding the mast with a stay.

On wash day at Granma's
clothes pins were used.
But a sailor needs clothes stops*
to hang up his blues.

If you pull on a sheet
your toes will get cold.
But when in a boat
the sails will unfold!

Be it braided or twisted
fiber or steel.
It's still just a rope
if it stays on the reel.

* Once known as the early Navy clothespin, a "clothes stop" is a small-diameter cord, approximately 12 inches long, used to tie laundry to a clothes line.

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