



# The Scuttlebutt

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## Calendar

### May

- 08 ~ Thurs., Capt/Mates/MIT Mtg, 7pm
- 15 ~ Thurs., Welcome Committee Mtg, 1 pm
- 15 ~ Thurs., Marlinspike workshop, 5:30 pm
- 15 ~ Thurs., All Crew Mtg 7 pm
- 18 ~ Sun., Safety Drills on Madeline, 1 pm
- 29 ~ Thurs., Madeline Committee Mtg, 7 pm
- 31 ~ Sat., 'Lipstick & Rouge', Discovery Center, 9 am
- 31 ~ Sat., ACT/Sail, noon to 7 pm

### June

- 01 ~ Sun., ACT/Sail 9am-4pm
- 02 ~ Mon., Basic Crew Training (BCT), Group A, 6 pm
- 03 ~ Tues., MHA Board Mtg, 5 pm
- 03 ~ Tues., Basic Crew Training (BCT), Group B, 6 pm
- 04 ~ Wed., BCT- A, 6 pm
- 05 ~ Thurs., ACT/Sail 9am-4pm
- 05 ~ Thurs., BCT-B, 6 pm
- 06 ~ Fri. Auction set up, Discovery Center, 9 am
- 07 ~ Sat. **Annual Boat Auction**, Discovery Center
- 07 ~ Sat., ACT/Sail, Noon to 7 pm
- 08 ~ Sun, ACT Sail, 9 a.m. to 4 pm
- 09 ~ Mon., BCT- A, 6 pm
- 10 ~ Tues, BCT- B, 6 pm
- 11 ~ Wed., BCT- A, 6 pm
- 12 ~ Thurs., BCT- B, 6 pm
- 13-14 Fri/Sat, BCT-ON-A, 6pm
- 14-15 Sat/Sun, BCT-ON.-B, 6pm
- 19 ~ Madeline departs for summer

### July

- 01 ~ Tues., MHA Board Mtg, 5 pm

*(All meetings are held at the Heritage Center unless otherwise noted)*

## SPRING WORK ON MADELINE

As the sailing season approaches, there is much to be done on MADELINE to get her ready for Lake Superior! *Work days will continue on Thursdays and Saturdays beginning at 9 a.m.* Work will include painting, varnishing, and rigging. Specific work activities will be dependent upon progress and weather conditions.

### ALL CREW MEETING

The 2008 All Crew Meeting will be held on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Heritage Center. This important meeting will cover details of the summer schedule, so please plan on attending! There will also be a Captains, Mates and MIT's meeting at 7 pm on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

### "LIPSTICK & ROUGE" PARTY

In preparation for the Auction, MHA's largest fundraising event, we will be hosting a "Lipstick & Rouge" party on Saturday, May 31st. The goal is to have some fun while working on the boats that have been donated. There will be scrubbing, power washing and polishing, so please bring a bucket, some brushes and rags, and let's make these beauties shine! It all starts at 9 am. Doughnuts and coffee will be provided in the morning, and Bernie Weidenaar will be serving up his famous brats for lunch. We may even get Bob Core to play a little music with his Dixieland jazz band!

## ADVANCED CREW TRAINING SAILS

The Madeline Committee has set Advanced Crew Training Sails (ACTS) for the Spring. Due to her appearance schedule, there is a limited time for these very important sails. Please contact the MHA office (946-2647) to sign up as soon as possible to ensure a spot on the sail. Following are the scheduled ACTS dates:

**Sunday, May 18th**, 1 pm, Safety Drills on Madeline, led by Larry Good (*Sign up for Captains, Mates and MIT's only*)

**Saturday, May 31st**, 12 noon to 7 pm, ACT, Captains Jay Ruzak and Larry Good (*For all Trained Crew*)

**Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**, 9 am to 4 pm, ACT, Captain Jerry Reynard (*For all Trained Crew*)

**Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**, 9 am to 4 pm, ACT, Captain Ken Stepnitz (*For all Trained Crew*)

**Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**, 12 noon to 7 pm, ACT, Captain Rod Jones (*Priority to out-of-town crew helping with the MHA auction*)

**Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>**, 9 am to 4 pm ACT, Captain Jan Hale (*For all Trained Crew*)

## SPRING POTLUCK

We had a wonderful turnout for the spring potluck with more than 70 members attending. As always, the food was amazing!

## 2008 BOAT AUCTION

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual MHA Boat Auction is less than a month away! The calls are coming in daily for boat donations and a TV commercial is in the editing room. We are hoping to make this our most successful Auction ever, and we need all hands to make it run smoothly. There are many ways you can help:

### **Boat Retrieval and Storage:**

Larry Hathaway has once again agreed to head up this task and could use some help retrieving donated boats. Larry can be emailed: [lhatha@chartermi.net](mailto:lhatha@chartermi.net).

### **Marketing:**

The best advertising is one person talking to another. Please help us spread the word, and keep some Boat Donation brochures in your car. When you see a boat for sale or sitting neglected in a yard, drop off a brochure. We also need help distributing our Auction posters around the area. Posters and push pins are available in the MHA office. More boats and more bidders means more money for MHA programs!

### **Food:**

Because we will be serving food at the Auction, there is a lot that needs to be done ahead of time. Also, we could use some help early Saturday morning with setup. We would like to be up and running before 8 am.

### **Merchandise:**

We've done quite well at the last two Auctions with the flea market style sale of smaller items and sales of MHA merchandise. This will require setting up and tagging items on Friday as well as a few people to staff the area on Saturday.

### **Auction Set-up and clean-up of donated boats:**

The better the boats look, the more money people will be willing to pay for them. That makes this group very important!!

### **Auction Registration:**

This is an important area on the day of the event. It would be helpful to set up a team and work with them in the week before the Auction. This will help to ensure a smooth running event.

## MADELINE'S TRAVELS

MHA has an exciting season planned for MADELINE. With an invitation from Duluth, MN for MADELINE to take part in the celebration of their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Madeline Committee decided it was time for a Lake Superior adventure.

MADELINE will begin her travels with a wedding charter in Petoskey and move on to a festival in Port Huron before heading north. In addition to her Duluth appearance, she will be part of festivals in Munising and Ontonagon, with a private charter on Lake Superior in the Apostle Islands. Crews for the 9 legs of her journey will number over 60 volunteers. We look forward to hearing about their exciting travels! MADELINE will be traveling with a computer aboard this year, so keep an eye on the website for tales of her adventures.

### **LOG THOSE HOURS!**

We will have Volunteer Time Log Forms available at the All Crew Meeting. In addition, they will soon be available online, or you may pick one up at the MHA office.

### **MHA ONLINE**

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### **E-MAIL us at:**

[kelly@maritimeheritagealliance.org](mailto:kelly@maritimeheritagealliance.org)

## ONBOARD- BASIC CREW TRAINING

The schedule for Basic Crew Onboard training has been set. The dates for *Group A* will be June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> with the overnight scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup>. The dates for *Group B* will be June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> with the overnight scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up by calling the office at (231)946-2647. Sign-up sheets will also be available at the All Crew Meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

## PHOTOGRAPHS, PLEASE!

Do you have some great photos of old Madeline trips, boat restoration projects, MHA functions, and other cool stuff? We'd like a copy! These pictures may be used on our website, as well as in documentary projects we will be starting this June. You can drop off photos at the MHA office, or e-mail them to:

[mark@maritimeheritagealliance.org](mailto:mark@maritimeheritagealliance.org)

## NEW BROCHURES HAVE ARRIVED!

In an effort to achieve a more uniform look to MHA's literature, we applied for and were accepted into an NMC Visual Arts and Communications program offered to area non-profits. This program is intended to give art students real world client experience by pairing them with a non-profit organization. Paul Yezbak and James Zeits, the NMC art students assigned to the MHA projects, have been working with Mark and Kelly to design new brochures for Madeline, Welcome and the Auction, as well as some redesign work on our beautiful Glenn Wolff logo. The brochures are complete and are now in the office. Be sure to check them out, and grab a handful of the Boat Donation Brochures to give out! Many thanks to Paul and James for their hard work and creativity.

## INTRODUCTION TO MARLINESPIKE WORKSHOP

The nautical term “marlinespike” comes from the name given to a sharply pointed, iron pin that is used to splice line. The word is often used today to describe knots and bends in nautical applications. A basic knowledge of marlinespike work is a must for boaters, including the reef or square knot, the clove hitch, the bowline, the cleat hitch and other basic knots and bends.

There will be an Introduction to Marlinespike workshop at the Heritage Center beginning at 5:30 on May 15<sup>th</sup>, immediately prior to the All Crew Meeting. This will be an excellent way for beginners to get started as well as for you seasoned sailors to refresh your skills!

## NEW VIDEO EQUIPMENT GRANT

MHA is the grateful recipient of a \$9500 grant from Leslie Lee and the Herrington/Fitch Family Foundation. This grant will be used to purchase video cameras and editing equipment, and to cover expenses for collecting and documenting stories about MHA, our fleet of boats, and other local maritime history. If you have a good story to share, please contact Larry Hathaway at [lhatha@chartermi.net](mailto:lhatha@chartermi.net). Cameras will be rolling in June!

## SHOW YOUR COLORS

This week we received a shipment of 1000 beautiful, full-color stickers with our Glenn Wolff MHA logo on them. They are made of an all-weather vinyl and will look stylish on your car for years to come. Every member gets one free, and additional stickers may be purchased for \$2. Be sure to get yours soon.



MHA volunteers work on Welcome rigging. Photo by Glenn Rauth.

## “ARCTUROS” LAUNCH

Our 1947 Herreshoff 28 will be launched in early May and begin participating in the GTYC Wednesday night racing series on May 7. She will also be available for members to go for a sail on Sunday afternoons, and other times by appointment. If you'd like to get to know this little yacht, contact Mark or one of our Captains to learn more.

Special thanks to Bob Core and Howard Byrne for their work this winter rebuilding a portion of the transom and prepping the bottom. Lenny Mendrek also deserves a big thank you for his fine finish work, helping to bring her from “pretty” to “absolutely stunning”.

## CHEWING THE FAT

by Larry Albert

In the old days of wooden ships and iron men, crews talked and grumbled while “chewing the fat”, their daily ration of brine-toughened salt pork. “Chewing the fat” is a nautical expression that lost its negative overtones when it washed ashore. It has come to mean an idle, friendly conversation.

## WELCOME UPDATE

The work on Welcome is progressing toward our 15 June first sail this year. The installation of the new AC electrical system is progressing and will be finished soon. We will then start on the DC electrical system. We have two new volunteers, Walt Gaudette and Dusty McDonald, that have a lot of electrical experience and have helped tremendously. The port engine has been re-installed and the wiring, plumbing, and electrical systems are being connected. Thanks to Tom Redman for the excellent job rebuilding the engine beds!! Work on the deck continues to re-caulk the seams. We are now working Tues, Thurs and Saturday from 9 am to 2 pm. Please stop by and lend a hand so we can meet our June 15th goal. There is more to do with rigging, wood working and general maintenance, and then it's time to go sailing!

## RESTORATION SHOP

The MHA Restoration Shop construction work continues. Plumbing and drain lines for two bathrooms and a shower will be installed soon. Insulation and piping for the in-floor heat system will go in next, and we hope to be able to pour the new concrete floor by the end of May.

The facility, within Building #1 at our Bayshore Drive location, will house our new youth mentoring program, and will also serve as a community woodshop, a place where other organizations can build exhibits and better fulfill their respective missions. If you would like to know more about this exciting new MHA program, please call our Executive Director Mark at 645-1625.

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