

WHAT HAS OCCURRED RECENTLY AT THE SBCSA?

We had our first Wine and Cheese Tasting with a Charity Auction fundraiser at the Pere Marquette Depot in Bay City. It was a great success for the organization. Overall, it was well received and well attended so we are planning another for next year. Stay tuned. Kudos to all the volunteers that worked on this event.



WHAT HAPPENS IN THE SPRING WITH THE SBCSA?

First of all, we finish up with the boat building classes which are held throughout the winter and start on the maintenance of the boats and other equipment. Each Monday and Wednesday, we meet at the boat shop at Gougeon Brothers and fix prams, Transfusions, power boats, docks, etc. You might think it sounds like work, but everyone there finds it fun and relaxing. Currently, there are about 10 of us each night, but we could always use your help. Just show up around 6 PM with clothes that you don't care if you get paint or glue on. No experience necessary.

Our major project this year is refurbishing our Boston Whaler coaching boat to prepare it for a

new outboard motor. When it's done, it will look brand new (well, almost).

WISHING WE HAD THIS STUFF

As a non-profit, mostly volunteer organization, we are very dependent upon donations of time, money, and equipment to keep our programs afloat, literally speaking. We are fortunate to have a good core group who volunteer countless hours but we can always use more help. Look over the list of events planned for this year later in this newsletter. We need helpers at all of these and at special events planned for some Open Sailing nights.

Money is always appreciated too. If you don't have a few hours to spare, we can always use cash or boating or woodworking equipment. A few things on our wish list are dock lines and boat fenders. If you have any of these items cluttering your boat or garage, give us a call.

SBCSA BOATBUILDING

Our boat builders have been very busy over the past few months. The finishing touches are being applied to an Ellen, our 2009-2010 project boat. This is a 12-ft sailing skiff designed by John Brooks of Brooklyn, ME. The basic hull was planked by one of our instructors in a class at the Wooden Boat School and our boat builders finished the exterior and interior details. The boat is made using a dark mahogany marine plywood with mahogany gunwales, and cypress thwarts and mast partners. Everything is finished bright and it is absolutely gorgeous if that is the right adjective for a fine looking sailing vessel. If you would like a chance to own it, see the section on our annual raffle.

The class also started a second Ellen this year. The hull has been planked and it is ready to be finished by the 2011 class. For more information and pictures about boat building, see our web site.



ANNUAL FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

This year, the pool of raffle prizes has been expanded. By buying a ticket, or ten, you have the chance to win the beautiful Ellen sailing skiff mentioned above, a fishing charter for four on Saginaw Bay with Captain Leo, or an Introductory Sailing lesson. Tickets cost \$5 each or \$20 for five and can be purchased from any Board member, boat building student, or call 989-922-7245. More information is on the web.

THINGS WE HAVE FOR SAIL (SALE!!)

Rough Rider is a 36' Pearson racer/cruiser that was donated to us about 5 years ago. Since then, the SBCSA has leased the boat for a nominal fee to members who have given it a lot of TLC. It now has a good set of sails, new running rigging, and the interior has been redone.

BUT DON'T STOP READING NOW.

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What's For Sale (continued)

The current lease has ended so we would like to find a good home for *Rough Rider* with either a new owner or a new lessee. Please contact us if you are interested in buying or leasing.

We have other items for sale and you can find them on the website at www.sbcsa.org.

LESSONS

We offer classes for students of all ages, 8 to 88+, with Youth Introduction to Sailing I and II, Intermediate and Advanced Youth, and Adult Introduction to Sailing lessons available. The schedule and the fees for these classes are posted on our web site or call 989-922-7245.

The classes are filling up quickly, so if you are interested, or know someone who might be, you might want to call 989-922-7245 in a hurry to reserve a place.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Try Sailing Day, Saturday, June 12, 1-4 PM.
Free rides to wannabe sailors.

Riverfront Art Festival, June 12-13, 9-5 PM.
We will be promoting sailing, displaying the Ellen, and selling raffle tickets.

Open Sailing for Members, June 15, 6 PM
A gala, season opening event is planned.

Tall Ship Celebration-Bay City, July 16-18.
We will be promoting the SBCSA with a sail raising activity for kids. The Ellen will be on display, we will be selling raffle tickets, and then we finish up with the final raffle drawing on Sunday afternoon.

Loon's Parking at McKay Press' Charity Park, Midland, Aug. 2. This is a fundraiser for the SBCSA.

Plus more to be announced.



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