

Mainsheet

Newsletter of the Delaware River Chapter, Traditional Small Craft Association

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Chapter Dues for 2005: Unless you paid for a full year at the September Messabout, your TSCA Delaware River chapter dues should be paid no later than January 15, 2005 to continue your Mainsheet subscription.

2005 Meeting Program Schedule

January – Floyd Beam, folding kayaks

February – Ron Gryn/Csaba Hanyi, Raid Finland

March – Sturgeon fishing on the Delaware, with Dr. David Orr. Dave is with the National Park Service and also teaches part time at Temple University.

April – (**NOTE:** we will **not** be at Red Dragon this month; event to be determined)

May – Bid-and-Buy Auction

June – Pond boats; John Gardner Weekend at Mystic (first weekend of the month)

July – Picnic and shanty sing; Barnegat Bay sail (first Wednesday after the Fourth)

August - Event to be determined

September – Presentation on small boating in the UK, Ned Asplundh; Messabout date to be determined

October – Scrimshaw; MASCF at St. Michael's (first weekend of the month)

November – Navigation, part III, with Ron "Astrolabe" Gibbs

December – Annual party, plus a program to be determined

CABIN FEVER EXPOSITIONS

2005 Cabin Fever Expo dates are January 15 and 16. This is a model engineering show held at York Fairgrounds in York PA. It includes some neat R/C steamboats, operating in a indoor pool. Contact Tom Shep if you're interested in attending. Online information can be found at www.cabinfeverexpo.com/CFE/index.htm



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Spring Sail/Paddle Get-together

As many of you may know, for the last two years we have gotten together at Point Lookout MD. I would like an informal vote if anyone would like a change in location.

Point Lookout has the best facilities with cabin availability, showers, clean rest rooms and fairly decent launch sites.

Alternative sites are \$30 per night at the MD state Park Assateague, with hot showers, modern toilets, and a launch site across the bridge where craft could be taken out daily. There is a dock. (However, I would worry about vandalism with the main road nearby).

Assateague National Park has a more back-in-the-bush launch site at the old ferry landing. Boats may possibly beach and be left overnight at the canoe rental (although this is questionable, depending on time of year).

Cheaper at \$15 per night is Taylor Island Campground, SSE of Cambridge MD. Does anyone have other suggestions? They have good (if crowded) facilities, but its been a few years since I've been there. However when we checked it out two years ago it seemed crowded.

One off beat spot that crossed my mind but is a distance and much cooler would be to make it to the No Octane Regatta in June at Blue Mountain Lake. I was there at the Museum this last summer and it's worth the trip. However this is the longest drive for most people & also the coolest location.

Lets here from all of you with ideas, different dates, or locations!!!!!!

Sincerely, Floyd Beam (j.beam2@juno.com or 215-245-4297).

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A note about classified ads: we have **a new policy** on classified ads in *Mainsheet*:

Beginning with this issue, current TSCA Delaware River Chapter members (paid-up for the **full** year) may run an ad, for free, for **two** months.

Length of the ad will be at the editor's discretion, and a photo can be included, if provided.

After the two issues are published, members may renew their ads, at no charge, by notifying the editor. **Ads will no longer be automatically re-newed.**

Ads placed by non-members may run for **one** month. If they wish to run an ad for a longer period, temporary dues (\$10.00, like the Messabout sign-up charge) will be required.

