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Newsletter of the Delaware River Chapter, TSCA

April, 2006

Next Meeting: On the SECOND Tuesday in April, the 11th, 7:30 pm at Red Dragon

Save up your allowance; clean out your attic, bring along your checkbooks. Don't be shy; it's the Bid-and-Buy. I hope we haven't all forgotten all the neat stuff that we discovered at last Bid-an auction. Did you miss out on something that was there last year? Chances are that it will turn up again this time around when the buyer discovers that he really didn't need it as much as he thought. Now is your chance. Anybody not at the last meeting, Pete Peters spoke with eloquence of the possibility of auctioning off intangibles as well as paraphernalia we find we have spare: a night in your workshop, a cruise on your wonderful boat. It can be a fine way to meet and get to know another member as well as raise money for an excellent cause.

The March meeting was GPS Orientation with Bill Covert and Dan Noble. Bill brought in several different kinds of simple and elaborate GPS to show us how they all work. He even had one that was the same age as my GPS even down to the wooden parts and the hamster cage power. It was an excellent introduction. Thank you, Bill!

News from the National:

There were five nominations on the ballot for the 2006 Council. Most of them were from the West Coast, so we hope there will be some new blood in the council. My three years are up, but Bill Covert is still holding the fort for Delaware Valley. The Ballot will be included in the next Ash Breeze and must be sent in to Mystic or handed to a councilmember at the John Gardner weekend in June. Last year the Delaware Chapter had more members than any other chapter. Let's bring on even more this June.

March Minutes:

Saturday, April 22 from 0800 to 1530 is the Scrimshaw class with Karen Rutherford at the Red Dragon.

A bit further south is the Assateague Island trip; April 21, 22, 23 at the National Seashore. Everybody should make his reservation by calling 1 800 365 CAMP. The cost is \$20 per night (April 21, 22). The handiest spot is Bayside B loop, but A and C loop are close by. There are cold showers and port-a-potty toilets. Dave Soltesz is at (609) 351-2312.

On Saturday, May 13 is the Maurice River Trip. We meet at 0900 at the base of the bridge over the Maurice River to Mauricetown. From Route 47 take the Mauricetown, Cross County Road 670. The passage is 12 miles of unprotected, potentially rough open water and lots of wide river and Delaware Bay. The goal is East Point Light. HW 1045. Also Dave Soltesz is at (609) 351-2312 or soulinvictus@comcast.net.

The Delaware Valley Model Boat Club will soon schedule a meeting at the Laurel Acres Park, Mount Laurel.

The Messabout is officially scheduled for September 9 at Union Lake. Before the MASCF there will be a gunkhole trip to Wye Island starting October 5. The weather can be everything from zero to 40 from past experience.

Pete Peters took orders for new shirts and hats. Shirts are \$10, hats \$12, and collared shirts are \$25. Lots of events are planned, so clean and update your uniform to be ready. They dressed up for the Tuckup races in the old days; we should do the same.

Frank brought up the non-profit status of the club. We are a non-profit now thanks to the work of Tom Ethrington, but there are some limits to that. Should anybody drop a luxury yacht or big check on the club, we wouldn't be prepared. The National is a 501c3 charitable corporation; Tom Shephard agreed to look into the process and report back to the membership.

Other Clubs

On March 12, Phil Maynard, John Guidera and I went up to Gilbertsville, PA for a WCHA workshop on canvassing wooden canoes. Al Bratton had his workshop all set up for the event with a fully reconditioned canoe set up on sawhorses. Using molegrip pliers he quickly and painlessly (except for one cut finger) stretched the number 10 canvas drumhead tight on the cedar planking and ready for the filler that anchors the canvas on the canoe. He made it look very easy if you go one step at a time, but Al did admit it was his 200th recanvassing job. Some photos from the day, courtesy of Phil Maynard, appear below:



Everybody had brought a covered dish so we retired to their house and gorged on an excellent Chili dinner. The WCHA has a booth at the upcoming Paddlefest, and I promise they are the best exhibit at the show.

On April 1 at 1400 the Independence Seaport Museum has a program on the Music of World War II. Dr. Phillip Atteberry of University of Pittsburgh leads a program to honor the influential music of World War II. After the presentation there will be a tour of the submarine Becuna

It is now 400 years since Capt. John Smith explored Chesapeake Bay in a shallop. The Sultana has made a reproduction of that vessel to celebrate the anniversary; 28 feet long and splits into two parts for easier towing behind two cars. She will make her own tour of the Bay in celebration of the great explorer. There is some irony that the Chester is about the only river he didn't discover.

Roger Allen's Florida Gulf Coast Museum is having their festival on March 31-April 2 Tom Shephard is planning to show the flag.

Paddlesport 2006

The East Coast's biggest kayak, canoe, and outdoor expo!!! THIS WEEKEND, 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 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

Yahooligans Unite

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.

Boats for Sale



For Sale

11 ft Whitehall

Built by Rob Barker
South Cove Boat Shop
Cedar on oak frames

Includes, oars, oarlocks, spritsail sailing rig, cotton sail and trailer..
Centerboard trunk rebedded in 2004.

\$2,000.00

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Several boats were donated to the Bayshore Discovery Project by volunteers. They appear to be in quite good shape; and are made out of that f-word stuff. *Greg DeCowsky*

A 1973 17' Charles Wittholz Catboat. – This is a very nice well built Catboat. It has an aluminum mast and a shoal keel (2' draft). Included are Sail (250sq.ft.), rigging, Anchor and rode, cushions, teak seats, outboard bracket, plus many more extras. There is no trailer or outboard. It only needs some cosmetic work to go sailing.

In addition to the catboat previously mentioned:

a. A 1982 Sunfish – This boat is in very good condition. It is missing a rudder (new style), but all other running gear and sails are included. Also included is a homemade beach dolly.

b. A 9' Sailing Dinghy and Trailer-This is a small dinghy that was converted to sail with an Optimist Sailing Rig. All parts are included as well as a trailer. Some cosmetic work is needed and the rudder will need to be repaired.

Please contact Mitch Brodtkin (856)785-2060 ext. 102 to make an offer or for any further details. Also pass the word around to anyone you know who may be interested.

Boats A-Buildin'

Harald Bernard continues apace with his Oughtred MacGregor. He says: "Things are coming along great. Still no sails. Hope to finish up the rudder and leeboard this week. Will start to concentrate on rigging. Still a couple more coats of varnish required for deck." Below is a photo of his progress:



Boats A-Lambin'

Tom Shep lives up to his name with a full crew of four-legged dory-ers.



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