



*There was no shortage of food or conversation as members unwound after the workday.*

The first Friday Night Barbecue on June 17 was a huge success. One hundred fifteen members attended the event and enjoyed the great food, great company and, as it turned out, the great weather. The attendance was beyond what the Membership Committee expected. The count of 115 members does not include the 17 vol-

## Friday Night Done Right



*Grill Masters (left to right) Mike Schnarsky, Dave Gaylord, and Bart Grolewski.*

unteers who staged the event and who deserve special thanks for helping out. Since the event was so well attended, it bodes well for the next Friday Night



*Jus' chillin' are (left to right) Jack Fisher, Jeanne Michael, Tom, Sharon and Jordan Gale.*

Barbecue scheduled for July 29 from 5:30 - 8:00 PM. The cost of entry will remain at the bargain price of \$5.00. Please reserve your spot by Tuesday, July 26. This season's final Friday Night Barbecue will be held on the new date of August 12. Come down and join us. Sign up in the Sailing Center office, or call 414-277-9094.

June 21 was a beautiful night for a sail on Lake Michigan, and that is just what lucky MCSC members did during this year's first Full Moon Sail. The event, organized and run by the Membership Committee, was a smash hit. To transition from work to play, the evening started with a potluck dinner that ran until 7:30 PM. Then 45 Sailing Center members boarded 12 privately owned boats to sail the night away. With the skippers and their crews, a total of 75 people enjoyed the night sail before arriving back at the docks around 9:30 pm. The only complaints came from those who wanted to stay out longer.

## Full Moon Cruisin'



*This picture of Gale Force by Jeffery Phelps appeared on the front page of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel June 22 issue.*

Even more members wanted to go, but the boats filled up too fast. Not to worry. There are two more Full Moon Sails scheduled for this summer. The next Full Moon Sail is Thursday, July 21, a sign-up sheet has already been started for it, and Friday, August 19. Priority will be given to those who didn't make the cut-off for the June 21 evening sail. Stop in at the Sailing Center office to sign up or call 414-277-9094.

Thanks to the Membership Committee and volunteers for their efforts and spe-

cial thanks to the boat owners for showing us their generous hospitality.

### The Boats and Their Owners

Carina owned by Mike Gale  
Distant Star owned by Gene Neyhart  
Escape II owned by Gary Davis  
Gale Force owned by Tom Gale  
La Nostra owned by Frank Arndorfer  
Li'l Tart owned by Lynn Schmitz  
Opus owned by Leon Boniface  
Prelude owned by Marty Schreiber  
Ralis owned by Bill Weissert  
Serenity owned by Bob Mueller  
Suntreader owned by Mike Drew  
Wind Walker owned by Mike Schnarsky



*Full Moon Sail participants board Marty Schreiber's Passage 42, Prelude*



*Mike Drew guides Suntreader, a Catalina 30, away from the dock.*

## HARKEN

### The Unfolding Story

If you look closely, you will see Harken furlers, blocks and travelers on just about all of our boats. Harken, located in Pewaukee, WI, and makers of some of the most drool worthy sailing gear on the planet, has long been a special contributor to the Sailing Center. We would especially like to express our appreciation to Harken for their donation of a Harken ESP Jib Reefing and Furling unit for Reliance, our C&C 29. If you aren't familiar with the model, there's a reason: The Harken ESP is a new product line.

Harken employees Neil Evans, Technical Service, and Tom Hanks, Hydraulics/ Controls Engineer and MCSC member, came out the first day to cut and install a new forestay for the

boat. Then they installed the furling unit over the forestay, and with Jared Drake's help, stepped the 44 foot long mast. The next day Jim Bourne, Technical Service, and Greg Hartmeier, Senior Engineer for Special Products, tested the new product with a multitude of furling lines of different diameters and compositions. It was one of their first opportunities to test the unit on an older boat and it passed with flying colors. The new furler turns freely over the forestay and, combined with the larger diameter furling line drum, when the wind kicks up the new unit reels in a big genny like a dream.



## TCF Bank Milwaukee Air Expo

The Blue Angels, the U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, will soar in the skies over Milwaukee on July 16 and 17 during the TCF Bank Milwaukee Air Expo. The Blue Angels are returning to Milwaukee for the first time in 6 years and will be headlining the air show. They are in great demand – Each December The Department of Defense

decides which requests to grant from hundreds of air shows all over the country. This year Milwaukee was a lucky winner.

The Blue Angels will be performing last at each day's show, but the afternoon will be filled with other flying demonstrations. Each show will start with military fly-bys and continue with the Army Special Forces



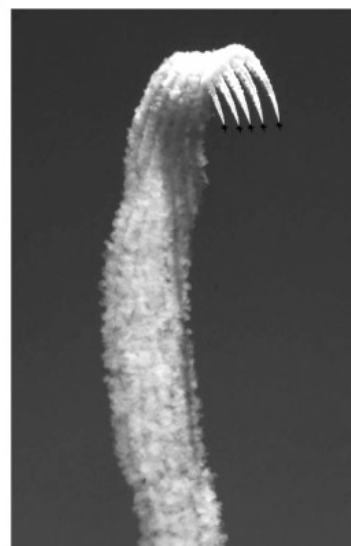
### ... no boat traffic into or out of McKinley Marina ...

Parachute Team, the A10 Warthog and P51 Mustang Fighter Heritage Flight Teams, the Red Baron Pizza Squadron, F-16 Falcon demos and various aerial acrobatic stars. The running commentary of the show will be broadcast live on 1130 WISN-AM.

The free show will be centered over the War Memorial and Veterans Park. American Air Shows, which is putting on the event, expects Lakefront attendance of 250,000 people.

What's all this got to do with sailing? Sailing will be restricted. There will be no boat traffic into or out of McKinley Marina during the Thursday and Friday practice days and the Saturday and Sunday show days from 12:00 noon until 5:00 pm, so, there will be no open sailing during these hours. Spinnaker Club is planned for Saturday, but will end before the 12:00 noon deadline, as will Racing on Sunday morning.

Why not make a day of it on the Sailing Center grounds? Start either Saturday or Sunday with some sailing and then stay to watch the TCF Bank Milwaukee Air Expo from the comfort of your lawn chair with a cooler at your side. The Milwaukee Community Sailing Center will have some the the best views of the show in Veterans Park, but without the crowds. Parking (an MCSC membership card or parking permit will be required), bathrooms and ice are all conveniently close. For more information call the Sailing Center at 414-277-9094.



Announcing

Ring the Bell!

## the 22nd Quarterbarrel Regatta



**Entry Fee: \$20**

**9:30 AM Skipper's Meeting at the Dockhouse  
Three Divisions**

**Ensigns, 470s, PHRF (Soling, J24 and others)**

(Four boat minimum per division for boats registered by August 9.)

**An alternate course for Ensigns and 470s will be explained  
at the Skipper's Meeting.**

All medium and heavy air skippers are eligible to register and reserve boats. Boats will be reserved with payment of the entry fee on a first-come, first-served basis. Instructions will be given to registered skippers only. To register and reserve your boat, or for more information, stop in at the Sailing Center office. If you are a skipper looking for crew, or crew looking for a skipper, the Sailing Center office can help. Stop by or call 414-277-9094.

## History of the Ensign

by Gerald Daly - Ensign Class Association

The 22.5-foot, fiberglass sloop was first built by Pearson Yachts in 1962, as the Electra Day sailer, and as may be guessed from the name, was really a re-design of an earlier boat. In 1959, Pearson commissioned naval architect Carl Alberg to design a 22-foot cruiser suitable for racing. His design, called the Electra, had a masthead rig, a small, self-bailing cockpit, and a cabin with galley space, a head and bunks. About 350 Electras were built over the next six years.

But Pearson dealers found that many prospective Electra buyers would prefer the boat with a larger cockpit and smaller cabin. They passed the information along to Pearson, who subsequently asked Alberg to design a day sailer, suitable for one-design racing, based on the Electra hull.

The Electra Day sailer seemed a popular boat from the start: Pearson sold 219 of them in 1962, their first year, despite only one racing fleet having been formed that year. The next year saw 213 more boats built and nine more fleets formed.

Over the years, a total of 66 fleets were formed. Fleets grew on the coasts, lakes and rivers, even on reservoirs. They showed up in the places you would expect, such as the West Coast, the Great Lakes, and all down the East Coast. But fleets also formed in places you might not consider keel-boat waters; places like The Dillon Reservoir in Colorado, nearly 9,000 feet above sea level; the Finger Lakes; and Lake Winnepesaukee.

The class association is largely responsible for the Ensign remaining a simple boat. "In general, we tried to keep the family boating advantages of the craft," recalled John M. O'Connell, a Pearson dealer from New Hampshire and 1964 Ensign National Champion, "while at the same time ensuring the quality of racing. It came up that nearly everyone hated the name Electra Day sailer. We came up with the name Ensign."

Sailing the Ensign to its potential does not require any techniques that are peculiar to the boat. But it does have to be sailed for what it is, "basically a little big boat," according to Clark Thompson, Jr. the first person to win the nationals twice in two successive years. "It is heavy and requires time to reach full speed. Accordingly, it carries a great deal of headway. These and other similar characteristics," he continues, "result in two primary objectives when racing: keep it flat and keep it moving."





# IMPORTANT DATES

## Spinnaker Club

Saturdays April 30 through Oct. 22, 9:30 AM–12:30 PM

## Sunday Racing

Sundays May 15 through Oct. 9, 9:30 AM–12:30 PM

## Wednesday Night Racing MYC

May 25 through Sep. 7, 5:00 PM–sunset

## Wednesday Night Racing SSYC

Jun. 1 through Sep. 15, 5:00 PM–sunset

## Open Fridays

Jun. 3 through Aug. 26, 5:30 PM–sunset

## Mid-Season Championships

Jul. 10, 9:30 AM–3:00 PM

## Adult Basic CC

Jul. 11–14, 18–21, 9:00 AM–noon

## Intermediate Sailing IS4

Jul. 11–14, 1:30 PM–4:30 PM

## Adult Basic H

Jul. 11–14, 18–21, 5:30 PM–sunset

## TCF Bank Milwaukee Air Expo (no sailing)

July 14–17, 12:00 noon–5:00 PM

## Membership Committee Meeting

Jul. 14, 5:30 PM at MCSC

## Adult Basic I

Jul. 18–21, 25–28, 5:30 PM–sunset

## Introduction to Soling SOLB

Jul. 18–21, 5:30 PM–sunset

## Advanced Sailing AS2

Jul. 18–21, 1:30 PM–4:30 PM

## Full Moon Sail

Jul. 21, 6:00 PM–9:30 PM

## Intermediate Cruising IC1

Jul. 23, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

## Intermediate Sailing IS5

Jul. 25–28, 5:30 PM–sunset

## Introduction to 470 470A

Jul. 25–28, 5:30 PM–sunset

## Basic Cruising BC3

Jul. 25–28, 5:30 PM–sunset

## Friday Night Barbecue

Jul. 29, 5:30 PM–8:00 PM

## Adult Basic Weekend Intensive WEI4

Jul. 29, 5:30 PM–sunset, Jul. 30–31, 9:30 AM–5:00 PM

## Adult Basic J

Aug. 1–4, 8–11, 5:30 PM–sunset

## Advanced Sailing AS3

Aug. 1–4, 5:30 PM–sunset

## On Board Navigation OBN-2

Aug. 3–4, 5:30 PM–sunset

## Adult Basic DD

Aug. 8–11, 15–18, 9:00 AM–noon

## Tip Test



*Sailing instructor Anna Bargren orchestrates as her students, in the first section of Youth Level 1 sailing, learn how to re-right their boats. Through a process of self-discovery, students also learn how cold the water is.*

## Adult Basic K

Aug. 8–11, 15–18, 5:30 PM–sunset

## Intermediate Sailing IS6

Aug. 8–11, 1:30 PM–4:30 PM

## Introduction to J24 JB

Aug. 8–11, 5:30 PM–sunset

## Membership Committee Meeting

Aug. 9, 5:30 PM at MCSC

## Adult Basic Weekday Intensive WDI3

Aug. 9, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM, Aug. 10–11, 9:30 AM–5:00 PM

## Intermediate Cruising IC1

Aug. 12, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

## Friday Night Barbecue

Aug. 12, 5:30 PM–8:00 PM

## 22nd Quarterbarrel Regatta

Aug. 14, 9:30 AM

## Full Moon Sail

Aug. 19, 6:00 PM–9:30 PM

## Volunteer Appreciation & Class Graduation

Sep. 1, 6:00 PM

## Annual Lobster Boil

Sep. 2, 6:00 PM

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*MCSC member Tom Penn contributed this photo taken during last season's Fall Regatta. The third race ended with the MCSC safety boat leading the fleet.*



*Inside THE JULY JIBSHEET: First Friday Night Barbecue, First Full Moon Sail, Blue Angels, QuarterBarrel Regatta.*

