



The Scuttlebutt

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Calendar

October

- 16 ~ MADELINE De-rigging, 9 am
- 16 ~ Welcome Committee, 1 pm
- 16 ~ All Crew Meeting, 7 pm
- 18 ~ MADELINE De-rigging, 9 am
- 29 ~ Director's Roundtable, 9 am
- 30 ~ Madeline Committee, 7 pm

November

- 07 ~ Champion Committee, 6 pm
- 11 ~ MHA Board Meeting, 5 pm
- 13 ~ **Annual Meeting and Fall Potluck, 6 pm**
- 18 ~ "Big Wheel" film, State Theatre, 6 pm
- 20 ~ Welcome Committee, 1 pm
- 26 ~ Director's Roundtable, 9 am

(All meetings are held at the Heritage Center unless otherwise noted)



ALL CREW MEETING

The All Crew Meeting will be held Thursday, October 16 at 7:00 pm at the Heritage Center. This meeting will give crew a chance to get together and share stories and photos from this season's adventures and discuss any challenges or suggestions they might have.

THANK YOU

Very special thanks is due to Bob Radzicki and Randy McClure for their amazing work cleaning up and organizing around our shops during the past month. Bob and Randy pulled all sorts of stuff out from behind and between the buildings and cleaned and organized our cul-de-sac boat storage area.

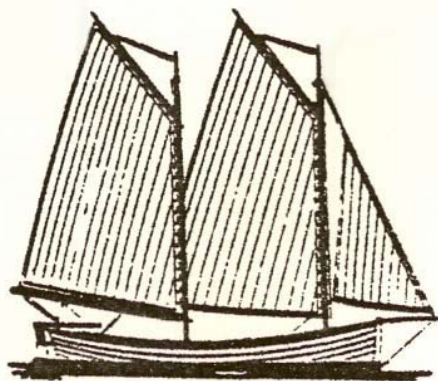
Sherri Freels and Judy King also deserve a hearty thanks for helping to organize the Regatta in September. And we are grateful to photographers Terry Phipps and Peggy Sue Zinn for the many pictures taken at the event.

CLASSIC YACHT REGATTA

Our First Annual Classic Yacht Regatta, held on a beautiful fall day in September, was a fantastic event and gave our community an opportunity to see the MHA fleet up close. Over 85 people were on board different MHA boats for the day.

Hundreds of visitors walked the docks at Clinch Park to look at the boats and learn from our dedicated volunteer crews about the uniqueness of each vessel. Several TV stations were on hand to cover the event and the Record-Eagle did a nice story the following day.

We are already thinking about ways to expand and improve this event for next year. A Festival Committee is being formed, so if you would like to help, please contact Mark at 231-645-1625.



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ANNUAL MEETING AND FALL POTLUCK

Join together with fellow MHA members on Thursday, November 13th at 6:00 pm at the Heritage Center for our Annual Meeting and Fall Potluck. This event is known for the amazing food brought by the membership and is a great time to visit with old friends and meet new members. Barb Horning is preparing a video covering the events of the season and we will be looking ahead at the many exciting projects that MHA has in the works.

The business portion of the meeting will include a summary of this year's events and voting on new board members and a by-law change. There are three positions open on the MHA Board. And the nominees are:

Rich Brauer – Rich is a founding member of MHA and currently serves as the President of the Board of Directors. He has contributed countless hours to our growth and success and would like to continue serving as a Board member.

John G. Tanner, RADM, USMS – Admiral Tanner has been on the staff of the Great Lakes Maritime Academy since 1974 and has served as the Academy's Superintendent since 1995. This will be his second term on the MHA Board.

Zachary Hegg – Zach comes to us with a love of the water and a wealth of financial experience. He is the head of the Commercial Loan Dept. at Fifth Third Bank in Traverse City and joined the MHA Board earlier this year.

The membership will also be asked to vote on a proposed change to ARTICLE IX, Section B

of the MHA By-laws, which, if passed, will read as follows:

The President, with the approval and consent of the Board of Directors, shall appoint, within a reasonable time after the annual meeting, standing committees consisting of as many active members as he/she may deem necessary. ~~The chair of each committee must be appointed from the members of the Board of Directors.~~ We hope to see you there. *Please bring a dish to pass, your own table settings, and your best sea stories!*



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our membership is a wonderful group of people with a wide variety of experience and talents. Each hour spent volunteering with MHA is valuable and vital to our continued success. Here are some opportunities for you to consider:

Building, painting and wiring work on Building 1:

The Restoration Shop is coming along beautifully under the talented coordination of our contractor, Captain Rod Jones. Rod is looking for some help with painting the new fire walls, installing the electrical wiring, and other general construction jobs. No experience is necessary and the hours are flexible. If you can lend a hand, send an email to Rod at rodjones2@charter.net or call him at 231-632-0387.

Auction Chairperson or Co-Chairs:

MHA's Boat Auction is our largest annual fundraiser and is in need of new leadership. The Chairperson or Co-chairs will work with the office in coordinating the details that go into making the event a success, including promotion, volunteer scheduling, and managing donations. Both Kelly and Mark are very knowledgeable in all these areas and will offer whatever training and support is necessary. If you are interested in helping to make the Boat Auction a big success, please contact the office at (231)946-2647.

Volunteer Coordinator:

MHA is developing a new and extremely important position for the organization. As we continue to grow and the number of our volunteers expands, it is necessary to have someone who will ensure that we can best utilize our volunteers, and make sure that we recognize and acknowledge their contributions. The volunteer coordinator will work with the office to assist with orientation, training, and placement of new members. Anyone interested should contact the Kelly or Mark.

Signmaker:

The old sign hanging next to the gate at our harbor is looking pretty ugly these days. We are looking for someone to work with Mark and the guys in the shop to make a new sign and include all the new marketing materials we have available now.



“WIDGEON” WORK

Our 1940 Luedtke 28 "Widgeon" has been moved into the shop and is currently undergoing a full refinish. Former owner Chuck Stockwell made a generous donation to MHA to cover the costs of restoring this old beauty, and she should be looking sharp and ready to sail next Spring. Look for progress pictures in future issues of *The Scuttlebutt*.



RESTORATION SHOP

The MHA Restoration Shop construction work continues. The firewalls are complete and ready for painting and the bathrooms, shower room, and utility closet are framed and ready for wiring and plumbing. New steel siding is being installed along with a new entry door. There is lots more still to do and more money is needed to complete the remodeling and have the Shop up and running by January.

The facility, within Building #1 at our Bayshore Drive location, will house our new youth mentoring program, and will also serve as a community woodshop and meeting place.

EMAIL UPDATES

Members wishing to be added to the MHA Membership email list should email the office, (kelly@maritimeheritagealliance.org). It was recently updated and an email has been sent to all members on the list.



WAY TO GO, CHAMP!

The Champion Committee has been hard at work developing a business plan for the boat and continuing to work through the details of a new sailing program for at-risk youth in Northern Michigan that we intend to launch in 2009.

The committee has been working with individuals from the Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiative, Child and Family Services, Michigan Department of Human Services, Michigan Works, and other agencies that deal directly with at-risk youth. They are all excited about this new opportunity and have been invaluable in shaping the program's design.

This new MHA program will be a terrific way for us to connect with youth and the broader community, recruit new members and volunteers, and share our maritime heritage in a unique and beneficial way for all the parties involved. You are encouraged to learn more and support this new program by attending the Champion Committee meetings.

When CHAMPION is not in service providing sailing opportunities to our youth, she will be available for member outings with a Captain at the helm, so plan on getting together with other members and experience an evening aboard this wonderful boat. Thank you once again to Mr. Henry Barkhausen for this amazing gift.

WELCOME NEWS

Our Armed Sloop WELCOME had a great summer, getting out under power and sail to the delight of the MHA Board, the Welcome Committee members, and our community.

Winter work this year will focus on interior carpentry, marlinspike and rigging work, and creating a strategic plan for the boat.

Currently, we are exploring the possibility of taking her to the Straits of Mackinac in August for homecoming celebrations in St. Ignace, Mackinac City, Mackinac Island, and possibly Cheboygan.

More work and more funds are necessary to reach this goal, so if you can offer a few hours or a few dollars, please contact the Welcome Committee Chairman Jim Graczyk by email at bahdler@charter.net or by phone at 231-620-7671.



STRATEGIC PLAN

Look for a summary of the newly completed 3-year Strategic Plan in the November issue of *The Scuttlebutt*. We plan to discuss this at the Annual Meeting and your input is appreciated as we continue to implement the strategies we have developed.

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