

**Announcing
2009**

SAILORS BALL

*Saturday, March 7, 2009
Italian Community Center*

Moonlight In Venice

Take a moonlight stroll along the canals of Venice at the 15th Annual Sailors Ball to support the Sailing Center's nationally recognized programs.

*Venetian Gold Table - \$175 per person
Admiral's Club - \$135.00 per person
General Admission \$90.00*

For the third time in the Sailing Center's history, the Sailing Center will recognize a Lakefront Leader. Well-known businessman and extraordinary philanthropist

**Dick Pieper
2009 Lakefront Leadership Award**

The Pieper Family Foundation is a significant benefactor of Discovery World; sponsors of the Pieper Education Gallery at the Milwaukee Art Museum, as well as the Education Center in the soon-to-be-built Milwaukee Community Sailing Center.

*Dick Pieper has spent the past 19 years sailing around the world in short 4 to 6 week journeys with mostly Milwaukee-based friends. In the summer of 2009 he will complete his circumnavigation for a total of 54,000 miles.
He sails Agape, a 50ft. Alden.*

**JOIN MEMBERS, GUESTS AND FRIENDS OF THE
MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY SAILING
CENTER FOR A GREAT NIGHT
NEAR A GREAT LAKE!**

**RESERVATIONS
Call 414-277-9094**

*For more information to to
www.sailorsball.info*

BEST RAFFLE EVER

Here's your chance to win a trip to Italy!

3 Tickets - \$50

1 Ticket - \$20

Drawing 10 p.m. Saturday, March 7, 2009

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You do not have to be present to win!

Return the ticket with your clearly written name and telephone number, along payment (check, MasterCard or Visa), made out to the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center (MCSC)

for the correct amount -

\$50 for 3 chances to win; \$40 for two chances to win and \$20 for one chance.

Trip Details

4 nights, 5 days in exciting Lake Cuomo, Italy (nestled between fashionable Milan and the foothills of the Swiss Alps.) Accommodations will include comfortable sleeping for up to six adults.

VIP Roundtrip Transportation from Milan's Malpensa Airport to Lake Cuomo.

\$800 Airline Travel Voucher

All Proceeds Benefit MCSC.

MCSC is a 501(c)3 organization.

Dates Selected Subject to Availability

Additional tickets available at MCSC.

For More Information Contact: 414-277-9094

**Winter Class Schedule
Summer Available Soon**

Some of the Sailing Center's winter classes have started, but there's still plenty of time to register for a variety of interesting educational seminars.

Please visit www.sailingcenter.org for more information, or call 414-277-9094.

The 2009 On The Water class schedule and registration information will be available soon. Please start checking the website after mid-February.

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US SAILING 2008 PARALYMPIAN OF THE YEAR PEWAUKEE'S JOHN RUF



John Ruf exceeded expectations by winning an impressive bronze medal in a light 2.4 mR fleet at the 2008 Paralympic Regatta in Qingdao, China.

Surrounded by previous Paralympic medalists and world champions, first-time Paralympian Ruf peaked at his 2008 games and proved his talent by claiming his place at the podium. (His rivals included France's Damien Sequin, the defending gold medalist, Germany's Heiker Kroger gold medalist in 2000, and The Netherlands' Thierry Schmitter who won bronze in 2004).

"He came into this as an underdog," said the U.S. Paralympic Sailing Team's Head Coach Betsy Alison (Newport, R.I.), who credited John's medal to his strong work ethic and determination to improve his boat speed. A year ago, Ruf finished 10th overall at the 2008 IFDS Disabled Sailing World Championship in Rochester, NY. "Since then, he has jumped to the forefront and onto the leader board," said Alison. "It's a fantastic achievement."

(Ruf was MCSC's 2008 Sailor of the Year.)

Milwaukee Community Sailing Center Wins U.S. Sailing Award

The Milwaukee Community Sailing Center (MCSC) has been awarded the 2008 Outreach & Inclusion Award by the U. S. Sailing Association. Each year US Sailing recognizes the programming of community sailing centers throughout the country. The Outstanding Outreach and Inclusion Award is given to recognize notable contributions a community-based sailing center makes to identify and include people in programs who normally have no access to sailing. (There are nearly 2,000 community sailing centers throughout the country.)

"Hundreds of nominations were received by US Sailing for these awards. A committee of four volunteers and one US Sailing staff member reviewed each nomination. We were extremely impressed with the way the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center reaches out to underserved populations with innovative and successful programming, as well as its exemplary record of providing scholarships for those with financial need," said David Lumian, Chairman of the US Sailing Community Sailing Council.

"Adaptive Sailing is one of the most rewarding programs we offer at the Sailing Center," said Holly Davenport, director at MCSC. "Every Friday during the summer our facilities and staff are available for these very special people. Part of our mission is to make Lake Michigan accessible to everyone in the Milwaukee community, and that includes those who can't do it on their own."

In addition to its Adaptive Sailing, MCSC was recognized for its outstanding youth programs. Annually, MCSC teaches hundreds of adults and children to sail on the

waters of Lake Michigan. Residents from the greater Milwaukee area turn to MCSC for lessons, sailing advice and hands-on sailing experiences. For many MCSC students, the lessons learned from sailing go beyond the boat - young students discover they can steer a sailboat in the right direction, and their lives as well.

"When students learn to sail, they are continually faced with new challenges and perhaps even a few fears to overcome," said Executive Director Peter Rieck.

"We create a positive environment where students meet those challenges and conquer those fears. They learn that with hard work and discipline, the seemingly impossible can be possible - even managing Mother Nature. It's an incredible sense of empowerment for them," said Rieck.

MCSC's youth outreach programs are targeted at Milwaukee's urban and minority youth, and need-based scholarships are available to ensure that those interested have the opportunity to participate.

"Imagine an adolescent who doesn't have much control over his or her life; who every day faces the challenges of poverty, but gets the opportunity to take the helm of a sailboat where it's just him or her with their crew, a sail and the wind, and yet that adolescent makes the boat go where he or she wants," said Rieck. "It's a thrilling and often life changing experience."

Rieck and MCSC President of the Volunteer Board of Directors Cookie Mueller accepted the award on the Sailing Center's behalf in the San Diego at the US Sailing Symposium in January, 2009.

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