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## **CALENDAR**

**September 11-13**

***Michigan Schooner Festival***

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## **MICHIGAN SCHOONER FESTIVAL NEXT WEEK!**



***S/V Denis Sullivan, the flagship of Wisconsin, will be offering sails on West Bay throughout the weekend.***

The inaugural Michigan Schooner Festival kicks off next Friday and is sure to be a great event, so gather your friends, family, and neighbors and come on down!



***Inland Seas will make the run down the Bay to join in the festivities.***

Join in the Progressive Reception on Saturday evening, featuring samplings from local restaurants, cannon firing demonstrations, and guided tours of the boats, all while listening to local favorites "Song of the Lakes".

And don't miss the "Pancakes with Pirates" breakfast on Sunday morning, sure to be some good food and great fun!



***Appledore V, formerly of West Bay, will return to sail, including a star-gazing trip Saturday night.***

Pick a boat and go for a majestic sail on the *S/V Denis Sullivan*, *Inland Seas*, or *Appledore V*. Tickets are available through the Schooner Festival website, [www.MichiganSchoonerFestival.org](http://www.MichiganSchoonerFestival.org).

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## Festival Calendar of Events

### Thursday, September 10

7:00 pm- Volunteer Orientation at Open Space

### Friday, September 11

Noon - Volunteer Orientation at Open Space

**Grand Parade of Sail**- West Bay

3:00 pm- MHA vessels depart harbor for rendezvous at Power Island

5:00 pm- VIP and media boats depart Clinch Marina

6:00 pm- Festival kickoff and Grand Parade of Sail, sponsored by 106.7 YOU-FM

6:30 pm- Schooners arrive and dock

7:00 pm- Welcome Ceremony with community dignitaries

7:30 pm- Private receptions on schooners

7:30 pm- Pirate re-enactors performance by Ring of Steel Action Theatre Group

9:00 pm- Post party at Right Brain Brewery

### Saturday, September 12, 2009

9:30 am- Schooners ready for passenger boarding

10:00 am- Ships start tours of the bay (ticketed event)

10:00 am- Artisan Tent, Children's Tent, & Food Court open

10:00 am- *Madeline, Welcome, and Champion* open for tours

12:00 pm- Boat in a Bag race, sponsored by 92.9 WJZQ The Breeze

12:00 pm- Michigan Schooner Festival Entertainment stage opens

6:00 pm- Progressive reception aboard schooners (ticketed event)

8:00 pm- Post party for all ages at Lil Bo Pub & Grille, with entertainment by Jazz North

### Sunday September 13, 2009

8:00 am- Pancakes with Pirates, sponsored by Sunny Country 101.9

9:30 am- Schooners ready for passenger boarding

10:00 am- Ships start tours of the bay (ticketed event)

3:00 PM Event concludes



### MHA QUILT RAFFLE

We will be raffling off a very special quilt at the Michigan Schooner Festival. MHA founder Ed Brown donated his MHA t-shirt collection for our archives. Sally Byle used the duplicate t-shirts to create a beautiful and very unique quilt. Tickets for the raffle are \$2 or three tickets for \$5 and can be purchased at the office or during the Michigan Schooner Festival. The raffle will be held at noon on Sept. 13, 2009 at the Open Space, immediate following the "Pancakes with Pirates" breakfast.

## NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear MHA members:

I am very excited to have helped create the Michigan Schooner Festival for our community, and for MHA. This will be a perfect opportunity to demonstrate the MHA mission in action, *sharing the maritime heritage of the Great Lakes* with the public.

It is also important to MHA as a fundraising event, and your help with tour guiding, ticket sales, and all the other volunteer "jobs" is critically important. If you have not signed up yet, please contact Jenn at [Jenn@EventsNorth.com](mailto:Jenn@EventsNorth.com), or call the MHA office at 946-2647.

We are expecting thousands to attend this inaugural Festival, and the more the merrier, so please put the word out to your networks of friends. Invite them to come, visit the website, and book a sail on one of the visiting schooners.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly at 231-645-1625, and thank you again for all you do for the MHA!

**Fair winds and sunshine!  
Mark**

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## PICTURE PAGE



A Phil Bolger "Light Schooner", a 24' long centerboarder and blazing fast, was recently donated to MHA.



"Patience" will be restored this winter in the MHA Restoration Shop- Youth Mentoring program.



*Thunderbolt*, built in 1934 by Fred Telgard, in Northport, MI. The boat was recently donated to MHA by Deke Kilmer of Port Clinton, OH.



A Fenwick Williams-designed, 22' catboat, *Thunderbolt* is a valuable piece of local maritime history, and in need of a full restoration.



The new 26' long *Voyageur* canoe is right-side-up and nearing completion in the Peter J. Henry Boat Shop.



Our schooner *Madeline* creeps into fog-shrouded Port Washington, WI for a popular festival appearance.



A little twist on the "prairie-schooner" concept - rail-sailing!



*Arcturos*, our 1947 Herreshoff 28, joins in the GTYC Wednesday night races.



Landlubbers learn about our cutter *Champion* at the Hessel Boat Show.



It's not a beard, it's a "bow pudding!" on the tug *Restless*, fresh from her win at the The Great Tugboat Races in Sault Ste Marie.



Our Armed Sloop *Welcome* on display in the Cheboygan River.