

The Scuttlebutt

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CALENDAR

February

2 – MHA Board mtg, 5:15

4 – BCT III

11 – ACT II

16 – Boat Shop Open House, 5-8

18 – BCT IV

25 – Madeline Cmte, 7 pm,

27 – Welcome Cmte, 12:30 pm

March

2 – MHA Board mtg, 5:15

4 – BCT V

11 – ACT III

**(All events take place at the boat shop
at 7 pm unless otherwise stated)**

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LET'S GO SAILING! CREW TRAINING BEGINS

Following is the schedule of winter training programs for 2010 for the MHA All-Boat Crew:

5 Basic Crew Training Programs

for new crew members. You, as trained crew, are invited to participate in these programs in order to get acquainted with the new crew, to improve your sailing skills, to assist in training of the new crew, and just to keep in touch during the winter.

Contact Laura Q at 231-256-2191, or quackenbush1@peoplepc.com to sign up to help. Remaining training dates are Feb. 4, Feb. 18, and March 4, and all classes begin at 7 pm at the Restoration Shop, 13268 S. West Bayshore Drive.

4 Advanced Crew Training (ACT) Programs:

February 11- U.S. Aids to Navigation- Buoyage, Lights, and Shapes- Instructors: Rod Jones and Larry Hathaway

March 11- Rules of the Road- Instructor: TBD

April 1- Boat Handling and Commands- Instructor: Rod Jones

On-the-water training will be scheduled after March. Please sign up with Marilyn Budde, 231-824-7334 or mjcbudde@yahoo.com.



With the **ASTA Tall Ships Challenge** in the Great Lakes next year and festivals in Bay City, Green Bay, and Chicago, there will be many opportunities for crew to sail on *Madeline* and *Welcome*.

Encourage your friends to get involved and join us for an exciting summer aboard our historic ships.

OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

We would like to extend a very special thanks to Laura Quackenbush, Bernie Weidenaar, and Bob Dost for their many years of service to the MHA as Board members and volunteers.

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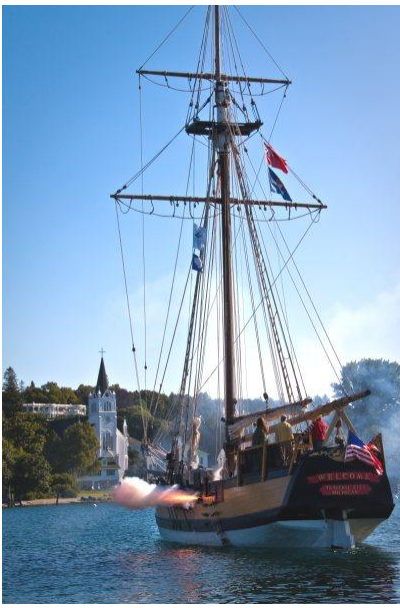
BOAT SHOP OPEN HOUSE

On Tuesday, February 16, from 5-8 pm, MHA will host a Restoration Shop Open House for our community. Current members and the public are encouraged to stop in for some refreshments, meet some of the youth that are restoring classic boats, and learn more about our new "Guardians of the Bay" membership program.

In collaboration with Northern Broadcasting (WKLT, YOU-FM, and 94.3 The Fox), we are beginning a membership drive to bring in new members and help to support our various ships and educational programs. Bring your friends and come learn some more about our plans for the 2010 sailing season.

GRANT NEWS

Last week we received word that MHA is the recipient of a \$25,000 grant from Rotary Charities to support the SAIL Champion program. More details will follow in the Member Updates. With this support, we hope to expand the program in 2010 and serve many more youth with this unique sailing program.



THE ALCHEMY OF WOOD AND WATER

A column by Jan Barlow, new MHA member

ELEMENTAL

I have an inclination towards the unruly. Nature never disappoints. The furious attempt to harness the effects of the elements upon us has always been part of the human experience. In the beginning, a matter of survival. For us today, more a matter of our need to maintain our connection to the fundamentals. From ancient Greek science to modern psychology, the elements of air, water, earth, and fire have consistently emerged as essential archetypes that provide a sort of reference point. They are indicators that orient us to the basics. The allure of old wooden boats, handcrafted replicas, and a passion for preservation is quite elemental. The rendering of a boat, from its first crude draft in the mind of its architect to the sculpting of the wood smith is like taking a piece of earth and breathing life into it. Creativity at its core. The artisans and explorers of the past were driven to expand their worlds and the elements truly shaped history. From the trade routes to hull design the elements were driving it all. I believe in the power of the elements to reach across a time continuum and touch our souls. As they recycle themselves throughout the lifespan of our planet, I feel sure that some of the same energizing spirit that was present in the days of the great expeditions will find its way back into our collective consciences. Who knows what we may hear if we listen to the wind.

RESTORATION SHOP NEWS

The Restoration Shop – Youth Mentoring program is up and running! With 2 groups of youth working on the 23' Lyman, *The Break Room*, which needs new decks, window frames, and full paint and varnish. They are doing a great job and seem to be having fun with the work.

Materials for the restoration are being funded by the Collectors Foundation, which owns the boat. We are planning to have the boat done by spring and would like to make it a feature boat at the Auction in June.

Anyone interested in getting involved can contact Mark at 645-1625.

WITCHCRAFT

Progress on the restoration of *Witchcraft*, the slender 33' sailboat built by Bill Livingston, continues with new deck beams and sister frames being installed. Volunteers work on her on Tuesday evenings from 6-9 and every other Saturday.

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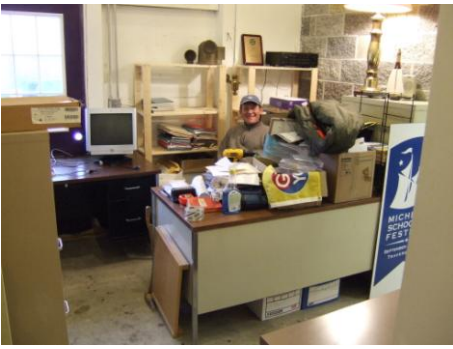


The armed sloop *Welcome* sails past the Round Island lighthouse in the Straits of Mackinaw last summer.



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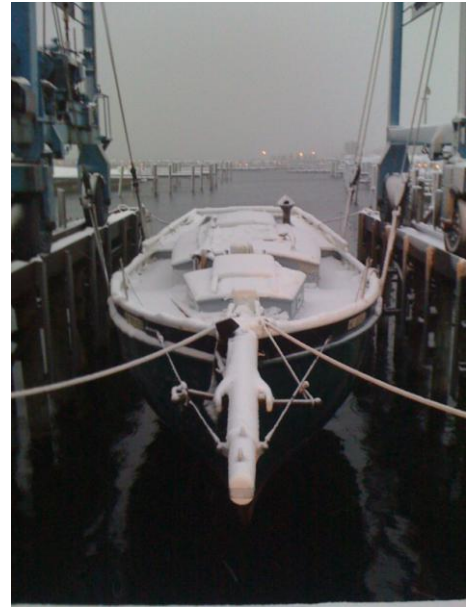
Executive Director Mark Thompson settles into the new office space at the shop.



The 1958 Bill Livingston-built *Witchcraft*, getting new deck beams, deck, sister frames, etc. Stop by on Tuesday nights and lend a hand.



Keith Forton offered some great info on GPS navigation and chart plotting.



The movie star *Champion* hangs in the slings in December awaiting haul-out. The film, *A Year in Mooring*, will debut at the TC Film Festival this summer.



The interior set of the film, built by several MHA members and the film crew.



Actor James Cromwell chats with the crew after a day shooting on the water near Bowers Harbor.

