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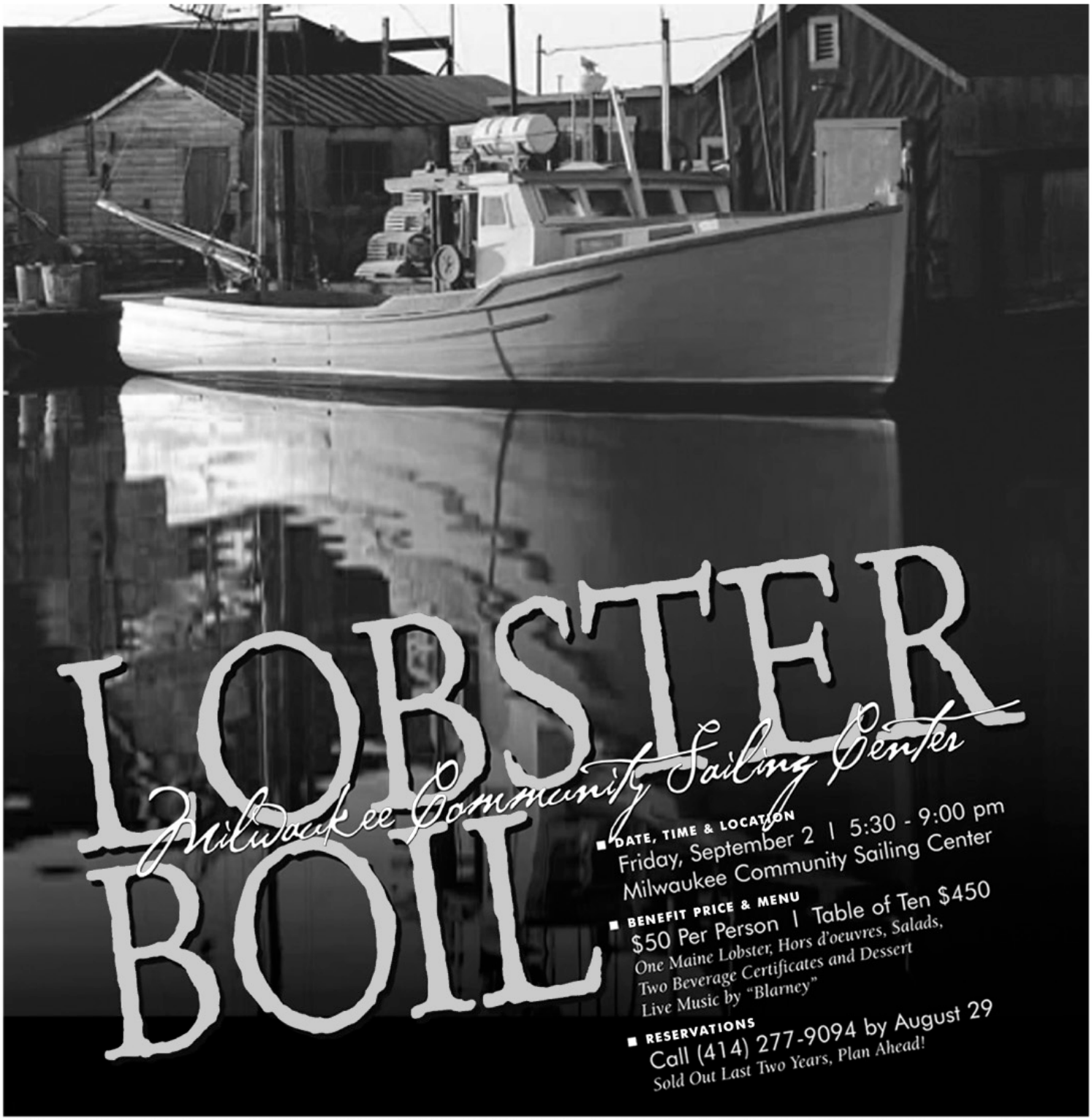

Lobster Boil Mail-In Registration Form

Name

Address

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❑ I cannot attend this year's Lobster Boil, but I would like to make a tax deductable donation to the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center to continue their programs and activities.

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The Manitou Passage

by Rick Buttina

The June fifteenth dawn broke over the Leland, Michigan yacht harbor with ominous signs for *Morning Star*, a 1965 Columbia 29, and her crew of four, skipper Jon Breschak, Rick Buttina, Mark Galipo, and Tom Treul, who were now midway through an annual cruise across Lake Michigan. A thick, blanketing fog had reduced visibility to zero beyond the breakwater, and a steady 20 knot plus northerly wind signaled an exciting day of sailing ahead. Little did we know.

Since Leland is situated just east of the Manitou Passage, a main commercial shipping lane for vessels transiting to and from the Straits of Mackinac and lower Lake Michigan, we delayed our underway time for Frankfort, Michigan until the fog fully lifted. In addition, the force of the prevailing wind conditions hit home indelibly when marina staff and other moored boat owners raced to rescue a sailboat which was dragging anchor within the confines of the yacht basin.

The fog lifted around noon, and preparations were made to get underway. With "foulies" donned and harnesses and tethers readied, *Morning Star* cautiously backed from her east-west berth and, once clear of the slip, was immediately taken by the wind. We scrambled to readjust mooring lines and fend the boat off pier facings, while struggling to get her fair in the marina channel under engine power. Given the existing wind conditions, not thinking through and developing a plan of attack beforehand for getting *Morning Star* out had severely complicated a controlled departure from our Leland berth. Lesson learned.

Once clear of the harbor, *Morning Star* was rocked by wave action, as we brought her into the wind to raise both the main and a storm head sail. The foredeck was pitching wildly, and the boat was losing engine power. Something was definitely wrong. In the buffeting winds, the bow mooring line had been knocked overboard and was now trailing under the boat, securely wrapped around the propeller shaft. The engine was shut down immediately. First thoughts: Oh, #*@&! Fortunately, a double-reefed main and the storm jib had already been set, so *(Continued on next page)*

Mid-Season Championship Results

The 2005 edition of the Mid-Season Championship Regatta consisted of three races around the bouys and a final race around the breakwall. Winds were generally light at 6–10 knots out of the southeast. Whoever read the wind shifts correctly stayed out in front and won the race, although one race leader was overheard asking for directions to the next bouy.

During the last race along the inside of the outer breakwall, Mike Mooney earned the nickname "The Rock" when his Soling's bow dipped suddenly and the boat stopped momentarily before bobbing up and continuing. From the impression left on Mike's keel, the uncharted rock, near the rocks in the breakwall north of the lighthouse, is about 3½ feet from the water's surface and about 15 feet out from the wall. Now that's local knowledge!

When Ensign division racers Ed Johnston and Karl Saynisch have looked behind them during the last two years, they've seen this gentleman, Gary Malamet, closing in and taking third place.

Ensigns

Place	Skipper/Boat	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4*	Total
1	Ed Johnston/Spirit	3	2	4	1	10
2	Karl Saynisch/Kiss My Stern	1	3	3	3	10
3	Gary Malamet/Shamrock	5	1	1	5	12
4	Jim Anderson**/Sugar	2	5	2	4	13
5	Alden Melbourne/Summer Caper	4	4	5	8	21
6	Polly Rehbein/Magic	6	7	7	2	22
7	Scott Braun/Dream	7	6	6	7	26
8	Jonathan Taurman/Big Foot	10	9	9	6	34
9	Mike Soika**/Scrimshaw	9	8	10	10	37
10	Pete Cannon/Pizazz	8	11	8	11	38
11	Tom Herbsteith**/Spray	11	10	11	9	41

* Race 4 was the tie breaker race in the event of a tie.
** Due to an error, we may not have the correct skippers for Sugar, Scrimshaw and Spray. We apologize.

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Place	Skipper	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total
1	Bill Hansen	4	1	2	1	8
2	Ken Hobson	2	4	1	3	10
3	Doug Drake	3	3	3	2	11
4	John Michael	1	2	6	6	15
5	Jan Lawrence	5	5	4	4	18
6	Dave Jansen	6	6	5	5	22

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Place	Skipper/Boat	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total
1	Dan Brielmaier/Soling US591	2	3	1	1	7
2	Mike Mooney/Soling US545	1	1	2	5	9
3	Mike Young/Soling	5	2	3	2	12
4	Scott Nelson/Soling	3	4	5	3	15
5	Joe Fillingham/J24 Barb V	4	5	4	4	17
6	Bill Mosher/J24 Taxi	6	DNF	DNS	DNS	24

Volunteer Appreciation and Class Graduation Party

Join us on Thursday, September 1, at 6:00 PM when we give well deserved recognition to all our volunteer instructors and other outstanding volunteers and congratulate all graduates of the Sailing Center's 2005 classes.

Two volunteer instructors, picked by students and staff instructors, will receive the 2005 Hank Feiertag Volunteer Instructor of the Year Award. The ability to explain things calmly and clearly under conditions that are sometimes neither calm nor clear, being knowledgable about sailing and how the Sailing Center operates, and volunteering their time often and sometimes on short notice are all traits of past award recipients.

Volunteer instructors (left to right) Tom Molinski, Bob Knier, Melvin Laehn, and Jim Kostusak discuss the 2004 season at last year's Volunteer Appreciation Party

The 2005 Doug Drake Love of Sailing Award will recognize an MCSC member who has worked in less visible roles to help and advance the Sailing Center and to promote sailing in Milwaukee over the years.

All students, new members, volunteer instructors and a guest are welcome to attend. The food is catered and always great with plenty of beverages available. Don't forget to leave room for dessert and don't forget to RSVP. Call the MCSC office at 414-277-9094 or e-mail ***info@sailingcenter.org*** to save your spot.

Happy Sailors

Adult Basic Section I posed with instructors Al Schmidt (top left) and Jon Breschak (bottom).

Volunteers Needed for Annual Lobster Boil

All lobster wrangler positions have been filled, but we need volunteers in other areas to make this year's Annual Lobster Boil on Friday, September 2, a successful event. We need volunteers for:

Setup	12 PM – 5 PM
Food Prep	3 PM – 5 PM
Food and Drink Service	5 PM – 9 PM
Tear Down and Cleanup	9 PM – 11 PM

The Annual Lobster Boil benefits MCSC programs and facilities. Can you help? Call the MCSC office at 414-277-9094 or e-mail ***info@sailingcenter.org*** to sign up or for more information.

The Manitou Passage

(Continued)

Morning Star was now under sail power. The excess mooring line was cut away, and the transit continued. However, we all knew what lie ahead once we arrived in Frankfort. Anchor inside the breakwater and dive to free the shaft. Not properly securing all mooring lines once clear of the berth had cost us dearly. Another hard lesson learned.

Sailing through the Manitou Passage was absolutely magical and helped to buoy our spirits. The sail configuration was perfect, and with beam to broad reach points of sail, the ride was exhilarating, to say the least. Left rudder to counteract the weather helm and surf down the wave, then right rudder to bring *Morning Star* back on track and negotiate the next wave. Her performance in six to eight foot seas was exceptional. This continued for hours. GPS speeds were consistently seven to eight knots, with occasional hits at over ten as we plummeted down a wave face. Pyramid Point and Sleeping Bear Point on the Michigan shoreline were quickly left to port. For all, it was the ride of a lifetime.

One jibe to the southeast in the early evening around Point Betsie brought *Morning Star* on a heading into Frankfort. As we arrived at the breakwater entrance, the wind was still blowing consistently from the north. Could we sail through the east-west channel into the inner harbor leading to Lake Betsie? Jon took the helm and brought us through with ease. Once inside, the main was lowered, and Jon tacked with the head sail alone, as he reduced speed to make a landing at the municipal docks which extended in a north-south direction. Needless to say, Jon's final approach was perfect and drew applause from a sailor berthed a few slips down.

As for the propeller shaft, no sooner had the mooring lines been secured, than Mark was in the water and within two dives had completely cut away the line. No damage incurred to either shaft or engine. A day to remember? You bet. Lessons learned? Definitely!

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
Adult Basic DD	Aug. 8–11, 15–18, 9:00 AM–noon
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 IC2	Aug. 12, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM
Friday Night Barbecue	Aug. 12, 5:30 PM–8:00 PM
Quarterbarrel Regatta	Aug. 14, 9:30 AM–3:00 PM
Adult Basic L	Aug. 15–18, 22–25, 5:30 PM–sunset
Introduction to 470 470B	Aug. 15–18, 5:30 PM–sunset
Full Moon Sail	Aug. 19, 6:00 PM–9:30 PM
Adult Basic Weekend Intensive WEI5	Aug. 19, 5:30 PM–sunset, Aug. 20–21, 9:30 AM–5:00 PM
Intermediate Sailing IS7	Aug. 22–25, 5:30 PM–sunset
Basic Cruising BC4	Aug. 22–25, 1:30 PM–4:30 PM
Volunteer Appreciation & Class Graduation	Sep. 1, 6:00 PM
Annual Lobster Boil	Sep. 2, 5:30 PM
Adult Basic EE	Sep. 6–9, 12–15, 1:30 PM–4:30 PM
Fall Regatta and Chili Chill Out	Sep. 24, 9:30 AM–3:00 PM
Ensign Championships	Sep. 25, 9:30 AM–3:00 PM

Stuck on a Stick

MCSC staff member Ron Reitz went up Reliance's *38 foot mast to replace the windex. Thanks to fellow staff member Jon Breschak and MCSC member Jane Larson for hauling him up there — and for threatening to leave him there.*

Last Sunday Racing	Oct. 9, 9:30 AM–12:00 PM
Big Boat Day	Oct. 21
Last Spinnaker Club	Oct. 22, 9:30 AM–12:00 PM
Last Open Sailing	Oct. 23, 12:00 PM–sunset
Docks come out	Oct. 28

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Maine lobsters will be this year's featured guests at the MCSC Annual Lobster Boil. See inside for more details.

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