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Newsletter of the Delaware River Chapter, TSCA

March, 2006

Next Meeting:  
Tuesday, March 7, 7:30 pm at  
Red Dragon Canoe Club

The next meeting will be GPS Orientation with Bill Covert and Dan Noble. We all remember Ron Gibbs's excellent Celestial course last winter; this will bring us up to the minute on electronic navigation.

## News From National:

So far there has only been one nomination for the National Council. There are three positions open so we need some more applications. If you would like to serve, please contact me at [Petedempsey@worldnet.att.net](mailto:Petedempsey@worldnet.att.net) with a short biography for the ballot. There is no restriction on the number of Committee Members from any one chapter, so the field is clear. Pay your dues, submit your name, and be counted.  
Mike

## Other Clubs

On March 12 the WCHA will be having a workshop in Al Bratton's shop in Gilbertsville, PA on canvassing canoes. I can promise that this will be excellent! I wouldn't miss it for anything. He is an organized and knowledgeable presenter. So, if you can spare the time, please meet me there. Jean says "Our meetings are open to everybody; feel free to bring a friend or two. If they don't have a wooden canoe, that's OK, we'll convert 'em sooner or later."

Greg DeCowsky reports "The Florida Gulf Coast Maritime Museum is having their festival which is modeled after the MASCF on March 31-April 2." He is headed that way and would be glad to have company. Contact Greg at [schoonercashier@earthlink.net](mailto:schoonercashier@earthlink.net) or Roger Allen at [roger.allen@manateeclerk.com](mailto:roger.allen@manateeclerk.com).

## Notes From Cap'n Frank...

It was cold and windy down at the Riverside waterfront, but there was a good turnout of regulars for the tour of Cherubini Yachts that Al Moss had arranged for the club.

It was fascinating; there were three of their famous Cherubini 44 fiberglass ketches being refurbished and a new one that had its hull just molded. There were also three or four of their runabouts looking very shiny and new.

I spoke to Dave Cherubini about possible volunteering. He is looking for and would love to have volunteers assist him building his boats. He has used volunteers in the past with great success. At this time he is looking for people to assist in building the decks for his CC-20 runabouts. Woodworking experience would be helpful, but he said that he would train any volunteer to do what needed to be done.

No money would change hands, but the experience and skills to be passed on is invaluable. Dave can be reached at 856-764-5319.

In the past we have included in the newsletter information about members and their boats, new or being updated. I always like to hear about what is going on in other people's garages.

My latest endeavour is a Weekender. It is a plywood 19½ footer that looks like a Friendship Sloop. Anybody interested in seeing what it will look like can look at [www.stevproj.com/PocketYachts.html](http://www.stevproj.com/PocketYachts.html)

## Other Articles

Greg was reading an online bulletin board and found the new bill in the House that would require mandatory PFD use in the Chesapeake.

It is House Bill 140 "requiring an individual operating a vessel to wear a specified flotation device; prohibiting and individual operating or allowing operation of a vessel while there is an individual present in the vessel not wearing a PFD."

We should remember that the TSCA was founded to combat such ill-informed legislation as this. Where do we stand? PFDs are appropriate in many situations, but not all of them.

## Paddlesport 2006

***The East Coast's biggest kayak, canoe, and outdoor expo!!!*** March 24, 25 & 26 Friday Noon-9 pm, Saturday 9 am-6 pm & Sunday 9 am-4:30 pm. Garden State Exhibit Center, Somerset, New Jersey. Admission is only \$10 and FREE to children under 14 years of age.

The biggest Kayak, Canoe and Outdoor Show on the East Coast will once again be presented by The Jersey Paddler of Brick, New Jersey. Exhibits will include manufacturers of kayaks, canoes, accessories, sportswear, paddling clubs professional instruction and expeditions.

Lectures and video/slide shows of exotic trips and expeditions, plus paddling techniques.

PaddleSport 2006 will host over 100 vendors including the top names in paddle sports such as Perception, Dagger, Ocean Kayak, Wilderness Systems, Mad River Canoe, Old Town and much more! Also attending will be many outdoor gear and clothing manufacturers such as Mountain Hardwear, Life Is Good, Teva, Kokatat and Chota just to name a few.

The Garden State Exposition Center, in Somerset, NJ is a 70,000 square foot facility making PaddleSport 2006 the biggest show on the East Coast. It is conveniently located off of I-

287 Exit 10, a 45-minute drive from Manhattan, one hour from Center City Philadelphia, and within easy reach of the Garden State Parkway and the New Jersey Turnpike, giving easy access to all of New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Pennsylvania.

Presented by The Jersey Paddler, Brick, NJ and sanctioned by the American Canoe Association and Subaru.

FOR MORE, INFORMATION CALL  
1-888-22-KAYAK or 1-732-458-5777

## February Meeting Minutes

The Delaware Valley Model Yacht Club needs a place to race. Suggestions, call Frank Stauss, 856-582-7302.

The scrimshaw class will be April 22 at the Red Dragon from 0800 to 1530. Contact karen.s.rutherford@verizon.net to sign up.

Several members attended the Cabin Fever Expo this year. They had radio steam boats and submarines among other toys.

The Rutherfords attended the Cat Boat Association Expo at Newport. There was a program on weather. There were Cat Boats on display and some awaiting restoration, including a 140-foot Coronet Cat Boat that can be restored when someone comes up with **seven million dollars**.

The Berkeley Island Sail will be July 12 this year, run by Pete Peters. The TSCA meeting is July 11.

The Marion Fix-Up Day is about May 6. More later.

The National TSCA John Gardener weekend at Mystic Seaport will be June 3. The Messabout will probably be September 9; the September 16 date was already booked. The MASCF will be October 6-8.

**Meeting Minutes, cont'd.**

Dave Soltesz has scheduled an Assateague Island Sail on April 7-9. Camping will be in the National Seashore at the north end of Assateague. There are facilities for launching boats of almost any size, but the water is very shallow.

We need to buy a cockpit cover for Marion so she doesn't fill up with water when trailering. The club approved that expense.

Frank Stauss presented a proposed budget:

Gardener donation .....	\$100
Speakers .....	\$120
Rent .....	\$450
July Picnic .....	\$100
Newsletter .....	\$175
Messabout .....	\$1000

Tom Shephard brought to our attention two books: The Delaware Bayshore Wildlife Trails Guide from your local New Jersey Audubon Nature Center or 1-800-VISITNJ. Go to [www.njaudubon.org](http://www.njaudubon.org) to find the nature center nearest you, but hurry. Supplies are limited.

Tom also showed us a copy of "The Pirate Prymer" for the beginning buccaneer. That and other pirate stuff is available at [www.noquartergiven.net](http://www.noquartergiven.net).

We have a Yahoo group. A Yahoo Group is a place on the Web where like-minded people share information and questions about boatbuilding; it can help in carpooling to Mystic or MASCF.

Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TSCA-DelRiver> to see what is there. Go ahead and register; it's safe. Members have belonged to other Yahoo groups for years with few ill affects.

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